

Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 3/7

The SBRRRC received ten 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 barriers to undergraduate enrollment in graduate courses, Digital Data, mandatory retirement, the tenure process, and flights to Bismarck.

Here are some recent budget-related developments:

- The President met with legislators this week to advocate for UND. His presentation and handouts can be found at <http://und.edu/president/legislative-matters-2017.cfm>
- The latest North Dakota revenue forecast was released on Thursday.
- Most faculty and staff who applied for voluntary separation or phased retirement will learn this week if their application was approved or denied. Once the agreement is signed the 45 day decision period will begin.
- Draft budget reduction plans from vice presidents will be made publicly available on Friday of this week.
- The March 8 budget forum was devoted to explaining the President's \$3M marketing plan. The PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://und.edu/provost/index.cfm>
- The Provost indicated that to the extent a tuition increase is allowed in this biennium, lowering the student/faculty ratio will be the first consideration.

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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