

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT SENATE MEETING  
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU  
7:00 PM  
FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER—7:00 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 11 Senators were present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Yadav.
  - c. Also present: Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Director Whitney.
- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - a. Motion to approve minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup>: Mortenson/Glass
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda with the friendly amendment to add The Jungle as a new club under Announcements and Correspondence and to remove Gage Hunter Nelson from Old Business: Mortenson/Bunde
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. President Wagner, ASISU Discussion
    - i. President Wagner shared that in regards to the questions previously sent by ASISU, students are the entire reason why we are all here and why Idaho State University is here. President Wagner shared that his specific approach to student life which is that students must be the top priority in everything we do as an institution. He also shared that his goal is to provide students with as many opportunities to engage with the institution as well as the community. He shared his specific interest in building a sense of student pride, specifically Bengal pride. He shared that at his previous institution he saw a great sense of identity and pride that came from belonging to that specific institutional community. President Wagner also shared that his initial involvement on campus is not just a first impression, he wants to be involved on campus always. If he expects student engagement then he should be engaged on campus as well. President Wagner is a firm believer in maintaining respectful coexisting which he believes coming from honoring people's choices and having a general sense of understanding. President Wagner also shared his mindset of "town and gown", which is the idea of a connection between higher education institution and the connected community. President Wagner was also asked about his ideas surrounding financial transparency which is a bold and challenging thing to accomplish but the only way to handle it is by facing it head on. He also shared the idea that your time at ISU can be either transactional or transformational. He is also working on increasing student

pipeline to jobs after they receive their education through programs, internships and research experiences that provide students with real world experience. Lastly President Wagner shared that we all learning how to do better and provide more as an institution.

- b. Hispanic Awareness Leadership Organization, Jennifer Vidales
  - i. Jennifer and a few other HALO representatives thanked ASISU members for the time to present. They shared that HALO is an organization that aims to broaden student's perspectives and promote cultural awareness at cultural events which provide students with the opportunity to learn about and engage with other cultural and cultural activities. They went on to share that this organization has also put on multiple events around campus like, loteria night, pumpkin painting and baile night. They are requesting Benny's funding for their baile night to be able to provide traditional food and drinks, live music, centerpieces and other decorations. This vent will be help on March 30<sup>th</sup>. With the requested funding they are expecting 100-150 students to be in attendance. They are requesting \$3,000 total for this event which will be free for students and community members to attend.
- c. Val Davids, Student Engagement Center and Leadership Center Coordinator
  - i. Nepalese Student Association – Constitution Update, Neelam Mishra
    - a. Moved to next week, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.
  - ii. Delta Upsilon – New Club, Aiden Phillips
    - a. This club has been working very diligently to gain support. The members of this club were not receiving the support they need from the fraternity they were previously apart of, because of this they reached out to a different organization who will better support these men and their goals. This club is focused on fostering student involvement, giving back to the community, provide an outlet for philanthropy and build better men who will have the opportunity to become better leaders. This club will also be the first non-secretive fraternity on campus. This club has 16 members right now and is also extending bids as well as planning a recruitment week so they will continue to grow. Lastly this club shared that they have already gone through the Greek council process.
      - a. Motion to approve Delta Upsilon as a new club:  
Mortenson/Glass
        - i. ROLL CALL  
DEREK ADAMS – YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES  
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES  
ASPEN BROWN – YES  
ELLA BUNDE – YES  
RYAN GLASS – YES  
LEXI JORGENSON – NO  
PEYTON KOLB – YES  
NEELAM MISHRA – YES  
NATALIE MORTENSON – YES  
MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES
        - ii. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - iii. The Jungle – New Club, Franklin Spicer
    - a. Club absent.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. President Watts shared that she attended Leadership Council today where they discussed auxiliary fee, student fee and tuition recommendations. All proposed

recommendations still need to be sent to Admin Council and the State Board of Education so nothing is set in stone yet. That being said these recommendations will most likely be approved by April so they can be implemented for fiscal year 2025. The proposed auxiliary fee recommendations are, 6% increase for the Early Learning Center, 4-6% increase for housing and rental rates and, 3.7% increase for meal plan costs. The proposed student fee increase of 2.5% will be implemented to decrease the Environmental Health and Safety and Sustainability fee down to \$6 per student, a \$4 increase for the Wellness and Counseling Center. Half of the programs requested an increase while the other half did not. For the proposed tuition fee undergraduate will increase by 5%, undergraduate nonresident will increase by 1.5%, graduate student by 3.7% and graduate nonresident by 2.1%. President Watts also reminded members that Bengal Visit Day needs volunteers for April 20<sup>th</sup>. She also shared that the city of Pocatello is undergoing some rebranding, they are wanting to understand the current connection with ISU with a listening session. Lastly she shared that for those graduating you can download your e diploma.

