

## Faculty Senate Talking Points, January 14, 2025, Meeting #18

- **Senate Talking Points Distribution.** Many senators send the talking points to a list of faculty provided by their colleges. Please make sure to obtain from your college a list of both faculty and staff, and forward the talking points to both groups. Thanks!
- **Spring enrollment.** We are up 2.8% compared to this time last spring.
- **Brief update on state legislature (Provost Lawrence).** The Governor's state of the state address laid out some priorities. K-12 education was a major focus in the speech. We watch for main topics such as: our budgets and Gen. Ed. funding for the U of I; DEI; the University of Phoenix; medical training and healthcare programs in the state.
- **Strategic Planning Committee Update.** Barb Kirchmeier, senate representative on the committee, gave a brief update on their progress. They continue to work with Heron, university partners in this endeavor, and their plans are on schedule. More information can be found in the minutes of this meeting. On January 13, 2025, everyone was invited to participate in a survey about university strategic plans. The survey closes on Friday, January 24. The survey is anonymous.
- With a heavy heart, we said farewell to **the Women's Center, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Black and African American Cultural Center.** We are deeply grateful for their work, commitment and dedication.
- Please send questions regarding the **website transition** to your senators for discussion next week. See email of 1/8/2025 from OIT titled "Welcome to Spring Semester" and the [Spring 2025 Newsletter for Instructors](#).

## Important announcements and deadlines

- **Faculty gathering in January.** January 23, 4:30 – 6:30 in the IRIC Atrium, hosted by <https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/faculty-gathering>. RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/9PR6GkFMGz>

The Talking Points are approved by Faculty Senate Leadership as an informal communication tool to engage constituents and get quick feedback on issues discussed at the Faculty Senate weekly meetings. All Faculty Senate agendas (including attachments and supporting documents) and meeting minutes are made available on the Senate webpage:

<https://www.uidaho.edu/governance/faculty-senate/meetings>

Please send your questions, concerns, and feedback to the Faculty Senate Chair ([khaltinner@uidaho.edu](mailto:khaltinner@uidaho.edu)).

**Remember to share these talking points with faculty and staff in your colleges**