The Senators engaged in a discussion with President Green, Provost Wiencek, Senate Chair Grieb, and Staff Council Chair Neilson about budget and finance planning. A “flow chart” of the planned process was presented. Some committees are charged by Senate and others by the Administration. The tasks of the various groups include identifying, ranking, and implementing policy-complying tools and strategies to address the current budget shortfall. The President is committed to a transparent and collaborative process to balance the budget and move us towards a long-term sustainable financial model. (More information on the discussion and supporting material will be available in the Faculty Senate meeting minutes.)

The Committee on Committees Appointment Survey went live on November 4, 2019. Vice-Chair Kirchmeier encouraged everyone to participate in this important part of the shared-governance process. Please note: if you fill and return the survey, you are making a commitment to serve on a committee. The appointments will be announced in late Spring semester.

Important dates:

- The budget open forum is scheduled for 3pm Thursday, Nov. 7th in the International Ballroom of the Pitman Center. Please note new location due to temporary closure of the ISUB. (Note: ISUB and TLC remain closed until further notice due to flooding in the basement. Updates on the status of re-opening and interim rescheduling are available at the ISUB updates website.)

All Faculty Senate agendas (including attachments and supporting documents) and meeting minutes will be available on the new Senate webpage: https://www.uidaho.edu/governance

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