

To: To Augustana Student Body

From: Abigail Lee, Indigenous Students' Representative

Re: Fall AGM Report

November 20, 2019

Key Points:

1. Involvement
2. Committee Membership
3. Goals

Involvement:

I enjoy engaging with my constituents regularly and having constituents of different years and areas of study. However, I find that I want to be more engaged and engaging more of my constituents in community events. This year so far, I have been able to help out at various ASA events. These include O-Team (8 hrs), Beer and Bands (5 hrs), First Class Bash (8 hrs), Off-Campus supper (2.5 hrs), Tricks For Eats (2.5 hrs), and helping with preparation for Sexual Violence Awareness Week (1 hr). Another thing I was involved in this year was speaking at the annual Student Union meeting on October 22 on behalf of the IEAC (Indigenous Engagement Advisory Committee) about the meaning and creation of the Wahkohtowin Lodge (15 min). In terms of my obligation to the council, I have regularly attended the Wednesday meetings, the activities meetings, and spent time to ensure events ran smoothly.

Committee Membership:

This semester I have been involved in the Activities committee (1 hr approximately this semester); in this committee, I have been able to help with the planning/running of events. These events include First Class Bash (8 hrs approximately), AGT auditions (9 hrs), and AGT (4 hrs). I am also a member of the external committee, IEAC (2 hrs approximately). On this committee, I ensure that the students' voice is heard on Indigenous issues within the school community. Also ensuring what is discussed in these meetings is shared with the student population.

Goals:

I have yet to start working on my goals for this year but hope to accomplish great things this year. One goal I would like to start working on as it could take a while to complete is creating an Indigenous dorm on campus. One of the main reasons why I would like to do this is because I would like to smudge in my room without having to fill out a form and let people know before I can smudge. Another heavy task I would like to take on that I know is already in the works but needs more force is changing the name of residence to housing, as residence is often shortened to "res" which is referring to something completely different. These are my main goals I might have smaller ones as the year progresses. Another goal that I wanted to work on last year that I am working on now is doing my office hours outside the ASA office. I have yet to encounter obstacles in achieving my goals and in the running of events. A future recommendation I would make to future council members would be able to know people that are good resources for your position on council.