

Senate Budget Committee update 7/17/17

This is the second of occasional summer updates that will help keep you informed of budget-related developments on campus.

The SBC received two budget-related comment through the University Senate's [Feedback and Suggestions website](#). Topics include the Hyslop swimming pool and transparency of the MIRA budget model. Read comments and responses on the University Senate [Budget Information page](#).

Budget-related developments:

- Implementation of the [Strategic Plan](#) remains a top priority. [Committee members](#) have been announced for most goals (see [June 20 UND Today story](#)).
- Beginning this week, seven campus buildings along and north of the University Avenue corridor will be razed before the fall semester starts (see [July 16 Forum story](#)). The first to go is the Strinden Center. Other buildings on the list with University Avenue frontage include the International Center and Era Bell Thompson Cultural Center. The [plan to demolish these buildings](#) was approved at the [April 27 State Board of Higher Education meeting](#). The action, which also includes the eventual demolition of Chandler Hall (see [May 4 UND Today story](#)) will save more than \$1 million in annual operating costs and \$32 million in deferred maintenance. These actions are aligned with the [2016 Campus Master Plan](#) to reduce UND's footprint and control maintenance costs.
- MIRA Support Unit training continues as representatives begin to define base and enhanced services to support the missions of the various academic and auxiliary units on campus. Under MIRA, the primary units set aside a portion of their budgets to pay for the \$63 million in services (FY16) provided by the support units.

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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