

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

OCTOBER 15TH, 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 8TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 8th, 2025: Lopez/Saunders
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 15TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 15th, 2025 with the friendly amendment to add friendly amendment to add the Benny’s Funding Request for African Student Association for \$800 under New Business: Saunders/Smith
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Rural ROAR Club – New Club, Jordyn Jones; Val Davids Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator
 - i. Val Davids shared that according to the Idaho Department of Labor, as of May 2025, the classification of Idaho’s counties has remained unchanged since 2003. Out of the state’s 44 counties, 35 are still classified as rural, highlighting the significant rural demographic in Idaho. She also shared that the purpose of this organization is to establish support and belonging among rural students, assist them in adjusting to college life, promote self-development, provide social connections, and equip members with valuable skills and resources.
 - ii. Both the President and Vice President shared that this club aims to bring together students from rural communities and provide a welcoming environment to reduce loneliness among incoming students. They plan to create activities based in Pocatello, such as fly fishing, offering a diverse experience not only for Idaho students but for all students interested in rural life. The club’s goal is to unite rural students, offering a space where they can attend events together, feel less

overwhelmed, and build connections with peers who share similar backgrounds. In one day tabling for this club, they successfully recruited 16 members.

1. Senator Vargas Barbosa noted that within the College of Arts & Letters, there is a program with goals similar to this club and offered to help connect the club with that department.

- a. The Rural Roar members confirmed they are already in contact with that department and plan to continue utilizing that resource.

2. Senator Smith asked for clarification on whether the club has completed all required workshops and trainings.

- a. The Rural Roar members stated they have attended all but one, which they plan to complete soon.

- i. Motion to approve the Rural ROAR Club: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa

1. 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 – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

- iii. Val Davids took a moment to share that Homecoming Week starts next week and expressed her excitement, hoping to see everyone there. She mentioned events like the Homecoming BBQ, Abyss, and the Halloween Carnival, and suggested that ASISU should consider having a booth at the carnival.

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that Spirit Week is happening this week with ASISU. While participation has been limited, they've received some valuable feedback from students on how to improve future events. Homecoming is next week, with many activities to get involved in, including the ASISU tailgate on October 25th. President Halter also praised the Hispanic Heritage Month event and thanked Senator Vargas Barvosa for coordinating it.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Smith

- i. Senator Smith shared that he has been working with President Halter to organize an ASISU Lunch with the Deans, planned for early December. Additionally, he is helping coordinate a recurring monthly Lunch with ASISU/HeySISU event to provide ongoing opportunities for student engagement and feedback.
 - b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Senator Saunders shared that there is work being done to update the internal funding request process and procedures. In committee today, the First Gen Students Club presented a request for \$2,000 to fund a dinner event for the last of First-Generation Celebration week. The African Student Association also presented a funding request for \$800, which was approved.
 - c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith shared that this committee is releasing Bill 623 and requesting that when we reach that line item, we move to committee for further discussion.
 - d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre shared that Spirit Week participation has been low and more involvement is needed. As Senators, there is an expectation to actively participate so that students can see ASISU engaged, which encourages their participation as well. For the Homecoming tailgate on October 25th there are two set up plans. Plan A is to set up all ASISU tents the night before, weather permitting and if allowed. Plan B is to bring everything to the tailgate area the morning of the event and set up immediately after the Homecoming parade. Participation from everyone in ASISU is needed since Greek life may not be helping at this tailgate due to their involvement in the Homecoming Parade. It is important for the Senate to be involved and assist with the setup. She also shared that Theresa Brissette sent a mass email to all clubs inviting them to join and participate in the tailgate. She is working on securing a DJ and coordinating with ICCU to bring the Green Mobile Truck to the tailgate as well.
 - e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that he is continuing his efforts and working on contacting people.
 - ii. Senator Pandey stated that although this committee hasn't met yet this week, a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- X. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Bill 623
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Smith/Saunders
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Smith/Lopez
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 1. Motion to approve Bill 623 with the friendly amendment to remove Article 2, Section 2, Line J of the Executive Cabinet Rule Book and remove Director of Sustainability position from Article 3, Section 1: Smith/Vargas Barvosa

a. 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 – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Approval of 2026 Election Timeline

i. Motion to approve the 2026 Election Timeline: Saunders/Van Metre

1. 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 – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Internal Funding Request

i. Homecoming Parade Supplies, \$500

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for Homecoming Parade Supplies for \$500: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

a. 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 – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

i. African Student Association, \$800

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 Students, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist, and Val Davids Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.

c. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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