



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

**Presented by: President Stevie DeMerchant
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Greetings STUdents,

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

These past two weeks have provided many learning opportunities and fun to say the least! The executive team has been working hard and we are very excited to share our efforts with the 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,
Stevie-Rae DeMerchant
STUSU President

Meetings

Meeting w/ Transition Advisory Committee

Our bi-weekly meeting provides the WW Chair, VPSL and myself the opportunity to meet with the STU faculty and staff that are committed to providing a comfortable welcome week. This meeting, we discussed welcome week kits, STUendas, Harvest Jazz & Blues and was provided an updated version of the welcome week schedule.

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, 23/24 STUSU Action Plan, meeting the new president and how we can help our VPED effectively advocate for more particular accessibility services. The meeting was fruitful, and I am excited to see where our discussion guides us!

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) Executive Director and Member Relations Officer. These meetings focused on our upcoming Policy & Strategies Conferences.
- The National Indigenous Advocacy Committee had their first meeting of the new cycle. Returning and new NIAC members had the opportunity to meet and discuss the upcoming action plan. This action plan will be presented at the Policy and Strategy conference and guide the advocacy completed by NIAC for the 23/24 academic year.

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 Policy & Strategy Conference, Committee work for the year, Performance Reviews for home office employees and UEQ conferences for the year.

Miscellaneous

Attended the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Retreat

This retreat took place on June 22nd – 25th. During these few days, I had the opportunity to learn about governance, campaigns, history of CASA, federal government relations, and began our committee action plans. While we were only together for a bit over two days, the workshops, and teachings I received will be extremely useful in my advocacy throughout the year.

Attended the Maritime Student Congress (MSC)

This year, Maritime Student Congress was held at STU from June 28th- 30th. MSC is a leadership development conference for student association executives. We had delegates meet fellow student executives from across the Maritimes, discuss student issues, shared challenges, and participate in training designed to enhance our performance as student leaders.

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