

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

JANUARY 14TH, 2026

- 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 DECEMBER 10TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from December 10th, 2025: Saunders/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 14TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for January 14th, 2026: Saunders/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
 - a. President Halter shared that he is providing assistance with the selection of the bookstore, and any feedback or recommendations are welcome. A survey will be conducted in February regarding on-campus dining and Chartwells to identify areas for improvement. Work is ongoing on the reserve budget. On March 11th, Turner Day of Service will take place, offering numerous opportunities for service projects.
- IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Sharma
 - i. Senator Sharma nothing to report.
 - b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - c. Senator Saunders shared that in finance today, the Games Pass request was added from the reserve fund for \$250,000. This is a top-end estimate, assuming every student uses the pass once per month for the remainder of the 2026 academic year. A more realistic projection estimates participation will result in \$5,000–\$10,000, with a final evaluation based on actual usage. The Games Pass is expected to be ready for implementation by mid-February and will be uploaded onto students' Bengal IDs, allowing one swipe per month for either a game of bowling, billiards, or one snack. The program's effectiveness will be reviewed to determine whether it should continue or conclude after a few months. Additionally, he reminded members

that, the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Program event is scheduled for Monday, January 19th, with ASISU sponsoring the luncheon. Attendance is encouraged for those who are able.

- d. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith shared that this committee is releasing Bill 626 to the senate.
 - e. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre nothing to report.
 - f. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Pandey nothing to report.
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Bill 626
 - i. Motion to approve Bill 626: Smith/Lopez
 - 1. 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
 - 2. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - b. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. Sigma Lambda Beta, \$3,000
 - 1. Senator Van Metre shared that a club reached out to her, they had requested a Benny's funding request for \$3,000 to collaborate with multiple clubs. They were informed they only qualify for a single-club event and are seeking guidance.
 - a. She was informed that official collaboration is required to qualify for multi-club funding.
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/King
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Van Metre
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**

1. Motion to table the Sigma Lambda Beta Benny's Funding Request for \$3,000: Vargas Barvosa/Van Metre

- 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 – ABSTAIN

- b. Motion: **CARRIED**

- ii. Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Club and Nutrition and Wellness Club, \$3,000

1. Motion to approve the Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Club and Nutrition and Wellness Club Request for \$3,000: Vargas Barvosa/Van Metre

- 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**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Pantry Reserve Funding Request, \$15,000

- i. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Little

- ii. Unanimous

- iii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- iv. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Sharma

- v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
- XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- XIII. OTHER
 - a. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence, January
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Smith/Van Metre
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Van Metre/Saunders
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 1. Senator CJ Lopez was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of January.
 - b. Approval of ASISU Officers Spring 2026 Semester Scholarships
 - i. Motion to approve the ASISU Officer Scholarships for Spring 2026: Little/Smith
 - 1. 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
 - 2. Motion: **CARRIED**
- XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG
- XV. ADJOURNMENT
 - 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.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON