

DRAC Meeting Minutes 2/1/2023

- Members Present: Eleanor Scott, Jannah Hinthorne, Megan McGinnis, Rebecca McLean, Vanessa Blackburn, Gwen Pedersen, Julia Green, Anne Melo, Nikki Larson, Rax Organa, Lyd Haindfield, Darren McCroom, Travis Cram, Jeanne Gaffney, Erin Emry, Finn Kurtz, Allison Mazurek, Amy Lazzell, Noah Schexnayder, Lisa Beard, Jack Herring, Timothy Fitzpatrick.
- Motion to approve Meeting Minutes as modified from 1/25/23.
 - Darren McCroom moves the motion.
 - Amy Lazzell seconds the motion.
 - Unanimous approval.
- Presentations
 - Forensics
 - WWU's Nationally Recognized Speech and Debate Program
 - Over 75 years of history and excellence. The program embraces community building, civil engagement, academic rigor.
 - DRAC funds sustain Forensics through Competition and Travel, Personnel, Community Engagement, and Hosting, and Student Scholarship.
 - AEDI – Debate is an exercise in advocacy. Debate pedagogy emphasizes finding student voices to debate issues like social justice.
 - Forensics also works to reduce barriers, such as economic strain – the more they can do to lower barriers, the more diverse the body of students.
 - Debate develops skillsets in communications, confidence, finding your voice, etc.
 - 14-15 student in core group, 50-150 students that come and go, 40 students a year engage in competitions.
 - Modality of competitions depends on year – most recently, 30% of competitions were online. As of now, there's been online, hybrid, and in-person.
 - Racing
 - On-campus team that builds race cars.
 - Operates as Engineering Business structure, but open to all WWU students.
 - Professional development through competing in Formula SAE competition.
 - Mission: To produce the best students possible.
 - First time in teams' history with female majority leadership.
 - 4 out of 9 system leads majoring outside of ENGD department.
 - Successfully took Viking 63 with WWU's first electric formula.
 - Currently in manufacturing season for Viking 64.
 - Need to include more specific AEDI content? – Reaching out to diverse audience, intentionally calling attention to how Racing is weaving AEDI into their program, etc.
 - Student Publications
 - Showcases diverse talent in producing journalism, arts, literature, and research.
 - Student Publications:
 - Klipsun – long form journalism
 - The Front – online newspaper
 - Jeopardy – artistic and literary journal
 - The Planet – award winning environmental publication (only environmental undergrad publication in US)
 - Occam's Razor – undergrad academic research publication

- Provides over 50 student jobs each quarter.
 - Student Pubs Budget: \$429,347
 - 52% Student Pay, Admin Pay 22%, Print Costs 16%, Misc. & Equip. 9%
 - Drastic increase in students picking up and reading physical copies of journals.
 - AEDI – student publications exist to support diversity, build community, and highlight student voices.
- Presentation Notes:
 - Should we have a more uniform slideshow across the presentations?
 - Presentations should have more info about AEDI within programs – actively show S & A what we do to promote AEDI.
 - Student Pubs can help create cohesive slideshow to present to S & A.
- Update on S & A emails:
 - They'll be going over the best way to incorporate AEDI language.
 - Winter S & A fee distribution received. We've received 62.4% of our requested funds, meaning we're receiving 4.5% less of what we asked for. Budget planners, please be aware of what you need to operate fully vs. what's extraneous. For example, wage is going up and you'll need to set aside funds for that. Ask for you what you need to properly operate, but also makes note of what operations/activities you can reduce.