

DRAC Meeting
October 14, 2020
MS Teams

Attendance:

Amy Lazzell
Jack Herring
Ryan Meredith
Rebecca McLean
Jeanne Gaffney
Jeff Newcomer
Nicole Larson
Travis Cram
Christa Schulz
Keenan Kaemingk
Rich Brown
Vanessa Blackburn
Cynthia Horne
Darren McCroom
Heather Dalberg
Adam Hess
Allison Mazurek
Ella Banken
Erin Emry
Evan Shuster
Kevin Harris
Mary Piekarczyk
Megan McGinnis
Patrick Roulet
Quin Wilder
Sean Lawrence

Departmentally Related Activities Committee (DRAC) explanation representing the Departments of Communication (Forensics), Theatre & Dance, Student Publications Council, Music, Political Science (International Affairs Association) and WWU Racing (Engineering & Design; probationary)

Student Fees cannot grow more than 4% each year.

The Mandatory Fee strike force is currently meeting to determine if there are possible fee reductions.

Different constituencies advocate for each other and with each other the funding: sustain the process going forward, meet our needs. Work with cooperation.

Winter Quarter is a presentation to the S&A committee, explaining the constituencies, who we are, what we do and what we need. Shows university wide student access to activities.

Theatre – explains what they use funding for: design, festival, travel, etc. Bring in contracted artist to work with students – professional directors and choreographers.

Music – explains performing ensembles open to any student on campus: bands, jazz, orchestra, choirs, chamber music, ensembles, etc. Covers from the cost of music, facilities for stage managers, cleaning, etc. Support travel, tours, performing at high schools and community. Viking band, support athletics providing music. Guest artists perform with the students on stage. Student employees, librarian for choral, instrument, music libraries. Large inventory of instruments for students to borrow an instrument and maintenance.

Student Publications – made up of different publications on campus with a variety of different departments involved: Western Front, Klipsun Magazine, Planet Magazine through Huxley college and environmental studies. Campus wide all departments student publication produced once per year. The bulk of the funds are used primarily for payroll, student editor positions. Western Front also has a business office responsible for advertising and distribution of the Front. All

publications are working on boosting their online versions. The Front is going on line now. Providing publications to the campus community.

Forensics – The art of Public Speaking. The Western debate union. Support coaches who are able to provide training and expertise to any student. Open to all students and make sure they are trained and feel welcome to benefit from debate. Supports travel to new communities and perspectives and challenge ideas in a different world and culture away from you. Public debates and civic engagement. Participate in research and public speaking, international engagement to take debate globally and/or hosting international debate tours to bring the world to WWU.

IAA – Students go to competitions. There will be a virtual model of the United Nations. The International goals of WWU, public speaking skills and engage on international topics and public goods issues. A services events and program division, bringing international events to campus, conferences, and directly engages Western's international engagement goals. More engagement with local community. Much of our budget is travel related.

Racing – Sean is Team Captain of WWU racing club. Designs racecar from the ground up. A club open to all students, not just in the engineering department. They have English and Business majors, etc. It culminates with a competition that we engage at. There may be an in person portion that remains to be seen. It will be digital this year. We put the money into the development of the vehicle that we make. Our overall goal is to give our students hands on real world experience. We are beginning the development of Viking 63 - an electric car. The funding we have helps the students expand themselves and moving from concept to reality. Help the students be the best they can be and the vehicle they build is the end root to that goal.

Quick nominating for each position. Self-nominating is allowed.

S&A representative: Evan Shuster and Kevin Harris self-nominate. Heather Dalberg nominates Quin Wilder but he didn't accept the nomination.

Vote for Kevin Harris:

Kevin approved with 6 votes to approve.

Vote for Evan Shuster:
7 votes to approve.

Travis nominated Heather Dalberg as secretary. Rebecca McLean second.
Vote: Unanimous approval for Heather Dalberg as secretary.

Travis Cram self-nominated to be Chair. Kevin Harris seconds the nomination.
Vote: Travis Cram abstained. Unanimous vote to approve Travis Cram as Chair.

Kevin Harris self-nominated to be Vice-Chair. Unanimous vote to approve –
approved.

Strike team meeting on Friday regarding fees if they are to be reduced.

10:02 adjourned.