ASSOSCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00PM

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00PM
II. ROLL CALL
    a. 15 Senators present.
    b. Absent: Senator Torres-Drozd.
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 4th, 2026: Smith/Hsieh
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 11th, 2026 with the friendly amendment to include the Idaho Falls Paw Print Station Accessibility Upgrades and One New Station in the amount of $2,000 and the Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal in the amount of $62,000 under New Business: Smith/Swartz
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
    d. Motion to amend the agenda to include the Benny's Pantry T-Shirt Request in the amount of $1,000 under Old Business: Smith/Van Metre
    e. Unanimous
    f. Motion: **CARRIED**
VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
    a. An ISU student representative for AWS Student Builder Campus Leader presented information regarding Amazon Web Services (AWS) educational resources available to students. She highlighted that the AWS Builder Center offers more than 600 educational resources, including courses, tutorials, workshops, and opportunities to connect with technical communities. The representative then discussed resources such as Amazon EC2 and how cloud computing, website development, and automation skills may benefit students across various academic disciplines. She noted that the workshops vary in length and commitment, allowing students to participate according to their interests and availability. The representative explained that students can obtain digital badges and explore certification opportunities that may strengthen their resumes and demonstrate technical skills to future employers.
        i. Vice President Medema asked where interested students could access the program and additional information.

ii. The representative encouraged students to visit the AWS Builder Center, contact her directly, or connect with the Association for Computing Machinery, which holds biweekly meetings.
iii. President Halter asked how these resources could benefit students outside of computer science and technology-related majors.
iv. The representative explained that technical skills and certifications can support internship opportunities, research projects, and professional development. She referenced her experience obtaining an internship at Idaho National Laboratory.
v. President Halter emphasized the value of making students aware of opportunities to develop practical skills applicable to their future careers.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Bengal Bridge- New Organization: Eva Gochnour
    i. Eva Gochnour explained that the Bengal Bridge organization aims to provide continued academic support, mentorship, and community-building opportunities for former Bengal Bridge participants and other interested ISU students. She then explained that the Bengal Bridge summer program helps incoming college students develop skills such as time management, studying, scheduling, independence, and academic preparation.
        1. Senator Vaccarella requested clarification regarding the Bengal Bridge program.
        2. Eva Gochnour explained that the program provides an approximately eight-week summer experience for recent high school graduates preparing to enter college. She noted that participants receive mentorship, complete academic coursework, and participate in a symposium project.
        3. Vice President Medema asked what activities the organization planned to offer.
        4. Eva Gochnour explained that proposed activities include study nights, tutoring opportunities, yard games, and other social events intended to support student engagement.
        5. Senator Little asked how many students were currently involved.
        6. Eva Gochnour reported approximately eight interested members, with plans to recruit additional students through previous Bengal Bridge participants and future cohorts.
        7. Director Saunders informed the organization about ASISU funding opportunities, including Benny's funding, club incentive points, and new club funding.
            a. Motion to approve Bengal Bridge as a new ASISU recognized student organization: Smith/Van Metre
                i. ROLL CALL
                BRENDON BALL- YES
                MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
AJ VACCARELLA- YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. S.C.O.R.E. — Sports, Careers, Operations, Recreation, and Events Club- New Organization: Cycilally Jysell
    i. Representatives introduced the proposed S.C.O.R.E. organization, intended to support professional development and career preparation for students interested in the sports industry. They explained that the organization aims to provide networking opportunities, hands-on experiences, and professional development related to sports operations, event management, marketing, recreation, and business. The representatives emphasized the importance of professional connections and practical experience when pursuing careers in the sports industry. They informed senators that planned activities include touring athletic facilities, assisting with sporting events and tournaments, attending academic conferences, hosting professional panels, and participating in networking opportunities. Representatives explained that membership will be open to students from all academic majors who have an interest in the sports industry. They noted that recruitment efforts will include social media platforms, classroom visits, and outreach through academic programs.
    ii. Leadership meetings will take place biweekly, with general membership meetings held monthly or as needed.
        1. Vice President Medema asked how many confirmed members the organization has.
        2. The representatives reported approximately ten confirmed members.
        3. Vice President Medema asked which of the upcoming activities the club has planned that the representatives were most excited for.
        4. The representatives highlighted an upcoming panel featuring professionals and alumni from the academic program is being planned for later in November.
        5. Director Saunders encouraged the organization to explore ASISU club funding opportunities.
        6. Vice President Medema asked if the organization had completed all required paperwork with the Student Leadership and Engagement Center to be established as a new organization.
        7. The representatives confirmed that the required organizational paperwork had been completed.

