

**Faculty Senate Talking Points, April 27, 2021: 2020-21 meeting #28 and 2021-22 meeting #1**

- Senate will hold their last meeting on May 4 to wrap up unfinished business from meeting #28 and to discuss future revisions planned for FSH 3500. 2020-21 and 2021-22 Senators are invited.
  - COVID update: 5.37% of the 503 tests done last week were positive. The number of surveillance tests is decreasing as more people are vaccinated.
  - \$50,000 is available to support projects that have potential to either increase enrollment (both new student recruitment as well as retention) or generate new revenue. Faculty, staff and students are eligible to apply. RFP details are available here: <https://www.uidaho.edu/research/faculty/find-funding/internal-funding/vandal-ideas-project>. Thanks, Russ, for suggesting this initiative!
  - Commencement: With six ceremonies, help is needed. Consider volunteering if you can. The link to the commencement volunteer sign-up form is in the Daily Register.
  - There were lively discussions about proposed changes to FSH 3500 and to FSH 1640.08. See records of this meeting for more information.
  - During the first meeting of the 2021-22 Senate, nominations were taken for the positions of Senate chair and vice chair. Elections will take place next week.
- Thanks to the outgoing Senators for their service and commitment to shared governance!**
- **Important reminders:**
    - The final University Faculty Meeting of the year will be held via Zoom on May 5 from 2:30-4:00pm PST
    - CETL's 2021 Celebration of Collaboration is Thursday, May 6 from 3:00-5:00pm

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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