



**Second Year Representative
Winter General Meeting Report
March 28th, 2021**

To: Augustana Student's Council

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Overview

Though I only joined the 2020/2021 council in December, these past few months on the Students' Association have been full of growth, hard work, fun, and success. I have enjoyed working alongside the ASA councillors and executives to provide my constituents with services and events to enhance their university experience, especially now that that experience has been primarily online this past year. As I will be continuing onto next year's council, I look forward to seeing where the ASA goes from here and cannot wait to be apart of that.

Council & Committee Membership

Again, as I have only been on council for roughly three months, I haven't had the opportunity to accomplish as much as I would have liked to. While I find the online space hard to make connections through, I made a point at council meetings to express my thoughts and opinions. I was also apart of the Awareness Committee this semester, where we worked a lot on Spring Wellness Week. We worked to plan virtual events that would actually interest students; we thought about events we specifically would want to



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attend online. Keeping in mind that we spend all day looking at a screen, we prioritized virtual events that didn't rely on staring at a screen: events like doodle sessions, yoga, and dance parties. I will touch more on the event I hosted for Wellness Week in the next section.

Events:

I hosted "Yoga With Adrian... With Kyra", a zoom yoga session, for Spring 2021 Wellness Week. Attendance was incredible, with roughly 20 students joining the Zoom! I believe the main reason for the event's success was a well-chosen prize. I was given a budget of \$150 for the event and seeing as the costs to run a virtual event are low—in my case, free—I was able to allocate all \$150 to a Yoga-themed prize pack. I chose a yoga mat, water bottle, and \$100 Lululemon gift card as a prize which clearly was enough to get lots of traction for the event. I am very pleased with how the event went over and got tons of positive feedback from students. I would like to thank VP Communications Rebecca for her help and guidance; this event would not have gone so well if it weren't for her.

Faculty Council Membership:

This academic year, I sat on the Augustana Faculty Council as the Fine Arts & Humanities Student Representative. We met one Friday each month for roughly 2 hours each meeting. I was disappointed with the lack of opportunity for students to speak up in these council meetings. There were few times when the floor was opened up to council for comments and questions, and when the floor was open, it was often dominated by faculty voices; I was intimidated to throw my hat in the ring which is



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uncommon for me. There are a few more meetings left in the year and I want to make a point to be more vocal in these meetings. If you have anything that you would like me to bring up to the faculty council, please let me know!

Thanks & Closing

Thank you to the 2020-2021 Augustana Students' Association for providing me with an outlet to aid in the betterment of Augustana. I've loved my time, though short-lived, as a Second-Year Representative and would recommend joining the ASA to anyone curious. I look forward to working with next year's council! Best of luck to all of you in the future! Stay healthy :)

Thanks for reading,
Kyra