Faculty Senate Talking Points, February 28, 2023, Meeting #21

- Committee Preference survey: the soft deadline (2/28) has passed, but we will leave the survey open one more week. [https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4TRU7TKzLm9j3b8](https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4TRU7TKzLm9j3b8)

- Search for the new dean of CBE: feedback will be collected until March 7. [https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches/cbe-dean](https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches/cbe-dean)

- The discussion on admission requirements continued. The option to keep the current (post-Covid) status for one more year was considered. This would give us the opportunity to collect more data (not impacted by Covid) and to observe the trends of other institutions and of college ranking systems with respect to ACT/SAT scores. The outcome of an informal poll was overwhelmingly in support of this option.

- Vice President Dan Ewart presented an initiative from OIT regarding changes to phone services. The goal of this project is to replace many existing phone lines across the state with Microsoft Teams. This will result in considerable saving, as hundreds of the university’s 2,292 phone lines are presently unused. Phone numbers and handsets will still be available to those who need them.

Important dates and events:

- March is Women History Month. For more information about events in celebration of Women History Month visit [Women’s History Month through the Women's Center (uidaho.edu)](https://www.uidaho.edu/governance)

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