Faculty Senate Talking Points, January 24, 2023, Meeting #16 – First meeting of Spring 2023

• Welcome to a new semester of Senate activities and all the best for a successful 2023!

• Faculty Senate wants to share with everyone a message of solidarity and support:

  Solidarity Statement

  “We as members of Faculty Senate, who represent our university family, stand in compassionate solidarity with our grieving community over the losses of Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle, Kaylee Goncalves and Madison Mogen. We especially wish to acknowledge the families and friends of our beloved students. We stand in loyalty and support of our university community members who have suffered great harm because of the misinformation around these tragedies. As members of our Vandal Family, we will continue to navigate the repercussions of this senseless tragedy as the legal process unfolds and justice is served. We acknowledge the grieving process is unique to everyone impacted by these losses. From here on, it is ever more important that we lead with radical empathy and understanding for each other. We know we will heal together as a community and move forward together as Vandals, always.”

• It’s legislative week in Idaho, with daily presentations before JFAC. U of I will present this Friday, 7am to 10am PST. The presentations are streamed live.

• Information about next year budget should become available around mid-February.

• Ubuntu is working on a number of important projects, such as gender inclusive bathrooms (https://arcg.is/1LKanu) and the MLK contest. Contact committee chair Zach Kayler (zkayler@uidaho.edu) to know more or if you want to help! Visit the Ubuntu website here.

Important dates and events:
• Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards: deadline for nominations is Feb. 3, 5pm.
• Mental Health First Aid Training for faculty and staff: February 1 and 3 between 9am to 12:30pm. Please visit http://www.uidaho.edu/mhfa for information and registration. A course in Student Mental Health First Aid Training will be offered later in the spring.

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

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