

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 16 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 AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for September 2, 2026, with the friendly amendment to change the Finance Committee Chair's name from Senator Saunders to Senator Ball: Smith/Paine
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. Gallery Question and Answer
- VI. President Report
 - a. President Halter reported that it has been a great first week and a half of school, with a lot of excitement surrounding football and the start of the academic year. As an organization we need to begin thinking about how our senator positions may need to change to reflect the restructuring of the University's colleges. He encouraged officers to continue adding potential projects to the project sheet. He also let the group know that we will also have guests coming to present and discuss reserve funding. Guests for this will include, ISU Foundation CEO Stephanie Smith; Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations and Special Assistant to the President Ryan Sargent; President Wagner; College of Science & Engineering Dean Jim Widmann; and Graduate School Dean Karen Appleby.
- VII. Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Vacant
 - b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball
 - i. Senator Ball shared that in finance tonight, Alpha Xi Delta presented at Finance and was approved for \$179 to provide refreshments at their Rose Run. Another request was tabled because the design was not ready. The Benny's Pantry T-shirt request failed because the committee would like to see a new design that includes the ASISU logo.
 1. Senator Saunders shared that he serves on the Campus Budget Advisory Group, which is made up of students, deans, administrators, staff, and professors and is chaired by Fred Parrish. The purpose of the group is to provide information and feedback on the University's budget and give students an opportunity to provide input. Updates from the first meeting included: ISU finished last year approximately \$1.8 million in the green, which represents less than 1% of the University's total budget. The Albion GOAT provides approximately \$10 million annually, but that funding is uncertain. The University is looking at ways to

diversify its revenue streams. Other revenues appear to be down, but this is mostly due to one-time items from last year, including the selling of bonds. Enrollment for this semester is down approximately 3–4%, which will result in budget cuts; however, the extent of those cuts is not yet known. The University is also facing several additional financial headwinds, including permanent budget reductions from last year, the loss of INL education contracts, investments in AI, IT capital expenditures, Life Sciences debt service, and an unfavorable state budget outlook. The Campus Budget Advisory Group will review approximately 370 units during Fall 2026, with reviews currently underway.

- c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith reported that this committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow. They will begin working on a bylaws rewrite and brainstorming proposals related to the combining of colleges.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre reported that the first tailgate had a great turnout, with a very large number of students in attendance. Moving forward, the committee will work more closely with clubs and the Jungle to continue providing food and developing themes for each tailgate. The tentative theme for the next tailgate is Beach. She also reminded officers that, as the Student Involvement Committee and representatives of ASISU, everyone should help pick up trash and keep the tailgate area clean, leaving the space as they found it.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
 - i. Senator Swartz reported that this committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow to discuss and finalize initial ideas and goals for the year.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. Alpha Xi Delta: Rose Run, \$179
- b. Internal Funding Request
 - i. Tailgate Food and Drinks, \$950
 - ii. ASISU Branded Magnets, \$375
 - 1. Request was tabled for one week by the Finance Committee for further review.
 - iii. Benny's Pantry T-Shirts, \$999
 - 1. Request was denied by the Finance Committee. The design will be reworked to include the ASISU logo.

X. OTHER

- a. Approval of Newly Hired 2026-2027 Officers
 - i. Megan Ostermann, Vice President of Meridian
 - ii. Robert Saunders, Director of Finance
 - iii. Amy Joinville, Director of Community Relations
 - iv. TeAnna Hutchins, Director of Public Relations
 - v. Kate Ollivant, Director of Student Affairs
 - vi. Mia Price, Director of Academic Affairs
 - vii. Brendon Ball, Senator for College of Graduate Studies
 - viii. Brayden Wight, Senator for College of Pharmacy

ix. Eric Hsieh, Senator for College of Pharmacy

1. Motion to approve all of the Newly Hired 2026-2027 Officers: Smith/Baughman

a. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

ETHAN PAINE – YES

OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HEATHER SWARTZ – YES

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

AJ VACCARELLA – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Approval of Fall 2026 Semester ASISU Officers Scholarship, ASISU FY27 Budget

i. Motion to approve the Fall 2026 Semester ASISU Officers Scholarships: Smith/Van Metre

1. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

ETHAN PAINE – YES

OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HEATHER SWARTZ – YES

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

AJ VACCARELLA – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence, September

i. Senator Hannah Van Metre was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of September.

XI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XII. ISU FIGHT SONG

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Sharma/ Van Metre

b. Unanimous

- c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- XIV. ROLL CALL
 - a. 16 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 7:21 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON