

DRAC Meeting  
April 29, 2020  
ZOOM Meeting

Attendance:

Travis Cram  
Rebecca McLean  
Patrick Roulet  
Carolyn Nielsen  
Erica Steele  
Brenner Barclay  
Allison Mazurek  
Austin Mellinger  
Heather Dalberg  
Darren McCroom  
Erica Steele  
Erin Emry  
Jeff Newcomer  
Jordan Kiel  
Kevin Harris  
Nicole Larson  
Phoebe DeMeerleer  
Quin Wilder  
Ryan Meredith  
Steven VanderStaay  
Vicki Hsueh  
Ichi Kwon  
Jeanne Gaffney

Carolyn Nielsen stressed that Student Publications is not cutting salaries.  
Motion to approve minutes as amended with Student Publications, IAA and attendance tweaks.  
Patrick Roulet moved to approve the minutes and Darren McCroom seconded.  
Minutes approved

Budget Overview presented by Rebecca McLean.

Everyone was able to keep their operating budget for academic year within 0% growth. In the Spring 20 column, because all of the classes are online, Theatre cut all their shows, and Publications **cut** their printing costs. Our summer budget is showing a big decrease in requested revenue due to cancellations. Our annual budget has a single change compared to the year before; Rebecca included Racing, and that is about 1% of our overall DRAC ask. It should be an acceptable increase to S&A and at least present a good case in presenting them in our budget request.

Regular academic year we have asked for a 0% change with an exception of a \$15,000 request to accommodate Racing.

Clarifying when DRAC had to take **drastic** cuts: it occurred for Spring of 20 only. Budget office requested we reduce our costs as much as possible. When restrictions went into place and classes went all online we could not engage in many of the activities that would not occur for events and productions for spring quarter.

Huge budget cuts for the summer because Theatre & Dance are not putting on any productions this summer. It makes it appear we have so much left over but instead it reflects funding not being requested because they are not able to put on any shows, reducing our Summer ask this one time.

Music explained their summer budget increase request. They have a large collection of instruments not maintained, lost track of where they are, not a good inventory. We planned to fix this over the summer while we have time, create inventory, see what shape they are in, have staff take care some of the maintenance, and if we need to cut it we would but deferred maintenance will cost more in the long-run. Two student positions hired to do the work of cleaning, maintenance and inventory.

Travis clarified events at S&A last week: Student recreation is asking for a repeat of the last year, no changes. Athletics is asking for a \$60,000 increase due to raises and minimum wage increases.

DRAC moved to decide how to deal with the increase due to Racing being added to the funding cycle.

Option 1:

We want same budget as before except the \$15,000 for racing which is far less than athletics is asking for. Athletics did no reducing in the Spring, but DRAC took a big hit.

Option 2: Deal with the racing requests with DRAC reserve requests but forward a budget that asks for 0% change from the year before and handle racing internally.

Discussion with DRAC members.

Motion: Putting forward this budget as is and request from S&A a 15,000 increase.

Travis moves to use this budget as presented for the academic year with the broad parameters being a 0% change compared to the previous academic year with the exception of a \$15,000 increase to fund racing.

Vicky Hsueh second.

Discussion request. No discussion.

Vote in the message option.

10 votes in for approval

Thank you Admin Managers and especially to Rebecca for a challenging puzzle, a complex organization and for her time making this budget request possible and how important it is for our students.

Rebecca comments there are some constituents because of their budget cuts for spring and for next year may have requests for earmarking funding from reserves. It would be helpful to have those requests sooner than later. Student Publications are only published annually and were not able to publish this spring. Student publication should put a request to earmark funds for those two publications to be published when students are back on campus. DRAC recognizes their efforts and support their efforts in the future. They are designing for print with the hope they can earmark funds. We may need to meet again in two or three weeks and that will be a good time to update how the S&A committee is progressing with our requests.

Spring revenues were above the emergency budget requests. S&A chair is trying to make a decision of when the committee of what the final distribution will be. We will know soon if DRAC will have any funding given back in support for spring quarter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46.