



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

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VP Student Life Isabella Baralt.**

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Hello everyone,

I hope your summer is going great and you are enjoying the warm weather!

The last couple of months has been a great opportunity to get a sense of what this role looks like and have an in-depth understanding of our policies and governing documents. During this month the executive board and I met to discuss more about our plan for the academic year and shared ideas about Welcome Week. I also had the opportunity to go to the Campus Trust conference to learn more about our self-insurance plan for our STUdents.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and sharing in events about our students health and dental plan.

Please feel free to contact me at su_vpadmin@stu.ca if you have any queries, suggestions, or concerns.

Best,
Ahmik Burneo (He/him)
STUSU VP Admin

Meetings

Campus Trust's Assembly of Participating Organizations (APO)

Our General Manager Tina and I travelled from June 19th -23rd to the Campus Trust conference held in PEI with most of the costs and expenses covered by Campus Trust. This was an opportunity to learn more how our self-insurance plan work for the best of our students' interest. During this conference, I decided to run as one of the students trustees, and during the third day, I was appointed as one of the five new students trustee. Lastly, I learnt the different services and benefits available to our students and I'm looking forward to hosting events to share all these learnings.

SEC Meeting

The executive board met to go through our plans for advocacy this year, the campaigns we are aiming to launch, and the planification for Welcome Week! We are also getting ready to begin the new hiring process for the two vacant positions: SRC Chair and Recording Secretary.

Miscellaneous

Sponsorship for the Cultural Expressions Festival

At the beginning of the month, we approved a sponsorship letter from the Cultural Expressions Festival. We are committed to representing and honoring the diverse cultures present at St Thomas University, as well as in the city of Fredericton. For this reason, we are honored to be able to help the development and success of events like these.

Website Update

As part of my priorities, I am currently working on updating the STUSU website, to make it easy to navigate. We are committed to serve with transparency and accountability; hence, we are ensuring the easy access to information of our services available to STUdents. With the same purpose, I reached out to the executives and our current employees for their pictures and a small introduction. Lastly, the emergency bursary committee updated the emergency bursary form, which can now be found at our website.

Moodle Orientation for New Students

The Student Success Coach, Kath Hyndman, reached out to all the Executive Board to ensure that all the STUSU information included in the new student orientation is the most up-to-date. I flagged some small changes to the information and made sure the orientation includes the correct links to the services we provide.

Priorities Document

Each of the executives worked on their priorities for the academic year 2023-24. The President and Vice President of Education took the lead in working on the design of the template. Once the draft was ready, I went through it and made some changes to make sure there was proper formatting throughout the document. The priorities document is available to read on the STUSU website.

Photoshoot Executive Board

The executive board has to take an updated headshot and group photos annually. I took the lead to organize the photoshoot this past June 30th at St. Thomas University. The recent graduate and former Director of Communication of the STUSU helped on this photoshoot.

STUgenda

The Vice-president Student Life reached out to me to review the information about the Campus Trust that will be included in the STUgenda.

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Hello everyone,

This rainy month was dedicated to outlining and planning our priorities and laying the foundation for a productive and efficient year to advocate for the student body!

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

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

Meetings

Senate Meetings:

This month, the senate held their second meeting of the summer. At this meeting, the senate discussed updates from the various senate committees. Senate Committees are a great way for students to get involved with the university as student representatives and weigh in on important topics relevant to STU.

Executive Meetings:

The executive team held our second Student Executive Meeting this month to provide updates, as well as discuss matters regarding welcome week, the upcoming pride parade, and STU clubs and societies. We are planning to develop our priorities document into action plans for the academic year and meet with STU Communications Jeffrey Carleton to discuss our priorities for the year.

Meeting with Clara Santacruz:

I held a brief check in with Clara, the manager of Experiential Learning and Career Development to discuss the Experiential Learning Committee and our hopes to implement student surveys for students enrolled in internships. The Experiential Learning Committee is dedicated to improving the experiences of students participating in experiential learning. Currently, VP Education sits on the committee as the student representative.

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 Committee Meetings:

Currently, I sit on the Governance and Internal Review Committee, and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee for CASA. These committees held their first meetings this month to discuss the committee action plan for the upcoming year.

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 Chair and Vice-Chair Training:

At the NBSA Transitions conference I was elected Chair of the NBSA and this month I met with the NBSA Executive Director and the new Vice-chair for executive training.

Meeting with NBSA Bookkeeper

This month I met with the executive director and the bookkeeper to review the annual upcoming budget and discuss methods to bring in revenue for the year.

NBSA Policy and Strategic Planning Retreat

The Executive Director and I spent this month looking for spots for our policy and strategic planning retreat happening in July. We reserved a location and are now in prepping phase for the retreat.

Maritime Student Congress

This month, the NBSA hosted with Student Nova Scotia the sixth annual Maritime Student Congress at the end of June on STU campus. This month was dedicated to a lot

of prepping for the congress with the executive director, and it was an amazing opportunity to meet student leaders across the Maritimes and host them on our beautiful campus.

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Meetings

MayDay:

I have had multiple meetings with Mariah from MayDay, where we discussed the new style of the STU Agenda for this upcoming year, discussed different pricing options and started the design.

STUSU Welcome Week Chair:

I met with Grace and Brett to discuss about Welcome Week or other fundraising ideas that can be held during welcome week. We also discussed event ideas and the involvement of STUSU on certain ideas.

TAC Meeting

I assisted the bi-weekly meeting with the transition advisory committee where we discussed welcome week plans, how to support better students transitions and the involvement of STUSU in students transition to university.

Miscellaneous

Maritime Student Congress:

I attend MSC this month where students around the Maritimes learn about the history of the student movement, advocacy, Indigenization, administration, and student problems.

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We received two applications for the month of June.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of May I was checking email to look for orders; however, we did not receive any orders for the month of June.

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