



Idaho State University

Office of Academic Affairs - Council of Deans

August 2, 2021

Priority Information

- Comparative Enrollment Information (Karen)
 - 8058 students / 1½% higher than last year
 - 8th New Student Orientation with another scheduled
 - Causes need for more seat availability - exciting problem to have!

Important Dates

- Year 6/7 Submitted to NWCCU- August 4
- New Faculty Orientation and Reception - August 17
- Academic Affairs Welcome Back Town Hall - August 19 at 2pm
- Year 6/7 site visit- October 6-8

Discussion

- [Bengal Connect](#) (Corey Zink & Karen)
 - List of 80 names on mentor list. Goal to hit 100 by August 16, 2021 for President's FALL 2021 speech.
 - Are we going for learning communities or broad mentorships?
 - People are wanting to keep it as a broad membership model. Cross pollination between majors and colleges.
 - Can we share the mentorship list with deans from colleges (question from Debbie Ronneburg)? Corey will share names with Karen (who will send them out).
- Listening and Spoken Language Proposal (Chris Sanford)
 - Brief Overview - follow up with Teresa, Rex and Christine Blaizer (who has had a lot of work with Minnesota group and did her doctorate there). Seeking to have providers meet needs of students - build programs to be self-sustaining. Could definitely use a differential class fee model - wants to use a Dual Class Fee Model instead. Students are currently going to Utah for training to meet current Idaho needs. This is for a graduate degree certificate for those already working in the fee. This is an online fee based model of approximately \$25,000 (this is half of what they are paying in Minnesota). Recommendation to add this to the next Leadership Council.
- Academic Freedom and Responsibility syllabus statement (Karen)
 - Email sent out this morning as a notes from Academic Affairs in SU Today, BengalWeb, and to Faculty. Karen asked Deans to share with their faculty, staff, and chairs. This has been approved by the deans, legal counsel and OSBE. In the future, we'll be working to have a more in-depth faculty review for the syllabus statement.
- COVID information update (Karen and Lyle)
 - Beginning August 8, 2021 - we have 15 vaccination clinics. President and Student affairs is working on incentives to get students vaccinated.
 - CDC guidelines can be accessed here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully->



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- Masking is recommended in indoor public spaces where disease transmission is considered in counties where levels are high or substantial. Physical distancing still remains in effect for those who are at highest risk. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
- How is this going to impact the beginning of the year activities. The President's address is going to be in-person. New Faculty Orientation and Reception still being planned in-person with masking strongly encouraged. Nothing has been changed...Karen encouraged deans to put "subject to change" verbiage in all messages that go out from their areas.
- Questions for EOC Tomorrow:
 - Can faculty not wear a mask if they practice social distancing - Karen (via Lyle) will take this to EOC tomorrow. Can cause confusion based on what Institution wants?
 - Could we create an institutional policy regarding masking?
 - Can office hours be moved to Zoom?
- EOC has been moved from Tuesday's to Thursday's. The President's Office is trying to have a system wide decision on Wednesday - a bit more information for our EOC meeting on Thursday.
- School District #25 - they are not mandating masks based on the latest communications.
- Anyone on campus who has been exposed to COVID needs to contact the Health Committee for contact tracing.
- Current CDC Quarantine Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>
- Council of Deans recommendation to the Instructional Committee and then EOC Community:
 - Deans' Council recommends requiring masks in all indoor academic and instructional spaces with a continued health exception process. Deans' Council also supports both incentivizing vaccinations among our students and educating our campus community about vaccinations.
 - Unanimously approved by the Council of Deans, Council.
- Academic Affairs Schedule/Calendar Due Dates PPR 5 Year Review (Cindy)
 - Recommendation to PPRs recommendations to the same date as final evaluations March 25 and get them entered into the Talent Management System.