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**Vice-President Saint John Report – Tammy Bo**

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My role as a VP of Saint John campus is to act as a resource and an advocate for our members and member voices by providing support to the President and the Execut.

In the past six months, I attended monthly executive committee meetings to take part in the discussion, including financial reports and budget, change of executive committee structure, and membership out-reach. During these meetings, and the meeting follow-ups, I reviewed relevant documents and participated in decision-making when applicable. I also sit on the Joint Union Management Committee as a union representative, along with our other two union representatives. We meet with the Dean and Associate Dean of SGS, and the HR representative on a monthly basis to discuss any relevant issues to improve the policies that affect our members and ensure that employers do not violate their CA.

My focus was working on enhancing the recognition of our union, to achieve more effective communication and strong representation. I helped with our Saint John campus office set-up, and worked on advertising, promotions, and providing our members with updates, information and answering requests.

I assisted our President and other executives with special projects and initiatives, and to help sustain and expand our union. I actively share the workload with other executives. I helped our chief steward and president to initiate the steward networking project and sit on as a steward of SJ campus. Part of my job was to listen and identify members' diverse issues and carry these to the committee for decision.

In January, I attended the local PSAC training for union management. The training was very helpful for me to better understand the importance of union representation and to strategically develop communicating skills with our members. In March, I attended the first meeting of International Student Committee as a liaison. This committee was still in the initiating phase, we discussed the platform of the committee, including objectives of the committee, meeting frequency and etc.

In Solidarity,

Tammy Bo