

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

JANUARY 28TH, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 12 Senators present.
 - b. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21ST, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from January 21st, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 28TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for January 28th, 2026 with the friendly amendment to add Pallavi Pokharel under Announcements and Correspondence as well as the Bangladesh Student Association under New Buisness: Saunders/Smith
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Earth Day Celebration Discussion, Pallavi Pokharel
 - i. Pallavi Pokharel introduced herself as the Sustainability Manager for ISU, who joined in September, presented plans for an upcoming event to celebrate sustainability and integrate sustainable practices into campus life. The Earth Day Forum will be held on April 22nd as part of a week-long celebration of Earth Week, which includes multiple side events. The forum will feature panel discussions and keynote speakers on topics such as Earth and mental health, student engagement in sustainability, student submissions and academic research, and ecology and landscaping. Other topics will include campus dining practices, seasonal recycling initiatives, facilities management, new energy initiatives, public transportation accessibility, and the strengths and feasibility of transit options. An awareness campaign and competitions are planned leading up to the event, and a pop-up thrift store will also be included. There has been significant collaboration and communication to gain momentum for the event. The Sustainability Manager encouraged feedback, ideas, or suggestions, noting that sustainability is a shared responsibility. The main event will take place from April 20 to 24.
- VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that he attended the Student Organization Fair today, with strong ASISU attendance and support, making it a very successful event overall. Last week, he visited with Becky Naber, ISU Athletics Executive Assistant, to discuss upcoming sports initiatives and ways to continue passing traditions along to future years. Additionally, officers were encouraged to support and attend extracurricular activities and athletic events.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Lopez
 - i. Senator Lopez shared that this week he spoke with committee chairs and confirmed their engagements, meetings, and initiatives. He reminded members that January time cards and checklists are due tomorrow by 5:00 PM. He is also exploring ways to make course meetings more engaging.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Today in Senate, the committee heard from Benny's Pantry regarding making it a line item and approved funding for the Ecology and Sustainability Club. The committee also heard from Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi regarding funding for their gala, an internal funding request regarding the Idaho Period Project, and service opportunities during the Turner Day of Service. Additionally, the committee approved a Benny's Funding Request for the Bangladesh Student Association.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith shared that in the committee meeting today, there was discussion regarding rewriting and reorganizing the bylaws and divided up the work among members.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre nothing to report.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that this committee met to discuss the Plant and Paint a Pot event in collaboration with the Student Involvement Committee and is finalizing preparations. Meetings were held with Counseling and Mental Health Center as well as the Wellness Center to work on ongoing projects. There may be upcoming requests from these departments for their better sleep kits.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Reserve Funding Request for Games Pass, \$25,000
 - i. Motion to approve the Reserve Funding Request for Games Pass for \$25,000: Smith/Vargas Barvosa
 - 1. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - AIDAN HALL – YES
 - BRYSON KING – YES
 - PAIGE LITTLE – YES
 - CJ LOPEZ – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – YES

ANNA RESIDE - YES
ROBERT SAUNDERS – ABSTAIN
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

- i. Ecology and Sustainability Club, \$3,000
- ii. Bangladesh Student Association, \$448

- 1. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Lopez/Van Metre
- 2. Unanimous
- 3. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Senators present.
- b. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

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