

Monthly Executive Report to the Students' Representative Council

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Meetings

Meeting with Campus Trust

The Campus Trust meeting, on May 6th was regarding setting the fees for the next academic year for the health and dental plan offered to STU students as well as looking at the current plan that we have. In addition to two Campus Trust representatives, Tina, our general manager and Alex, our President were also present to look over the renewal report to gain feedback on what the fess should be for next academic year. Mainly, the discussion focused on how we had broken even this year and to continue the trend we would have to increase fees yet what percent increase would be beneficial to students, both financially and in terms of coverage

Meeting w/ STUISA President

I met with the former STUISA President to discuss the STUISA election process to ensure the election runs smoothly.

SEC Meeting

The executives also had a meeting on May 20th to discuss and plan an upcoming advocacy initiative that the STUSU plans to pursue.

Miscellaneous

Funding applications - Clubs & Societies

The SEC reviewed three funding applications from clubs & societies.

Upcoming - Clubs & Societies Fair

In relation to clubs & societies, I have started planning for the executive training and the fair as they will be held earlier this year.

Prepare SRC Representatives & Employees email account

I reached out to IT services to reset the representative and employee email accounts in preparation for the incoming council and employees. This was done for all accounts except for the Welcome Week Chair as they were continuing from last year and needed their account set up as soon as their term started.

Introduction to Senior and Lower Admin

I sent out introductions to the senior and lower admin team.

Upcoming - Campus Trust Assembly of Participation Organization

Tina and I will travel to the Campus Trust conference, which will be held in Toronto with the majority of the costs and expenses covered by Campus Trust.

Website update

I reached out to the executives and the Welcome Week Chair for pictures and an introduction so updates could be made to the STUSU website which I have been in the process of updating.

Vice President Education Julia Evans

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Hello all!

I hope you are all enjoying the first few weeks of summer break!

Since starting my role at the beginning of May, the transition has been very smooth with the new executive team. I am so eager to work with my ambitious colleagues to endeavour advocacy initiatives and plan events for STUdents. This summer will entail introductory transition work but also, extensive planning for the upcoming academic year. This report will provide you with clear insight into the daily workings of VP Education.

I look forward to working with all of you and amplifying the student voice over the course of the 2022-2023 academic year!

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at su_vped@stu.ca

Looking forward to working with you all this year!

Kindest regards,

Julia Evans (she/her) STUSU VP Education

Meetings

Senate Meetings:

I attend the monthly Senate meetings where we discuss academic related matters and concerns. As VP Education, I am responsible for preparing a report the week before the meeting which I present at the meeting. This report updates the Senate on the work and initiatives the STUSU is currently taking on. I also got in contact with the new Student Senator so that we can meet and discuss initiatives prior to the upcoming meeting.

SEC Meetings

The executive team meets on Sundays to discuss on-going projects and report to each other what we have been working on respectively. This Sunday, I am having an individual check-in with the President.

Advocacy Meeting

The team is currently planning an education related campaign that we plan to launch this summer and extend into the academic year! Stay tuned.

Meeting with Outgoing VP Education

I had a meeting with the outgoing VP Education to discuss advocacy initiatives that past executive teams have considered yet never got the chance to endeavour. This provided me with a fuller perspective and allowed me to better orientate my priorities for the upcoming year.

Experiential Learning Committee Meeting

I had my first meeting with the Experiential Learning Committee. This Committee seeks to improve internship, and other experiential and hands-on learning opportunities for students more generally.

Priorities Document

One major project the team has to complete in May is the priorities document for the upcoming year. This is a collaborative effort. I have completed my draft priorities which we will finalize at the upcoming executive meeting,

The Executive team and I had our first meeting to go through our operations for the summer term and to discuss our timeline, roles, and advocacy projects and issues we plan to tackle this year.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

As VP Education, I serve as the Primary Delegate and Alex serves alongside me as Secondary Delegate. The New Brunswick Student Alliance is a provincial student organization representing students from universities across New Brunswick. The NBSA is our partner on provincial advocacy initiatives. I look forward to working with the NBSA as advocacy partners to further amplify the student voice,

Reports concerning NBSA include:

- NBSA AGM Meeting: Alex and I attended our first NBSA AGM meeting alongside former President Ty and former VP Ed Sydona. This meeting provided us with a good snapshot of how the NBSA functions, committee work and current policy discussions.
- •NBSA Foundation Conference: Alex and I attended NBSA Transition conference from May 24-26.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)

The Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) is an advocacy student organization on the federal level. In contrast to the NBSA, CASA is our federal advocacy partner. Again, I serve as Primary delegate while President Alex serves as Secondary delegate for STUSU.

Reports concerning CASA include:

• CASA Foundation Conference: Alex (President) and I will be traveling to the CASA Foundation Conference which will be held in Ottawa from June 5th-June 10th this year. I cannot wait to virtually share updates on our experience there to provide students with a "behind the scenes" of student advocacy!

Miscellaneous

Transition Guides

I have been spending a lot of time on NBSA and CASA websites to familiarize myself with advocacy partners, current policies, and how the organizations function so I can better understand my role.

Press release

I provided support to the President when she drafted the press release on the budget update concerning tuition increases. I also provided the President an individual quote on my response and drafted some action items.

Introductions & Meetings set up

I introduced myself (virtually!) to the senior administration, the lower administration, key figures of STU and the community.

The executive team will meet with MLA David Coon and MP Jenica Atwin in the upcoming month to introduce ourselves and discuss STUSU advocacy priorities for this year. We will all meet prior to our meeting with the government officials so that we have our advocacy plan and priorities set and ready to discuss!

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Meetings

Sexual Violence Prevention Team

I introduced myself to the committee. During the meeting we discussed our thoughts regarding a campaign video produced by SVNB and how the video should be implemented around campus.

Ryan Sullivan - Welcome Week

All the executives and I met with Ryan Sullivan to discuss future ideas regarding welcome week.

Brock Richerdson - Student Engagement

I met with Brock to personally present myself and discussed future students' engagement activities on campus and how STUSU and STU can work together to improve student engagement.

Carrie Monteith-Levesque-Future Ideas

I met with Carrie to talk about future collaboration with the international office and STUSU. We also discussed future ideas for international orientation day.

Amanda Smith- UNBSU Vice President- Events and Services

Amanda and I met to discuss future collaborations between UNBSU and STUSU. We also discussed the contract of Safe Ride and discussed a future meeting to see how we can best promote this service around both campuses.

Sexual Assault Policy Review - Brock, Maggie, Hillary

During this meeting we talked about some changes that there should be made in the STU's Sexual Assault Policy.

Miscellaneous

Priorities Document

I drafted STUSU priority document for the Student Life part for this academic year.

STUSU Swag

I had a meeting with MayDay regarding some STUSU swag for this academic year and for the Pride parade.

Initiatives

STUgenda

The STUgenda is being made for this academic year. Artists are being called so they can submit their STU –related artworks or photos for a chance to be featured in the STUgenda.

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 May.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of May I received a community food smart order, where I picked up the bag and the student picked it up from the student union Building

Safe Ride

The contract for Safe Ride was signed in the month of May with UNBSU. We also discussed with UNBSU executives if there is a possibility where we can have access of the number of STU students who use this service around campus.

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