Faculty Senate Talking Points, April 28, 2020:

- Welcome to the new members of the 2020-21 Faculty Senate! They are: Jerry Fairley (COS), Amin Ahmadzadeh (CALS), Dan Hickman (CBE), Elizabeth Wargo (CDA Center), Kelly Quinnett (CLASS), Robert Rinker (COE); Deb McIntosh (LAW), Teresa Cohn (CNR).

- Faculty Senate expressed gratitude and best wishes to Provost Wiencek, who attended his last U of I Senate meeting.

- COVID-19 update and Fall reopening: The Governor has published a 4-stage plan to reopen Idaho businesses, called “Idaho Rebounds”. We are developing our own plans based on those stages. More should be known by the end of the week.

- An update on the CARE Act will probably be available next week. We hope to be able to get those funds to the students soon.

- This semester the planned combined award ceremony for staff and faculty will not take place due to COVID-19. However, a great website has been developed with information, pictures, and acknowledgments about the awards (visit: https/www.uidaho.edu/governance/faculty-staff/University-awards).

- Provost Wiencek, speaking as the chair of the Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Committee (IPEC), summarized the work completed by the Academic Program Prioritization Taskforce (APPT). Rachel Halverson (Chair of APPT) was available to address questions. More information can be found in the document attached to this meeting’s binder.

- Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the 2020-2021 Faculty Senate were collected. Elections will be conducted on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020.

Important dates:

- Next University Faculty Meeting: May 6th, 2020, 2:30-4:00 pm (PT), Zoom only. More information will follow.

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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