Senate Budget Committee update 6/16/17

Though the University Senate Budget Committee is in summer recess, UND’s budget process does not rest. This is the first in a series of occasional summer updates that will help keep you informed of budget-related developments on campus.

The SBC received one budget-related comment in May through the University Senate’s Feedback and Suggestions website. The writer, Eric E. Johnson (Law), raises budgetary and ethical concerns about SafeConnect. The comment and a response from Madhavi Marasinghe, UND Chief Information Officer, is posted on the University Senate Budget Information page.

Budget-related developments:

- President Kennedy is reserving 1% of UND’s 4-9% SBHE-approved tuition increases to begin addressing $500 million in deferred maintenance (see May 9 UND Today story).
- Strategic Plan implementation is underway. Captains and Managers have been identified for each goal (see May 30 UND Today story) and team members are being selected (see June 6 UND Today story).
- According to a June 11 Grand Forks Herald story, UND extended the deadline for finalizing some voluntary separation decisions to the end of the first week in July.
- The State Board of Higher Education will be reviewing two budget-related UND proposals at its June 27 meeting.
  - Raze 39 UND apartment buildings to realize savings of more than $1 M in operating and repair costs. The proposed action is part of the UND campus master plan.
  - Amend scope of work for deferred maintenance including transfers of previously approved deferred maintenance funds from Merrifield to O’Kelly and from Montgomery to Clifford Halls. The purpose for the change is a “re-focusing of maintenance priorities for improved ROI in facility function especially as it relates to student impact”.

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 SBC member directly.

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