

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 13 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 12TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 12th, 2025: Smith/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 19TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 19th, 2025: 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 Jason Sperry, the Assistant Director of Student Union Facilities, to discuss the Games Pass idea in collaboration with the Games Center. Together, they established several concrete ideas for launching this project. In addition to the Games Pass, they discussed potential upgrades to the Bengal Theater and other areas on the bottom level of the Student Union Building. President Halter also met with President Wagner to address housing issues on campus, specifically concerns for students who must seek off-campus housing due to the limited availability of on-campus options. He continues work on the Environmental Summit, planned for the spring semester, with Cabinet members contributing to planning efforts. Additionally, President Halter met with the university architect to review upcoming changes to the Shirley Sargent Boardroom, scheduled to take place over Winter Break. The architect and Brian Sagendorf, Vice President for Campus Operations, will present these updates to the Senate on December 10th.
- IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Vargas Barvosa

- i. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that he will be working with Director Kankolongo to highlight the Ecology and Conservation Club for the November Club Highlight. He is also coordinating a volunteer opportunity for the Tie a Blanket for Seniors event.

- 1. Secretary Madison reminded members that their November timecards and checklists are due tomorrow, Thursday, November 20th, by 5 PM.

- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders

- i. Senator Saunders shared that he met with President Halter and Benny's Pantry, where he learned that Benny's Pantry continues to provide essential food resources to students in need. He also attended the Budget Advisory Group meeting, where proposed budget cuts include eliminating tuition locks for new students, reducing and adjusting the scholarship grid, and modifying scholarship offerings. In Finance Committee, an internal funding request for COSGA 2026 was friendly amended to the agenda and is currently under review. There were no Benny's Pantry funding requests this week, but future funding opportunities are expected in the coming weeks.

- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith

- i. Senator Smith shared that this committee met today and are releasing Bill 625 to the Senate. At this meeting they also brainstormed and discussed potential structure changes for future ASISU officer scholarships.

- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre

- i. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee met today to continue planning an event in collaboration with the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee. They have also discussed utilizing some of the ASISU reserve funds for this committee.

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

- i. Senator Vargas Barvosa reported that three members of the committee participated in Rake A Difference, raking two and a half houses, which provided a valuable opportunity to foster community connections. The committee is continuing to work with Sunshine Denney on a Paint-A-Pot event in collaboration with the Student Involvement Committee, as well as exploring opportunities to integrate more plants into the SUB. They are also coordinating with Rick Pongratz in the Counseling and Mental Health Center to explore additional departmental collaboration.

- X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bill 625

- i. Motion to approve Bill 625: Smith/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

ANNA RESIDE - YES
ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

i. Wake Up Wednesdays, \$900

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for Wake-Up Wednesdays for \$900:
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
ANNA RESIDE - YES
ROBERT SAUNDERS – ABSTAIN
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

a. Approval of Spring 2026 ASISU Scholarships, Student Selection

i. Motion to approve the Spring 2026 ASISU Scholarships: Saunders/Lopez

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
AIDAN HALL – YES
RAKESH ITANI – 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

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 13 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.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

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