

University of Idaho
2025 – 2026 Faculty Senate Agenda

Meeting #22

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 3:30 pm
Zoom Only

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (VOTE)
 - Minutes of the 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Meeting #21 (February 17, 2026).
Attach. #1
- III. Chair's Report
- IV. Provost's Report
- V. Invited Guest Presentations
 - Staff Council Update – Cody Williams, Staff Council Chair, and Annie Exline, Staff Council Vice Chair.
- VI. Committee Voting Items and Reports
 - None
- VII. Other Policy Business
 - None
- VIII. Other Announcements and Communications
 - None
- IX. New Concerns or Issues
- X. Adjournment

Attachments

- **Attach. #1** Minutes of the 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Meeting #21 (February 17, 2026)

2025 – 2026 Faculty Senate – Pending Approval

Meeting # 21

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm PST

Zoom only

Present: Bailey, Barannyk, Borrelli, Erickson, Hagen, Haltinner (vice chair), Harrison, Hu, Kenyon, Kolias, Lawrence (provost, w/o vote), Long, Maas, Murphy (chair), Remy, Rinker, Rivera, Roe, Shook, Strickland, Stuen, Thorne, Tohaneanu, Vella (faculty secretary, w/o vote), Victoravich

Absent: McKenna, Miller (excused)

Call to Order

Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (vote)

- The minutes of the 2025-2026 Faculty Senate Meeting #20 (February 10, 2026) were approved as circulated.

Chair's report

- The university committee interest survey is still open. Please encourage your colleagues to complete the survey by Feb. 20.
- Ombuds Update – David Talbot
 - The Ombuds Office has a new member, Mario Pile, who will serve as the ombuds for students and is based on the Moscow campus. The role of the Ombuds Office was discussed as a resource for students and employees. The office provides a confidential space to discuss problems, conflicts, or other concerns, with the only exception to confidentiality being situations involving imminent risk of serious harm to oneself or others. The Ombuds serve in an informal, impartial, and neutral capacity. [Inside U of I – Ombuds Office - Home](#)
- Library Collections Feedback Survey – Jylisa Kenyon
 - The Library is asking for feedback to understand how the library collections support research and teaching. The survey includes questions about library collections use, gaps and needs. This anonymous survey takes about 5-10 min to complete [Library Collections Survey](#)
- Idaho Federation of Teachers (AFT) Survey – Kristin Haltinner
 - The Idaho AFT has launched an anonymous, informal survey to gather information regarding the Freedom of Inquiry in Higher Education Act (Idaho Code §67-5909D). The survey is being distributed to union members, but non-union members are also encouraged to complete the survey [AFT Idaho Member Survey](#)

Provost's Report

- The next faculty gathering hosted by the College of Natural Resources is tomorrow, Feb. 18, in the ICCU alumni club room. [RSVP form](#)

- The Student Success Symposium is a symposium to advance student success through innovative, inclusive and impactful teaching and learning practices. The symposium is hybrid and in-person in the Clear and Whitewater Room, ISUB on February 27, 2026 from 11:30 am-4:30 pm. [Student Success Symposium](#)
- An update was provided that the state budget is still pending, with additional information hopefully next week.

Invited Guest Presentations

- Canvas Curriculum Resources – Alistair Smith, Academic Leadership Fellow, Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives.
A Canvas resource was developed to build a community of practice around curriculum change proposals to improve proposal quality prior to submission to the University Curriculum Committee and provide resources and tools to help with curriculum design and the curricular change process. The modules include resources and information on how to use CIM and develop CIM and SBOE proposal forms. If you would like to learn more or join the CANVAS community, contact [Alistair Smith](#). There are about 14 modules, with each module about 10-15 min in length [Inside U of I - Curriculum Development Community of Practice](#)

Committee Voting Items and Reports

- Report from Ad hoc Committee on Safety and Security – Kristin Haltinner, Vice Chair of Faculty Senate
This committee included Kristin Haltinner, Deb Thorne, Nicole Remy, Philip Hagen, Beth Ropski, and Cate Loiacono. Kristin reviewed key findings from the campus safety survey, ongoing safety improvement efforts, and next steps for the committee. The committee has worked extensively with different groups on campus (e.g., OCRI, Ombuds Office) to understand the issues and improve safety. Additional details are included in the report in the binder. In response to a question, the survey did not ask about international status of respondents; however, there may be information in the qualitative data on this concern.

New Concerns of Issues

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. PST (5:18 p.m. MT).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantal Vella
Secretary of the University Faculty & Secretary to Faculty Senate