

Faculty Senate Talking Points, September 19, 2023, Meeting #5

- We will have a monthly gathering for faculty to meet informally across colleges, exchange ideas, build social relations and share intellectual interests. The first meeting will be Thursday, September 28, 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the ICCU Arena club room. Faculty can bring a guest (must be over 21). These events will continue through the academic year until April, hosted by different colleges. An invite will be sent soon.
- U.S. News & World Report released yesterday a number of significant changes on how rankings are determined. For the 4th year in a row, we are ranked No.1 among public universities in the West. <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-idaho-1626>
- John Woods, Provost and Chief Academic Officer at the University of Phoenix, visited Senate to provide background and information about the University of Phoenix (UOPX) and to answer questions in the area of academics. There will be more presentations as we move to other topics related to UOPX. Please send your questions and comments to Jean-Marc, Kristin, and to your senator(s).
- There was a preliminary discussion on the rationale and process for the separation between APM and FSH. Are there specific policies in APM which impact faculty but are nevertheless approved outside faculty jurisdiction? More broadly, there is a concern about faculty not being involved in making decisions about their work conditions.

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