

## Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 3/21

The SBRRRC received six 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](#). Issues raised include capacity and program growth, the Cheer and Dance Team, elimination of positions, and the EERC.

Other budget developments:

- Local legislators anticipate that any additional budget adjustments will be by means other than further reductions in higher education budgets.
- At the national level The Trump administration's call for a 20% reduction in NIH funding, if enacted, will likely have a negative impact on biomedical research at UND.
- The School of Medicine and Health Sciences unveiled its budget reduction plan on March 23.
- Tuition increases have not been set by the state yet, but will likely be limited to 3%. President Kennedy continues to advocate for not placing restrictions on how tuition increases may be used.

This past meeting, SBRRRC heard about the status of MIRA, UND's new incentive-based budget model. MIRA is currently in its shadow year and will be implemented once this year's budget reduction process is finalized. The move to MIRA will occur over multiple years with more funds initially being set aside to ease the transition from the incremental model. The ultimate goal is to establish a budget that is more transparent and more responsive to strategic planning.

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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