a. Motion to approve S.C.O.R.E. as a new ASISU recognized student organization: Smith/Baughman
    i. ROLL CALL
    BRENDON BALL- YES
    MAKENNA BAUGHMANN- 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
    AJ VACCARELLA- YES
    BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
    ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. President Halter reported on his continued discussions with ISU faculty and student leaders regarding the development of a student leadership program in collaboration with the Student Leadership and Engagement Center. He informed senators that faculty feedback suggested developing an official three-credit course taught by a professor and supplemented by occasional guest speakers, alumni, and local business leaders. He noted that several professors expressed interest in helping develop and potentially teach the course. He then noted that he has been assisting Director Saunders with reserve fund documentation and communications with university representatives involved in funding requests. President Halter reported that he has continued connecting with student leaders from other Idaho institutions to identify opportunities for collaboration. He then informed senators that the executive cabinet discussed concerns regarding Public Safety, campus parking policies, and game day parking fees. He noted that a working group was established to further explore these concerns and coordinate communication with university representatives. President Halter invited interested senators to participate in the working group. Lastly, he informed senators of the ASISU holiday party scheduled for December 11 at 6:00 PM, with the location to be determined. He explained that additional information regarding food and the white elephant gift exchange will be distributed.

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball Reported a successful first week of caucus meetings and acknowledged the projects currently underway. He reminded senators who need additional work hours to contact him or consult the project sheet for opportunities to assist with ongoing initiatives. He asked senators to send reminders to student organizations that fall incentive point submissions are due Friday, November 13.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball reported that Finance Committee approved the $2,000 Idaho Falls Paw Print Station Accessibility Upgrades request, the Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal request for $62,000 and that the $900 Gingerbread House Decorating Competition request was approved by the finance committee with the stipulation that Senator Burlakoti provide additional clarification regarding the proposed budget and event arrangements.
c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that the Rules and Appointments Committee completed its initial work related to School of Arts representation and are continuing to consolidate and review proposed bylaw revisions. He highlighted plans to complete final edits and present the revisions following Thanksgiving break. He noted that the Rules and Appointments Committee intends to begin reviewing changes involving the judicial branch during the following semester.
d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
    i. Senator Van Metre reported a successful football tailgate on November 7, with strong student and club participation. She highlighted that the event included grilled cheese with the support of the Grilled Cheese Club, refreshments, and line dancing instruction. She noted her continued collaboration with The Jungle representatives to finalize plans for the final tailgate and upcoming Christmas-themed events.
e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
    i. Senator Swartz reported her continued work on a sustainability project for the remainder of the semester and the beginning of brainstorming for potential health and wellness initiatives for the following semester.

X. OLD BUSINESS
a. Bill 632
    i. Senator Burrell explained that Bill 632 had been amended to require finance committee senators to present to senate once per semester.
    ii. Director Saunders requested clarification regarding whether the requirement would apply during both the fall and spring semesters.
    iii. Senator Burrell confirmed that the requirement would apply during both semesters.
        1. Motion to approve Bill 632: Smith/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
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Bill 633
    i. Senator Hsieh explained that Bill 633 proposes revising existing bylaw language to be more inclusive. He noted that the proposed revisions would address restrictions involving the use of ASISU funds for individuals who are not ASISU members, particularly during events such as student tailgates.
        1. Motion to refer Bill 633 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Smith/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
            AJ VACCARELLA – YES
            HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
            BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
            b. Motion: **CARRIED**
c. Reserve Fund Requests
    i. ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise Screen Printing Equipment Proposal, $22,500
        1. Senator Vaccarella asked whether the request should be approved during the meeting or considered alongside other reserve fund proposals at a later date.
        2. Director Saunders recommended tabling the request while additional documentation was finalized. He explained that the request had been completed by the appropriate representatives but still required an ASISU justification before being returned for a final signature. Director Saunders recommended postponing consideration until at least the following week.

a. 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/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
    HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
    AJ VACCARELLA – YES
    HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
    BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
    ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. ASISU/Facilities Campus-Wide Menstruation Products Initiative and Five-Year Funding, $55,000
1. Director Saunders explained that following additional review, the proposed amount should be reduced to $55,000, from the original listed request amount of $60,000. He noted that this would be represented in the form of $11,000 annually over five years.
2. Senator Vaccarella asked whether senate should vote on the request or postpone consideration.
3. Director Saunders recommended tabling the proposal to allow additional time for review.
    a. Motion to table the Reserve Fund Request for the ASISU/Facilities Campus-Wide Menstruation Product Initiative and Five-Year Funding in the amended amount of $55,000 for one week: Vaccarella/Swartz
        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
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    1. Motion to previous to the agenda: Burrell/Picanco
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**

d. Internal Funding Request
    i. Benny's Pantry T-Shirts, $1,000
        1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding request for the Benny's Pantry T-Shirts in the amount of $1,000: Burrell/Picanco
            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
            HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
            BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
            b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS
a. Bill 634
    i. Vice President Medema introduced Bill 634 which was introduced by Senator Hsieh and co-sponsored by Senator Smith. The legislation proposes updating terminology within ASISU governing documents, including the Constitution and bylaws, to recognize representation for the School of Arts.
        1. Senator Hsieh explained that the existing language does not adequately address representation for schools within the university. He noted that the proposed changes would help establish the appropriate language for School of Arts senate representation and support the upcoming election process.

