

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXECUTIVE CABINET MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, SUB
5:00PM
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER- 5:01PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 10 President's Cabinet members present
 - b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist
- III. President, Sky Halter- President Halter reported his involvement with the Homecoming Committee with plans for the upcoming homecoming week and promoting events to students. He reported that ASISU held their first team-building night on Friday at Reed gym where President Halter, Director Saunders, Senator Van Metre, and Senator Swartz participated in pickleball. He noted that he hopes to have additional members participate in future team-building activities. President Halter met with the local Rotary Club and shared information about ASISU, student involvement, and current initiatives. The Rotary Club includes community members, alumni, donors, and others connected with ISU. President Halter has been working with Director Price and Director Ollivant on the upcoming Student Leaders Social. Student leaders from ASISU, ISU Housing and, ISU Ambassadors, who are being included in the planning process. President Halter was also involved in the process of promoting the Career Fair earlier in the week and reported a strong turnout of both potential employers and ISU students. President Halter has been identifying potential locations on campus that could be improved into additional student hangout spaces. He referenced spaces such as the former DEI Center and Native American Student Services Center as examples of spaces that students can personalize and make their own over time.
- IV. Vice President, Charlie Medema- Vice President Medema reported that he received an approved design from MarCom for new signage in the Rendezvous building and will be moving forward with submitting an order to the signage shop. He also met with Brian Sagendorf, Senior Vice President of Campus Operations to discuss feedback from the recent mural discussion. He plans to meet with Dr. Matt Daily in the near future to discuss potential next steps. Vice President Medema informed everyone that Senior Sunrise will take place during Homecoming Week and will be advertised shortly. He also informed everyone that he will be holding office hours next Thursday from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM in the Student Leadership and Engagement Center.

- V. Vice President, Megan Ostermann- Vice President Ostermann reported that based on the availability poll, the ASISU visit to the Meridian campus will be planned for November 5th. Cabinet members who are available to attend were asked to notify Vice President Ostermann as soon as possible. Vice President Ostermann attended the first Bengal Thursday in Meridian last week and met students from several programs, including physical therapy and communication sciences and disorders. She also had the chance to meet with a Physical Therapy Club leader with whom she had previously communicated and appreciated the opportunity to put a face to the name. Vice President Ostermann is researching additional clubs and professors on the Meridian campus to contact regarding ways ASISU can better support Meridian students.
- VI. Vice President of Idaho Falls, Position Vacant
- VII. Vice President of Twin Falls, Position Vacant
- VIII. SAB Representative, SAB Director Allen reported that the outdoor movie scheduled for the previous week was canceled due to weather. She informed the cabinet that SAB is looking to reschedule the movie for November but their current efforts are primarily focused on preparations for Homecoming Week so the cabinet can expect updates on that in the near future.
- IX. Senate Pro Tempore- Senator Van Metre continues working on the club assignment list. All clubs have been delegated, and she is working with Theresa Brissette from the Student Leadership and Engagement Office on obtaining the remaining club email addresses. The information regarding incentive points, deadlines, and other expectations that clubs need to be informed of is being finalized before it can officially be sent out. Senator Van Metre has drafted an email containing the necessary information for senators and will distribute it once the remaining information is received. She also reported that committee chairs held a meeting the previous Friday and discussed several ideas and initiatives for the semester.
- X. Secretary, Eliana Madison- Secretary Madison addressed concerns regarding outdated information on the ASISU website. The website has intentionally not been updated while incoming Secretary Peterson completes website training so that she can assist with completing the updates as a learning opportunity. Secretary Madison hopes to have the website fully updated by the end of the following week. She also reminded cabinet members about the ISU Staff Headshots offered on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the fall and spring semesters. The next headshot session will be held Tuesday, October 6th, from 3:00–4:30 PM in the ISU Photo Studio, Administration Building Room 138. Secretary Madison also picked up the ASISU polos from Old Town Embroidery and will distribute them to officers. Members were

encouraged to wear their polos for their upcoming headshots to increase uniformity and professionalism.

