

DRAC Meeting
January 13, 2021
Zoom

Attendance:

Travis Cram
Rebecca McLean
Erica Steele
Vanessa Blackburn
Darren McCroom
Cynthia Horne
Allison Mazurek
Megan McGinnis
Nicole Larson
Ryan Meredith
Rich Brown
Evan Shuster
Patrick Roulet
Jeanne Gaffney
Mary Piekarczyk
Kevin Harris
Jack Herring
Keenan Kaemingk
Jeff Newcomer
Erin Emry
Evan Shuster
Heather Dalberg
Quin Wilder

Invited but not in attendance:

Amy Lazzell
AS VP for Activities
Jaya Flanary

Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2020

Minor spelling changes and deleting duplicate names:

Motion to approve: Vanessa Blackburn

Second motion: Kevin Harris

Approved by all voting members.

Determination if we can reduce our fee:

Mandatory fee meeting last Friday big picture:

The enrollment is not good between Fall 2020 and Winter 2021. There was a 7% decline. Normally it is 3 – 5% . We are above a normal decline. Current projected numbers are it will be an 11% decline between Fall and Spring. Some students are opting to not continue their education or put it on pause. The committee has charged us with two things:

1. Spring quarter need to decide if our group can request a reduced fee.
2. Summer quarter need to decide if we can take a reduction in our fee.

DRAC needs to produce 1 to 2 paragraph explanation on what the fees are done to support students. They understand programs have needs and funding, but are getting a lot of pushback that students are not getting enriching experiences for their fees. We need to emphasize how we are supporting students through our program during campus closures.

We need to decide if we can take a budget cut and how we are reacting for the spring and summer quarters.

Along with a statement for the S&A and Mandatory strike team, Rebecca would like a short 1 – 2 paragraph statement on how you are still using the fees that we can put on the DRAC website by January 19, 2021. We can reduce the paragraphs to one or two sentences for the S&A committee.

When student business office gets complaints, they can direct the reason for the fees to the DRAC website.

Kevin indicated there is also increased interest on how we can work together with the satellite offices and for students out of state. Opportunity to advertise, expand and invite new people in.

Odds are that there will be a reduction in summer more than a reduction in spring.

All of us will have a reduction no matter what. The question to answers is will it be larger than the drop that will occur due to lower enrollment?

Erin and Rebecca suggested: Any reduction DRAC makes in percentages would provide funding to other constituents under S&A. Theatre, Music and Student Publications are the biggest funding recipients. We are also the ones who are providing the students the most activities. Everyone in S&A should share equally in any reduction.

Rebecca McLean will be available to discuss reductions and statements this week.

DRAC constituents will meet again to discuss these reductions on January 20, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.