

## UND Budget, Restructuring, & Reallocation Committee

Meeting of 7 February 2017

### Minutes

Present: Mary Askim-Lovseth, John Shabb, Tera Jorgenson, Tom DiLorenzo, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Barry Brode, Carenee Barkdull, Melissa Gjellstad, Sara Abentroth, Cindy Fetch, Thomasine Heitkamp, Sima Noganian, Phil Gerla, Dana Harsell, Ryan Zerr

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

Mr. Shabb called attention to the committee's charge, asking members to acquaint themselves with the charge as a baseline for the work for the remainder of the semester.

There was general discussion regarding what the committee wants to accomplish during the remainder of the semester. Ideas which emerged from this discussion were:

- Establish effective communication with upper administration regarding the current budgetary constraints facing the university.
- Establish effective communication with the University Senate, and the university community generally, regarding the current budgetary constraints facing the university.
- Help upper administration generate ideas for solutions to budget-related challenges.
- Gather and receive accurate budget-related information and associated metrics.
- Take a university-wide perspective in its deliberations.

Regarding communication strategies, there was discussion regarding the best ways to communicate with campus – both in terms of disseminating and receiving information. In the near term the committee will plan to communicate summaries of its activities via the U Letter and/or direct emails to campus from Jan Orvik.

Regarding currently-available data, there was general discussion about the college budget reduction proposals made available to the committee during the last few days. The Provost indicated that more information will be made available in the near future. Committee members offered thoughts on additional information that would be helpful for providing context for any budget-related decisions.

Meeting times for the remainder of the semester were discussed. It was agreed that weekly meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30, for the foreseeable future.

The meeting ended with a general discussion about the nature of the budget-cutting process moving ahead.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.