

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

OCTOBER 8TH, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 12 Senators present.
 - b. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist, and Val Davids Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 1st, 2025: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 8TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 8th, 2025 with the friendly amendment to add friendly amendment to add the Internal Funding Request for Homecoming Parade Supplies for \$500 under New Business: Vargas Barvosa/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
 - a. Effie Hernandez, the Native American Student Services Coordinator shared that Idaho State University will host its 7th Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration on Monday, October 13, 2025, at the Pond Student Union Building. Coordinated by the Native American Student Coordinator, the event features a variety of activities including presentations from Indigenous community members, traditional storytelling, and stone tool making, with many other engaging opportunities throughout the day. Attendees can also participate in door prize giveaways from 20 participating vendors. This celebration, themed Indigenous Joy: Celebrating Strength & Resilience, offers the campus and local community a meaningful chance to come together to honor the rich cultures, histories, and ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples, making it a special occasion to celebrate everyone on campus.
 - b. Emily Jones, a member of Idaho State University's Greek Life and Greek Council, noted that many Greek life representatives are present tonight to show their support for the multicultural fraternities and sororities on campus, specifically highlighting Lambda Theta Alpha. She emphasized to the Senate that all multicultural organizations on campus are a tremendous asset to both Greek life and the broader campus community as a whole.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Idaho State University Interested Men of Sigma Lambda Beta, New Club - Denis Arturo Vargas Barvosa; Val Davids Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator

- i. Val Davids expressed excitement at seeing the strong turnout from Greek life in support of one another. She noted that 13 students have expressed interest in joining the potential new fraternity.
- ii. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that he has been working to establish a chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta at ISU and emphasized the fraternity's commitment to cultural awareness, academic excellence, and inclusivity, accepting members from all races and backgrounds, not just Latin students. The goal is to provide more opportunities for students and bring positive attention to ISU. He also mentioned that the national organization is very excited about the potential chapter.

1. Senator Smith confirmed that the group has met all required steps, including attending trainings and meeting the minimum membership requirement.

2. Senator Vargas Barvosa added that attending a Senate meeting was their final task.

a. Motion to approve the Interested Men of Sigma Lambda Beta: Saunders/Van Metre

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

AIDAN HALL – YES

RAKESH ITANI – YES

BRYSON KING – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – ABSTAIN

i. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that last week's Student Leader Social was a success, with 45 student leaders in attendance. The event provided an opportunity for student leaders to get to know one another, connect, and enjoy games together. He, along with Senator Saunders and Director Burrell, discussed the possibility of making Benny's Pantry a permanent line item in the ASISU budget. He also thanked the students who attended the recent tailgate event, despite the rain, and recognized the other student organizations that helped make it possible. Looking ahead, the Homecoming tailgate is expected to be even bigger. Spirit Week is also happening this upcoming week, and there will be daily prize opportunities promoted through the ASISU Instagram page.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith reminded Senators to email and reach out to all of their assigned clubs to continue building strong connections and engagement. A meeting with the committee chairs is being planned for next week. If anyone is struggling to fill their office hours, they are encouraged to reach out to Senator Smith, who has several ongoing projects that could use additional support.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Senator Saunders shared that during today's Finance Committee meeting, there were no funding requests submitted by Benny's Pantry. Work is currently focused on assisting the African Student Association with correcting and completing their funding request. Additionally, there has still been no response from the Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club regarding the request that was tabled last week.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith asked committee members to meet with him after Senate to coordinate a meeting for next week. During that future meeting, they will discuss Bill 623, which is expected to be released to the Senate for approval in the coming weeks.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee is focusing all of its efforts on promoting and putting together Spirit Week with themes dress up days and corresponding prize baskets. Additionally, she is working with Theresa Brissette to have a DJ for the homecoming tailgate.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that this committee is continuing its efforts to implement indoor plants in the Student Union Building and to ensure that feminine hygiene products are available in every building on campus. With the grant submission deadline for the indoor plant project approaching, the committee is considering pivoting to a new approach by providing potted plants directly to students instead.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bill 623
 - i. Held in Rules and Appointments.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of 2026 Election Timeline
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Saunders/Van Metre
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
- b. Review of 2026 Election Candidate Packet
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez

- ii. Unanimous
- iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
- iv. Motion to move out of committee: Lopez/Vargas Barvosa
- v. Unanimous
- vi. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

- a. Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator, reminded all Greek Life members in attendance to scan and complete the Club Attendance Form in order to receive incentive points and meet club registration requirements.

XIII. OTHER

- a. Lambda Theta Alpha Deadline Extension Follow Up
 - i. Jazmin Magallon shared that the organization met the member registration deadline and now has enough members to comply with both ASISU and national requirements.
 - 1. Senator Van Metre asked if the remaining requirements and registration process went smoothly for the organization.
 - a. Jazmin Magallon confirmed that it did.
 - 2. Senator Smith inquired about the current number of members and what precautions are being taken to maintain active member status.
 - a. Jazmin Magallon reported that the sorority has gained six new members, bringing their total to 12, and they are actively working on improving retention rates.
 - 3. Secretary Madison asked whether the issues that led to the organization requesting a deadline extension for a third consecutive year have been addressed.
 - a. Jazmin Magallon shared that they are currently developing a risk management plan to both prevent similar issues in the future and provide guidance to members if challenges arise again.

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Senators present.
- b. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist, and Val Davids Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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