Faculty Senate Talking Points: March 10, 2020:

- For this week, campus operations will proceed normally. On Monday and Tuesday after Spring Break, all classes must be offered online only, as a “test run”. On Thursday March 19th, a communication will go out to inform whether the online mode will continue past the 24th. CETL is offering additional training online. ITS is making sure their system is ready for increased traffic and working to support students who do not have access to technology at home.

Useful information on available resources:

CETL is available for 1:1 and departmental prep sessions-- call or email Brian Smentkowski, Director of CETL, to set up a prep session, bsmentkowski@uidaho.edu or cetl@uidaho.edu

Workshops and Resources available for teaching online during university closures:

CETL Home Page (WHAT’S NEW)

Workshops for Online
Zoom for Teaching & Office Hours [Part 1] [Part 2] [Slides], by Cassidy Hall
Moving Online in a Hurry?, by Doug Habib
Tools for Online - Teaching Online During University Closures (PDF
ZOOM for Online
Zoom for Teaching & Office Hours [Part 1] [Part 2] [Slides], by Cassidy Hall
COVID-19 Info

- We are ready for the transition to CampusLabs, the new software for course evaluations. This is just a change in how the data are collected, not in the substance of the actual evaluation process. The old system is not sustainable.

- Russ Meeuf gave a report from the Facilities Outsourcing Committee Report. The discussion covered a broad spectrum of opinions with regard to the pros and cons of outsourcing as a money-saving strategy.

Important dates:

- Sabbatical applications for the 2021-2022 academic year are due March 31st. Completed applications must be submitted to provost@uidaho.edu

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