

Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 2/21

This is a resending of last week's update but with a live link to the University Senate Budget Information page which now contains last week's Feedback and SBRRRC responses.

The SBRRRC received six budget-related comments communicated either through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#) or directly through SBRRRC members this past week. These comments and our responses are posted at the University Senate [Budget Information page](#). Topics include teaching percent effort, strategic planning, disenfranchisement, increasing enrollment caps, and another look at health insurance.

Here are some other observations from our latest meeting:

- Ideally, data will drive budget decisions. The directive for all units to plan for a 12% reduction temporarily places this process in the back seat. The importance of data will grow as April approaches and the full extent of the budget reduction will be determined by the state government.
- Starting this week the VPAA will be leading a campus-wide budget forum every Wednesday at 3 pm in Education Room 7. These meetings will continue for the foreseeable future. These will be your chance to ask your questions directly to the administration.
- The voluntary separations application period ended last week. The list includes eight phased retirements, 18 tenured faculty voluntary separations, and 95 staff voluntary separations. This begins a 45-day period before final decisions are made.
- *UND Today* is the official go-to place to find out what the administration is thinking. Though this official publication's primary function is public relations, it is here that the administration chooses to make its efforts on the budget reduction process known to the wider community. New budget-related stories are being issued as often as twice a week.

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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