

DRAC Meeting – Wednesday, May 1st 2019

Voting members present: Christopher Bianco (by phone), Darren McCroom, Jim DeWilde, Travis Cram, Cynthia Horne, Cameron, Alex Miles,

Non-voting members present: Rebecca McLean, Juliet Knowles, Megan McGinnis, Erin Emry, Ryan Meredith, Nikki Larson, Harley Kyger also present on behalf of WWU Racing

Reviewed meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes – Travis Cram

Seconded – Darren McCroom

Questions about WWU Racing

Erin Emery: How many students are involved in year average?

45 people considered to be involved, +/- 10-15

How would you spend it?

Business and marketing – business team tries to host fundraisers, getting things made for the team, being able to represent Western gives students more experience in graphic design. Would like to provide framed pictures for sponsors.

Just a general budget. Engineering costs are just for the car.

Do you have a Foundation Fund?

Yes.

Cynthia Horne: Looked at the criteria, looks like they qualify.

There is a three-year waiting period for constituents joining DRAC, to make sure they are representing themselves accordingly.

Travis Cram: The criteria we're asking to judge by is relatively vague. How can you better amplify the competition? Anything can be boiled down to how it improves the university, DRAC may change the mission? Clearer role of faculty input.

- Limited lab hours with faculty, sustainability (all funding at this time is private donations), enabling team to have some source of funding for them to rely on. Without consistent funding, it's hard to ask other departments to get involved. For the electric vehicle competition, other schools are often backed by their universities. We never advocate for students not reach out for sponsorship.

Tech inspections / safety / industry rep presentations / reach out to faculty members

If funding the Race Team, DRAC would be supporting STEM, which may be a positive argument to bring to the S&A committee and perhaps get more funding.

We still have to discuss the eligibility of the B Gallery. Juliet moved to table the decision, Alex seconded.