

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

APRIL 8TH, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 12 Senators present.
 - b. 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 APRIL 1ST, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from April 1st, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 8TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for April 8th, 2026: Saunders/Smith
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Idaho Falls Campus Discussion, Jeremy Green, Chief Campus Administrator for Eastern and Southern Idaho, and Brad Broschinsky, Assistant Director
 - i. Chief Campus Administrator Jeremy Green and Assistant Director Brad Brochinski presented a comprehensive report on the Idaho Falls campus, highlighting significant growth, strategic priorities, and student engagement efforts. The Idaho Falls campus operates as a unique partnership campus with the University of Idaho, creating a distinct structure compared to ISU's main campus in Pocatello. Leadership emphasized that the campus is experiencing strong momentum, driven by institutional priorities from the President's Office and the State Board of Education, particularly in enrollment growth and program expansion. A major highlight of the report was enrollment growth. The campus experienced a 5% increase in Spring 2026 enrollment compared to Spring 2025, marking the first enrollment gain in approximately eight to ten years. Overall, the campus also saw a 4.25% increase year over year. Current enrollment includes approximately 1,178 unduplicated students, with 78% attending full-time. The student demographic trends slightly older, with the majority between ages 22–30, often returning to education after time in the workforce. Instruction is evenly split between face-to-face and synchronous online formats, supported by over 30 full-time faculty members. Credit production rose to over 7,000 credits, reflecting a 3% increase, and more than 750 students were advised face-to-face during the academic year. Student engagement and support services were also emphasized. The campus hosted 38 events with over 3,300 attendees, intentionally fostering interaction between students, faculty, and staff, as research shows these relationships are critical for retention at branch campuses. Benny's Pantry distributed over 5,250 pounds of food to more than 360 students and families, while counseling and career services supported 89 students across 301 appointments. The Idaho Falls Testing Center administered 119 ADA exams and over 2,600 academic and professional exams, serving as a critical resource for both in-person and online learners. Leadership stressed that the campus offers a full range of student services comparable to the main campus, including advising, tutoring, TRIO, veteran services, IT support, and student activities. Significant investments in infrastructure were also discussed. Nearly \$1.94 million was spent on eight renovation projects during the academic year. Ongoing and upcoming projects

include the rebranding of the Center for Higher Education (CHE), the development of a Bengal Success Center in the Pond Student Union Building (BSUB), two new nuclear research labs, and potential expansion of radiographic science programming. These developments aim to modernize facilities, centralize student services, and support future enrollment growth. The campus is nearing capacity in several buildings, prompting long-term planning for expansion, including potential new construction outlined in the campus master plan. The presentation also highlighted strong external partnerships. Collaborations with the College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) include program pathway development, co-located advising, transfer initiatives, and a new direct admission partnership supported by a \$500,000 grant. Partnerships with BYU-Idaho focus on graduate pathways, while extensive outreach to K–12 schools included 24 high school visits, 916 student contacts, and 12 campus tours. Additional partnerships with INL, CMESIC, and community organizations contribute to workforce development and community engagement. The campus hosted 135 events with over 13,000 visitors, reinforcing its role as a regional hub. Brad Brochinski provided additional insight into student activities, noting that event attendance has nearly doubled in recent years. Smaller events now average around 100 attendees, with larger events reaching nearly 200 participants. The primary focus is building community and reducing student isolation, particularly for commuter and non-traditional students. Programming is tailored to student needs, with a strong emphasis on lunchtime events, food offerings, and family-friendly participation. Feedback from students consistently highlights the importance of consistency, accessibility, and opportunities for connection.

1. Several senators asked detailed questions regarding campus operations, student engagement, and facility use. Senator Saunders asked about the proportion of students versus staff attending campus events. Brad Brochinski responded that current attendance is approximately 80% students and 20% faculty and staff, a significant improvement from earlier years when staff presence was disproportionately high due to low student turnout. Another question focused on tracking event attendance. Brad Brochinski confirmed that attendance is carefully recorded for every event and offered to provide more detailed breakdowns moving forward.
2. Questions were also raised about potentially implementing student ID scanning at events to better track participation and differentiate between ISU, University of Idaho, and CEI students. Brad Brochinski explained that while this has been considered, logistical challenges exist due to the shared campus model and dual-enrollment students. However, leadership expressed openness to exploring improved tracking methods in the future.
3. Several senators inquired about space usage, particularly regarding the proposed relocation of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) into the campus library. Jeremy Green explained that the College of Business is contractually obligated to house SBDC and identified a small 500-square-foot portion of the library as a potential location. He clarified that the space represents only a small fraction of the library and that SBDC operates primarily by appointment, minimizing foot traffic. While acknowledging concerns about reduced study space, Jeremy Green emphasized that alternative study areas exist across campus and that the Bengal Success Center will add new dedicated student spaces. He also noted that library leadership supports reconfiguring the remaining space to improve usability.
4. Additional questions addressed whether the SBDC relocation would negatively impact student experience. Jeremy Green acknowledged differing opinions but reiterated that the overall impact is expected to be minimal and temporary, with potential long-term benefits such as expanded business programming and increased internship opportunities for students.
5. Senators also asked about long-term campus capacity and expansion plans. Jeremy Green confirmed that while current facilities are nearing capacity, the campus master plan includes provisions for new buildings and expanded infrastructure to support future growth. Questions regarding academic programming revealed that the campus is prioritizing undergraduate program expansion, particularly in high-demand fields such

as engineering, computer science, and health professions, while maintaining access to graduate programs.

