

UND University Senate Budget Committee

Meeting of 22 August 2017

Minutes

Present: John Shabb, Terra Jorgenson, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Tom DiLorenzo, Cindy Fetsch, Barry Brode, Ken Flanagan, Hannah Carlson, Richard Wise, Brad Myers, Jeff Holm, Dexter Perkins, Bill Caraher, Chris Petschen, Ryan Zerr

Absent: Jeff VanLooy, Sarah Abentroth, Kathy Smart

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm. John Shabb presided.

No objections were made to the minutes from the May 9, 2017, meeting -- as distributed. As such, the minutes were approved.

Members introduced themselves, giving an indication of their time of service on the committee and the constituency which they represent.

Tom DiLorenzo spent time discussing his expectations regarding the year's work of the committee, noting the new One UND strategic plan and how it will help focus budgeting priorities.

John Shabb reviewed the committee's charge, as it was recently approved by the Senate Executive Committee at its May meeting. Revisions came about as part of the last few years' work of the committee, and reflect its evolving nature with the advent of the MIRA budget model.

John Shabb gave an update on the implementation of the MIRA budget model. Full implementation began on July 1, 2017. Effort has already been underway over the summer to make necessary refinements to the budget model, and meetings to aid support units in understanding how MIRA applies to their activities were held. Mr. Shabb noted base and enhanced levels of service from support units, remarking on the difficulties associated with determining where to draw the line between these two service levels.

John Shabb raised the topic of what the committee's goals for the year should be. Suggestions included:

- Continuing the process of educating campus about the functioning of MIRA.
- Have the committee request that primary units articulate and communicate budget plans. More specifically, units which must be subvented should provide rationales for how they'll operate in a more fiscally responsible way in the future.
- Receive and review budget information from units across campus and help ensure consistency across campus.

An update on budget-related questions received by the University Senate was given. The intent is for the committee to solicit and receive these types of questions for the upcoming year, and to continue to provide responses.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.