

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXECUTIVE CABINET MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB
5:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 5:02 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 10 President's Cabinet members present.
 - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- III. President, Sky Hater — President Halter reported that he has been working on a variety of smaller projects and initiatives throughout the week. The Laptop Loaner Program is officially up and running. Students can check out laptops from the library at no cost for one week, with the opportunity to renew them for a longer period depending on availability. Director Hutchins will create social media content to help promote the program to students. President Halter attended SAB's Bingo event and has met with SAB several times recently. He thanked SAB for being open to ideas and collaboration. Bingo had strong attendance, with nearly the entire room full. President Halter also reported on the weekend tailgate and football game. Approximately 300 food tickets were distributed during the tailgate, with many additional attendees who did not receive food tickets. An estimated 700–800 people came through the tailgate, with approximately 300–500 attendees remaining for a significant portion of the event. President Halter thanked everyone who assisted with the tailgate. President Halter attended the site designation for ISU's new nuclear reactor partnership. The new reactor will be located near the Eames Building and will give ISU a second nuclear reactor on campus. President Halter noted that fewer than ten universities in the United States have two reactors on campus. The new reactor will be significantly different and more updated than ISU's existing reactor.
- IV. Vice President, Charlie Medema — Vice President Medema reported that he and Director Joinville have decided to postpone Senior Sunrise until Homecoming Week. This will provide additional time to organize the event, promote it on social media, and better connect the event with the Homecoming theme and activities. Vice President Medema will be speaking with members of the Anthropology and

Arts departments regarding his Reed Gym project and hopes to provide additional information to Cabinet as the project develops. He has also begun researching new suppliers for the Spring merchandise drop. Vice President Medema is preparing a thank-you basket for the Outdoor Adventure Center in appreciation for hosting ASISU's training and Challenge Course Night. A card will be available for officers to sign.

- V. Vice President of Meridian, Megan Ostermann — Vice President Ostermann shared that she met with President Halter to discuss an upcoming ASISU trip to the Meridian campus. She is beginning to develop the logistics for bringing a group of ASISU officers to Meridian, touring the campus, and providing officers with an opportunity to learn more about the Meridian campus and student experience. Vice President Ostermann is also working on the virtual tailgate and is currently determining the technology and room requirements needed to host the event.
 - a. President Halter added that he spoke with Ali Crane about identifying additional students, faculty, or staff who may be able to assist Vice President Ostermann with ASISU efforts in Meridian.
- VI. Vice President of Idaho Falls, Position Vacant
- VII. Vice President of Twin Falls, Position Vacant
- VIII. SAB Representative, Paisley Allen — Director Allen reported that SAB hosted its first Bingo event. SAB identified some changes they would like to make for the next Bingo event based on their experience with the first event. Upcoming SAB events include a Movie Night on Friday and Paint and Picnic the following week.
- IX. Senate Pro Tempore, Hannah Van Metre — Senator Van Metre reported that she attended Bingo and reported that the event had a great turnout. She has been monitoring new club registrations and researching which colleges the clubs are associated with so they can be assigned to the appropriate senators. Senator Van Metre has also been working with Director Hutchins on plans to highlight student clubs through ASISU social media. TRIO is being considered as one of the first organizations to highlight. The first meeting with ASISU committee chairs will take place on Friday, and Senator Van Metre will provide additional updates following that meeting.

- X. Secretary, Kashlyn Peterson — Secretary Peterson reported that she has continued training and is becoming more familiar with preparing agendas and minutes. She is also working to schedule her website training, which she expects to complete soon. Secretary Peterson is awaiting an update regarding this year's ASISU polos. Depending on when the polos arrive, she may need to postpone group photos. She will provide additional information as it becomes available. Secretary Peterson also reminded officers that September timecards and monthly checklists are due Thursday, September 24 at 5:00 PM.
- XI. Director of Finance, Robert Saunders — Director Saunders reported that he has been working on developing processes for Benny's Funding and internal funding requests. ASISU's reserve fund spending requests have been approved internally; however, after discussions with the Finance team, the process for moving forward with the requests is more involved than originally anticipated. ASISU would like to collect additional reserve fund project ideas so that multiple proposals can move through the process together. The current plan is to complete one batch of reserve fund requests this semester and a second batch next semester. Officers with ideas for potential reserve fund projects should share them with Director Saunders, Theresa Brissette, or Senator Ball. Director Saunders shared that he met with Theresa Brissette and Senator Ball to review current and past Benny's Funding requests, including what worked well and what could be improved. They are working to develop a more consistent process and would like to encourage greater discussion in both Finance Committee and Senate regarding funding decisions to help ensure funds are allocated consistently and appropriately. ASISU processed its first undergraduate student travel request, with additional graduate student travel requests expected. Director Saunders also completed his required training, resolved issues related to his timesheets, and plans to work on updating Finance-related website links during the coming week.
- a. President Halter added that he and Director Saunders will send the full ASISU team additional information explaining the reserve fund process, particularly for officers who were not involved in the process last year. The goal is to have the first group of reserve fund proposals prepared by the end of October.
- XII. Director of Public Relations, TeAnna Hutchins — Director Hutchins shared that she met with President Halter to discuss a new social media series tentatively titled "Campus Unlocked." The series will highlight campus resources, programs, and features students may not know about. The goal is to

highlight approximately one resource every other week. Potential features include the Laptop Loaner Program, student media/resources, Benny's Pantry, and TRIO. Director Hutchins has also continued to work on the ASISU magnet designs. She is also developing another recurring social media series highlighting "What ASISU Is Up To." The series would provide regular updates about ASISU events, initiatives, and projects. Officers were encouraged to send Director Hutchins information about projects or events they would like promoted. She is also planning a Finance-specific feature with Director Saunders to better explain ASISU's financial work to students. Director Hutchins is planning a social media giveaway associated with the October 3 football game to increase engagement with the ASISU social media page.

