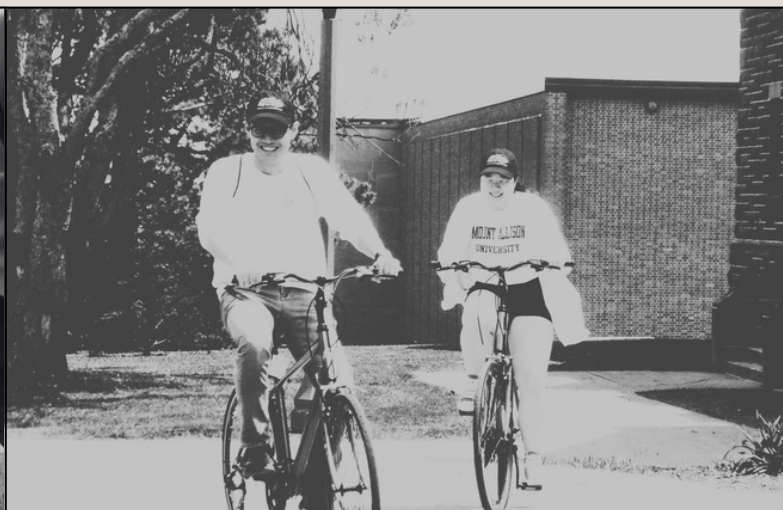


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Welcome to the MASU Herald

New year, new me! The MASU Herald is the shiny, new version of the 'MASU Monthly', except we'll now be publishing bimonthly instead. This mini-publication will hold snapshots of the most relevant events, happenings, and issues related to the MASU and of concern to our membership (the MTA student body). We'll also be including items such as job opportunities, surveys, student calls-to-action and more! Don't forget to check your email for the Herald!

New Executive Team | 2022

New year, new team! If you didn't already know, the MASU elects and hires a new Executive team each year. The Executive is responsible for the day to day operations of the MASU, and is accountable to the Students' Administrative Council, which any student can choose to run and be elected for.



Top row (L-R): Rohin Minocha-McKenney, President & CEO. Ngoc Huynh, VP External Affairs.
Bottom row (L-R): Nate Lesser, VP Finance and Governance. Suhjung Chun, VP Academic and Uni. Affairs. Alivia Warr, VP Student Life. Suchet Mittal, VP Communications and Marketing.

NB-EI Connect Discontinued

June 23rd, 2022

On June 23rd, the Government of New Brunswick announced the immediate discontinuation of the New Brunswick-Employment Insurance Connect (NB-EI Connect) program for post-secondary students. This program was used by approximately 7000 students in New Brunswick to subsidize the cost of their studies and living expenses. The MASU has released a statement on the same which can be found here: www.masu.ca/news-1

The abrupt announcement has caused significant distress for students across the province that were relying on this program for financial security. The foreseeable and preventable effects of this decision have gone unaddressed entirely, to the great disappointment of both students and student advocacy bodies such as the MASU.

"I can't afford to go to school anymore. Even with a student loan and working full time I don't have enough to live." - MASU member

The lack of transparency around this decision is a cause of great concern. The MASU hopes to urge the government along with other Unions in N.B. to create a grace period of one year to allow for a reasonable transition period for those affected. Furthermore, the MASU recommended mandated consultation periods prior to the finalization of decisions such as these.



Executive Profile

Alivia Warr
VP Student Life

Alivia is our VP SL for the year 2022-2023. She is responsible for all things that concern students' well-being, entertainment and life on campus. Furthermore, the VP SL spearheads student support and advocacy around issues on campus, event programming and student well-being (both mental and physical). The VP SL is also directly responsible for the organization of MASU Clubs and Societies and residence executive team management.

This past month, Alivia attended the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Conference, learning about structure planning for clubs and societies, sessions on student leader productivity to be applied to student/residence leaders, and networked with potential entertainment acts that can be booked at various times throughout the year.

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Student Leader Conferences Canadian Alliance of Student Associations June 6th, 2022

The MASU VPEA (Ngoc H.) and President (Rohin M-M.) attended the CASA Foundations Conference in Ottawa, ON. At this conference, both representatives of the MASU received training on advocacy, cultural competency, indigenization, and policy research and development. They received presentations from the Quebec Students' Union, Polytechnics Canada, Elections Canada and C!Can. as well. The conference was aimed at learning about external advocacy and representation, informing us of the local political landscape in which we operate. Additionally, our very own MASU VP External, Ngoc Huynh, was elected to the CASA Board of Directors as Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). This position is responsible for external advocacy relating to all EDI matters.

Maritime Student Congress (MSC) June 17th, 2022

The entire MASU Executive attended the Maritime Student Congress during the weekend of June 17th. This is a conference that is hosted by the New Brunswick Students' Alliance (NBSA), StudentsNS, UPEI Students' Union and Acadia Students' Union. At this conference we received multiple addresses from speakers discussing topics such as history of the student movement, advocacy, governance, policy development and role specific training including strategic planning and crisis management. This also included a presentation from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), providing statistical analysis of enrolment and graduation numbers, among other items.

Bike Co-Op 2022

June 1st, 2022

Each year, the MASU runs a Bike Co-Op, allowing people to rent out bikes for free to explore Sackville in a new way!

The Bike Co-Op is a service that provides bikes rentals, at no cost, to all MtA students, staff and community members. The Bike Co-Op includes everything you'll need for a one-day adventure around Sackville: a bike, helmet, bike lock and lock key. We have various sized bikes, including hybrid and mountain bikes for riding safely on the roads and/or trails.

We're open daily from 9 – 4 p.m. in the summer, or 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the fall and ready to help get you on the road or trails!

Visit www.masu.ca/bike-coop for more information on what you need to get started.
Happy Riding!



Campus Trust Meeting of APO

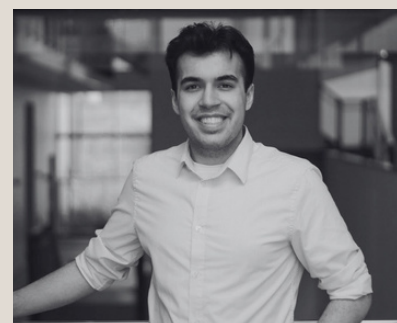
June 21st, 2022

MASU VP Finance & Governance (Nate L.), along with President (Rohin M-M.), attended the Campus Trust Meeting of All Participating Organizations.

The MASU is a member of the Campus Trust to provide a strong health plan at the lowest possible cost. It's not your average insurance plan – while most providers take away money for their own profit, the Campus Trust is a not-for-profit trust fund, so every cent of your health plan money goes right into providing services. The fund is run entirely by leaders at student unions, including your Executive team and Insurance Administrator. The MASU is entering its 12th year as a member of the Campus Trust.

This conference provided training on the Campus Trust (organization responsible for the MASU Health Insurance), trust fund administration, legality, board operations, supportive communication, committee functions, investments, and more.

During this conference, Rohin was appointed to the Finance committee while Nate sits on the Communications committee. Nate was also elected as the Student Chair of the Board. This position chairs meetings of the Board and acts as a deciding vote on contentious decisions.



Executive Profile

Rohin Minocha-McKenney President & CEO

Rohin is our MASU President for the year 2022-2023. The President is responsible for the MASU Executive, internal and external advocacy, and sits on the University Senate and University Board of Regents as well.

This past month, our President has attended four separate conferences across Canada, including the MSC, CASA, NBSA and Campus Trust Meeting of APO. At the New Brunswick Students' Alliance (NBSA) transition conference, Rohin was elected as Chair of the Board for the NBSA. This includes financial work with the NBSA as well as regular conference with the Executive Director.

The President spearheads all public collective action on behalf of the MASU towards external parties, as is being seen with the NB-EI Connect discontinuation. Please feel free to reach out with any issues at: masupresident@mta.ca