

DRAC Meeting: 5/11/2022

Location: [Zoom](#)

Attendance:

Alec Newton
Allison Mazurek
Amy Lazzell
Anne Melo
Caylee Caldwell
Darren McCroom
Erin Emry
Jack Herring
Jeanne Gaffney
Jeff Newcomer
Johnathon Lyons
Lisa Beard
Lyd Haindfeld
Mary Piekarczyk (she/they)
Megan McGinnis
Nicole Larson
Patrick Roulet
Quin Wilder
Rebecca McLean
Rich Brown
Travis Cram
Vanessa Blackburn

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Agenda items:

1. Approval of 4/20 meeting minutes. Patrick requested an edit related to funding the difference in funds to rebuild the grand piano. "The remaining \$10,000 will be self-sustaining and FY 2023 DRAC allocation funds to make up the difference." Minutes unanimously approved as amended. Motion to approve by Mary Piekarczyk. Second by Quin Wilder.
2. Share news from S&A meeting
 - a. Travis shared that the S&A Committee has decided to raise fee by maximum 4%.
 - b. Still discussing how to distribute revenue collected to the four constituent groups. May use last year's distribution percentages or something different.
 - c. Latest enrollment projections anticipate a decline in enrollment, possibly around 14,277, a 1.1% decrease.
 - d. Each constituent group has a different interpretation of how to approach budget preparations; Associated Students has asked to consider request numbers but other three groups don't feel that is a fair representation of need. The AS approach would require DRAC to revise budgets to more fully represent need.

Travis asked budget preparers to share their perspective about the feasibility of updating their budgets.

1. Travis shared that he doesn't feel the time involved would be feasible or meaningful at this point in the quarter.
2. Patrick shared concerns about capacity in busy departments.
3. Rich Brown echoed concerns above.
4. Lisa Beard said the budget preparations involves tremendous work and not reasonable to ask of budget staff.
5. Quin shared that he and Mary are advocating at S&A Fee Committee meetings to continue the more traditional approach but wants to better understand the concerns of the Associated Students.

3. Vote on WWU Racing probationary status

- a. Travis provided an overview of the Charter language which requires new constituent groups to undergo a three-year probationary period with a vote at the end of the probationary period. Racing is at the end of their third year.
- b. Quin made a motion to vote. Second by Mary.
- c. Discussion/Comments:
 - a) Erin stated Racing's students have been engaged and doing great work.
 - b) Patrick agreed and voiced his support.
 - c) Rebecca shared that working with Allison and other Racing students on the budget process has been enjoyable and she supports their full membership, though she is not a voting member.
 - d) Darren agreed and voiced his support.
 - e) Quin agreed and voiced his support. Students have put a lot of effort into making DRAC a good place for all constituent groups along with promoting their own activities.
 - f) Travis agreed that Racing brings a lot to the table.
 - g) Megan applauded Allison's efforts over the last three years to bring Racing into DRAC.
 - h) Racing was unanimously approved as a full member of DRAC.

4. Vote on earmarks

- a. Student Publications

Megan McGinnis presented two earmark requests.

 1. Save all budgeted computer purchases to after June 30, on the advice of Purchasing and IT.
 2. Save any leftover student hourly pay to next year in the event of any shortfall due to lower enrollment projections.
- b. Forensics

Travis presented an earmark request presented earlier in their budget proposal.

 1. Save all unused funds in travel categories for travel next year. Anticipate about \$15,000, due to pandemic travel restrictions.

c. Theatre and Dance

Erin Emry presented an earmark request.

1. Request to earmark \$20,000 for use next year to help with anticipated inflation. Specific needs include scenery and costume supplies, student hourly and labor cost increases, shop equipment expenses.

Travis moved to approve two earmark requests from Student Publications for computer purchases and student hourly, the earmark request from Forensics for \$15,000 in travel expenses and Theatre and Dance's request to earmark \$20,000 to use for anticipated inflation and equipment needs.

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Final spring quarter meeting.

Will need to meet one more time to review IAA's earmark request, consider any S&A and enrollment updates and associated challenges, discuss the meeting format for next year and determine DRAC chairmanship for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am