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To: The Augustana Students' Association

Hello Everyone!

Hope you are all doing well throughout this unpredictable time. I would like to offer my sincere well wishes to all of you for the next school year to come, whether you are remaining in office or moving on to other things! Please remember that I am just a phone call or text message away!

Throughout the past six or so months I have been in my position I like to think I gained a better appreciation for just how much the Augustana Students' Association does for not just the students but the school as a whole. Honestly coming into my position I did not fully understand what it meant to be on the Student Council, and to tell you now that I do understand it fully would be a lie. However, I like to believe that for being a newcomer to the world of student council, I did pretty well and accomplished a number of things. Below is a list of some of the activities and committees I took part in while in my position:

- Augustana's Got Talent (Pictures)
- Tricks for Eats
- Sexual Violence Awareness Week
- Wellness Week Activities
- Counsellor Initiatives (Student Run Support Group and Wellness Week Events)
- Formal (Decorations and Operations)
- Betty Ostenrud Selection Committee
- Grants Meetings
- Lone Parent Bursary Selection Committee
- Off Campus Supper
- QPR Suicide Prevention Training
- Agenda & Priorities Committee (APC)

Agenda & Priorities Committee otherwise known as APC accomplished a number of things this past school year that I am happy to have taken part in. The overall mission of the committee this past year was to renew the older policies and make them more user friendly. As a committee we refurbished existing policies, created completely new policies and refurbished two job descriptions. The addition of the new Augustana Multi Use Space was an exciting one, and we, as a committee worked on several policies that will/have been implemented while the space is being developed. Hopefully the next members of APC continue making the policies as user-friendly as possible!

One of my greatest successes this year was the planning of an event for what was supposed to be the upcoming wellness week. I noticed that there was very low male attendance at wellness week events, and my rationale for this was because many of the events seemed feminized. My goal was to create an event for the male population of Augustana. To do this, I enlisted the help of Cindy, our executive director, and Rebecca, our vice president of communications. Both were extremely helpful, and I don't think I would have had the success I did without them. I contacted a local barber and we were working on partnering together to create a "Pop-Up Barber Shop." I talked to several male constituents to see if this was an event that they would attend, and overall got positive answers back! Due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 and the cancellation of all school activities, including

wellness week, unfortunately this event did not happen. However, so much planning went into this and for those who plan several events a year, I applaud you!

I encountered quite a few obstacles during my time in office, however the one that struck the hardest was when I wanted to give up. I overestimated myself, and all that I could do. I spoke with our President, Philip and he assured me that I had what it took to finish off the year. I spoke with my friends, and my family and other ASA members and I believe I made the correct decision. Not only did I work part-time, I was also a campus ambassador and I took five classes per semester. I definitely pushed myself quite a bit and although I did not achieve some of my goals I originally wanted to achieve, I am proud of all I am accomplished.

Each week brought something new to council, and we all had to adapt accordingly. I am confident that whomever takes on this position next year will put their own creative twist and individuality on it. Being a part of an association such as the ASA takes some courage, and resiliency. However, if you are thinking of running for a position, please do. I guarantee it will change your perception of your student council, and it will help you grow as a person. I wish I was there to see you all, however I hope that with each passing week your smiles never fade.

Goodbye for now,

Anika Rodney ♥

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