

UND Budget, Restructuring, & Reallocation Committee

Meeting of 28 February 2017

Minutes

Present: Mary Askim-Lovseth, John Shabb, Tom DiLorenzo, Barry Brode, Melissa Gjellstad, Sarah Abentroth, Bill Caraher, Dex Perkins, Carenee Barkdull, Cindy Fetch, Chris Petschen, Hannah Carlson, Brad Myers, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Kathy Smart, Ryan Zerr

Absent: Terra Jorgenson, Thomasine Heitkamp

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm. John Shabb presided.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the 14 February 2017 and 21 February 2017 meetings, which was seconded. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

There was discussion of the draft charge introduced at the 14 February 2017 meeting. Points related to the recent history of the committee, the development of the MIRA budget model, and committee membership were raised. There was a motion (Zerr) to recommend the charge to the University Senate, as distributed, except by replacing the term "MIRA" by "budget model" and adding – at any point where the VPAA is mentioned – the VP for Health Affairs. The motion was seconded (Gjellstad), and further discussion ensued. A friendly amendment was offered to strike the last sentence of point 1 in the draft charge. This was accepted. A second friendly amendment, pertaining to point 3 in the draft charge, was made – to omit the final clause. This was also accepted. The motion was then voted upon and approved unanimously.

There was a discussion about key items the committee should address over the upcoming weeks. Issues related to the professional support needs of faculty, the optimal size of the institution's faculty, and the need for greater specificity regarding the plan for addressing the budget issues.

There was a discussion about feedback the committee has received since last week's meeting. This included a return to topics brought forward at previous meetings – such as the use of Digital Measures data and the potential negative effects of increasing class sizes in English 110 and English 130.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.