

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF**

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**7:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Senators present.
  - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, 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 JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Bengal Giving Day 2026, Levi Gribas and Daniel Moore
    - i. Levi Gribas and Daniel Moore shared that Bengal Giving Day will take place on March 10th and 11th, 2026. This year, there will be a strong push to ensure students are aware of and involved in the event. While donors are responsible for making contributions, the direct impact of Bengal Giving Day benefits students. The 1,901-minute fundraiser blitz will begin at 9:00 AM on March 10th and conclude at 4:41 PM on March 11th. A new fundraising platform, GiveCampus, will be used this year. Colleges will be the primary units with direct landing pages, though departmental and club-specific links are available upon request. Challenge and matching gifts are available for donations of \$500 or more. There will be workshops focused on maximizing fundraising efforts for Bengal Giving Day will be offered. One workshop will take place at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 18th. Attendance at these workshops is strongly encouraged. ASISU can support Bengal Giving Day by promoting the event. Suggested efforts include attending workshops, sharing Bengal Giving Day information and posts on social media, reaching out regarding challenge gifts, and seeking referrals. A live event will be held in the Student Union Building and will align with ongoing student activities. Planned events include cornhole games, students versus faculty competitions, and a prize awarded after 100 donations. Students can also participate in a “Find the Bengal” activity, with the prize being a donation made on their behalf to the department of their choice. A demonstration of the Bengal Giving Day website was provided, including how funds are accessed and how department- or club-specific links function. Bengal Giving Day is a crowdfunding event designed to raise money for specific areas on campus or scholarship funds.

All funds raised directly support Idaho State University and benefit students. Student clubs are still able to sign up and will need an "About" section and a photo to participate.

- b. ISU Dance Company (New Club) – Blue Hill and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator
  - i. Val Davids shared that the ISU Dance Company, formerly known as Dance On, is working to become an active club again on campus. The ISU dance program has been significantly reduced over the past several years, and this club aims to help fill that gap by providing dance opportunities for students. The club plans to offer dance classes for students, host performances both on campus and in the community, and organize social events. Currently, the club roster includes 12 students. For this semester, the focus will be on offering a variety of technique classes and dance styles to encourage participation from both new and continuing dancers. The club seeks to provide students with an outlet to pursue their passion for dance regardless of experience level. One long-term goal is to host a dance concert, an event that was previously organized by the dance department but is no longer offered. The club hopes to bring dance back to campus in a larger and more visible way. For students interested in deeper involvement, the club is considering a master class weekend as a fundraiser for the concert. This event would include instructors from the local area. Tara Young, Chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, serves as the club's advisor.
    - 1. Motion to approve the ISU Dance Company as a club: Saunders/Smith
      - a. 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 – YES
        - PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
        - SILAS SMITH – YES
        - HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
        - DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES
      - b. Motion: **CARRIED**

#### VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter reported that he has been meeting with various campus departments and faculty to discuss the allocation of the reserve fund budget and potential project ideas. These discussions are ongoing, and all proposed ideas are being compiled into a shared document with the goal of building the budget by April. The Bengal Cage event is scheduled for next week, and there is hope for increased student engagement with the event. President Halter shared that he has also met with Senator Van Meter, ISU Athletics, and the Jungle to begin conversations surrounding athletic events and to establish a plan for the remainder of the athletic events this semester and the upcoming year.

#### IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Lopez
  - i. Senator Lopez thanked the Senate for the opportunity to be Senate Pro Temp for the month of January, and encouraged the entire organization to keep up their great work.

- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
  - i. Today in Finance Committee meeting, additional line-item hearings were held, including presentations from Jason Sperry from the Bengal Theatre, as well as Meg Holmes from the ISU Theatre and Dance Department. The committee approved the Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi Benny's Funding Request as well as the Idaho Period Project Internal Funding Request. The committee also heard internal funding requests for a Trivia Night event and the Turner Day of Service breakfast.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
  - i. Senator Smith shared that the committee will be meeting next week. He also noted that he has asked committee members to complete assigned tasks so the committee can move forward with editing and consolidating the governing documents.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
  - i. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee presented funding for Trivia Night at the Finance Committee meeting today. She has also reached out to a DJ and is working on a contract to have the DJ attend tailgates. Shirt designs for tailgates are also in progress.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that this committee is continuing work on the Plant a Pot event, including setting dates and preparing to submit the Internal Funding Request.

#### X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Request
  - i. Ecology and Sustainability Club, \$3,000
    - 1. Motion to approve the Ecology and Sustainability Club Benny's Funding Request for \$3,000: Vargas Barvosa/Smith
      - a. 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 – YES
        - PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
        - SILAS SMITH – YES
        - HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
        - DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES
      - b. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - ii. Bangladesh Student Association, \$448
    - 1. Motion to approve the Bangladesh Student Association Request for \$448: Smith/Saunders

- a. ROLL CALL
  - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
  - AIDAN HALL – YES
  - BRYSON KING – YES
  - PAIGE LITTLE – YES
  - CJ LOPEZ – YES
  - DIYA PANDEY – YES
  - ANNA RESIDE - YES
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  - SILAS SMITH – YES
  - HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
  - DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES
- b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bill 627
  - i. Bill 627, authored by Silas Smith, College of Education Senator, and Sponsored by Robert Saunders, College of Business Senator. The purpose of this bill is to allow ASISU officers to do office hours at any time.
    - 1. Senator Smith and Senator Saunders reiterated that, as a whole, this bill will remove the limitations on completing officer hours during the 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday window. Considering that officers have classes, work, and other obligations, the primary goal of office hours should be their completion, rather than restricting them to a single time window.
- b. Benny's Funding Request
  - i. Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi, \$2,952
    - 1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez
    - 2. Unanimous
    - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
    - 4. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Lopez
    - 5. Unanimous
    - 6. Motion: **CARRIED**
- c. Internal Funding Request
  - i. Idaho Period Project, \$1,000

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

- a. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence, February
  - i. Senator Saunders was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of February.

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Senators present.
- b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist and, Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

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