

Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 2/14

Thanks to those who shared their comments with the SBRRRC through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#) these past few days. These comments are posted at the University Senate [Budget Information page](#) along with responses developed by the committee from information it has been able to gather. This is what is on your mind: remodeling costs, health insurance, voluntary leave, four-day school week, and the administration's share of budget reductions. We don't have all the answers, but we hope the information we're able to provide will shed just a little light on how these concerns might play out as we move forward.

Here are some other observations from our latest meeting:

- The VPAA has sent data to Deans regarding graduate and undergraduate classes with enrollments of less than 8 or 12 respectively. It is our understanding that this is not a hard cut-off, but rather data to inform the Deans as they make their budget decisions.
- Revised academic unit draft budget reduction proposals are due to the VPAA this week. These revisions will clarify the types of proposed cuts made in the February 3 drafts. The VPAA will be expecting permanent reductions in the funding base as opposed to temporary reductions.
- The deadline for submitting applications for voluntary faculty and staff separations was February 15. This has a major bearing on how the budget reduction process will proceed.
- So far, the SBRRRC's perspective on the budget process is limited to that of the VPAA and those units that report to him. We do not yet have any budget reduction plans from the other five vice presidents or other units that report directly to the president. We will continue to ask for that kind of information.

We want to keep hearing from you, so please send us your comments through the University Senate's Feedback and Suggestions website at <http://und.edu/university-senate/feedback.cfm> or by contacting any member of the SBRRRC directly.

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