

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF**

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**7:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 11 Senators were present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Pandey.
  - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Lopez/Little
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with the friendly amendment to add Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator with Lambda Theta Alpha Deadline Extension Request under Other: Saunders/Lopez
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Parent Rooms and Lactation Spaces Presentation, Jerrica Kenison
    - i. Jerrica Kenison, the Management Assistant of Equal Opportunity and Title IX under the Office of the President, introduced herself to the Senate and shared information about the Parent Rooms and Lactation Spaces initiative. She explained that the initiative began in July 2024 when 22 campus stakeholders came together to form the Lactation Spaces Planning Initiative, a collaborative effort aimed at improving lactation accommodations across the university. This diverse group included representatives from Equal Opportunity & Title IX, Facilities & Operations, Student Affairs, Human Resources, Academic Departments, Health Sciences, Nursing and Clinical Education, staff and faculty from all major campuses, as well as recent parents and lactating staff members. The initiative organized its work into several focus areas: the Laws and Compliance group reviewed Title IX, FLSA, state regulations, and federal guidelines to ensure all recommendations were legally compliant; the Facilities and Space Planning group conducted site visits, audits, and feasibility analyses to identify and prioritize appropriate spaces; the

Maintenance and Operations group considered long-term upkeep, privacy, scheduling, and best practices; the Funding and Grants group explored funding opportunities but was hindered by a federal directive that eliminated grants for lactation infrastructure; and the Institutional Research group developed and analyzed surveys to understand usage patterns, demand, and satisfaction with existing lactation spaces. From this research, three key themes emerged. First, there is a clear need to expand space availability, as the current number of lactation spaces is insufficient to meet demand. Second, the importance of visibility and strategic marketing was highlighted, with many users unaware of the spaces that do exist. Third, there is a strong demand for increased accessibility and privacy, as several existing spaces are located in suboptimal or inconvenient areas. These findings underscore the need for a more comprehensive, user-centered approach to lactation space planning across campus. Moving forward, the committee recommends a five-year phased plan to gradually expand and enhance lactation spaces across campus. This plan includes the annual installation of Mamava pods in targeted locations, the conversion of underutilized spaces into designated lactation areas where appropriate, and the integration of lactation accommodations into all new construction projects as part of the Campus Master Plan. To ensure the effectiveness of the initiative, annual usage reviews will be conducted to assess traffic and user satisfaction. The committee will also provide yearly progress updates to university leadership, with metrics including the number of operational spaces, user feedback, awareness indicators, and compliance with Title IX benchmarks. Access to current spaces will be streamlined through standard locking mechanisms displaying “Vacant” or “In Use.” The REND Parent Room will have its swipe access removed and replaced with this standard mechanism. Mamava lactation pods can be accessed via the Mamava smartphone app or by contacting Equal Opportunity & Title IX, Facilities, or Public Safety to receive the administrative door code. Jerrica shared photos of the lactation rooms in Rendezvous, SUB, Beckley, Physical Science, Garrison Hall, as well as the rooms on the Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Meridian campuses. She also shared that the Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition has recognized the outstanding work of the ISU Lactation Spaces Committee by awarding them the 2025 Exemplary Professional Leadership Award. This annual award honors a team of professionals who demonstrate exceptional dedication, creativity, and leadership in creating environments that support breastfeeding and address barriers within their communities. The Coalition commended the Committee for its commitment to providing safe, accessible, and supportive spaces for lactating families at ISU, efforts that align closely with the mission to protect, support, and promote breastfeeding as the biological norm for a healthier Idaho.

1. Senator Little asked if there were any plans to implement a lactation space in the College of Education building, noting that she believes it would be heavily used. She also inquired about how ASISU can help spread awareness of the initiative.
  - a. Jerrica responded that there are plans and hopes to establish lactation spaces in every building on campus that needs them. She emphasized the importance of informing people about the existing spaces and encouraged identifying any

other locations on campus where students would benefit from such accommodations.

