ASSOSCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00PM

OCTOBER 14TH, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00PM
II. ROLL CALL
    a. 15 Senators present.
    b. Absent: Senator Swartz
    c. 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 OCTOBER 7TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 7th, 2026: Vaccarella/Van Metre
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 14th, 2026: Vaccarella/Baughmann
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
    a. Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honors Club)- New Organization: Kendra Gominsky
        i. Kendra Gominsky reported the club was started last year as a nationally recognized branch for philosophy. Professor Roche serves as the National Honor Society Advisor, while professor Von Klemperer is being considered as the university advisor. The organization works closely with the existing Philosophy Club but operates separately, with distinct membership requirements and national affiliation. A panel discussion involving philosophy, sociology, and political science was planned for November 11, 2026. Future goals include increasing student interest in philosophy, expanding programming, and providing members with opportunities such as graduation regalia.
        ii. Senator Smith discussed whether the honor society's purpose overlapped with the existing Philosophy Club.
        iii. Kendra Gominsky noted the distinction between an open student club and a nationally affiliated honor society with academic eligibility requirements. She then indicated that the organization had completed the required paperwork with the Student Leadership and Engagement Center.
            1. Motion to approve the Phi Sigma Tau as a recognized student organization: Smith/Baughmann

a. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL- YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Zambian Student Association- New Organization: John Kantumaya
   i. Motion to table consideration of the organization until the next meeting: Smith/Van Metre
      1. ROLL CALL
      BRENDON BALL- YES
      MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
      JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
      AJ VACCARELLA – YES
      HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
      BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
      2. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. ISU Copy and Print Services: Introduction and Club Merchandise Screen Printing Equipment Reserve Fund Proposal: Wes Clezie
   i. Wes Clezie explained that the proposal would establish a six-color screen-printing production line at the existing facility on Red Hill. The proposed equipment package includes a screen-printing press, flash dryer, conveyor dryer, screen exposure unit, washout station, screen-cleaning equipment, and associated inks, tools, and supplies. Wes Clezie explained that the investment would provide several benefits to student organizations and the university

including the reduction of costs for clubs looking to produce merchandise and apparel, eliminate setup fees and labor charges along with increased multicolor design production capacity. Wes Clezie estimated the equipment package at approximately $22,500–$23,000. He stated that Copy and Print Services would cover ongoing maintenance, ink, cleaning supplies, and labor. Personal orders would be charged separately according to the services required.

ii. Senator Smith asked questions about production capacity, screen storage and reuse, recurring expenses, and recognition for ASISU if funding were provided.

iii. Wes Clezie explained that the additional equipment would improve production efficiency, unused screens could be reclaimed for reuse, and ASISU could be recognized through signage or decals on the equipment.

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Baughmann/Van Metre
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move out of committee: Baughmann/Van Metre
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**

d. ASISU Student Scholarships Presentation: Senator Ball

i. Senator Ball explained that the fund contains approximately $80,000 and is supported by a fee of approximately $8 per student per semester. The scholarships have reportedly been in place for at least 15–16 years. Historically, funds were distributed among colleges based on enrollment and awarded using criteria weighted toward academic merit. Senator Ball also explained that the recent university reorganization has complicated the existing allocation process and that the current scholarship structure is incompatible with ASISU's bylaws. As a result, ASISU scholarships will not be distributed in Spring 2027 under the existing arrangement. His presentation outlined several considerations. The first being mandatory student fees support the fund, although not all students who contribute are eligible to receive a scholarship. Financial need is not necessarily considered in the existing allocation process. The scholarship office faces significant administrative work in distributing funds. The university's reorganization has made the previous college-based distribution model difficult to maintain. Existing university merit-based scholarships already provide substantial funding to students. Senator Ball then discussed several potential alternatives. The first being to dissolve the separate ASISU scholarship fund and eliminate the associated fee. The second being to reorganize the scholarship program into broader categories, such as undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, with revised allocation criteria. This would transfer the funds into the university's general scholarship fund. The last being to redirect the fee revenue toward another student benefit or program accessible to a broader portion of the student population.