- XIII. Director of Community Relations, Amy Joinville — Director Joinville reported that she and Vice President Medema are postponing Senior Sunrise until Homecoming Week. She has continued to work through approximately five initiatives on the shared project list. One of her primary current projects is a voter registration event planned for October. Director Joinville is also involved with a "Speed Dating with the Candidates" event through her club. The event is being organized with a nonpartisan organization and is intended to allow attendees to meet candidates in a short, accessible roundtable format. Director Joinville reported that she was interviewed by the Idaho State Journal regarding the candidate event and discussed the planned October voter registration initiative. She also received an inquiry that had been forwarded by Secretary Madison from a congressional candidate interested in speaking on campus. Director Joinville followed up regarding the request. Director Joinville has additionally been communicating with Senator Hsieh regarding a crosswalk project and provided relevant contacts to assist with the initiative.
- XIV. Director of Academic Affairs, Mia Price — Director Price attended the Faculty Senate meeting with President Halter and introduced herself as the new Director of Academic Affairs. She expressed her interest in collaborating with Faculty Senate members on initiatives related to student success and student-faculty communication. Director Price scheduled a meeting with President Halter to further develop the Lunch with the Deans program and establish goals for the initiative. She has also been gathering contact information for the associate deans of each college. Director Price plans to reach out to introduce herself, discuss her goals for Academic Affairs, and determine how she can support college-level initiatives related to student success.

XV. Director of Student Affairs, Kate Ollivant — Director Ollivant successfully scheduled a meeting with Disability Services for the coming week. She plans to discuss Disability Services' upcoming community and student facility opening, as well as their goals and initiatives for the year. She is also interested in speaking with staff at Reed Gym about developing an additional initiative like Fresh Fruit Friday that could provide students with support or resources heading into the weekend. Director Ollivant plans to begin holding office hours during the upcoming week. She encouraged officers to contact her with ideas for improvements to campus or the student experience.

XVI. Election Commissioner, Position Vacant

XVII. Deputy Election Commissioner, Position Vacant

XVIII. OTHER

- a. President Halter announced that the Election Commissioner and Deputy Election Commissioner positions have been reopened. Officers were encouraged to share the opportunities with interested students. The postings will remain open while ASISU seeks qualified applicants.
- b. President Halter shared an opportunity for ASISU student leaders to participate in a University Advancement Homecoming luncheon on Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 AM on the 50-yard line of the ICCU Dome. Student leaders will assist with welcoming and greeting guests and will have the opportunity to stay for lunch and interact with attendees. Those assisting with greeting should arrive at approximately 11:00 AM and wear Bengal Pride attire.
- c. Secretary Madison provided additional context regarding the event, noting that approximately nine to ten ASISU student leaders would be helpful to complement the student ambassadors assisting with the event. More than 100 guests had already RSVP'd at the time of the meeting. Attendees will include Alumni and Foundation Board members and university leadership.
- d. Director Saunders asked whether ASISU plans to participate in the Homecoming Parade again this year.
- e. President Halter stated that he was not personally planning ASISU's participation, but officers could organize an entry if there was sufficient interest.
- f. Senator Van Metre reported that several members of the Student Involvement Committee had expressed interest in participating. She suggested using a format like the previous year, including a vehicle, speakers, signs, and distributing candy.

- g. Senator Van Metre volunteered to take the lead on organizing ASISU's Homecoming Parade participation, potentially through the Student Involvement Committee.
- h. Director Saunders requested additional information from Director Joinville regarding the upcoming Speed Dating with the Candidates event.
- i. Director Joinville explained that the Political Science Club is organizing the event with Braver Angels, a nonpartisan organization. Legislative candidates from the participating districts are expected to attend. Attendees will be directed to the candidates relevant to their legislative district. Candidates will participate in roundtable discussions, beginning with a brief introduction followed by questions from attendees before groups rotate. Director Joinville explained that the goal is to provide an accessible opportunity for students and community members to interact directly with candidates rather than knowing candidates only through names on a ballot or campaign materials.
- j. Director Hutchins discussed her proposed October 3 football game giveaway. The giveaway would be conducted through ASISU social media and would ask students to predict the game score. Director Hutchins proposed using up to \$150 from the President's Cabinet Discretionary Fund to purchase three prizes valued at approximately \$50 each. Potential prizes would include ISU merchandise or other items from the ISU Bookstore.
 - i. Cabinet discussed purchasing procedures, including requirements for gift cards, use of the ASISU P-Card, prize paperwork, and the Request for Payment process. Director Hutchins was advised to coordinate with Theresa Brissette and Destiny Lynch regarding purchasing requirements. Cabinet also discussed giveaway rules, including limiting participants to one prediction per person, establishing a deadline for submissions, and determining how winners would be selected if multiple participants submitted the same correct prediction. Potential options included selecting the earliest correct submission or using a randomized selection method.
- k. President Halter recommended that Director Hutchins first identify the specific prizes and exact cost. Once finalized, the Cabinet can vote on the expenditure either at the next meeting or through the Cabinet communication channel if action is needed sooner.
- l. Director Price shared an observation from the recent football game and tailgate regarding attendees who park near Reed Gym and walk to the ICCU Dome. She noted that several consistent football attendees are older community members and suggested exploring whether a shuttle or other transportation option could be provided between Reed Gym and the ICCU Dome to make transportation to games more accessible and efficient. Director Price brought the idea forward to Director Joinville because of its connection to Community Relations.

XIX. ROLL CALL

- a. 10 President's Cabinet members present.
- b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. President's Cabinet adjourned at 5:33 PM.