

**To:** Augustana Students Council

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**Accomplishments**

*Clubs:* After receiving feedback from the clubs, I have created a system where the club executives are able to use the ASA zoom account without having to log in. Clubs have used this option to a great extent and I am more than happy to offer this service. SACC has had a good turnout all semester. I send an email to clubs roughly every week to ensure there is consistency in communication.

*Awards:* Funding for two student awards have been approved by the ASA executive committee. The awards will be open for applications towards the end of the winter 2021 semester and awarded in April.

*Residency:* I have begun the talks of modifying the residency contract to outline that there shall be no evictions based on mental health issues. While this is not a predominant problem at Augustana, we as a campus and faculty can lead by example and assure our students feel supported. This is now on the agenda for the student experience advisory committee and will be addressed.

*EDI:* I have made a commitment to build a relationship with the indigenous and international students' offices. This commitment is to assure that as the VPSL, I am addressing the needs of all constituents with a focus on EDI. I now meet with both offices on a bi-weekly basis to hear any concerns or feedback.

*Activities Committee:* From the start I wanted to ensure that the councillors sitting on this committee had a voice and their strengths were a focus. While I do chair this committee, I do make meetings more of a conversation among three passionate individuals. For the movie nights both Korah and Muskan have chosen the movies. They also chose the themes for the last two trivia nights and Muskan helped with the first trivia night. I consider the way this committee runs an accomplishment because I can see lots of interaction and leadership from both Muskan and Korah. In addition, I have taken a leadership principle of appreciation and give both of them a \$10 Starbucks card out of my own pocket at the start of every month. I am proud of their work as councillors and the initiative they demonstrate in this committee.

*SU:* My position as an ASA exec and an SU faculty representative has allowed me to help mend the gap in the communication between the two.

## **Events**

These are events that have been completed for the fall semester:

- Scavenger Hunt
- Club Fair
- Harry Potter trivia night
- Avengers trivia night
- First Class Bash
- Us Movie night

The following events will occur for the rest of the fall semester:

- The Grinch movie night

## **Campaigns**

I have not led any specific campaigns this semester.

## **Committee Membership**

- Activities Committee - chair
- ASA Executive Committee - voting member
- Augustana Students' Council - voting member

- Research committee - student representative
- Club Budget Committee - voting member
- Council of Student Affairs - voting member
- Residence Appeals Committee - member
- First Year Seminar Committee - member

### **Meeting Attendance**

I have missed one executive meeting committee meeting due to a doctor's appointment. I also missed an activities committee meeting for another doctor's appointment.

### **Decision Making Process**

Because the VPSL position had to drastically change given the online environment, there was a learning curve of what worked and what did not. Once I was able to receive both voiced feedback from ASA members and clubs, I have been able to adapt the events and services we offer. I have decided to cancel some events that were initially planned to occur because of low or no attendance in similar events. I have replaced those events with others that were successful and students greatly enjoyed. I will be creating a detailed transition portfolio for the individual who holds this position next year.

### **Ongoing Projects**

*Awards:* I am going to be working to find donors to fund two more award categories, the indigenous and international student awards, with a value of \$500 per award.

*EDI:* I will continue meeting with the international and indigenous students' office's to ensure that they are being heard, as well as working with both student reps to ensure the VPSL portfolio is addressing their specific needs.

*Clubs:* I will continue to work with clubs to ensure they feel supported by the ASA and the VPSL portfolio.

*Events:* I will continue to work with the activities community to plan the events for next semester. I am working on my two week plan for my leave of absence during the last two weeks in March. During this time, because I am planning to run for the SU VPSL position, I will not be able to be in this position for the two weeks of campaigning as per the rules. Prior to this, I will ensure all plans are made for any events and that everything is set to go, the activities committee will help me during these two weeks.

## **Future Recommendations**

I have no future recommendations at the time, although I do encourage everyone to continue with the enthusiasm!

Thank you for reading,  
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