

## Faculty Senate Talking Points, February 6, 2024, Meeting #20

- **Admission Standards.** Faculty Senate Chair Gauthier reported on a recent meeting with SBOE. Several options were discussed, such as requiring admission criteria based only on high school GPA, or both GPA and SAT/ACT, or GPA and ISAT. ISAT (Idaho Standards Achievement Test) is a new test specific to Idaho students.
- **Student Financial Aid.** There is significant delay with the federal government reporting FAFSA information. This is seriously impacting our financial aid process, especially problematic for new students.
- **University of Phoenix Survey.** Faculty Senate Vice Chair Haltinner presented preliminary results of the University of Phoenix Survey on behalf of the task force. [The report is attached to these talking points.](#)
- **Computing Resources Available for Research.** Luke Sheneman, Director, Northwest Knowledge Network, and Joe Leister, HPC Systems Administrator, introduced the Collaborative Computing Center (C3+3), a statewide collaboration of the Idaho Universities and the Idaho National Laboratory to develop a regional educational and research system within the framework of statewide high-performance computing (HPC). The core of the presentation was about the impressive capabilities of the Falcon supercomputer. Faculty, students and other users are welcome to request an account and invited to register for Falcon workshops. For more information, visit <https://www.c3plus3.org> . For help with Falcon, contact: [help@c3plus3.org](mailto:help@c3plus3.org)  
The slides of the presentation can be downloaded from:  
<https://www.northwestknowledge.net/cloud/index.php/s/glZ6m5z2asISAqE>

### Important dates and deadline

- University Excellence Awards. Deadline for nomination: Friday, February 9.  
<https://www.uidaho.edu/governance/faculty-staff/>

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