

### **Faculty Senate Talking Points, September 14, 2021, Meeting #5**

- We are establishing a Senate Subcommittee on Teaching Evaluations, chaired by Senate Vice-Chair Alistair Smith, that will develop new ideas and proposals for our teaching evaluation systems. This includes coordinating with the University Teaching Committee on a review of current practices. Senators Deb Thorne, Dakota Roberson, Erin Chapman, and Brian Smentkowski have agreed to serve on this subcommittee alongside ASUI President Kallyn Mai and other student representatives.
- We also recognized an ad hoc task force on parental leave policies as an official Senate Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Erin Chapman. This group, which includes both Faculty and Staff, has been working on a proposal to make the University's parental leave policy more competitive compared to the policies offered at Boise State and Idaho State Universities as well as other regional employers. Other members of the Subcommittee include: Rebecca Scofield, Jessica Martinez, Kathryn Schiffelbein, Jessica Stanley, and Laurel Meyer.
- Scott Green, Torrey Lawrence, Chandra Ford, and Mary Kay McFadden gave a presentation on the Campaign Working Group. President Green formed the group to develop and recommend a strategic approach for embarking on a successful comprehensive fundraising campaign. The white paper can be found [here](#).
- **Important reminders:**
  - Nominations for the Alumni Award for Excellence are open until Friday, September 17. Last chance!
  - Nominations for Honorary Degrees are due November 15 and should be submitted to [provost@uidaho.edu](mailto:provost@uidaho.edu). The honorary degree policy is in FSH 4930.

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