

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 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; Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from September 9th, 2026: Vaccarella/Picanco
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for September 16th, 2026: Vaccarella/Picanco
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. PRESIDENTS REPORT
 - a. President Halter reported that the Laptop Loaner Program is officially available to students. Students who need temporary access to a laptop can check one out through the library at no cost for one week. Students may generally renew the laptop for an additional week if there are no other students waiting for one. President Halter clarified that the program is intended primarily for short-term needs, such as when a student's computer breaks or when a laptop is temporarily needed for a project, rather than providing laptops for an entire semester. ASISU will monitor student interest and demand to determine whether additional laptops or expansion to other campuses should be considered. President Halter attended SAB's Bingo event and has had several opportunities to meet with SAB. He commended the new SAB team for its work and willingness to receive feedback. President Halter also reported on the recent football tailgate. Approximately 300 food tickets were distributed, and an estimated 700 people attended or spent time at the tailgate. He noted that these represented strong attendance numbers and thanked everyone who helped with the event. President Halter attended the site designation for ISU's new nuclear

reactor partnership earlier that day. The new reactor site will be located on the opposite side of the highway near the Eames Building and Challenge Course area. The addition will give ISU two nuclear reactors on campus, making ISU one of only a small number of universities in the nation with two reactors. University representatives, Idaho leaders, and national nuclear partners attended the site designation.

VIII. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Van Metre

- i. Senator Van Metre reported that new student club registrations continue to come in. She is working to allocate the clubs among senators as fairly and appropriately as possible based on their respective colleges. Senator Van Metre will meet with the other committee chairs on Friday to discuss committee operations and identify potential areas for improvement. She also provided an update on behalf of Director Hutchins regarding upcoming ASISU social media content. Director Hutchins is preparing several recurring social media segments, including club features and a Wednesday series highlighting what ASISU does, and the projects officers are working on. Senators were encouraged to participate and volunteer when Director Hutchins reaches out for content.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball

- i. Senator Ball reported that the Finance Committee considered a Benny's Funding request from The Jungle and Grilled Cheese Club for a student bus trip to the Weber State football game. The organizations requested \$3,000 toward the cost of chartering two buses to transport approximately 100 students to the game. The total transportation cost is expected to exceed the amount requested from ASISU, with the clubs covering the remaining expenses. Participation will be available to the first 100 students who register. The Finance Committee also discussed the ASISU Branded Magnets Internal Funding Request for \$375. The request was denied because the designs and university Marketing and Communications approval process have not yet been finalized. A new request may be submitted once the necessary information and approvals are available. The committee approved an October 3 Tailgate Internal Funding Request for \$400, with the stipulation that the originally proposed Philly cheesesteaks be replaced with hamburgers and hot dogs. Senator Ball also reported that ASISU is beginning to receive more undergraduate and graduate student travel funding requests. Senators were encouraged to remind students within their colleges to apply for travel funding early, as the available funding can be exhausted quickly.

c. Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith

- i. Nothing to report.

- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
 - i. Senator Van Metre reported that the recent tailgate was successful and had strong attendance. The new food-ticket system provided ASISU with a better estimate of the number of students receiving food and participating in the event. The committee plans to continue using information gathered through the ticketing system when planning future tailgates. The Student Involvement Committee will meet the following week and plans to determine a theme and additional details for the next tailgate.
- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
 - i. Nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. Pocatello SPTA: Costume 5K Fun Run, \$545.15
 - 1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Pocatello SPTA Costume 5K Fun Run for \$545.15: Van Metre/Vaccarella
 - 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
 - BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES
 - b. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - ii. Tau Kappa Epsilon and Grilled Cheese Club: St. Jude's Philanthropy Car Show, \$700
 - 1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Grilled Cheese Club St. Jude's Philanthropy Car Show for \$700: Leyva/Picanco

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 – ABSTAIN

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

i. Suicide Prevention Month Awareness: Goodie Bags, \$446.24

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Suicide Prevention Month Awareness Goodie Bags for \$446.24: Burlakoti/Swartz

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 – ABSTAIN

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. ASISU Branded Magnets, \$375

1. Motion denied in Finance Committee.

ii. October 3rd Tailgate Fund, \$400

1. Senator Van Metre clarified that the original proposal called for serving Philly cheesesteaks, but the Finance Committee amended the plan to serve hamburgers and hot dogs instead. The requested funding amount remains \$400.

XI. OTHER

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. ISU FIGHT SONG

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Little/Vaccarella

b. Unanimous

c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XV. ROLL CALL

a. 16 Senators present.

b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students; Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.

c. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON