UND Budget, Restructuring, & Reallocation Committee

Meeting of 4 April 2017 – DRAFT

Minutes

Present: John Shabb, Tom DiLorenzo, Bill Caraher, Terra Jorgenson, Dex Perkins, Barry Brode, Sarah Abentroth, Melissa Gjellstad, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm, Mary Askim-Loveseth, Jeff Holm, Hannah Carlson, Brad Myers, Kathy Smart, Chris Petschen, Ryan Zerr

Absent: Cindy Fetsch, Thomasine Heitkamp

Guests: Stephanie Walker, Andrew Haffner (GF Herald)

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

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the 28 March meeting, which was seconded. Motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

There was discussion about funding challenges faced by the Chester Fritz Library. Materials were forwarded to the BRRC (presented at the March 7 BRRC meeting) by the University Senate Executive Committee, which partly informed the discussion. Specific points related to input provided by the committee members related to funding categories like (i) those raised by the Alumni Association & Foundation; (ii) those that come from student fees; (iii) those that flow from MIRA; and (iv) those that involve library-initiated cost-saving measures. A recommendation was made to have the Dean of Libraries approach the MIRA Support Unit Allocation Committee, as well as pursue other ideas discussed by the BRRC, and report back to the BRRC as soon as possible.

A report was made by the subcommittee of the BRRC working on developing guidelines for making decisions about the funding of tenure lines. There was a motion made to forward the subcommittee’s recommendations to the Provost, the Senate Executive Committee, and the Dean’s Council, which was seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion was voted upon and carried unanimously. The chair of the committee will forward the document as directed.

An update on budget-related matters was given by the Provost, including acknowledgment of the recent budget cut recommendations from the Athletics Department.

Feedback received by the committee or the University Senate was reported and discussed. A summary, with responses, will be provided as in the past weeks. There has been a steady decrease in the amount of feedback over the last few months.

The meeting ended with a discussion about possible topics for upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.