

DRAC Emergency Budget Meeting  
August 4, 2020

Attendance:

Rebecca McLean  
Quin Wilder  
Nicole Larson  
Colton Rasanen  
Amy Lazzell  
Travis Cram  
Patrick Roulet  
Megan McGinnis  
Kevin Harris  
Sean Lawrence  
Brenner Barclay  
Jack Herring  
Jeff Newcomer  
Erin Emry  
Erica Steele  
Heather Dalberg  
Keenan Kaemingk

Mandatory Fee Strike Team met August 3, 2020. Enrollment is down so student fee revenues are expected down by 10%.

We are being asked to consider reducing the S&A fee.

Student employees, classified staff, any programming that can be continued, we need to keep providing those services.

Yield saving if you can but preserve the integrity of our program and our programming. It is one of the best ways we have to support students.

We will need to readjust our budgets quarterly.

Travis Cram:

Hosting costs for tournaments.

Invest in technology to participate.

Employment Cost.

Forensics can do a cut above the 10% but conditional as long as things are on line.

Megan McGinnis:

Student Publications

Western Front relies on advertising revenue to make up 20% of the budget but we do not anticipate having much revenue with the local economy taking a hit. Off-set by no print costs. Western Front is the only publication that we know that will not be printed.

We can achieve 10% without taking a hit to programming. We could possibly do more as long as we don't go into reserves like we almost did last year. Quarterly publications will be online again as well. Student Publication can cut 10-15% without much problems.

Erin Emry

Theatre with a 12% reduction. Loss of ticket revenue but doing some streaming productions for dance and theatre. Focused on cutting travel, printing, program costs. We won't have to pay the theatre to be cleaned after performances or ticket service fees.

Erica Steele

IAA

Majority of expenses are travel costs to attend. Students attend 5 events every year. We are wondering about the travel ban that doesn't allow out of state travel through October 16 and it may be extended. That may allow us to reduce our budgets if students are not allowed to attend the events in the fall. We will not have any difficulty meeting the 10% cut and if travel is not permitted we can do more than 10%.

Patrick Roulet

Music

We can cut the 10% based on lower printing costs, we won't have the cost of cleaning, but we still have student salaries and staff salaries. As we move to the fall, we have potentially online performances that we will have to pay rights to the publishers. We are also looking at potentially bringing in guest artists to make things a little more interesting online. Global performing artists are not touring. We still want to make it enticing for students to participate in music. We can make a cut from 10 – 15% and maybe more if needed.

Jeff Newcomer

Racing situation is similar to IAA, money is for travel and there is only one competition. Whatever cuts we need to absorb we will and work with what needs to be remain. We may do a 100% cut because we are not optimistic we will be able to spend the money on travel this year. We are not sure when Racing is going to be allowed back in the lab.

Question:

If the club can come up with alternate activities for their members, is there an opportunity to propose those activities and do something different for this year.

Virtual events are a fraction of the cost of attending the event. We hope there will be opportunities but they will be much cheaper.

Salaries range between 40-50% of budgets except for Racing and IAA.

Turnaround of decisions by the end of close of business on Thursday is when we have to have our final potential cuts and justify any cuts we do not make.

Racing, IAA and Forensics have virtual competitions they can participate in, those our justifiable expenses. If Racing needs hands on experience building a vehicle then those are justifiable expenses. Experiences are as justifiable as salaries, giving students an opportunity to do something they are not normally able to do.

S&A Fee committee meeting on August 6, 2020 at 2:00. Travis Cram will not be available. Megan McGinnis and Jack Herring will be at the meeting with Rebecca.

Board of Trustees meeting is August 21, 2020 and public review mandated for 10 days.

Each program will prepare a 15% cut in budgets and quarterly budget reports and a paragraph of text to Rebecca McLean by 8/5/2020.

Meeting adjourned: 11:50