ASSOSCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00PM

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00PM
II. ROLL CALL
    a. 16 Senators present.
    b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 28TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 28th, 2026: Smith/Picanco
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 4TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 4th, 2026 with the friendly amendment to move the Campus-Wide Menstruation Products Initiative to New Business, add Electrical Outlets in the SUB and The Bengal Newspaper Financial Assistance under New Business, move the Geology Club's Fossil Fest funding request to Old Business, and include a Senate Pro Tempore vote of confidence under Other: Smith/Baughman
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
    d. Motion to amend the agenda to include the Election Timeline under Other: Smith/Van Metre
    e. Unanimous
    f. Motion: **CARRIED**
VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
    a. President Halter absent.
IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS
    a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Smith
        i. Senator Smith reported collaborating with Director Joinville to explore opportunities for ISU students to engage with newly elected representatives from Idaho's District 29. He then discussed plans to potentially host a student forum or town hall in February and organize a trip to the Idaho State Capitol to provide opportunities for students to meet legislators and learn about the legislative process. Senator Smith then reminded senators of the upcoming Pro Tempore Committee meeting on Friday, November 6.
    b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball

i. Senator Ball reported that the Finance Committee approved the following requests, Electrical Outlets in the Student Union Building in the amount of $10,000, The Bengal Newspaper Financial Assistance in the amount of $50,000, the Laptop Loaner Program in the amount of $9,500, and Benny's Pantry Volunteer Appreciation T-Shirts in the amount of $1,000. He informed senators that Finance Committee also discussed the Idaho Falls Paw Print Station Accessibility Upgrades and New Station proposal, noting that the requested amount required clarification. Senator Ball also noted that Vice President Medema presented the Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal Request for $50,000. He then reported that the $500 internal funding request for November 7 Tailgate Supplies was denied due to changes in the event request. Additionally, Senator Ball highlighted that the Finance Committee discussed potential speakers and funding considerations for upcoming Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee events.

c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that Bill 632 had been released for Senate consideration. He also reported continued progress on the ASISU bylaws rewrite, preparations for a proposed constitutional amendment to establish a School of Arts senator position, and initial work on judicial branch documents.
d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
    i. Senator Van Metre reported that the upcoming football tailgate on November 7 will feature a Western theme. She highlighted activities that will include line dancing instruction from 3:00–4:00 p.m., grilled cheese prepared by the Grilled Cheese Club for approximately 150 students, and additional refreshments, including donuts, hot chocolate, and chips. Senator Van Metre then reported that the Student Involvement Committee is planning two events in December and two in January, with additional spring activities under development.
e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
    i. Senator Swartz reported that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee is working on three initiatives extending into the following semester. She noted these include a potential sustainability initiative, separate health and wellness events planned for the spring, and giveaways during finals week.

X. OLD BUSINESS
a. Bill 632
    i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Smith/Van Metre
    ii. Unanimous
    iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    iv. Motion to exit committee: Baughman/Leyva
    v. Unanimous
    vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
    vii. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Smith/Little
    viii. Unanimous
    ix. Motion: **CARRIED**
    x. Motion to exit committee: Little/Picanco

xi. Unanimous
xii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    1. Motion to amend Bill 632 to include language requiring senators to present updates about their assigned line-item organizations to Senate once a semester: Burrell/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
        BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
        b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Reserve Fund Requests
    i. ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise Screen Printing Equipment Proposal, $22,500
        1. Motion to table the Reserve Fund Request for the ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise Screen Printing Equipment Proposal in the amount of $22,500 for one week: Vaccarella/Baughman
            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
            HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
            JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
            AJ VACCARELLA – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Laptop Loaner Program, $9,500
    i. Senator Ball shared positive feedback from his personal experience using the Laptop Loaner Program and reported that approximately half of the available laptops are typically checked out.
    ii. Senator Smith discussed adding ASISU branding to the laptops.
        1. Motion to table the Reserve Fund Request for the Laptop Loaner Program in the amount of $9,500 for one week: Leyva/Baughman
            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
            HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
            JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
            AJ VACCARELLA – YES
            HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
            BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
            b. Motion: **CARRIED**

d. Benny's Funding Request
    i. First Generation Club, $2,000
        1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding request for the First-Generation Club in the amount of $2,000: Smith/Van Metre
            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 – NO
            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. Geology Club Fossil Fest, $950

