To: Augustana Students’ Council:

From: Korah Sanderson

Summary

Hello everyone! I cannot believe the year is almost over! I am so proud of all the work the ASA has done this year and I am proud of myself for the goals I have accomplished. I am also very grateful and proud of myself for being elected as the next VP Communications! I feel like this past year has taught me so much and has introduced me to so many new skills, experiences, and individuals. I am very excited to be a part of the ASA again next year!

Events:

- Hosted and created RuPaul’s Drag Race Trivia Kahoot Night
- Made posters and prize packs for other trivia nights
- Working on planning the Last Class Bash/Year End Casino Night

Campaigns

No campaigns have been done this year.

Committee Membership:

- Augustana Student Council - Second Year Representative and Voting Member
- Activities Committee
- Club Budget Committee
- Betty Ostenrud Award Committee
Meeting Attendance:

- Augustana Student Council Meeting: 1-2 hour minimum weekly meeting
- Activities Committee Meeting: 30 min.-1 hour weekly meeting
- Club Budget Committee: we have met multiple times this semester for 30 min.-1 hour
- Betty Ostenrud Award Committee: met this past month for an hour long meeting

I unfortunately missed the first club budget committee meeting because one of my classes was scheduled during the meeting time. Besides that, I have attended all of my other meetings regularly.

Other Commitments:

- Office Hours: 1 hour/week
- ASA Student Lounge: 1 hour/week

Note: I hold my office hours during the ASA student lounge.

Rationale for Decision Making Process:

There has been a lot of ASA policy changes this year that council has had to vote on. Before I make a decision to vote on these policy changes, I make sure to consider all different perspectives, potential consequences, and the potential benefits. I also think that it is very important to ask questions if I am unsure about something before making a decision. I believe it is very important to be well-informed before making a decision. This can be accomplished by reading the potential policy changes very thoroughly. These changes affect future council members and the Augustana community so it is very important for every council member to put in the time and effort into making sure they are well informed before making any decisions.

Ongoing Projects:

My main ongoing project has been developing the ASA Second Year Representative Instagram account that I created this year. I have tried to increase student engagement with this account by creating weekly Friday polls, advertising more club events, and adding more personal features. As I have been elected to be the next VP Communications, I also hope to start working with some of the current and future executives to start laying down the plans and foundation to make an ASA app which can be used by students hopefully sometime in the upcoming year. I am also working on making a detailed transition document for the next second year representative(s).
**Obstacles Encountered:**

The biggest obstacle I have encountered this semester is trying to get more student engagement. Most students know that they can win prizes at some events which definitely helps, but the amount of students who show up is still very low, even when there is an incentive. I have tried to be consistent with advertising ASA events and contests but for the remainder of the semester, my goal is to put in double the effort into advertising things the ASA and clubs are putting on to try and get as much student engagement as possible before the year comes to an end.

**Organizational Goals- Completed/Ongoing:**

I have found this semester pretty heavy in terms of extracurricular tasks, but it has helped that my courses are fairly easier compared to last semester. I have found a healthy balance between ASA work and my school work and I also believe I have had more time to focus on ASA related activities as well in comparison to the fall semester. From my perspective, I believe the ASA has put even more time and effort into their roles this semester and I am proud of everyone for the goals they have accomplished thus far.

**Future Recommendations:**

My future recommendations for council is that every member of council puts in time and effort into events and other initiatives the ASA puts on. When we work as a team, work can get done more efficiently and all of our unique ideas and voices as a result will be heard and recognized.