



**Fall Annual General Meeting
Indigenous Student Representative**

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To: Augustana Students' Council:

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Summary

Hello everybody, the first term is almost at its end and I can't believe how fast time went by! I just want to say I am happy to be in this position and I'm finally getting used to all the tasks my position requires. Although it was challenging adjusting at first I'm glad I was able to further my experience and work on skills that weren't my strongest suit. It was also an interesting experience figuring how to do things remotely and working to build community in an online setting. However, despite lack of certain connections I wish for, I'm glad to be working and being available to those who do seek help.

Events:

- Assisted in the planning of wellness week
- Hosting a bake night on Friday as a part of wellness week
- Connected virtual tea by Indigenous services with wellness week

Campaigns

No campaigns have been completed so far this year.

Committee Membership:

- Augustana's Students' Association: Indigenous Student Representative and voting member
- Awareness Committee
- Indigenous Engagement Advisory Committee
- Club Budget Committee

Meeting Attendance:

- Augustana Student Council Meeting: 1 1/2 -2 hour minimum weekly meeting
 - Awareness Committee Meeting: weekly 30 min - 60 min meeting
 - Club Budget Committee: will meet twice in the winter semester
- ***missed one student council meeting

Other Commitments:

- Office Hours: 1 hour/week
 - ASA Student Lounge: 1 hour/week
 - Indigenous Student Services Meeting: 1 hour weekly meeting
- ***Office hours takes place during the student lounge

Rationale for Decision Making Process:

When making decisions for events I like to look at different perspectives. In order to be inclusive I like to be aware that everyone does things differently and there are more than one way to do something. I also acknowledge that certain individuals are in different time zones which affect the timing of events planned. When making decisions in council I like to be well prepared and knowledgeable on the action items being presented. For the most part my decisions rely heavily on what I think would be a benefit to other students since working remotely causes problems with accessibility.

Ongoing Projects:

One of my main projects is creating some sort of community within the indigenous students at Augustana. One way I wish to achieve this goal is through my indigenous representative instagram account. Another way I wish to create community is by working with Indigenous Student Services since I can attend the events they hold to meet my constituents.

Obstacles Encountered:

One of the biggest challenges I encountered is the fact that every single event has to be held online due to Covid-19. This factor makes it difficult to connect with my constituents. Having everything online also lowers my initiative but I am doing my best to keep an open mind about what's happening and having the thought that I am there to create an environment if anybody wishes for it keeps me going.

Organizational Goals- Completed/Ongoing:

One of the main goals of the council was to create an online environment that was accessible to the students. During these times of isolation I believe the council is doing a good job engaging students. Despite the challenges of adapting to a new environment the council is still working efficiently and creating events for the students.

Future Recommendations:

I believe that asking for help is never a bad thing. The executive team is great if you have a question and need help. I also think that letting the others know how you're feeling is good since they are reliable to give tips on how to balance school work. Also, don't be afraid to let them know if you have to miss a day if you genuinely need to since they are understanding.