

## Senate Budget Committee update 6/16/17

Though the University Senate Budget Committee is in summer recess, UND's budget process does not rest. This is the first in a series of occasional summer updates that will help keep you informed of budget-related developments on campus.

The SBC received one budget-related comment in May through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#). The writer, Eric E. Johnson (Law), raises budgetary and ethical concerns about SafeConnect. The comment and a response from Madhavi Marasinghe, UND Chief Information Officer, is posted on the University Senate [Budget Information page](#).

Budget-related developments:

- President Kennedy is reserving 1% of UND's 4-9% SBHE-approved tuition increases to begin addressing \$500 million in deferred maintenance (see [May 9 UND Today story](#)).
- Strategic Plan implementation is underway. Captains and Managers have been identified for each goal (see [May 30 UND Today story](#)) and team members are being selected (see [June 6 UND Today story](#)).
- According to a [June 11 Grand Forks Herald story](#), UND extended the deadline for finalizing some voluntary separation decisions to the end of the first week in July.
- The State Board of Higher Education will be reviewing two budget-related UND proposals at its June 27 meeting.
  - [Raze 39 UND apartment buildings](#) to realize savings of more than \$1 M in operating and repair costs. The proposed action is part of the UND campus master plan.
  - [Amend scope of work for deferred maintenance](#) including transfers of previously approved deferred maintenance funds from Merrifield to O'Kelly and from Montgomery to Clifford Halls. The purpose for the change is a "re-focusing of maintenance priorities for improved ROI in facility function especially as it relates to student impact".

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 SBC member directly.

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