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Dear Faculty,

I am writing to provide you with a few important updates from the Office of Academic Affairs. I want to thank everyone who attended the President's first State of the University event, on October 24th. For those of you unable to attend, the evening featured the talents of our faculty and students in the School of Performing Arts, and provided a great opportunity to share ISU's goals and accomplishments for this past year with faculty, staff and community members. I encourage you to view the slides from the President's presentation at www.isu.edu/president.


As many of you know, the Idaho State Board of Education has established the goal that 60% of Idahoans age 25-34 will have a postsecondary degree or one-year professional-technical certificate by the year 2020. The strategies submitted by ISU related to this goal are available on the Academic Affairs website (www.isu.edu/acadaff). Strategies to meet the 60% goal from all public institutions are available at: (www.boardofed.idaho.gov/meetings/board/current_year/08_10-11_11/worksession.pdf).

I want to encourage all faculty members to carefully read the most recent draft of the Faculty Constitution put forward by the Provisional Faculty Senate, as well as the comments from faculty and administration on the latest draft, all of which are available on the Senate website (go to www.isu.edu/fsen and then click on the link, *Current Agenda and Business Items for Senators*). On November 2nd, the Provisional Faculty Senate held an open forum to discuss their draft 0.8 of the Constitution; however, less than 25 faculty members attended the meeting, so I would encourage everyone to discuss their comments related to the draft constitution with their elected Senators. It is important that this draft constitution be vetted by all members of the University faculty, a final draft of which must be approved by the President prior to the end of this semester. This is a very important document for the faculty body at ISU. The Provisional Senate's draft is an edited version of the recently approved Boise State University Constitution; you also may want to view the Constitution of the University of Idaho (see: <http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/1520.html>) as well as their Secretary of the Faculty position (see: <http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/fsh/1570.html>).

Finally, I want to let you know that information on the new accreditation requirements from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, as well as the membership of the Accreditation Steering Committee, the Standard One Self-Evaluation, the confidential draft report from the Evaluation Committee, the President's letter back to the Evaluation Committee, and the Standard Two subcommittee members are all available on the Academic Affairs website (www.isu.edu/acadaff/accreditation.shtml). We will post updates on the Standard Two Self-Evaluation draft as it develops over the next several months. This report is due September 15, 2012.

Please know that I am always willing to make time to meet with faculty, individually or in groups, and provide any information or answer questions that may arise. I hope everyone has had a pleasant and productive semester.

Most sincerely,


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