Senate Budget Restructuring and Reallocation Committee update 3/28

The SBRRC received seven 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. Some of the issues raised include airplanes, Trump budget cuts, and creating a winter inter-session.

Other budget-related developments:

- The legislature is on schedule to submit a budget to the Governor by April 14 – ten days before the end of the legislative session.
- The School of Medicine and Health Sciences draft budget reduction plan is summarized in a March 28 UND Today article (http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2017/03/menu-of-options/).
- The Athletic department budget reduction plan is summarized in a March 30 UND Today article (http://blogs.und.edu/und-today/2017/03/painful-step/).
- As of March 28, of the 21 voluntary separation agreements issued to faculty, two have been accepted, one has been declined, and 17 are still being considered.
- Predictive analytics was used to identify 500 prospective students who were 30-70% likely to enroll at UND. This past weekend 15-20 faculty volunteered their time (thank you!) to call these students and encourage them and answer questions. The rate of enrollment of contacted students will be compared with a similar group of students who were not contacted to determine the effectiveness of this recruiting strategy.
- The Vice President for Finance is exploring consolidating summer session classes into fewer buildings in order to save on operating costs.

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 SBRRC directly.

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