

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF**

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**7:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Senators present.
  - b. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Lopez/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with the friendly amendment to add Internal Funding Request for \$900 for Wake-Up Wednesdays under New Business: Saunders/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
  - a. President Halter shared that he met with Rick Pongratz, Director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, to discuss collaborating on Wake-Up Wednesday events each Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in December leading up to the end of the semester. On those days, tables will be set up in the Rendezvous and the SUB to hand out free hot chocolate, coffee, and tea. He will need ASISU members to volunteer and help distribute drinks. This event is what the friendly amended internal funding request supports. The goal is to promote mental health resources on campus as well as make finals and the cold weather more enjoyable. During their meeting, Rick Pongratz also shared that the Counseling and Mental Health Center is still undergoing renovations. Once completed, the office will serve as more of a wellness and meditation space. Rick is seeking any student feedback on features that would benefit students in the new space. President Halter also met with Director Burrell this past week to review reserve funding and presented a breakdown of the account and potential spending during caucus today. Lastly, he reminded everyone that the final tailgate of the season is on Saturday, November 15 at 1 p.m. and encouraged attendance and participation.
- IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared his excitement to be back as Senate Pro-Tempore and is hoping to accomplish a lot this month. He will be reaching out around the community to explore opportunities for the Senate to volunteer together as well as continue to gather suggestion for club highlights for the month of November. He also reminded members to reach out to their club assignments and to meet with their deans. Lastly, he reminded the Senate committee chairs that they will be meeting to discuss matters impacting the Senate and to continue working together.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
  - i. Senator Saunders reported that there were no Benny's Funding requests at this time. He has been working with clubs that have received funding to get any awarded funding reimbursed. He is also working on implementing a Games Pass, which would provide free games of bowling and billiards each semester. Lastly, he shared that Director Burrell has reached out to line items to get updated contact information as well as have those department start working on their budget defenses.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
  - i. Senator Smith nothing to report.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
  - i. Senator Van Metre shared that for the last tailgate of the semester this weekend, Kappa Sigma members will be assisting with event setup. ASISU members are needed to help with takedown. Please let her know if you are able to assist.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa reported that this committee is volunteering for Rake a Difference this Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on creating social media content focused on sustainability and will be collaborating with Director Kankolongo on this project. Additionally, they are working on the feminine products initiate again.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bill 624
  - i. Motion to move to committee for 20 minutes: Smith/Lopez
  - ii. Unanimous
  - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - iv. Motion to move to committee for 20 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/King
  - v. Unanimous
  - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - vii. Motion to more to committee for 20 minutes: Smith/Vargas Barvosa
  - viii. Unanimous
  - ix. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - x. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez
  - xi. Unanimous
  - xii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    - 1. Motion to deny Bill 624: Saunders/Van Metre

- 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. Bill 625

- i. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Lopez
- ii. Unanimous
- iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
- iv. Motion to move out of committee: Little/Lopez
- v. Unanimous
- vi. Motion: **CARRIED**

- 1. Motion to send Bill 625 to Rules and Appointments: Smith/Vargas Barvosa

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

- a. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Internal Funding Request
  - i. Wake-Up Wednesdays, \$900

1. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Saunders/Smith
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**

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 and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

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