Faculty Senate Talking Points, February 14, 2023, Meeting #19

- Let’s celebrate Black History Month! Visit https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/blackhistory/ https://www.uidaho.edu/diversity/edu/oma/events/black-history

- North Idaho College (NIC) is at risk of losing their accreditation. The U of I is monitoring the situation and supporting NIC. Chair Quinnett will reach out to Dr. Andy Fields, CEO of UI Coeur d’Alene, with an invitation to visit faculty senate.

- Non-Tenure Track Faculty Subcommittee Update. Florian Justwan, Politics and Philosophy shared a summary of the results from the Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Faculty Climate Survey. Responses indicate that the first and second largest problems facing NTT faculty at U of I are low salary and lack of job security, followed by the difficulty of switching academic roles. To improve the climate for our NTT colleagues, both cultural and institutional changes are needed. These efforts will continue.

- Anthology Assessment Platform Professional Training Sessions are on Feb 28-March 2. The training has both conceptual and technical components. It includes how to move data from Canvas to Anthology. The training sessions are organized in seven tracks, targeting different employees and groups. Employees who attend all workshops associated with a track earn a certificate. https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/ir/assessment-evaluation/anthology-training

- It’s time to reconsider whether SAT/ACT scores should be part of our admission requirements. Presently, we are under the emergency action signed by President Green April 2022, which covers Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 admissions. We can either do nothing and let things revert to their original status or plan to work on a new policy to permanently drop the standardized test score requirement. We’ll start this discussion next week.

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