Faculty Senate Talking Points, October 10, 2023, Meeting #8

- **UOPX.** Provost Lawrence is in the process of visiting all colleges to talk about the UOPX affiliation.

- **UOPX Survey.** Erin Chapman, Kristin Haltinner, Barb Kirchmeier, Florian Justwan and Stefanie Ramirez are preparing a survey to poll U of I employees’ opinions on the UOPX affiliation. The survey will be presented to senate for vote at the October 17th senate meeting.

- **University-Level Committees.** The committee on committees has begun an audit of existing committees ([FSH 1640](#)). Former committee chairs will receive a survey to assess workload, equity in membership, potential redundancies etc.

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML).** Senate Chair Gauthier proposed forming a task force to develop responsible uses of AI and ML for academic activities, and to tackle some of the university most challenging problems. Please contact gauthier@uidaho.edu if you are interested in the task force.

- **Policy Tracking.** Faculty Senate Leadership plans to develop a visual tool for easy tracking of policies as they move through the approval pipeline. FSL looks forward to discussing this matter with Policy Coordinator Diane Whitney.

- **Faculty Senate Networking event.** Do you have “senate zoom fatigue”? If so, help us plan an in-person event!

**Important Dates:**

- Annual Enrollment begins October 16th and ends November 7th at midnight pacific time. This is the annual opportunity to review and make changes to your benefits for the upcoming year. [https://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/benefits/annual-enrollment](https://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources/benefits/annual-enrollment)

- UOPX Working Group nominations are due Friday, October 13. The nomination form is at: [https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bg50bV9m4qrqS7I](https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bg50bV9m4qrqS7I)

- Homecoming Week is from Saturday October 7 to Saturday October 14. Homecoming schedule: [https://www.uidaho.edu/events/signature-events/homecoming](https://www.uidaho.edu/events/signature-events/homecoming)

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