VII. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore's Chair Committee, Senator Mortenson
  - i. Senator Mortenson shared that in Executive this week we were reminded that the Build a Bengal Event is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We also heard that the ASISU End of the Year Banquet has been scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, please RSVP for this. The Director of PR let everyone know that he has removed everyone but himself from the Instagram account because there were 15 people signed in. We also heard from the Director of Student Affairs that the condom collective was well received and that they will be restocking these soon, Director Whitney will be coming to senate soon to request funding for these candy/condom bowls. Senator Mortenson also reminded members that timecards and checklists are due March 1<sup>st</sup> by 10 pm. Lastly, she let members know that she will be sending out club email templates on Friday so please make sure to send them out!
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Yadav
  - i. Senator Yadav absent.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Jorgenson
  - i. Nothing to report. Senator Jorgenson did remind member's that even though the semester is half way through, please sill submit bill, resolutions and bills for this committee.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Adams
  - i. Senator Adams shared that he is still working on contacting the University of Wyoming to see what process they used to implement CPR certification for all of the campus RAs. He also shared that he has been working on organizing the dean Dutch oven cook off.
    - a. Senator Kolb shared that she has continued working on the mental health workshop with the keynote speaker, deciding on when and where this should take place.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Graduate Travel Requests
  - i. Research Presenting
    - a. Ashley Helpm (MPSAC), \$600
    - b. Luke Madison Fredette (ICFA), \$600
      - a. Motion to approve Ashley and Luke's funding as is:  
Bunde/Mortenson
        - i. ROLL CALL  
DEREK ADAMS – YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES

MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES  
ASPEN BROWN – YES  
ELLA BUNDE – YES  
RYAN GLASS – YES  
LEXI JORGENSON – YES  
PEYTON KOLB – YES  
NEELAM MISHRA – YES  
NATALIE MORTENSON – YES  
MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. Research Attending

a. Alyssa Robertson, \$300

a. Motion to approve funding for Alyssa as is: Bunde/Mortenson

i. ROLL CALL

DEREK ADAMS – YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES  
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES  
ASPEN BROWN – YES  
ELLA BUNDE – YES  
RYAN GLASS – YES  
LEXI JORGENSON – YES  
PEYTON KOLB – YES  
NEELAM MISHRA – YES  
NATALIE MORTENSON – YES  
MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

iii. Other Conferences

a. Liza Mckell (AAAC), \$400

b. Rick Morgan, \$300

a. Senator Jorgenson asked what conference Rick is attending.

b. Senator Bunde shared that he is attending a PT athletic training conference.

i. Motion to approve Liza and Ricks funding as is:  
Jorgenson/Adams

1. ROLL CALL

DEREK ADAMS – YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES  
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES  
ASPEN BROWN – YES  
ELLA BUNDE – YES  
RYAN GLASS – YES  
LEXI JORGENSON – YES  
PEYTON KOLB – YES  
NEELAM MISHRA – YES  
NATALIE MORTENSON – YES  
MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

iv. Julie Orme (SPTA), \$100

a. Motion to approve Julies request for \$100: Bunde/Mortenson

a. ROLL CALL

DEREK ADAMS – YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES

MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES  
ASPEN BROWN – YES  
ELLA BUNDE – YES  
RYAN GLASS – YES  
LEXI JORGENSON – YES  
PEYTON KOLB – YES  
NEELAM MISHRA – YES  
NATALIE MORTENSON – YES  
MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

c.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Graduate Travel Requests

i. Research Presenting

a. Sarah Geryk (MPSAC), \$600

b. Supama Sinha (NMLA), \$600

a. Tabled for 1 week in finance.

ii. Research Attending

a. Benjamin Reeves (APTA CSM), \$100

iii. Gage Hunter Nelson (LANL), \$400

iv. Undergraduate Travel Requests

a. Research Presenting

a. Brooklyn Wise (ANSSSC), \$600

b. Other Conferences

a. Gavin Fitzgerald, \$400

b. Tristen Monday, \$400

i. All undergraduate travel requests tabled in finance for 1 week.

X. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XI. OTHER

a. ASISU Graduation Stoles, \$300

i. Secretary Madison presented the mock up and invoice of the proposed graduation stoles.

a. Motion to table this request for 1 week: Jorgenson/Mortenson

a. ROLL CALL

DEREK ADAMS – YES

DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES

MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES

ASPEN BROWN – YES

ELLA BUNDE – YES

RYAN GLASS – YES

LEXI JORGENSON – YES

PEYTON KOLB – YES

NEELAM MISHRA – YES

NATALIE MORTENSON – YES

MACLANE WESTBROOK – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. ISU FIGHT SONG

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Mortenson/Adams

b. Unanimous

c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XIV. ROLL CALL

- a. 11 Senators were present.
- b. Absent: Senator Yadav.
- c. Also present: Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Director Whitney.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

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**ASISU VICE PRESIDENT  
CHANCE REYNOLDS**

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**ASISU SECRETARY  
ELIANA MADISON**