COVID update: Rapid tests are available. The number of students who have submitted their vaccination card is almost 5,000. More than 500 new students have submitted their vaccination card to participate in the tuition incentive program.

Senate election season is approaching! Senators should coordinate with their colleges and constituents to organize Senate elections according to each college’s procedures. If you are unsure about which positions will be vacant next year, please contact the Faculty Secretary for clarification.

Our Senate Vice Chair, Alistair Smith, has been named the interim chair of Geography and Geological Sciences (soon to be the Department of Earth and Spatial Sciences). Congratulations, Alistair, and many thanks for all your hard work with our leadership team! Because of the new position, Alistair will not run for the 2022-23 Senate chair. Interested Senators are encouraged to reach out to any member of FSL to learn more about Senate leadership and shared governance.

We are currently operating under temporary emergency admission standards, as allowed by FSH 6990, to mitigate the impact of Covid on higher education and the school system, such as the inability of students to take standardized tests. Currently, we apply a standard of 2.6 for the minimum GPA and require no standardized tests. Those policies do not apply to the next admission cycle and thus we need to make a decision for the upcoming cycle. Senators engaged in a preliminary conversation to be followed by a broader discussion on how to move forward.

All Faculty Senate agendas (including attachments and supporting documents) and meeting minutes are made available on the new Senate webpage: [https://www.uidaho.edu/governance](https://www.uidaho.edu/governance)

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