

## Faculty Senate Talking Points, October 17, 2023, Meeting #9

- **Open Textbooks.** Marco Seiferle-Valencia, General Library, visited senate to talk about State Board’s Instructional Materials Accessibility and Affordability Policy. The policy defines a “zero cost” textbook as one with a total list price of \$0, and a “very low cost” textbook as one with a total list price of \$1 - \$30. First Zero and Very-Low Cost courses will appear at U of I in Fall 2024.
- **Enrollment.** Total enrollment is up by 3%. Retention rate is up by 1.4%.
- **UOPX Survey.** The draft of the survey is being revised per comments received from senators and others. The task force will present the new version at the October 24 senate meeting for discussion and vote.
- **UOPX Working Groups.** About 86 nominations/self-nominations were submitted. The names will be announced soon.
- **Campus safety.** Many employees are interested in safety training for highly critical situations, such as the presence of an active shooter. Several options are available at U of I, some in collaboration with the Moscow Police Department. Reach out to Blaine Eckles, Dean of Students, or Lee Espey, Finance and Administration, Division Operation Officer, if you have questions or need information.

### Important Dates:

- Don’t forget the All Employee Required Training. It must be completed by November 1, 2023.

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