

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, ZOOM

7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 12 senators were present.
 - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator and, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from September 17th, 2025: Vargas Barvosa/Pandey
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARREID**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to friendly amend tonight’s agenda with the addition of the Hispanic Heritage Month Event for \$750 under New Business: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Mathematics Education Association – New Club; Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator
 - i. The Mathematics Education Association, originally started last spring, is now fully organized and ready for formal recognition. The purpose of the club is to provide service opportunities related to mathematics education, in alignment with the mission of the College of Education. Yvonne Warjack, President of the club, shared that the organization was created to inspire future educators and help them become more effective math teachers within the school system. While the club is still finalizing its meeting agenda, planned activities include organizing tutoring opportunities in the Pocatello School District, engaging members in discussions on effective teaching strategies, and working together to become stronger educators. The club’s main goals are to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics, provide members with training and resources to enhance their teaching skills, and promote problem-solving while making math more accessible to K–12 students in Pocatello, Fort Hall, and Blackfoot. The club currently has 19 members.

1. The club has not yet attended student organization trainings but plans to do so. Some of the club's long-term goals include partnering with the College of Education to create a float for the Homecoming Parade in order to raise awareness and recruit new members, stabilizing the organization, and expanding involvement in future events. As a nationally affiliated organization, the club also aims to enhance ISU's standing and provide members with opportunities to interact with ISU faculty and local school district staff for professional development and networking. While the club is primarily geared toward future educators, it is open to anyone with an interest in mathematics.

- a. Motion to approve the Mathematics Education Association as a new club:

Lopez/Vargas Barvosa

- 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 – ABSTAIN

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that the tailgate this past weekend was a great success, with an estimated 200–300 attendees during the two hours leading up to the game. He thanked everyone who helped out and mentioned that more tailgates are being planned for the future. He also reminded everyone about the Bengal Watch Party for this Saturday's away football game, which will include free food at the ICCU Dome (Football Alumni Team Clubhouse). Additionally, he encouraged members to RSVP for the Student Leader Social happening on October 2nd. President Halter and Vice President Medema recently met with the university's new Director of Sustainability, Pallavi Pokharel. They discussed potential future collaborations on sustainability initiatives, including possible events like farmers markets or pop-up thrift shops, all exciting opportunities to engage students and promote sustainable practices on campus.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senator Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that the Senate Pro Tempore meeting with all of the committee chairs is scheduled for tomorrow and noted that all committee chairs are doing excellent work. He commended Director Burrell and Senator Saunders for their outstanding contributions to ASISU's

finance operations. He provided an update on the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month event, a collaboration between LED and HALO. The event will take place in the SUB on October 15th from 12–2 PM. Flyers are being created and will include the logos of all participating organizations. Multicultural fraternities and sororities have been invited to participate, highlighting the rich diversity of the student body. Senator Vargas Barvosa is also working with Director Kankolongo to help further publicize the event. A funding request has been properly submitted with Director Burrell assistance. Lastly, he addressed the funding approval for the Student Physical Therapy Association, noting that their advisor has not yet completed the required advisor training. He emphasized the need for clarity and consistency in ensuring all training requirements are met before funding is officially disbursed.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders

- i. Senator Saunders shared that at today's Finance Committee meeting, two internal funding requests were approved: one for the Student Leader Social and one for the Hispanic Heritage Month Event. The Chemistry Club's funding request for their Ice Cream Social was also approved. Senator Saunders emphasized the importance of ensuring that the ASISU logo is included on all advertising and promotional materials for any clubs or activities we sponsor. This helps recognize ASISU's role in supporting student initiatives and increases our visibility on campus. He also acknowledged and thanked Senator Vargas Barvosa for his work in ensuring that everything is in order with club funding requests. He has been communicating with clubs to make sure they understand what trainings or requirements need to be completed in order to receive their funding.

c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith

- i. Senator Smith shared that no committee meeting was held this week. A meeting is scheduled for next week, during which a resolution and bill are expected to be introduced for discussion at the upcoming senate meetings.

d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre

- i. Senator Van Metre shared that the September 20th tailgate went great, and we're hoping for good weather and strong turnouts for future events. The committee has been discussing what went well and identifying areas for improvement, including gathering student opinions. They are also reaching out to the cosmetology department, which did not show up, to ensure their participation for the next face painting event. The focus is on learning and improving future tailgates.

e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa

- i. Senator Pandey shared that she has met with the Wellness Center to explore potential collaboration opportunities with ASISU, including a feminine hygiene project. There is also ongoing collaboration with the Director of Sustainability and a representative from GreenUS to support these efforts.
- ii. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that he is working on introducing native plants in the SUB and exploring available options for that initiative.

X. OLD BUSINESS

a. Resolution 633

i. Motion to send Resolution 633 to Rules and Appointments Committee: Smith/Acharya

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**

b. Benny's Funding Request

i. Student Physical Therapy Association, \$312.50

1. Motion to approve the Student Physical Therapy Association's Benny's Funding Request for \$312.50, with the stipulation that the club completes the required advisor training before the funds are released: Vargas Barvosa/Smith

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. Bill 623

b. Benny's Funding Request

i. Chem Club, \$700

1. Veronica Miller, the Chem Club President shared that this event will have two shows, October 10th at 7 PM and October 11th at 1 PM. The first show is for ISU students and staff only, with the second show being for children of all ages from the community. Between the two nights they are anticipating 200-250 people in attendance.

c. Internal Funding Request

i. Student Leader Social, \$500

1. President Halter explained that the funding request is for food and materials for the upcoming event, with expected spending around \$400. The event will include food and introductions, followed by collaborative activities similar to the retreat exercises. Nearly all ambassadors and RAs are expected to attend. While the event is primarily a social gathering to foster connections, President Halter expressed hope that it will lead to future project collaborations.

ii. Hispanic Heritage Month Event, \$750

1. Senator Vargas Barvosa is planning food and drinks for approximately 200 students, including bread from a bakery in Blackfoot and hot chocolate from Chatwells. He is collaborating with LED, HALO, and multicultural fraternities and sororities for the event. The budget is slightly overestimated to allow for flexibility, with total expenses expected to be close to \$400. Decorations will include flags representing various cultures and countries to emphasize that ISU is a welcoming home for all. This event will be free and open to all students, with representatives from ASISU, LED, and HALO present. While Greek organizations are primarily involved through media promotion, two multicultural sororities and one fraternity are actively participating.

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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