VIII. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that the Sustainability Department recently welcomed a new Sustainability Manager, opening up opportunities for collaboration this year. There has been a lot of coordination this week in preparation for the tailgate event happening this Saturday at 1:00 PM. Additionally, Secretary Madison informed him that the College of Pharmacy has reached out about filling the vacant College of Pharmacy senator positions.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa is working with Director Kankolongo to finalize the line-item highlight for the month, with KSISU being featured this time. They are also planning to highlight with Benny's Pantry in November. Additionally, efforts are underway with LED and HALO to highlight Hispanic Heritage Month, recognizing the university's designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
  - i. Senator Saunders shared that during today's Finance Committee meeting, \$312.50 was approved for the Student Physical Therapy Association to help fund a 5K fun run that will be open to all students. He also reported that he, Director Burrell, President Halter, and Theresa Brissette will be meeting with the Provost's Office and the Graduate School on Friday, September 26, to review the Memorandum of Understanding and discuss expectations for these offices, including the allocation of travel funding. Additionally, Senator Saunders is working on drafting a contract for the Touch Net scanner in the Student Leadership and Engagement Center, which will provide a system for student clubs to use the scanner at their events.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
  - i. Senator Smith shared that the committee met today and discussed Bill 623, which will be voted on next week to move it to committee for further review. The proposed changes in this bill include removing the requirement for the Director of Finance to attend Senate meetings and eliminating the Director of Sustainability position from the governing documents. The committee is also in the process of drafting additional bills for future consideration.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
  - i. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee has been focusing all of their efforts on preparing for the upcoming tailgates. She met this week with President Halter, members of The Jungle, and representatives from Greek Life to coordinate plans and make the tailgate a major event. Seven pop-up tents stored in the ASISU closet will be used to help set up a dedicated student section. The Cosmetology program will be offering face painting, and there will be games, food, and drinks available. Flyers will be handed out tomorrow at 11:30 AM to promote the event.
- e. Health, Wellness and, Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that this committee met today and reviewed last year's committee report. They are working on connecting with the new Sustainability Director and the Sustainability

Club, with efforts underway to reactivate the club. A major project the committee will be focusing on this year is implementing access to feminine hygiene products in every building on campus. They also plan to revisit the plant installation project that was proposed last year in the SUB and explore opportunities to make it a reality.

X. OLD BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. September Tailgate Funding, \$300

1. Motion to approve the tailgate funding for \$300: Saunders/Lopez

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

SILAS SMITH — YES

HANNAH VAN METRE — YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA — YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution 633

- i. Secretary Madison shared that next week, when Resolution 633 appears under Old Business, the Senate will vote to send it to the Rules and Appointments Committee. There, any necessary edits or language changes can be made based on suggestions from senators who review it beforehand. Once all revisions have been completed, the Rules and Appointments Committee will release the resolution back to the Senate, where it can be approved, denied, or tabled.

b. Benny's Funding Request

i. Student Physical Therapy Association, \$312.50

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

a. Lambda Theta Alpha Deadline Extension Request

- i. Jazmin Magallon, President of the Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. at Idaho State University, has shared that due to requirements from the national organization, the chapter is requesting an extension for the club registration deadline. This extension is necessary to ensure the sorority remains an active club on campus and retains its recognition as a chapter at the national level.

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Saunders/Van Metre

2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to extend committee by 5 minutes: Lopez/Little
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**
7. Motion to extend committee by 5 minutes: Lopez/Van Metre
8. Unanimous
9. Motion: **CARRIED**
10. Motion to extend committee by 10 minutes: Smith/Van Metre
11. Unanimous
12. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - a. Motion to suspend the Bylaws, Article 3, Section 1, Clause 1, Items A, B and, C until Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> for Lambda Theta Alpha: Lopez/Van Metre
    - i. ROLL CALL  
AIDAN HALL — YES  
BRYSON KING —YES  
PAIGE LITTLE — YES  
CJ LOPEZ — YES  
DIYA PANDEY — YES  
ROBERT SAUNDERS — YES  
PRAJAKTA SHARMA — YES  
SILAS SMITH — NO  
HANNAH VAN METRE — YES  
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA — YES
    - ii. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - b. Motion to extend the registration deadline for Lambda Theta Alpha until October 8th, with the provision that a representative from this organization attend the Senate meeting on October 8th to report on their membership status: Lopez/Vargas Barvosa
    - i. ROLL CALL  
AIDAN HALL — 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

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11 Finance Committee members were present.
- b. Absent: Senator Itani.
- c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.