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September 7, 2021

Priority Information

- **Practice Site NWCCU Visit - September 16** - Darren - (5 min)
 - [Final Agenda for Year 7 Practice Evaluation](#)
 - The schedule is posted on the accreditation website and calendar invitations have been sent out.
 - All faculty senate will be invited.
 - September 17th, we will have finalized schedule out for the actual accreditation.
- [Updated Self-Study Template](#) & [Revised Annual Report Template](#) - Karen & Ann - (5 min)
 - Faculty reviews are always very important for our accreditation.
 - This is a good opportunity for us to touch base with programs without external accreditation.
 - We send all of the updated documents/surveys in an email this week to deans. Deans will need to send it out to all of the chairs and program directors. These are due November 1st.
 - If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hackert.

Important Dates

- **Year 6/7 site visit** - October 6-8
- **Program Health/Review** - November 1

Discussion

- [F&A Project Charter Hypotheticals](#) - Jen S., Donna L., Fred Parrish, & Dave Rodgers - (15-30 min)
 - See document link for details. No funds have been cut for departments or library.
 - This presentation is to get feedback and reactions so the task force can make final recommendations. Please let the task force know if you have any feedback.
 - Plan moving forward: the task force will have town halls with faculty to get more feedback and then they will revisit the Dean's meeting before moving forward.
- **Research Compliance** - Deb Easterly (15min)
 - <https://isu.edu/research/research-outreach-and-compliance/>
 - Visit link above for more information
 - When you hire faculty, please don't assume that there is room in the animal research facility.
 - The type of animal we work with is also limited.



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- Research misconduct and conflict of interest goes through this office. If there is a conflict of interest, it needs to be declared and a plan needs to be made.
- Export control also goes through this office.
- We need to pass this compliance information on to new faculty and students.
- **ACT/SAT Policy requirement change** - Cindy (15 min)
 - State policy changes the expectation of requiring ACT or SAT for admissions.
 - Any feedback on this new policy and how we should move forward?
 - Lyle will go to academic standards and let them know that deans are supportive in no longer requiring the ACT/SAT.
- **Signature authority** - Scott (5 min)
 - Blake Christensen is figuring out signature authority preferences. Karen will have Blake reach out to deans about this.
 - Karen will look into this and see if changes can be made with student petitions.
- **Evaluation Process**- Cindy/Karen (10 mins)
 - The 1, 3, and 5 year PPR can be uploaded in TMS for the evaluation. You would also have to add ratings with that.
 - We need a way to track everything in TMS so that deans know where they are with evaluations.
 - We need to come up with a list of collective concerns (like timeline flow) to bring to Ray. Send these concerns to Darren Blagburn by September 27th.

Dean's Only Roundtable

- **Health updates- Rex**
 - There is a 10-12% positivity rate and an increase in COVID cases. There is a 1-2% increase in positivity in testing screening.
 - Hospitals are seeing high levels and so services may not be the same quality care you would normally see.
 - Covid models show that Idaho's peak should be around October 23rd
- **Instruction Committee- Cindy**
 - Cindy would like feedback on how instruction is currently going with current COVID levels. Please email Cindy or Adam with Feedback.