

Faculty Senate Talking Points, September 12, 2023, Meeting #4

- John Woods, Provost and Chief Academic Officer at the University of Phoenix, will visit Senate at our next meeting, September 19. It is important that all voices are represented, so please send your questions – focused on academic topics – by Friday 09/15.
- Provost Lawrence delivered a presentation about the status of higher education and the many factors that are contributing to rapid changes in Higher Ed. It is important to be informed and aware of the landscape around us, as we may identify opportunities for the U of I.
- Senate voted to empower an interdisciplinary faculty-led committee to act as the "*relevant unit and college*" authorized to submit curricular proposals per FSH 4120-E. This committee has the authority to propose the UG Academic Certificate in Sustainability to the University Curriculum Committee as a faculty-led, University-Wide Program, and to set its initial curriculum.
- Based on the outcome of the senate retreat last August and additional feedback and votes collected by email, a number of senate priorities for the year have been identified, to be assigned to some of our standing committees and four *ad hoc* senate task forces. The creation of those task forces and associated charges was discussed and voted at this meeting. The approved task forces are: 1. Employee Retention Task Force; 2. Employee Benefits Task Force; 3. Boundary of APM/FSH Task Force.
- Vice Provost for Digital Learning, Ken Udas, provided an overview of digital learning initiatives his office has worked or is working on, and the support they can provide across campus. Vice Provost Udas emphasized that his office is always open for questions and comments.

Important dates and events

- September is Katy Benoit Safety Awareness Month. Tuesday, September 19, at 7pm, in the International Ballroom: Katy Benoit Campus Safety Forum Keynote Address.
- First UFM of AY 2023-24: Monday, September 18, 3:00pm (PT), *via* Zoom. Please Join us!

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