



**Monthly Executive Report
to the Students' Representative Council**

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VP Student Life Isabella Baralt.**

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Meetings

SEC Meeting

The executive board met to develop action plans for this year's priorities. We also continued updating each other on the planification for Welcome Week! We scheduled some interviews to finish our hiring process for the two vacant positions: SRC Chair and Recording Secretary.

Supporting the Wellbeing of International Students Podcast

Early in the month, I received an invitation by Workplace Options and Owen Ralph, Account Manager at The PBAS Group, to participate in one episode of their *Wellbeing at Work* podcasts on Monday, July 24, 2023. This episode was focused on the wellbeing of international students and the support that they receive from a federal and provincial level, as well as from educational institutions. This was a great opportunity to share some insights on the challenges that international students face when moving abroad and migrating to Canada to pursue a degree and agree on the need to ensure a support system and network for the community.

Miscellaneous

Introduction to STU President

I sent out an introduction to the STU president as soon as he assumed his new role. The Executive team is in the process of coordinating a meeting with him.

Reach out to Clubs and Societies

At the beginning of the month, I made some forms to send out to every club and society to confirm their continuity in the upcoming academic year. This was necessary in order to share with our VPSL a list of the clubs and societies who intend to be active, which will be included in the new STUgenda 2023-24. Moreover, I requested the ratified clubs and societies for their most up-to-date constitution so that we can have it in our files and reminded them about the mandatory training. Finally, I extended them an invitation for our Clubs and Societies Fair 2023, which will take place during Welcome Week.

Website Update

As part of my priorities, I am currently working on updating the STUSU website, to ensure transparency and accountability. There were six SRC meeting minutes that had not been uploaded from the previous board. Those minutes can now be found uploaded on the website. The last SRC minutes has not been uploaded as it needs to be approved

by the new SRC once classes begin. Lastly, the committee responsible of academic assistance updated the form to facilitate and accelerate approvals process.

Photoshoot Executive Board

Last month, the executive board took some headshots and team pictures. I edited these pictures, uploaded on the website and share them with the team.

Fredericton Pride Parade

The Executive Team participated in the annual Fredericton Pride Parade. This event took place on Sunday, July 23rd, and was an opportunity to connect with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in the city of Fredericton.

Hiring process for the two vacant positions

This month, the executive team started the new hiring process for the two vacant positions that were not filled in May, SRC Chair and Recording Secretary. I shared the vacant positions through social media and Learning in Action. After the application deadline, we coordinated interviews, which will take place the first week of August.

SRC Representatives GPA Requirement

This month I reached out to the Registrar's office to ensure that all elected and appointed SRC representatives meet the minimum GPA requirement. The actual GPA was kept confidential by the Registrar's Office, and I only received whether or not they meet the minimum. All SRC representatives meet the requirement.

Reach out to SRC Representatives

As part of the website updates, I have been working on throughout this summer, I reached out to each SRC representative to request their pictures and a small blurb to be included in the STUSU website. I also shared their email accounts so that they can start getting an idea of their positions and I invited them to ask me any questions they may have.

Academic Assistance

The executive board approved some applications of students. Moreover, the executive board is working on some drafts to improve the academic assistance evaluation, to ensure transparency, and avoid biases.

Finance Policy Reviewed

During our executive meeting, the board reviewed the Finance policy.

STUgenda

The Vice-president Student Life reached out to me to request information about the Clubs and Societies who intend to be active this upcoming year. I also provided a blurb and a picture to be included in the Executives Bio section.

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Hello everyone,

Can you believe we are one month away from classes starting?! It seems like this summer has passed by in the blink of an eye. This July, the STUSU has been filled with conferences and planning out the upcoming year.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach me at su_vp@stu.ca, and I would be delighted to discuss the report with you further.

Warmly,
Emily Boucher (she/her) STUSU VP Education

Meetings

Executive Meetings:

The executive team meet twice this month to provide updates, as well as discuss matters regarding welcome week, the priorities document, merch, and the hiring process for the Student Representative Council. We are working on developing our priorities document into action plans for the academic year and conducting interviews for the open student representative council positions.

Meeting with Accessibility Services:

I held a brief check in with Natalie, the accessibility services advisor to explore how to better acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of students registered with accessibility in the upcoming academic year.

Meeting with Internships Coordinator

I held a brief meeting with Alexa Navas, the internships coordinator, discussing the idea of implementing student surveys at the end of each internship term to gather student opinions on experiential learning. We are looking to collaborate with the Experiential Learning Committee to develop these surveys.

Meeting with MP Jenica Atwin

This month I was able to introduce myself to MP Jenica Atwin and discuss the upcoming academic year ahead. We brainstormed some ideas to bring advocacy and politics closer

to students, fostering more open communication within students and our representatives. MP Atwin has demonstrated an active dedication to listening to the student voice.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)

The Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) is a non-partisan, not for profit advocacy organization centered around student advocacy, federal policy, consisting of post-secondary institutions across the country. CASA serves as our federal advocacy partner, and I serve as the primary delegate for the union.

Reports concerning CASA include:

CASA Policy and Strategic Planning Conference

The SU President and I attended CASA's PoliStrat Conference, where the board of directors presented their action plans for the year and implement feedback on the priorities from schools across the country and hear the issues that students are facing on a national level.

CASA Committee Meetings

Currently, I sit on the Governance and Internal Review Committee, and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee for CASA. These committees held meeting this month to discuss the committee action plan for the upcoming year as well as the new strategic plan for CASA.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) is a provincial advocacy partner rather than federal consisting of post-secondaries across the province, advocating for NB students. As VP Education, I am also the primary delegate for the NBSA, and I am looking forward to working closely with the NBSA for the upcoming year.

Reports concerning NBSA include:

NBSA Policy and Planning Retreat

The NBSA board of directors, including myself and the union president attended the Policy and Planning Retreat to outline the board's priorities and our asks for advocacy week.

NBSA Committee Meetings

The NBSA Committees met during the retreat to outline their policy priorities. In NBSA committees we conduct research and draft evidence-based policy to form recommendations to government and guide our advocacy. These committees are open to students and the application for these committees will be circulated during the beginning of the academic term. The NBSA actively and wholeheartedly encourages student involvement in these committees as it is a great way to get involved and becoming a part of the conversation advocating for the improvement of student experience.

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Meetings

Vice President of Student Wellness of UNBSU – Halle May

Halle and I met to discuss possible collaborations among campuses as well as services already being delivered (e.i: SafeRide).

Meeting STUSU Events Welcome Week:

I met with Grace and Stevie in different occasions to plan the STUSU run events during welcome week as well as STUSU involvement in university events.

Transition Advisory Committee:

I assisted to the transition advisory committee meetings to discuss welcome week and transition programs.

Help Desk Meeting – Brock Richardson

I met with Brock to discuss programs and plans to increase efficiency of the help desk and increase student support.

Whatspopping Fredericton:

I reached out to Emma, from Whatspopping Fredericton to plan for collaborations during welcome week.

STU Cares/ Welcome Week- Alexa Navas

I discussed with Alexa the possibility of collaborating with STU Cares organization for Welcome Week Community Event.

Miscellaneous

MayDay:

The STUgenda done! And the merch for the Executive Board are on the way.

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We received 2 applications in the month of July.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of July, I was checking email to look for orders; we didn't receive any order for this month.

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