6. Finally, questions were asked about the consolidation of student services into the Bengal Success Center. Jeremy Green explained that services currently scattered across campus, such as tutoring and veteran services, will be relocated to create a centralized, accessible hub for students. Existing spaces will be repurposed to support academic programs and facility upgrades, including expansion of paramedic science and integration with new research labs.

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter reported that he has begun end of year processes and is actively preparing for the transition into the next academic year. This includes crafting his end of year report and reaching out to some of next year's incoming officers. He also reminded all members to review their individual end of year responsibilities, begin completing any remaining requirements, and start wrapping up any ongoing projects to ensure a smooth and organized transition. President Halter shared that he, along with Senator Saunders, met with Dean Matt Daily, Vice President Chatriand, and Vice President Steele. During this meeting, they received clarification on several key topics, including the reserve fund, the development of new Student Leadership and Engagement positions, and the tuition response that the State Board of Education had requested from ASISU. He noted that this meeting provided important direction and clarity moving forward. He also announced his involvement in the new Homecoming Committee for this year's Homecoming. President Halter encouraged senators to share any ideas or suggestions they may have so they can be considered in the planning process. Additionally, President Halter reported that he had the opportunity to attend and help host this year's Benny Awards. During the event, he presented student awards, including recognizing Senator Saunders for their achievements, highlighting student leadership and contributions across campus. Looking ahead, President Halter informed the senate that the new Mayor of Pocatello will be attending the next senate meeting. He encouraged members to submit any questions they would like to have asked so they can be shared with the mayor in advance. Finally, President Halter shared that he traveled to Idaho Falls to visit the campus and attend the SAB/ASISU lunch alongside Vice President Taylor. During the visit, he met with students, faculty, and staff, and gained further insight into the campus environment as well as some of the challenges faced at the Idaho Falls location.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Senator Saunders reported that he assisted with both the setup and takedown of today's Paint-a-Pot event. He recognized everyone involved in organizing the event, noting that it was a successful event with strong attendance and participation from students. Additionally, Senator Saunders attended a meeting with advisors with Dean Matt Daily, Vice President Chatriand, and Vice President Steel to discuss the university's response to the State Board of Education regarding the proposed tuition increase. During this meeting, clarification was provided on how ASISU's feedback would be communicated. The shared feedback emphasized that Idaho State University students appreciate the university's commitment to keeping education accessible and affordable, as well as its transparency and communication regarding the budget outlook and strategy. While students have not advocated for a tuition increase, they value the university's efforts to reduce costs and identify alternative funding sources to address the majority of the FY2027 budget gap, helping to limit the need for increased tuition.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Senator Saunders reported that today in Finance committee they approved the May Day internal funding request and conducted initial reviews of the two ASISU budget proposals. Members were encouraged to thoroughly review these budget documents and reach out with any questions to ensure full understanding. The committee also discussed new club funding procedures, including initial deposit amounts, and continued working diligently on finalizing both the ASISU budgets and reserve funding allocations.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith reported that the committee reviewed a joint resolution and recommended a friendly amendment. This amendment would incorporate an additional attachment that has been provided in the shared Google Drive e, which identifies the ASISU officer who sponsored the

resolution as well as the officers who co-sponsored it. The committee supports aligning the resolution with this added documentation to ensure clarity and completeness.

- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre nothing to report.
 - e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa reported that this committee is continuing its work to identify where feminine hygiene products are currently available on campus and where gaps still exist. They also provided an update on the Paint-a-Pot event, noting that approximately 210 out of 250 pots were used. There were leftover supplies which the committee plans to save and utilize for future events next semester. Overall, the event received positive feedback from students, and there is strong interest in ASISU hosting similar events again in the future.
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Joint Resolution AY26 #01
 - i. Motion to approve Joint Resolution AY26 #01 with the friendly amendment provided by the Rules and Appointments Committee: Vargas Barvosa/Acharya
 - 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. ISU Dance Co., \$2,000
 - 1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the ISU Dance Co. for \$2,000: Saunders/Smith
 - 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. Internal Funding Request
 - i. May Day Celebration, \$980
 - 1. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Little/Vargas Barvosa
 - 2. Unanimous
 - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 4. Motion to extend committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Little

5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**
7. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Smith
8. Unanimous
9. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. GALLERY QUESTIONS AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

- a. Swearing in of the Newly Elected 2026-2027 ASISU Officers
 - i. The 2026-2027 ASISU Officers were officially sworn into their positions.

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Senators present.
- b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON