Faculty Senate Talking Points: November 19, 2019

- The discussion of the proposed restructuring of the Tenure and Promotion policy continued from the previous Senate meeting. Vice Provost for Faculty Torrey Lawrence and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Alexandra Teague were present and available to address questions and comments. The Senators voted to approve the new policies FSH 3500 and FSH 3510, delete policies FSH 3520, FHS 3560, FSH 3570, and approve the proposed revisions on FSH 3530.
- Provost Wiencek delivered an update on the Institutional Planning and Effectiveness Committee (IPEC). Provost Wiencek provided some background on IPEC, its role, and its previous activities. Questions from the Senators centered around participation of faculty in IPEC and how to learn from the past to improve the current process.
- University Policy and Compliance Coordinator Diane Whitney presented a document intended to serve as a reference for groups working to identify solutions to the University of Idaho's budget shortfall. The document, “Budget-related Policy Report”, can be found on the University Policy website.
- Senator A. Smith gave a short update on the Bookstore RFP Committee. It is not yet known which vendor (Barnes&Noble, Follett Corporation, or Texas Book Company) will be awarded the contract. Barnes&Noble’s presentation was received more positively, although none of the three vendors focused on what faculty would like to see in a bookstore.

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.

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