

Faculty Senate Talking Points, September 22, 2020:

- Update on COVID-19: Yesterday's email from President Green contained the latest information about COVID-19 testing. An increased rate of positive results was found among those who traveled for the holiday weekend. We will continue to be vigilant.
- University Ombuds Laura Smythe has published the annual report for the Ombuds Office for the 2020 Academic Year. [See the report.](#)
- "Talks with Torrey" starts Thursday 9/24 at 11:30am.
- Borah Symposium: The 2020 (virtual) Borah Foundation Symposium starts next week. The keynote speakers will be Beatrice Fihn and Kim Campbell. Beatrice Fihn is Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. She will speak Monday, September 28, at 12:30. Link: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/97746088280>. Kim Campbell is the first and only female Prime Minister of Canada and has spent her career shattering barriers for women and speaking out on human rights and the impact of climate change. She will speak on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00pm. The event will be recorded, besides being accessible through U of I Live and Zoom.
- ASUI proposal to make election day a university holiday: Savannah Stroebel and Sierra Brantz, ASUI Senate representatives, presented the ASUI proposal and its motivations. The main purpose is to give students more time to vote. Students will appreciate knowing that the university cares about their civic responsibilities. Some Senators, although generally supportive of the ASUI idea, suggested to explore other possibilities as well, such as voting mentoring, more advertising, or excused absences.
- Roundtable: What are faculty responsibilities in student recruiting? A lively discussion developed. Please see the minutes of Senate Meeting #6 (in the Binder you'll receive this Friday) for a detailed report of the discussion.

Important dates:

- Two upcoming deadlines to keep in mind:
 - Sabbatical applications are due on October 30.
 - Honorary degree nominations are due on November 16.

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