

## Faculty Senate Talking Points, October 31, 2023, Meeting #11

- **Message from Faculty Senate Chair.** I would like to acknowledge that a number of conflicts are going on across the world. We need to keep in mind that social media are bringing these conflicts very close to us and the people around us, with a new level of polarization and disturbing content. As we never know what people are individually experiencing, let's please be sensitive to each other and our students - knowing this can be a difficult time for many.
- **University Distinguished Professor Advising Committee.** Nominations needed. The committee comprises 4 faculty and 3 deans, appointed by the provost for three-year staggered terms. Qualifications: "Nominations will be made by Faculty Senate and the Academic Deans, in consultation with faculty and administrators of units. Committee members must be tenured professors who themselves have outstanding records of teaching, research and/or outreach." Below is the link to the relevant policy  
FSH 1565-D-8: <https://www.uidaho.edu/governance/policy/policies/fsh/1/1565#d> Submit nomination for the committee through the form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/ridZTrQB97>
- **Deferred Pay.** The Spread Pay Task Force presented a pathway to offer all 9-month faculty the option of "deferred pay." This is different than the current "Spread Pay," which is incompatible with Banner. The task force recommends that we open up the option of deferred pay to all eligible faculty – fulltime faculty on 9-month contracts. The recommendation will be an action item at the November 7 senate meeting.
- **Magic Valley.** President Green established the Magic Valley Working Group and tasked it with exploring strategic opportunities for the University of Idaho in the Magic Valley. The Working Group – Torrey Lawrence, Chandra Ford, Sean Quinlan, Dean, Michael Parrella – presented their White Paper and recommendations.

### Important Dates:

- **Next Faculty Gathering.** Tuesday, November 14, 4:30 – 6:30, in the Vandal Ballroom, hosted by CLASS and Dean Quinlan.

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