

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF**

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**7:00 PM**

**MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 11 Senators present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Reside.
  - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR March 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026:
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the friendly amendment add ISU Sales Association as a New Club and Suitable Student Engagement App Discussion with Theresa Brissette under Announcements and Correspondence and an Internal Funding Request for Paint a Pot Event and 2026 Graduation Stoles under New Business: Saunders/Smith
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Suitable Student Engagement App Discussion, Theresa Brissette
    - i. Theresa Brissette presented information regarding the potential adoption of the Suitable Student Engagement App for student organization and club management. She explained that student organizations and clubs represent one of the largest aspects of ASISU funding and operations. Brissette shared the ASISU mission statement and presented a video and slideshow outlining the proposed platform. Brissette explained that the Suitable platform would help centralize student organization management, event promotion, service hour tracking, and co-curricular engagement. The goal is to place student organizations “in the pocket of every student” through a mobile application that improves access to clubs, events, and engagement opportunities. She shared results from a poll emailed to club officers across all registered student organizations, reaching approximately 532 recipients. The poll results indicated that 94% of respondents supported trying a digital app, 57% reported that current paper forms and processes are frustrating, and 74% said they would want a digital system to simplify processes. Many respondents also reported that students are often unaware of available clubs and events. Brissette explained that after evaluating multiple products through a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Suitable platform was selected as the recommended option. The review process included stakeholders from university leadership and administration, including representatives from the Division of Finance and University Planning, Student Affairs, the Budget Office, Strategic Technology, and Information Technology leadership. She also noted that other platforms were considered. Anthology Engage recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2025, raising concerns about long-term viability. CampusGroups was identified as an add-on to a broader campus operations platform rather than a standalone engagement tool. Free tools were determined to lack necessary

functionality for student organization management, and website updates were viewed as useful primarily for passive information sharing rather than active student engagement. The proposed cost for the Suitable platform would cover approximately 3,432 students, with a three-year contract totaling \$29,590, which equates to approximately \$8.64 per student per year.

1. Senator Saunders asked what would happen after the three-year contract period ends. Brissette explained that the expectation would be to renew or renegotiate the contract to continue the engagement platform. Senator Saunders also asked whether ASISU would be solely responsible for paying for the platform in the future. Brissette responded that this is currently unclear, though student organizations are primarily managed through ASISU.
  2. Senator Smith asked how the search system would function within the app. Brissette explained that the system is customizable and could be organized by departments, clubs, or other categories determined by the university.
  3. Senator Vargas Barvosa asked whether all users would have full access within the app. Brissette explained that student organizations would have the ability to customize access and permissions for their members.
  4. Director Burrell asked whether the current incentive point process could be digitized through the system. Brissette explained that the platform could support that functionality in the future. For example, if a club attends a football game or participates in an event, individual members could earn engagement points directly through the app.
    - a. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Little
    - b. Unanimous
    - c. Motion: CARRIED
    - d. Motion to extend committee by 10 minutes: Little/Smith
    - e. Unanimous
    - f. Motion: CARRIED
- b. ISU Sales Association, New Club: Rick Barnes and Theresa Brissette
- i. Rick Barnes and Theresa Brissette shared that the club currently has over 20 members listed on the registration form. The purpose of the ISU Sales Association is to support students in developing professional communication skills applicable to any career path. The club aims to create environments where students can learn from and interact with local business leaders and sales professionals. Additionally, the organization seeks to bring greater awareness and participation to the College of Business sales program, courses, competitions, and certifications while connecting students with similar interests in the field of professional sales. The club also plans to increase student involvement in networking opportunities and help students develop transferable soft skills. Organizers noted that there is already a strong base of students attending related events, and the primary goal moving forward is to bring in local employers to host skill workshops and build relationships with businesses in the community. The proposed faculty advisor is John Nye, Professor in the Marketing Department.
    1. Senator Vargas Barvosa asked whether the club would collaborate directly with the College of Business or operate primarily as a student organization. Representatives explained that the club would be student-led and established within the College of Business but would remain open to students from any college or program.
      - a. Motion to approve the ISU Sales Association as a new club: Saunders/Little
        - i. ROLL CALL  
SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES  
AIDAN HALL – 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

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter reported that all preparations for the upcoming Founders Day of Service on Wednesday have been finalized, including flyers, promotional posts, and newsletters. The event will begin with a free breakfast at 8:30 AM, and participants will also receive free Turner Day of Service T-shirts. Volunteers will depart for service projects at 9:30 AM. President Halter also shared that he spoke with President Wagner about providing ASISU with additional opportunities to give feedback on large campus events. Additionally, the reserve funding group met last week and will continue meeting moving forward.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Saunders
- i. Senator Saunders reported that promotional materials are being created for the game pass, in collaboration with Director Kankolongo, to be shared through ASISU communication channels. He also shared that newly assigned clubs have been distributed, with each senator now responsible for approximately 10–11 clubs.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
- i. Senator Saunders reported that the committee heard several line-item presentations, including from the International Affairs Committee (IAC) and the Bengal Newspaper. There were a few questions raised regarding the Bengal Newspaper presentation, and the committee plans to follow up for additional information. The committee voted to deny the committee tailgate fund request, as funding for that initiative will instead be moved to reserve funding. The committee approved funding requests for HALO Baile Night, the Paint-a-Pot event, and 2026 Graduation Stoles. The committee also heard funding requests from the Native American Student Councils and Tau Kappa Epsilon regarding events those organizations are planning on putting on.
- 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 reported that Trivia Night was held last night, on Tuesday, March 3rd and was very successful. She thanked everyone who participated and assisted with the event. The committee has already received positive feedback and questions about hosting a similar event in the future.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
- i. Senator Pandey reported that the committee is continuing to plan the Paint-a-Pot event. They have been working with Sunshine Denney to coordinate the plants for the event as well as working with Theresa Brissette to purchase pots for the plants that will be used at the event and are currently reviewing several purchasing options for the other material needed.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2
- i. Motion to send Resolution 2 to the Rules and Appointment Committee: Smith/Saunders
1. ROLL CALL
- SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES  
AIDAN HALL – 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. Internal Funding Request

i. Spring 2026 ASISU Spirit Pack, \$10,600

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Saunders/Lopez
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to extend committee by 20 minutes: Little/Lopez
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**
7. Motion to move out of committee: Little/Van Metre
8. Unanimous
9. Motion: **CARRIED**

- a. Motion to table this Internal Funding Request for the Spring 2026 ASISU Spirit Pac for \$10,600 for one week in order for the request to be reevaluated by the Finance Committee: Smith/Little

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES  
AIDAN HALL – 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

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. Student Involvement Committee Tailgate Entertainment, \$3,600

1. Internal Funding Request Denied in Finance Committee.

ii. Counseling and Mental health Center: Sleep and Personal Hygiene Kits, \$1,304

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Van Metre/Smith
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move out of committee: Little/Smith
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**

iii. Paint-a-Pot Event, \$1,380

iv. 2026 Graduation Stoles, \$800

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Saunders
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Smith
5. Unanimous

6. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Benny's Funding Request
  - i. HALO Baile Night, \$1,000
- XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- XIII. OTHER
  - a. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence, March
    - i. Senator Saunders was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of March.
- XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG
- XV. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. 11 Senators present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Reside.
  - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
  - d. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON