Faculty Senate Talking Points: November 12, 2019

- Some updates were provided (T. Grieb, J. Wiencek) on the work-in-progress of the Policy Review Group and the structure and membership of the other budget committees. The Tools Ranking Taskforce will soon begin to schedule their meetings. IPEC will consist of two “subcommittees”, to be involved with academic and non-academic areas, respectively. The Sustainable Financial Model Working Group is charged with recommending a long-term model to allocate resources on an annual basis. A brief discussion followed. The concerns raised by some Senators included: the timeline for the process to unfold; the risk that, in a tendency towards managerial style, the university may lose its values and character as an institution of higher education.

- Most of the meeting was devoted to an in-depth discussion of the proposed revisions to the Tenure and Promotion policy. Vice Provost for Faculty Torrey Lawrence and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Alexandra Teague led the discussion. There have been further revisions to the policy since the last discussion at the October 14 Senate meeting. Changes were based on feedback from Senate, FAC, and university counsel. Feedback was also gathered from all faculty by sending a link to an online survey (October 18-25). The discussion at the November 12 Senate meeting covered up to Section F, and will continue next Tuesday, November 19. The Faculty Senate is scheduled to vote on the proposal on November 19th.

- Jeannie Matheison (Director, Sustainability Center) delivered a presentation on solar energy initiatives. As an institution, we have made commitments to sustainability and to achieve a carbon neutral footprint by 2030. The current UI Solar Initiative is in the fundraising stage. More information can be found at the UI Solar Initiative crowdfunding website at: https://uandigive.uidaho.edu/project/16664

Important dates:

- The next University Faculty Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 2:30pm-4:00pm (Pacific Time), International Ballroom, Pitman Center (and Zoom). Save the date!

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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