



Faculty Senate Talking Points, April 16, 2024, Meeting #29

- **Elections for AY 24-25** Please remind your colleges to hold elections if the term of their senate representatives ends in 2023-24. We need to know the names of all new senators before 4/23/2024. Nominations and elections of officers will take place on 4/23/2024 and 4/30/2024, respectively.
- Ben Hunter, Dean of Libraries, presented an overview of **VERSO**, a Research Information Management System and Institutional Repository. Vandal Expertise, Research, and Scholarship Online (VERSO), preserves and provides access to the research and creative output of the university of Idaho faculty, students and staff. The presentation slides will be attached to the minutes from this meeting.
- **The IT university-level committee** is working with senate leadership toward the best process to address faculty IT concerns.
- **Admissions criteria.** The proposal from the University Curriculum Committee will be ready for a vote at the next meeting, April 23, 2024.

Important dates and Events:

- **University Faculty Meeting #3** – Monday, April 29, at 3pm, via Zoom.
- **Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival** starts Wednesday evening, and continues all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There will be about 3,400 students on campus.
- The College of Science will have “**Vandal Science Days**,” Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, from 10am to 3pm in the IRIC atrium. <https://www.uidaho.edu/sci/news/vandal-science-days>
- **Faculty Gathering:** Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 to 6:30, at the WWAMI Medical Education Building. <https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/faculty-gathering>
- **Commencement** on May 11th. Please encourage your faculty to attend.

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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