

Faculty Senate Talking Points, October 6, 2020:

- Update on COVID-19: We continue to have some concerns about the Greek system, and several Greek Houses are in quarantine. All students will be tested. For the time being, the class delivery method is at the instructor's discretion.
- Spring schedule: The survey sent to staff, faculty, and students is closed. We received 2,913 responses (about 28-30% of the university population) and 7,000 comments. Starting the semester a week later and forgoing Spring Break was the least popular option, while most people are in favor of making no changes. The option of a late (April) Spring Break and classes fully online after that was a close second.
- Review of the R1 White Paper. There was a lively discussion with President Scott Green, Executive Special Assistant to the President Chandra Zenner Ford, and Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Brad Ritts. The R1 Working Group visited Senate to receive reactions and feedback so they can best guide the next Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Chris Nomura.

Important dates:

- While we are asking that you make every effort to get curriculum changes and program changes to the appropriate office as soon as possible, this year UCC has created some flexibility with their deadlines and is accepting materials through October 15. If you have questions, please reach out to UCC chair Jim Connors (jconnors@uidaho.edu).
- Sabbatical applications are due on October 30.
- Honorary degree nominations are due on November 16.
- Deadline to request delay for promotion and/or tenure is March 14, 2021.

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