- XI. Director of Finance, Robert Saunders- Director Saunders reported that he prepared a presentation for Senate outlining ASISU spending to date, broken down by category. The presentation includes spending projections to identify whether ASISU is on track, behind, or ahead of its spending goals, as well as trends in current expenditures. Director Saunders also reported about his meeting with Theresa Brissette from the Student Leadership and Engagement Office along with Senator Ball regarding student travel funding. All student travel funding is anticipated to be available by the following week, with graduate information currently available and undergraduate information expected shortly. At that meeting as well, Director Saunders also discussed Finance Committee business, committee goals, and potential Reserve Fund processes. Director Saunders met with Vice President Medema, Director Price, and Senator Smith regarding potential Senate restructuring for the next academic year based on the broader restructuring of the university that has taken place. The group discussed possibilities and constraints, particularly as election packet deadlines and timelines approach. Director Saunders is developing a discretionary spending Google Form. Individuals with discretionary funds will enter the date, amount, and purpose of expenditures to improve ASISU's tracking of discretionary spending.
- XII. Director of Public Relations, TeAnna Hutchins- Director Hutchins reported that she has reviewed ASISU social media analytics from the previous month reporting that ASISU received more than 80,000 views during the month and approximately 784 profile visits. Recent posts have reached a significant number of non-followers with approximately 60% of viewers on one recent post and 71% on another were not current followers. Director Hutchins noted that this indicates ASISU content is reaching individuals beyond its existing follower base. She continues to work on additional campus-related videos and content highlighting resources students should know about. Director Hutchins is also working with the Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee to promote its midterm relief goodie bag initiative. With the support of Director Saunders, a monthly budget overview and general ASISU update will be implanted to provide students with additional information about where student funds are being spent and what ASISU is currently working on.
- XIII. Director of Student Affairs, Amy Joinville- Director Joinville met with President Halter, who connected her with Ryan Sargent, Associate Vice President of Government and Community Relations and Special Assistant to the President. Ryan Sargent invited her to participate in the upcoming ISU America 250 event. Director Joinville has also been communicating with representatives of political candidates regarding opportunities for candidates to visit campus prior to the election. These include voting organizations, like Babe Vote, to provide additional opportunities about voting information and resources to ISU students.

- XIV. Director of Academic Affairs, Mia Price- Director Price reported that she has primarily been working with Director Ollivant and President Halter on the Student Leaders Social. A tentative date has been selected, and resident assistants and ambassadors have been invited to participate in the planning process so that multiple student leadership groups are represented. Director Price also met with Director Saunders, Vice President Medema, and Senator Smith during the week regarding potential Senate restructuring for the next academic year. The group discussed several potential options that will eventually be presented to Senate. Director Price noted that election-related timelines are approaching quickly and encouraged members to share any ideas they have regarding restructuring.

- XV. Director of Student Affairs, Kate Ollivant- Director Ollivant reported that she held her first office hour and spent the time working with Director Price and President Halter on the Student Leaders Social. Several student leaders have been contacted to assist with planning, and the first brainstorming meeting is anticipated for the upcoming week. Director Ollivant continues communicating with Disability Services regarding surveys they are interested in distributing to the student body.

- XVI. Election Commissioner, Position Vacant

- XVII. Deputy Election Commissioner, Position Vacant

- XVIII. OTHER
 - a. Discussion
 - i. ASISU Social Media Giveaway
 - 1. Director Hutchins revisited the proposed football game giveaway discussed during the previous week and proposed putting together a prize basket or bag and initially planned to have students predict the score of the upcoming football game. She requested \$150 for the giveaway and presented items she had identified at the ISU Bookstore. Proposed items included a hoodie, water bottle, pencil case, and small bag, for an estimated total of \$144.
 - 2. Director Saunders suggested adding an ASISU shirt or sweater and ASISU straw toppers already available in the office.
 - 3. Director Hutchins showed Cabinet the proposed Bookstore items.
 - 4. Cabinet conducted an informal vote and unanimously supported the proposed giveaway expenditure.
 - 5. Director Hutchins explained that immediately before the game she planned to screen record the submitted Instagram comments. If

multiple participants had the closest or correct prediction, those participants would be entered into a randomized wheel to determine the winner.

6. Theresa Brissette raised concerns that awarding a prize based on predicting the game score could potentially constitute gambling under applicable rules.
 7. Cabinet discussed whether using a randomized wheel among participants who correctly predicted the score would address the concern.
 8. Theresa Brissette will verify whether the proposed format is permissible. If the score-prediction format is not permitted, Director Hutchins may instead conduct a random giveaway among all eligible participants who comment.
 9. It was agreed that Director Hutchins will move forward with the appropriate format once clarification is received.
- ii. Reserve Fund Education and Student Input
1. Senator Van Metre reported that committee chairs met the previous week and discussed confusion among newer ASISU members regarding the Reserve Fund. Newer members understand that ASISU has a significant Reserve Fund balance but may not have the context surrounding previous Reserve Fund decisions and projects. She expressed concern that some members may believe ASISU is simply required to spend the available funds and may therefore support expenditures solely because money is available.
 2. Senator Van Metre and Senator Smith discussed developing an informational presentation to explain the Reserve Fund, previous decisions, and how the funds are intended to be used.
 3. President Halter asked Director Saunders about incorporating this information into his financial presentation to Senate and providing an opportunity for senators to ask questions.
 4. Director Joinville, speaking as a newer ASISU member, supported the idea of providing additional Reserve Fund education.
 5. Director Hutchins asked whether ASISU should also solicit Reserve Fund ideas directly from the student body.
 6. Cabinet members discussed using a form or social media post to allow students to anonymously or directly submit ideas. Cabinet members referenced the previous “Tiger Cage” concept and noted that a form may make students more comfortable sharing ideas.
 7. President Halter supported gathering student input and suggested beginning after Homecoming Week. President Halter reported that ASISU intends to complete a first round of Reserve Fund spending recommendations with the goal of voting on them by the first meeting in November, followed by another round during the spring semester.

