

## Memorandum

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Subject: Final UX Redesign

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### **Introduction:**

Over the course of the semester, I have worked on improving the Robotics Club at Iowa State™'s website. When completing a round of usability testing on a Figma prototype of a website redesign, I made eight recommendations for how to make the website more user friendly. After completing the usability testing, I transformed the Figma prototype into a WordPress website and throughout the process, I made improvements to the site based on those recommendations. This memo outlines how I improved the website based on those recommendations.

### **Recommendation 1: Integrate more pictures and videos**

In the second round of usability tests, I realized users truly valued media content on the site. Thus, I added many more pictures and videos. On the “About” page, I added more photos and moved them to the accordion so that users would not need to scroll through lots of photos. On the “Projects” page, I used a plugin to add sliders of CAD drawings and photos of club members working and the final projects. I also added videos of their projects to that page. The club still needs to take a new club picture, so I was unable to add that to the site.

### **Recommendation 2: Improve the text's proportions.**

Usability test participants complained that the text proportions were jarring on the Figma prototype. As a result, I utilized the headings and paragraphs in the theme to help titles stand out more. I also did an informal usability test with a friend to see if they thought the text proportions were better. They found the proportions much better than the Figma drawing's text proportions. I would need to complete more usability testing to know for sure if the website needs more work to fully meet the recommendation.

### **Recommendation 3: Include specific details about club members' requirements and duties.**

At the end of their session, participants still had questions about the Robotics Club. Therefore, using a plugin, I added an accordion to the “About” page that answered common questions about the club member requirements or duties that I gathered from the usability testing.

### **Recommendation 4: Add current club testimonials to explain the advantages of the club.**

Participants enjoyed the humane-aspects of the Figma prototype, so on the “Officers” page, I added testimonials and quotes from the club officers to their pop-ups.

### **Recommendation 5: Match the language of all buttons or links going to the same page.**

Many participants did not realize that buttons on the site led to the same page if the buttons used different verbiage. Thus, I went through all of the buttons on each page and ensured they used the same verbs. However, the buttons did not always have exactly the same wording because I wanted the buttons to also fit the situation that they were being used in, which meant the exact same wording did not always work.

**Recommendation 6: Ensure that all clickable features' interactivity is obvious**

Some participants did not realize the officers' pictures on the "Officers" page were clickable. Consequently, I used a plugin to confirm all images had a hovering effect. I also made columns, such as the columns about the projects on the homepage, hover if they linked to other content.

**Recommendation 7: Include specific contact information for projects.**

Participants said they would contact the project directors if they had more questions about the projects. Hence, I added a section to each project on the "Projects" page allowing users to directly contact the project directors.

**Recommendation 8: Enhance the site navigation on a mobile device**

In the mobile device usability test, the user struggled to find pages only located in the navigation bar. As a result, I guaranteed all pages were linked to on the homepage. I changed the "Meet the Club" button to a heading and added two buttons (one for the "About" page and one for the "Officers" page) underneath it. Additionally, I changed the "Join the Club" button that was located towards the bottom of the homepage to be a button linking to the "Outreach" page.

**Other Changes:**

As I transformed the Figma drawing into WordPress, I discovered creative features and blocks from the WordPress template that I chose. I applied the features and blocks to my redesign when I thought it would further improve the users' experiences. Additionally, I made changes to the website when I struggled to get the WordPress template to do what I imagined it would. Honestly, transforming my Figma design did not go quite as smoothly as I had hoped, but I think the website still turned out much better than the original Robotics Club website.

**Conclusion**

In summary, through making these changes, I further enhanced the updated Robotics Club's website. I am excited to see the club use this new website and proud to see how my user experience skills improved throughout the semester.

I hope this document helps you to understand how I improved the final redesign based on the second round of usability testing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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