

Faculty Senate Talking Points, February 2, 2021:

- Please remember to reach out to your constituents to gather questions and input to inform and guide our conversations with Senate guests. Next week: Greg Lambeth, Brandi Terwilliger, and Emily Tuschhoff will be visiting Senate next week to talk about issues related to Mental Health for students and employees.
- Update on COVID-19:
 - Positive test rate continues to be low.
 - Following President Green's initiative, the State Board is advocating with the state of Idaho for U of I employees to receive the vaccine with the K-12 teachers' group.
 - Let's all make an effort to encourage everyone to be vaccinated! ASUI and GPSA have identified a "vaccine campaign" as an important task for the COVID-19 Advisory Committee.
 - Idaho is back to stage 3, which allows meetings of up to 50 people. Everyone should remain cautious.
- Plans to reorganize the Provost Office are being worked out, with the goal to increase efficiency.
- There was a discussion on the role of university-level committees – FSH 1620 and 1640. Revisions to FSH 1620 to correctly reflect the content of FSH 1640 will be proposed to Senate.

Important dates:

- The deadline to request delay for promotion and/or tenure is March 14, 2021.
- Nominations for Honorary degrees for the December 2021 commencement are due March 15, 2021.
- Sabbatical applications for the 2022-2023 year are due March 31.

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