

Faculty Senate Talking Points, October 20, 2020:

- Faculty Senate Leadership, along with the Provost's Office and CETL are creating a questionnaire to gather information from everyone who is teaching this semester. The survey will help us all understand what teaching was like this Fall across campuses, disciplines, and formats. Please complete the survey to help us better understand your teaching experience this semester.
- COVID-19 update: There has been significant improvement over the last two weeks. Currently only one Greek House is in quarantine, from 14 a few weeks ago. Seven students are currently isolating in Targhee. We returned to original class formats today. With increased positivity rates in Southern Idaho and nationwide, we all need to be careful and continue to follow mask and distancing protocol.
- Director of General Education Dean Panttaja gave a brief overview on the State Board of Education "Idaho Online" program. The primary benefit of Idaho Online will be to increase access and affordability to postsecondary education in Idaho, particularly in remote and rural areas of the state. Idaho Online will support sharing of common resources, services, and practices to benefit all forms of postsecondary educational delivery across the state. It will include a platform for expanding the joint delivery of online teaching and learning across institutions by simplifying registration, cost, and credit transfer.
- Vice President of Finance and Administration Brian Foisy gave an update on the university financial status breaking down the GenEd budget into its components. Although, overall, we were able to build a surplus, we are still facing budget challenges for the next fiscal year.

Important dates:

- 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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