Nov 10, 2026 | CoSE Chairs & Directors Mtg

Attendees: Bruce Savage Logan McDougall Dustin McNulty Steve Chiu April Robinson Patrick Rault Janet Loxterman Steve Chiu Anish Sebastian Andy Holland Mikel Mecham Shannon Kobs Evan Johnson Jim Widmann Denise McReynolds Leif Tapanila Minhaz Zibran Doug McGee Todd Johnson

Notes

1. Announcements/Dean's Council Updates/Reminders
    a. Presley is leaving us ☹
    b. Rural Outreach Efforts by Kandi Turley-Ames
        i. 1/3 of our undergrads are from "rural" Idaho. Has increased by 400 students over the last 5 years.
        ii. Idaho State Univ-High Collaborative. Brings faculty into H.S. classrooms
        iii. Stipends $100 + travel for in-person or $75 for virtual
        iv. Details to be presented at Academic Council – Seems like CoSE should participate.
    c. Be aware of identity theft- we have more and more identity theft where students posing as others are getting into our system with the purpose of gaining financial aid. Please be on the lookout.
    d. Outstanding student nomination deadline is November 18th.
    e. Employee Recognition Survey - As Chair or Program Director, please fill this out.
    f. Water outage the week of Thanksgiving in Lillibridge and PSC.
2. 2:30 Todd Johnson- Veteran Student Services (208) 282-4298, toddjohnson@isu.edu
    a. Kerry Larsen-Military Education Benefits Coordinator (208) 282-2676, kerrylarsen@isu.edu
    b. VA has a new STEM Program- VA benefits-eligible students can get an additional 12 months of benefits if they are going into a STEM field- See Kerry for more details.
    c. Students' courses must be tied to their degree to qualify for VA Ed benefits.
    d. Todd and Carrie both have an open-door policy and invite faculty to reach out with questions.
3. 3:00 Doug McGee-Integrated Teaching Development Framework
    a. Designed to improve teaching and learning
    b. Discussed this voluntary pilot program and answered questions from Chairs.
    c. The biggest impact of this program will be at the undergraduate level.
    d. Interested Chairs should contact Doug McGee in early December if they want their departments to participate.

    e. Getting the program started is easy; a 1-2 hour workshop with faculty will kick off the program in departments that want to participate.
        i. Doug will coordinate facilitators that will help get the program started.
    f. Doug can attend a department faculty meeting to discuss the program and answer questions.
    g. Doug's contact info: (208) 282-2493, douglasmcgee@isu.edu
4. CPI funding usage-Denise
    a. CPI funding usage is down.
    b. If your department won't be using the allocated CPI funding, let Denise know.
    c. If you need additional CPI funding, let Denise know.
    d. Some Chairs voiced concerns about the new CPI requirement that students be at the junior level to qualify for the CPI program.
    e. CPI funds can be used to cover Grad student funding in the summer.
5. 3:30 Nuclear Academy Discussion with Chad Pope and interested chairs and program directors.