To: Augustana Students’ Council:

From: Muskan Aggarwal

Summary

Hey guys I can’t believe how quickly this year has flown by! The ASA did a great job this year trying to keep the Augustana community together just as it was when it was in person. We have done so well despite all the challenges we faced, as well as what I’ve learned from these experiences. I have met so many amazing people and attained so many new skills, I hope to be apart of the ASA again next year!

Events:

- Harry Potter Trivia Night
- ASA Halloween movie night
- Friends Trivia Night
- ASA Christmas movie night in December
- ASA AGT
- ASA with wellness weeks
- Casino Night
- Planning Last Class Bash / Casino Night
- Planning Attack on Titan Trivia night

Campaigns

No campaigns have been run this year.
Committee Membership:
Budget Committee
Initiative Committee
Activities Committee
ASA - Councillor at Large

Meeting Attendance:
Augustana Student Council Meeting: 45min - 1-hour minimum weekly meeting
Activities Committee Meeting: weekly 30-minute meeting
Budget committee meeting 30-min - 1-hour minimum meeting

Other Commitments:
Office Hours: 1 hour/week
Harry Potter Club: 2-3 hours/week
Asian Pacific Club: 1 hour/week
Wild Life Society: 1 hour/week
Augustana Ambassador: 1 hour/week

Rationale for Decision Making Process:
Given the number of policies the ASA has had to vote on this year it was pertinent to make sure I read and was able to comprehend what the policy changes were and how they affected those around me. Communication and questioning is essential to not only bring understanding to yourself but clarification for others as well. Therefore it is essential that we invest our time into making decisions that will help the ASA in the future.

Ongoing Projects:
There have been no ongoing projects this year.

Obstacles Encountered:
My response will mirror a lot of my fellow council members when I say that online is the biggest obstacle that I am facing. The only way to really overcome it is to hope that you are able to accommodate as many people as you can as well as make people forget about this whole nasty covid business even if it’s just for an hour or so. Student engagement has not only been a struggle for the ASA but every club, and faculty member within their classes this year. The motivation was at an all-time low and getting through to students and eliciting participation was the hardest. However, we must keep pushing forward and learn from our mistakes and triumphs for next fall.
Organizational Goals- Completed/Ongoing:
Because of how many extracurricular activities I am apart of I struggled with school and memorizing time commitments, as well as proper time management. However, at the beginning of the second semester, I bought a planner and my life became so much easier and I was able to get into the motion of things, so I was able to effectively plan my time around classes, the ASA and my other activities. This hasn’t been easy on anyone however, it is humbling to know that I’m not alone and that we are all helping each other to accomplish our goals.

Future Recommendations:
My only recommendations would be to encourage members to speak up more and voice their concerns and opinions about anything they feel (although as the year went on we did a really great job of this). I also hope that we have more team bonding throughout the year, such as game nights between execs just to relieve stress and build better bonds with each other. I also feel members should try to participate and take more initiative in group discussions as well as experience all that the ASA has to offer.