

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF**

**IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT SENATE**

**SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**7:00 PM**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</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 MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Lopez
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026:
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. America 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion, Bob Houghton
    - i. Bob Houghton, Co-Chair of the University’s 250th Anniversary Task Force, presented on ongoing efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The task force, established by President Wagner, is responsible for organizing events, identifying hosts, and coordinating partners for anniversary programming. Planned initiatives include patriotic film screenings, curated reading lists, and other educational and engagement opportunities. Bob Houghton shared that the university will have a unique opportunity this spring to host an official copy of the Declaration of Independence, provided through the Secretary of State’s office. The document will be displayed in the Pond Student Union Building for two days beginning May 1. Students are strongly encouraged to attend and engage with this historic exhibit. Bob Houghton requested that ASISU establish a student-based task force to collaborate with the university-wide committee. This group would help lead student-focused initiatives and support participation in anniversary events.
      1. In response to questions, Houghton noted that there is currently no formal or itemized budget for the initiative; however, reasonable funding requests may be considered as needed. Events are primarily planned for the fall semester, with September and October largely coordinated by the university task force. ASISU was specifically asked to help lead or provide input for programming in November and December, recognizing the busy nature of those months for students. It was also confirmed that community involvement is a priority, with community members and university representatives, including Dean Daily, serving on the task force. Bob Houghton encouraged continued communication and invited ASISU members to share ideas and stay involved in the planning process.
- VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
  - a. President Halter reported that over spring break he traveled to Boise and met with student leaders from across the state to present the Idaho LAUNCH initiative to the Governor and other key governmental

officials. He also attended President Wagner's State of the University Address, where the current state and future plans of the university were discussed. Work on the reserve fund has continued and is nearing completion.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Saunders
  - i. Senator Saunders met with deans to gather final reserve funding requests and has been working with senators to clarify proposals and review informal data to guide decision-making. He also attended the State of the University Address.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
  - i. Senator Saunders reported that he has been working with Director Burrell and President Halter on finalizing line items for the budget. The goal is to complete the numbers by tomorrow, publish a draft, and have recommendations finalized by Friday. Work is also continuing on the final stages of the reserve fund process.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
  - i. Senator Smith shared updates on the bylaws rewrite, specifically clarifying that the Vice President shall not debate or give an opinion while presiding over the Senate. If the Vice President wishes to participate in debate, they must relinquish the gavel and may not regain it until the question has been decided or the Senate has moved on to another order of business.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
  - i. Senator Van Metre reported ongoing work on the "Paint-a-Pot" event in collaboration with the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee. Flyers have been created and are currently being distributed.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
  - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa reported that the committee is continuing work on the "Paint-a-Pot" event and coordinating with Theresa Brissette to ensure all supplies and wellness kits have been ordered. They are also organizing staffing for the distribution of wellness packs and are exploring additional student engagement efforts related to health initiatives.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Joint Resolution AY26 #01
  - i. Motion to send Joint Resolution AY26 #01 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Saunders/Van Metre
    - 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**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Request
  - i. ISU Dance Co., \$2,000

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

- a. Certification of Unofficial Spring 2026 Election Results

i. Secretary Madison shared a copy of the unofficial results in the ASISU Googler Chat for members to review before voting.

1. Motion to approve the Unofficial ASISU Spring 2026 Election Results: 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

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence – April

i. Senator Saunders was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of April.

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 7:17 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

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