ii. Senator Van Metre discussed the possibility of creating ASISU-branded scholarships through the university's scholarship application system.

iii. Senator Ball noted that this may put the administrative burden on the scholarship office.
iv. Senator Baughmann noted to consider the fairness of scholarship eligibility criteria.
v. Senator Sharma then questioned the role of academic achievement in awarding scholarships.
    1. Motion to move to committee for 15 minutes: Sharma/Little
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**
    4. Motion to extend committee for 30 minutes: Van Metre/Baughmann
    5. Unanimous
    6. Motion: **CARRIED**
    7. Motion to exit committee: Smith/Baughmann
    8. Unanimous
    9. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. President Halter President Halter reported that Homecoming activities concluded successfully, with positive feedback on the events and student participation. He also reported that the Student Activities Board and advancement events went well. He noted his meeting with Teresa Brissette and Dr. Matt Daily to discuss advising matters. He highlighted his discussions with Senator Van Metre on ASISU's role in the student section along with potential changes to The Jungles involvement. He encouraged senators to attend ISU esports events noting that the university's team had recently competed against Bowling Green State University and won. President Halter also reported that he has been working with Director Price and Director Ollivant to plan the student leadership event this week. He noted President Wagner's scheduled visit during the following week's Senate meeting at 7:00 PM for a semesterly visit and question-and-answer session. He encouraged senators to submit questions in advance so that President Wagner could prepare responses. President Halter also noted a future presentation from Student Affairs and Finance leader, Vice President Chatraind, regarding student fees, which would help senators prepare for their involvement in upcoming fee-related discussions. President Halter then reported that he has been working with Senator Smith to identify an election commissioner. He then relayed a message from Director Hutchins thanking senators for participating in the Bengal Wednesday video and reminding them to submit introduction forms and photographs for the Instagram page.

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that student organization assignments were expected to be distributed by the end of the week once the necessary information had been received from Theresa Brissette. He explained that senators responsible for finance line items would receive their assignments and should contact the relevant representatives promptly to arrange meetings. Senator Smith also

noted that he plans to check in individually with senators to discuss their progress and answer questions.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed several funding requests. The Nepalese Student Association and Crossroads Christian Fellowship request was reported as approved for $3,000, while the ASISU trip to Meridian was reported as approved for approximately $1,178. He reported that senators also discussed the proposed Needoh giveaway for midterm and finals week, the Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know event, and the Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event. Senator Ball reported that senators had also considered a request for approximately $2,200 to replace outdated bowling balls at the university bowling alley. Additionally, senators discussed possible support for the College of Science and Engineering's Epicenter launch, including staffing costs for a management position.
c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that the Rules and Appointments Committee had met the previous week to review ongoing projects and discuss plans for restructuring ASISU. He described the meeting as productive and noted that progress had been made toward developing a proposed organizational structure. Senator Smith also reported working with Senator Leyva on Resolution 635 and stated that the Rules and Appointments Committee also plan to discuss Bill 630 during their next meeting.
d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
    i. Senator Van Metre reported that Homecoming and the tailgate had gone well. She noted that the Student Involvement Committee planned to use a whiteout theme for the next football game rather than a costume theme because of the anticipated cold weather and limited time available to prepare. Senator Van Meter also explained that the committee was exploring a Halloween-themed trick-or-treat event involving student organizations. She highlighted that the idea would allow clubs to set up tables and distribute candy, creating an opportunity for students to interact with organizations across campus.
e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz, Shared by Senator Burrell
    i. Senator Burrell shared that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee distributed self-care giveaway bags during the previous week. The items were well received and the bags ran out within approximately 10 minutes.

X. OLD BUSINESS
a. Bill 630
    i. Motion to send Bill 630 to the Rules and Appointments Committee for review: Smith/Little
        1. ROLL CALL

        BRENDON BALL- YES
        MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Benny's Funding Request
    i. Sigma Sigma Sigma: Tailgate Dirty Sodas, $188
        1. Senator Van Metre explained that the previous event revolving Tailgate Dirty Sodas had been successful and that Sigma Sigma Sigma had run out of most of its supplies. She noted that this request would allow the organization to replenish those supplies and continue the same activity.
            a. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Sigma Sigma Sigma Tailgate Dirty Sodas for $188: Vaccarella/Paine
                i. ROLL CALL
                BRENDON BALL- YES
                MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
                JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
                AJ VACCARELLA – YES
                HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
                ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS
    a. Bill 631
        i. Vice President Medema introduced Bill 631, sponsored by Senator Hsieh and co-sponsored by Senator Smith. The bill proposes reorganizing the composition of the ASISU Student Senate to reflect the university's recent restructuring. Vice President Medema noted that the document available for review appeared to contain an inconsistent bill number and reminded senators to review the proposal before the following meeting.

b. Resolution 635
    i. Vice President Medema introduced Resolution 635, sponsored by Senator Smith and co-sponsored by Senator Leyva. The resolution expresses ASISU's appreciation for President Wagner's engagement with the senate and his efforts to involve students in campus improvements. It also emphasizes the importance of preserving and continuing the legacies of both Idaho State University and ASISU.
        1. Senator Smith explained that the resolution was intended to recognize the university's history, acknowledge the development and contributions of ASISU, and thank President Wagner for meeting with senators and supporting student involvement. He described the resolution as an opportunity to reaffirm the senate's commitment to remaining active, contributing to campus improvements, and continuing the work of previous student leaders.
        2. Senator Leyva added that the resolution should emphasize action rather than recognition alone. He explained that ASISU should continue making a meaningful impact on campus and maintain an active role in representing students.
c. Internal Funding Request
    i. ASISU Trip to Meridian, $1,178
        1. Vice President Ostermann explained that the funding would cover transportation in a university vehicle and a catered lunch for students who participate in the event.
    ii. Midterm and Finals Week Needoh Giveaway, $291.50
        1. Senator Burrell explained that request was to purchase approximately 500 Needohs to distribute to students as part of a wellness initiative during finals week partnered with the Counseling and Mental Health Center.
    iii. Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know, $200
        1. Vice President Medema explained that this event featuring Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane at the Bengal Alumni Center is intended to provide students with information about Idaho's election processes and offer context for the elections taking place during the month.
    iv. Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event, $900
        1. Motion to previous minutes: Smith/Medema
        2. Unanimous
        3. Motion: **CARRIED**
        4. Motion to amend the meeting record to include the Nepalese Student Association and Crossroads Christian Fellowship item and revise the Gubernational Candidate Engagement Event amount from $600 to $900: Smith/Van Metre
        5. Unanimous
        6. Motion: **CARRIED**

7. Motion to previous announcements and correspondence: Smith/Van Metre
8. Unanimous
9. Motion: **CARRIED**
10. Motion to table the Zambian Student Association to the following meeting: Smith/Baughmann
    a. ROLL CALL
       BRENDON BALL- YES
       MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
       JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
       AJ VACCARELLA – YES
       HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
    b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. OTHER
   a. President Halter reminded senators of the ASISU Presentation Night on October 22nd, at 6:30PM. He encouraged all senators to bring a presentation and attend the event.
   b. Senator Van Metre reminded senators to email Secretary Peterson with upcoming events so they could be added to the shared calendar. Senator Van Meter noted that maintaining an accurate calendar would help senators stay informed about campus activities and avoid missing committee events.

XIII. GALLERY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT
   a. Motion to adjourn: Little/Picanco
   b. Unanimous
   c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XVI. ROLL CALL
   a. 15 Senators present.
   b. Absent: Senator Swartz
   c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
   d. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

KASHLYN PETERSON