

Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 3/28

The SBRRRC received seven budget-related comments submitted through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#) this past week. These comments and our responses are posted at the University Senate [Budget Information page](#). Some of the issues raised include airplanes, Trump budget cuts, and creating a winter inter-session.

Other budget-related developments:

- The legislature is on schedule to submit a budget to the Governor by April 14 – ten days before the end of the legislative session.
- The School of Medicine and Health Sciences draft budget reduction plan is summarized in a March 28 UND Today article (<http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2017/03/menu-of-options/>).
- The Athletic department budget reduction plan is summarized in a March 30 UND Today article (<http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2017/03/painful-step/>).
- As of March 28, of the 21 voluntary separation agreements issued to faculty, two have been accepted, one has been declined, and 17 are still being considered.
- Predictive analytics was used to identify 500 prospective students who were 30-70% likely to enroll at UND. This past weekend 15-20 faculty volunteered their time (thank you!) to call these students and encourage them and answer questions. The rate of enrollment of contacted students will be compared with a similar group of students who were not contacted to determine the effectiveness of this recruiting strategy.
- The Vice President for Finance is exploring consolidating summer session classes into fewer buildings in order to save on operating costs.

Send us your budget-related comments through the University Senate's Feedback and Suggestions website at <http://und.edu/university-senate/feedback.cfm>. or contact any member of the SBRRRC directly.

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