1. Vice President Medema provided an overview of the Geology Club's Fossil Fest event, emphasizing the collaboration with the Idaho Museum of Natural History. He reminded senators that the event will feature educational activities highlighting fossils and Idaho's prehistoric history, including two live camels on the ISU Quad.
    a. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Geology Club's Fossil Fest in the amount of $950: Smith/Baughman
        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 – NO
        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
        ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bill 633

i. Vice President Medema introduced Bill 633, sponsored by Senator Hsieh and co-sponsored by Senator Smith. He informed senators that the proposed legislation would amend terminology in the ASISU bylaws to promote greater inclusivity. He encouraged senators to review the legislation before further discussion at the following meeting.

b. Reserve Fund Requests

i. ASISU/Facilities Campus-Wide Menstruation Products Initiative Funding for Five Years, $60,000

1. Senator Vaccarella asked for clarification regarding the proposed funding amount, noting discrepancies between the original $60,000 request and the previously discussed $48,000 figure.
2. Director Saunders clarified that the intended amount is $55,000, representing approximately $11,000 annually over five years. He noted the corrected amount will be reflected when the proposal is considered for approval.

ii. Electrical Outlets in the Student Union Building, $10,000
1. Vice President Medema discussed the proposal to install additional electrical outlets in the Student Union Building, developed in collaboration with President Halter and Lowell Richards, Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services and Campus Operations. He explained that although the Finance Committee approved advancing the request, members expressed interest in obtaining additional information regarding the proposed locations, installation requirements, and project costs. Vice President Medema noted senators may table the proposal until the necessary documentation is available.

iii. The Bengal Newspaper Financial Assistance, $50,000
1. Vice President Medema opened discussion regarding the $50,000 reserve fund request to address The Bengal newspaper's financial deficit.

c. Internal Funding Requests
i. T-Shirts for Benny's Pantry
1. Vice President Medema introduced the $1,000 internal funding request for Benny's Pantry volunteer appreciation T-shirts. He reminded members that the proposed design was available for review in the shared Drive and that the request would be considered for approval at the following meeting.

XII. OTHER
a. Swearing in the 2026-2027 Deputy Election Commissioner Marisol Bueno-Salazar
i. Marisol Bueno-Salazar took the oath of office and was sworn in as the 2026-2027 ASISU Deputy Election Commissioner.

b. 2026-2027 Election Timeline
i. Motion to return to the previous agenda item: Smith/Vaccarella
ii. Unanimous
iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
1. Election Commissioner Edie Payton presented the updated 2027 election timeline, including candidate information meetings, mandatory candidate meetings, speeches, debates, voting dates, and campaign requirements. The timeline included the following dates, Candidate packet submission deadline: February 12, 2027, at 5:00 p.m., Mandatory candidate meetings: February 17 and 18, 2027, as amended, Mandatory senator speeches: March 2–3, 2027, Mandatory executive ticket debate March 5, 2027, Online voting opens March 15, 2027, at 8:00 a.m.,

Online voting closes: March 18, 2027, at 5:00 p.m., Campaign materials removal and expenditure sheets deadline: March 19, 2027, at 5:00 p.m.

2. Senator Little noted that the originally proposed February 15 mandatory candidate meeting would conflict with Presidents' Day.
3. Election Commissioner Payton agreed to move the meeting to February 17, 2027.
    a. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Election Timeline with the friendly amendment to move the mandatory candidate meeting from February 15 to February 17, 2027: Smith/Van Metre
        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
        HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
        JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
        AJ VACCARELLA – YES
        HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
        BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
        ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Senate Pro Tempore Vote of Confidence
    i. Senator Ball emphasized his interest in gaining leadership experience, strengthening relationships among senators, and organizing activities that encourage team engagement.
    ii. Senator Smith discussed his continued commitment to improving internal processes, supporting senators, and developing opportunities for collaboration.
        1. Following a vote of confidence, Senator Ball was selected to serve as Senate Pro Tempore for the month of November

d. Discussion
    i. Senator Van Metre encouraged members to attend the upcoming Western-themed football tailgate and emphasized the importance of increased ASISU representation. She noted that members were welcome to participate without assisting with setup or cleanup.
    ii. Senator Little reminded members that bandanas and other promotional items would be available.
        1. Director Saunders shared information regarding a student exchange opportunity with a university in Puebla, Mexico. He explained that

participating students would pay tuition comparable to ISU tuition, with room and board included in the program. He also noted that academic credits are also expected to transfer. Director Saunders encouraged senators to share the opportunity with interested students and offered to provide additional information.

XIII. GALLERY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Vaccarella/Picanco
b. Unanimous
c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XVI. ROLL CALL

a. 16 Senators present.
b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
c. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT **ASISU SECRETARY**

CHARLIE MEDEMA **KASHLYN PETERSON**