UN Budget, Restructuring, & Reallocation Committee
Meeting of 21 March 2017
Minutes

Present: Mary Askim-Lovseth, John Shabb, Tom DiLorenzo, Bill Caraher, Cindy Fetsch, Chris Petschen, Terra Jorgenson, Dex Perkins, Jeff Holm, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Barry Brode, Sarah Abentroth, Thomasine Heitkamp, Hannah Carlson, Melissa Gjellstad, Ryan Zerr

Absent: Kathy Smart

Guests: Carla Stewart, Odella Fuqua

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

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the 7 March meeting, as amended per remarks made at the meeting, which was seconded. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

There was a report on the MIRA budget model implementation process by Carla Stewart and Odella Fuqua. A general question and answer period followed.

Reports were given on the following topics:

- The budget process (Tom DiLorenzo): With the past week being spring break, there has not been much activity since the report on this topic made at the last meeting. There was some discussion about the Legislature's latest efforts at developing the state budget.

- Data being used as part of the budget process (Tom DiLorenzo): Mention was made of the college budget templates that were made public recently. Discussions with colleges and support units are ongoing, with possible adjustments made based on updated tuition forecasts.

- Feedback received by the University Senate regarding the current budget process (Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm): A number of comments have been received since the last meeting. As in recent weeks, a summary of the comments, plus associated feedback, will be posted to the University Senate website.

There was a discussion about how decisions are made regarding tenure lines relative to budgetary issues, and the role the BRRC might play in helping to make those decisions.

The BRRC discussed whether it should continue meeting weekly for two hours, whether the activities it has recently undertaken have been useful in dealing with the budgetary situation, and generally how to move forward with the committee’s work for the remainder of the semester. Motion was made to meet every other week instead of every week. Hearing no second, the motion failed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.