



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

**Presented by: President Stevie DeMerchant
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Greetings everyone!!

I hope your summer break has been restful and pleasant so far!

It has been one month since I stepped into office, and this has gone by very quickly. The executive team has been keeping busy 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 very excited for the 23/24 academic year and to work with you all this year!

Kind regards,
Stevie-Rae DeMerchant
STUSU President

Meetings

Meeting w/ National Indigenous Advocacy Committee

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 are to ensure we have transparency and meaningful communication between the CASA home office and the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee.

Meeting w/WW Chair

Grace and I had a meeting this past week to discuss a tentative schedule for welcome week and share some event ideas. This meeting had me very excited for welcome week!!

Meeting w/ Student Executive Council

The Executive team met to discuss our upcoming priorities document and share our progress in our projects. This meeting was mainly for brainstorming our specific priorities and how we will complete these initiatives.

Senate Committee on Reconciliation

The Senate Committee on Reconciliation met to discuss the eagle feather ceremony and the upcoming renovations to the Wabanaki Student Center.

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:

- The NBSA just complete their transition conference where our VP Education was voted in as chair of the NBSA.
- NBSA Executive Director and I have begun planning for the upcoming Maritime Student Congress that will be hosted at St. Thomas University. This conference will host universities from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (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:

- VP Education, Emily Boucher and I attended CASA Foundations in Ottawa from May 14th – 20th. This conference was organized to ensure those who are new to CASA can understand the organization, what is expected while being a CASA delegate and electing the new Board of Directors.

- During this conference, I had the opportunity to meet with MP Melillo, Minister of Health and Addictions Canada Carolyn Bennett and the Assembly of First Nations.
- I had the opportunity to share a presentation I made about relationship building with Indigenous communities.
- The workshops organized, include:
 - Federal Political Climate.
 - What is the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations?
 - What is the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee?
 - Reconciliation in Canada.
 - Relationship building with Indigenous communities.
 - Medicine bundle building
 - Cultural competency training.
 - What are Roberts Rules.

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