



**President Bi-Weekly Report
to the Students' Representative Council**

**Presented by: President Stevie DeMerchant
August 6th, 2023**

Greetings STUdents,

I hope your summer break had been restful and great so far!

Count down to the 23/24 academic year is on... we have less than a month before we come back to campus, and I am so excited to see and work with our excellent STUdent body!

Throughout the summer, students will receive both bi-weekly reports from myself, and a monthly report on behalf of the executive team. The purpose of these reports is to ensure our student body is informed on what we work on throughout the summer.

I am thrilled for the 23/24 academic year and to work with all our remarkable STUdents!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stevie-Rae DeMerchant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Stevie-Rae DeMerchant
STUSU President

Meetings

Meeting with Welcome Week Chair, Transition Assistant and VPSL

During this meeting, the group began planning the STUSU Gala. This event is taking place during welcome week, and we hope to welcome all students to kick off the year in a safe and fun way!! This meeting also led us to begin discussing paint fight and our pride picnic.

Meeting with CASA chair

This check-in was surrounding our Policy & Strategy conference. Sadie and I spoke about the positives and negatives of the conference and how we can make changes to ensure all students attending CASA conferences are having the best experience possible!

Student Executive Council Meeting

During our SEC meeting, each executive provided personal reports in addition to discussion items. We discussed the upcoming welcome week, Clubs & Societies, committees, and our upcoming Action Plan.

National Indigenous Advocacy Committee (NIAC)

The National Indigenous Advocacy Committee (NIAC) is a national advocacy body within CASA, composed of Indigenous students from across Turtle Island. This group represents Indigenous students' advocacy interests within CASA and believes that access to post-secondary education is an inherent treaty right, guaranteed under the Numbered Treaties (1871-1921). NIAC's mission is to ensure Indigenous students are being given opportunities to enter and succeed in post-secondary, as well as to advocate for increased action to meet the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's 94 calls to action.

- NIAC co-chairs have been completing weekly touch-base meetings with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Interim Executive Director.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

The Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) is a national voice for Canadian post-secondary students. CASA is a non-partisan, non-for-profit student organization composed of students across Canada. Reports regarding CASA include

- CASA had a Board of Directors meeting. During this meeting the board discussed the upcoming National Indigenous Advocacy Committee retreat, and updates from each director. This was our first meeting with our Interim Executive Director, she did amazing, and we are all very thankful for her hard work and dedication to CASA.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) is a provincial advocacy organization that represents students from St. Thomas University, University of New Brunswick SJ and Mount Allison University. Reports regarding NBSA include:

- Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting and Accessibility & Wellness meeting: During both meetings the group began discussing the route to take for provincial advocacy and whether we want to change the policy paper from last year. Both groups do not want to make drastic change but add up to date evidence and data!

Miscellaneous

Student Representative Council Hiring

Last week the Student Executive Council completed multiple interviews to hire our new chair and recording secretary, I am very excited to share that both positions have been filled!

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