8. Director Saunders offered to assist Director Hutchins with developing the student input form.
- iii. ASISU Events and Long-Term Initiatives
 1. President Halter asked Cabinet to discuss the balance between ASISU hosting events and pursuing longer-term student government initiatives. President Halter noted that organizations such as SAB and other campus departments are primarily responsible for programming and events, while ASISU also has governing capabilities and significant financial resources that can support long-term programs and initiatives.
 2. Senator Van Metre asked which current ASISU events were creating concern beyond tailgates.
 3. President Halter referenced tailgates, potential involvement with other sporting events, merchandise drops, OAC Night, trivia, and other activities that can consume much of the weekly time members dedicate to ASISU. President Halter also stated that ASISU's current balance has generally been manageable but encouraged members to consider how recurring events could be made more sustainable for future administrations.
 4. Cabinet members discussed ASISU's involvement in tailgates and the relationship between ASISU, The Jungle, SAB, and Athletics.
 5. Senator Van Metre noted that Student Involvement is intended to support events but also discussed challenges surrounding responsibility for tailgates and coordination with The Jungle.
 6. President Halter suggested exploring whether Athletics could establish a student position responsible for coordinating school spirit and tailgates, allowing greater consistency from year to year.
 7. Director Saunders agreed with placing additional focus on long-term initiatives while noting that the Student Involvement Committee should continue to have an active role in events and student engagement. Director Saunders also suggested greater involvement from Finance, Rules & Appointments, and Health, Wellness & Sustainability in developing long-term initiatives. He identified the Reserve Fund, ASISU office placement, and Senate restructuring as major long-term priorities that should be addressed.
 8. Senator Van Metre expressed support for exploring a spirit-related position and developing a more consistent system between ASISU, The Jungle, and Athletics.
 9. President Halter noted that some existing ASISU documents still reference positions that no longer currently exist, including Director of Governmental Affairs and Director of Sustainability, which may also need to be addressed through restructuring.
 10. Director Allen noted that SAB currently has a spirit chair and could potentially assume additional responsibility for tailgates if needed.
 - iv. Executive and Senate Communication Restructuring

1. Director Price supported Director Saunders' suggestion that the Executive Branch provide additional guidance regarding the work and priorities of senators. Director Price discussed the current disconnect between Senate and the Executive Branch and suggested establishing a more consistent way to communicate Executive Branch activities to Senate. She suggested potentially having an executive representative or pro tempore consistently attend meetings and communicate between the two groups.
 2. Senator Van Metre discussed the possibility of establishing a permanent Pro Tempore-style position that would consistently attend President's Cabinet and Senate meetings and provide guidance to senators. Senator Van Metre also noted that a permanent position could create greater consistency and potentially be structured as a scholarship position rather than the existing rotating stipend arrangement.
 3. President Halter noted that a similar position, comparable to a Chief of Staff, previously existed within ASISU and suggested exploring the concept further as part of restructuring discussions.
- v. Planning Meeting
1. President Halter announced that the first planning meeting will be held Monday, October 5th at 1:00 PM, which was the time that worked best based on the availability poll. The meeting will include discussion of Reserve Fund priorities, funding associated with the 125th Anniversary Committee, and other items that require advance planning.
- vi. Homecoming Participation
1. Director Hutchins asked whether ASISU will be tabling or formally participating in any Homecoming Week activities.
 2. Director Saunders reported that he will be participating in the Homecoming Pageant.
 3. President Halter reported that ASISU does not currently have a significant formal role in most Homecoming events but encouraged members to participate. He also noted that ASISU will participate in the Homecoming Parade. Members were also encouraged to volunteer for Homecoming activities.
 4. Cabinet members discussed whether ASISU members could participate in additional Homecoming activities without participating in the competitive portions.
 5. Director Allen noted that participation opportunities have been expanded this year beyond traditional club and Greek organization involvement.

XIX. ROLL CALL

- a. 10 Cabinet members present.

- b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist

XX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. President Cabinet adjourned at 5:42pm