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**TO:** University of Idaho Faculty, Staff and students

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**SUBJECT:** Student Success Initiative Open Forum

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One of the University of Idaho's highest priorities is to provide our students with an education that positions them for a successful future. In January 2017, we announced a new Student Success Initiative, led by Dean Kahler, vice provost of Strategic Enrollment Management, in cooperation with the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, Academic Initiatives and ASUI.

The Student Success Initiative will bring together offices that support students in a Vandal Success Center. The goals of the center are to increase retention and reduce the time it takes for students to graduate by offering a convenient, centralized location for students to access the resources they need to be successful at UI – and beyond. Establishing the Vandal Success Center may require relocating some programs and offices, such as Disability Support Services, Academic Support Programs, Academic Advising, Student Services and others. We will use this opportunity to find the best available locations for these important services.

A committee has been formed to help shape and articulate the vision of the Student Success Initiative and to develop the Vandal Success Center. In order to provide information about the initiative, we have scheduled an open forum at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in the Whitewater Room in the Idaho Commons to present information about the initiative and the center and answer questions. Additional forums will be scheduled as needed.

We encourage anyone interested in this important initiative to attend the forum to learn more about the Vandal Success Center.

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