Faculty Senate Talking Points, March 8, 2022, Meeting #23

- **COVID update:** This week’s numbers are similar to those from last week – one student in isolation and none in quarantine. Some of the metrics are back to their last June level, prior to Delta and Omicron. At this time we are not expecting any changes to our current protocols. A total of 4,917 students have submitted vaccine information.

- **CEC (5% approved by JFAC):** It is not yet decided whether those funds will be distributed across the board, based on market, or based on merit. The first option would help the most with the inflation rate. The growing cost of living in our community and the housing market are a serious concern and are impacting searches.

- **Admission standards discussion:** Chair Meeuf Senate asked Senate for a recommendation on a temporary extension of our admission standards for this cycle. He suggested two main options: 1. Keep what we have. Automatic admission for those at 2.6 and above, no standardized test requirement. Automatic Gateway admission for those between 2.3 and 2.59; or 2. Automatic admission for those 2.8 and above, no standardized test requirement. Automatic Gateway admission for those between 2.6 and 2.79. No strong opinions were expressed on either side. Senators are comfortable with FSL coming up with a recommendation. Other suggestions are welcome.

- Some Senators conveyed appreciation and gratitude from constituents with young families for the work of the Paid Parental Leave Committee.

- Three on-going searches: Dean of the College of Engineering, Dean of CEHHS, and Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives. Finalist information can be found at [https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches](https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches). Everyone is invited to participate in the open events and give feedback.

**Important Dates and Deadlines:**

- March 15 is the deadline for requesting extension of the P&T timeline or to request early consideration. Please visit [https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/faculty/tenure](https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/faculty/tenure).
- March 31 is the deadline for sabbatical applications – check with your college about internal deadlines.

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