

Faculty Senate Talking Points, February 13, 2024, Meeting #21

- **Admission Standards.** Faculty Senate Chair Gauthier reported that a proposal is forthcoming and will move through the appropriate process as prescribed in FSH 4120 for permanent catalog changes. The timing is tight – we are asked to deliver our recommendation, if possible, before the end of the month. A meeting about admission criteria in the state will take place in Boise on February 27.
- **First Aid Training.** Occupational safety specialist Beau Babcock (Environmental Health and Safety) talked about [safety resources at the U of I](#).
 - [PDF document about first aid kits](#)
 - [PowerPoint about the Automatic External Defibrillator \(AED\) program](#)

For information on all safety training, follow the link to <https://www.uidaho.edu/dfa/division-operations/ehs/safety-training>

- **First Gen Forward Designation.** In an effort to think more comprehensively about how we serve First Gen students, the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, together with multiple partners, are working on a proposal to have us recognized as part of the First Gen Scholars Network. They hope to find a faculty member who would join the team in the initial proposal stage. Faculty who are themselves First Gen students are preferred.
- **Slate.** The university contract with VandalStar (\$159k per year) is about to expire. Slate is a possible replacement. Vandal Star has not yet been discontinued. Dean Kahler, Vice Provost Strategic Enrollment Management, and Brenda White, Slate Strategy Director, presented some of Slate's features. They want the faculty to participate in this dialogue.

Important dates and deadline

- **The AI + ML Exhibition** (Artificial Intelligence plus Machine Learning) will be in the Reflections Gallery, in the ISUB building, from Monday April 1st to Saturday April 13. Please let your constituents know that they can email their submission to vtd@uidaho.edu. The deadline 03/17/2024.
- **The next faculty gathering** is Tuesday, February 27th. It will be at the ICCU arena in the Alumni room, hosted by the College of Graduate Studies and Dean Jerry McMurtry.

The Talking Points are approved by Faculty Senate Leadership as an informal communication tool to engage constituents and get quick feedback on issues discussed at the Faculty Senate weekly meetings. 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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