



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

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Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a good start to their summer break and enjoying the mix of sunny and rainy days!

Early in May, when I began my role as Vice President Administration, I read over the STUSU's governing documents and policies in great depth. I also took the time to fully comprehend how Campus Trust and the health plan operate. This month has been a great opportunity to come together with the executive team, get to know one another better, and plan initiatives, events, advocacy campaigns, and mainly, our priorities for the academic year.

I can't wait to start serving the entire STU community alongside the fantastic executive team. I am convinced that this year will bring many wonderful opportunities as well as obstacles, but together we will be able to tackle them all.

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

Meetings with Campus Trust

I had a Campus Trust meeting in late April to discuss our existing benefits and establish the fees for the upcoming academic year for the health and dental plans available to STU students. Along with the two Campus Trust representatives, our general manager Tina, our former president Alex, and our former vice president administration Minahil attended the meeting to review the renewal report and provide input on what the fee for the upcoming academic year 2023–2024 should be. The conversation was on how we had broken even this year and would need to moderately raise the fees to maintain the trend so that the covered benefits could expand the next year. After that, on May 4th, I met with Owen, a Campus Trust representative, to receive some training about the non-for-profit structure that allows to offer a viable alternative to typical student health and dental plans. Finally, we discussed some ideas for the Campus Trust's Assembly of Participating Organizations (APO) that will take place in June.

SEC Meeting

On May 9 and May 22, the executives met to go through our plans for advocacy this year and identify the main priorities that each executive would be focusing on during the academic year while keeping in mind our strategic plan. We also discussed about a sponsorship letter from the Cultural Expressions Festival.

Miscellaneous

Completed the STUSU Employment Process

The STUSU completed the hiring process for the academic year 2023-2024. However, two positions are still vacant, and the team would open the hiring process in the coming months before classes start. I have created a contact list of our employees and shared it with our General Manager.

Academic Assistance Applications

The SEC reviewed one academic assistance application from a student.

Contacted SRC Reps 2022-23 for their Honorarium

I contacted representatives to offer them an honorarium in accordance with our operational policies and to express our gratitude for completing their responsibilities as SRC representatives and for their work and effort over the previous academic year.

Prepare SRC Representatives & Employees email account

I reached out to IT services to reset the email accounts of representatives and employees in preparation for the incoming council and employees. Except for the Activities Coordinator, who will remain with us for the upcoming academic year, this was done for all accounts.

Introduction to Senior and Lower Admin

I sent out introductions to the senior and lower admin team. I am planning to send my introduction to the President as soon as he assumes his role in July.

Students Inquiry on Campus Trust

I received and answered some emails from students experiencing issues with their Student Benefits account, while others requested more information on the Health & Dental Plans.

Upcoming - Campus Trust's Assembly of Participating Organizations (APO)

Our General Manager Tina and I will travel to the Campus Trust conference in June, which will be held in PEI with the majority of the costs and expenses covered by Campus Trust.

Vice President Education Emily Boucher
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Greetings everyone,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the warmer weather as we transition into the summer months.

This may, I began my term serving as Vice President Education, and have spent the first few weeks transitioning into the role and initiating introductory meetings for the upcoming academic year as well as fostering a strong relationship within the executive team. This report serves to inform and provide updates of the work of the student's union throughout the month.

I am ecstatic to begin a wonderful term and work with our brilliant executive team to bring a successful and engaging year to come both internally and externally.

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, I attended my first senate meeting with the SU President where matters regarding the upcoming convocation were discussed. Through my role as VP Education, I prepare a monthly report for the senate providing updates on the work of the union.

Executive Meetings:

The executive team held our first Student Executive Meeting this month to review the former strategic plan and outlining our priorities and pillars for our Strategic Plan for the upcoming year. Additionally, we discussed continuing an ongoing advocacy committee regarding the value of a liberal arts education throughout the summer.

Meeting with Outgoing VP Education:

I held a brief check in with the outgoing VP Education, Julia, to review the transition document she provided me, and address any questions I had. We also discussed how to

prepare for upcoming meetings and how to continue the ongoing advocacy initiatives started by the former executive team.

Introductions:

I introduced myself to administration, as well as key figures of STU and our connections within the community.

Press Release

The president and I wrote a press release regarding the new budget that outlines an increase in tuition and the impact this will have on both domestic and international students as well as highlight the increase in government funding to post-secondary institutions.

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.

CASA Information Sessions:

In preparation for the upcoming foundations conference in Ottawa, I attended two introductory meetings held by CASA outlining what is CASA as well as the process of the upcoming Board and Committee Elections.

CASA Foundations Conference:

The following week, the SU President and I travelled to Ottawa from May 14-20th to attend the Foundations conference to introduce the work of CASA and upcoming federal advocacy as well as create strong connections with other student union representatives.

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.

NBSA Transition Conference:

At the end of the month the SU President and I attended the NBSA Foundations conference, getting to know the incoming executive board from other NB student

unions as well as introduce the work of NBSA and our priorities and projects for the upcoming year. I was elected chair of the NBSA at this meeting and welcomed the new incoming Vice-chair from Mount Allison.

There is an executive meeting scheduled the last week of May to discuss the upcoming policy and strategic planning retreat in June.

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Hi everyone!

I hope you are all having a great start of the summer break!

For me, since I started my position in early May I have focused on understating the role and organizing my priorities and focusses for the next academic year. I have spent most of the time meeting with different student services and representatives to further understand students' needs. I am extremely excited to working alongside my colleagues who have great ambition and projects to enhance student experience. This report will provide you with clear insight into the daily workings of VP Student Life.

I look forward working with you and enhance student experiences and life in different ways through the 2023-2024 academic year!

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

Kindest regards,
Isabella Baralt

Meetings

Campus Ministry / Food Bank:

I met with Claire to discuss way to collaborate on the increase of student engagement towards campus ministry events, as well as brainstorming ideas to combat food insecurity on campus. The main focus of our conversation was to find ways to collaborate with programs such as the community food smart to support students with financial need and food insecurity.

Accessibility:

Natalie and I met to discuss way to increase accessibility on campus, as well as how we can advocate for accessibility. Lastly, we discussed on how to make STUSU events more accessible.

Student Success Coach:

I met with Kath to brainstorm ideas to work collaboratively to support students with the university transition as well as ideas to make the STUgenda more user friendly.

Transition Advisory Committee:

I met with the TAC to introduce myself as well as start discussing ideas and initiatives regarding welcome week.

Welcome Week Meeting:

I met with the welcome week chair and transition advisor to start coordinating welcome week.

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:

I met with MayDay to start developing the agenda. Artists are being called so they can submit their STU -related artworks or photos for a chance to be featured in the STUgenda. And I drafted the sponsorship packages that are currently under review.

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We received 4 applications for the month of May.

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