

Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 4/11

The SBRRRC received five 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](#). Comments focus on creative solutions to budget cuts, women's hockey, health insurance, and strategic planning. There are also follow-ups on the Ray Richards Golf Course and complexities of building use.

Budget-related developments:

- The estimated legislative adjournment date is now looking like April 21 or later.
- The Provost's weekly budget forum continues with a strategic planning theme for April 19 and 26. Forums are 3 pm Wednesdays in Education Room 7.
- President Kennedy will lead a special session on the strategic plan May 5, 2:30 pm in the Memorial Union Lecture Bowl.
- The MIRA team is meeting with primary unit budget managers over the next couple of weeks to update budget models, and then to adjust the models once the FY17 budget is determined.
- The Provost indicates that sabbaticals/developmental leaves are on track for 15 faculty for the coming year.
- Sol Jensen presented highlights of brand research recently concluded by a marketing firm. Results from surveys, interviews and focus groups confirm that UND lacks a unified brand promise. The [presentation](#) can be found on the Provost's website.

The SBRRRC heard from Frank Swiontek, Interim Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and David Flynn, Chair of Economics and Finance about the recent initiative to apply predictive analytics to drive budget-related decision making. Predictive analytics has the potential to identify factors that predict, for example, student enrollment and retention. Challenges remain to apply analytics to determine productivity at the college and program levels.

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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