



Indigenous Students' Representative

To: Augustana Student Body
From: Abigail Lee, Indigenous Students' Representative
Re: Final Report
April 1, 2020

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, 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 suppers (5 hrs), Tricks for Eats (2.5 hrs), helping with preparation for Sexual Violence Awareness Week (1 hr), Wellness Week (1 hr) and Winter Formal (10 hrs). 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 year I have been involved in the Activities committee (5 hr approximately this year); 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), AGT (4 hrs), and Winter Formal (10 hrs approximately). I am also a member of the external committee, IEAC (4 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:

Due to the recent disruptions this year I have not been able to complete my goals. One goal I would have liked to work further on is creating an Indigenous dorm on campus. This has many challenges as there are issues with isolating students and not enough students needing this option. One of the main reasons why I would have liked 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. From the discussions I had the process is being worked on to be streamlined so the form does not need to be filled out. Another heavy task I would have liked to complete was changing the name of residence to student living accommodation, as residence is often shortened to "res" which is referring to something completely different. These were my main goals I hoped to complete by the end of the year, but the recent changes have made it very challenging to complete. 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, with alternating weeks in the office. 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. As well as know your goals for the year early on and start on them.