b. Bill 635

i. Vice President Medema introduced Bill 635 which was introduced by Senator Burrell and co-sponsored by Senator Van Metre. He informed senators that the proposed legislation would require financial requests, regardless of amount, to be introduced to and approved by the Finance Committee.
    1. Senator Burrell explained that the changes would align the written procedures with current practices while potentially reducing unnecessary discussion during senate meetings.
    2. Senator Van Metre clarified that the proposal primarily formalizes existing practices through updated wording.
    3. Vice President Medema requested clarification regarding whether discretionary funding requests would be included.
    4. Senator Burrell explained that discretionary funding follows a separate process.
    5. Director Saunders confirmed that discretionary funds are handled through their own approval procedures and would not be subject to the proposed requirements.

c. Amendment 1
    i. Vice President Medema introduced Amendment 1 which was introduced by Senator Hsieh and co-sponsored by Senator Smith. He informed senators that the proposed constitutional amendment would update language to reflect changes in representation and organizational structure at ISU.
        1. Senator Smith explained that a primary objective is to establish School of Arts representation within the Student Senate. He noted that the proposal would maintain flexibility while recognizing that the School of Arts is smaller than many other academic colleges. Senator Smith expressed interest in coordinating with Election Commissioner Payton to determine whether the amendment could be approved before the upcoming election cycle.
        2. Vice President Medema requested clarification regarding the approval timeline.
        3. Senator Smith explained that the amendment would proceed through the standard legislative process, followed by student body approval and presidential signature before becoming effective.
        4. President Halter suggested considering additional minor constitutional updates while maintaining clear and concise language for students. He referenced outdated language regarding positions such as the Director of Governmental Affairs.
        5. Senator Smith clarified that those concerns had been identified and would be addressed through a separate amendment related to the judicial branch to avoid combining unrelated revisions.

d. Internal Funding Request
    i. Gingerbread House Decorating Competition, $900

1. Senator Van Metre asked whether each gingerbread house kit included a single house and how the event would accommodate the anticipated number of participants.
2. Senator Burlakoti explained that approximately 50 to 60 students were expected to attend and that participants would be organized into teams.
3. Vice President Medema noted that cleanup supplies included in the proposed budget might not be necessary because existing resources could be used.
4. Senator Van Metre suggested reallocating funds from unnecessary supplies toward an additional gingerbread house kit if needed.
5. Senator Burlakoti confirmed that the event is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Little Wood River Room.
6. President Halter requested additional discussion regarding participant capacity, the budget breakdown, and judging procedures to ensure that the Finance Committee's conditions had been adequately addressed.
    a. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Halter/Picanco
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
    d. Motion to exit committee: Vaccarella/Baughman
    e. Unanimous
    f. Motion: **CARRIED**

e. Reserve Fund Requests
    i. Idaho Falls Paw Print Station Accessibility Upgrades and One New Station, $2,000
        1. Director Saunders explained that the request had been reduced to $2,000 after a new printing station was donated.
        2. President Halter clarified that the funding would support accessibility upgrades to two existing Paw Print stations and construction of one new accessible station using the donated printer. He noted the improvements are intended to increase accessibility for students using wheelchairs and others who may have difficulty reaching the existing equipment.
        3. Senator Paine raised the possibility of obtaining state funding for improvements related to ADA accessibility requirements.
        4. Senator Van Metre noted that applying for state funding could involve lengthy approval processes and deadlines, potentially making ASISU funding a more efficient option.
    ii. Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal, $62,000
        1. Vice President Medema explained that The Outdoor Adventure Center requested funding to renew and supplement equipment used for outdoor recreation, rentals, student programming, and challenge course activities. He noted that the request includes replacing aging or outdated safety-related equipment, including climbing harnesses,

helmets, and avalanche safety kits. He explained that additional funding would support equipment inventory and improvements necessary to maintain safe and accessible programming. He then discussed the importance of supporting an organization that provides recreational opportunities and activities to ISU students, including programs offered at no additional cost. Vice President Medema noted that the proposal includes both replacement equipment and supplemental resources to address increased demand for rentals and activities. He informed senators that an itemized equipment list was available for review in the shared ASISU drive

a. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Van Metre/Paine
b. Unanimous
c. Motion: **CARRIED**
d. Motion to exit committee: Baughman/Van Metre
e. Unanimous
f. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. OTHER

a. Discussion

i. Director Saunders provided advance notice of a proposed $350,000 reserve fund request involving renovations to the tennis court and jogging track areas at Reed Gym. He noted that the request is expected to be presented to finance committee the following week. He explained that supporting documentation, including project justifications and blueprints, will be made available for senators to review. Director Saunders reported that if all reserve fund proposals submitted during the current year were approved, approximately $800,000 would be allocated toward the $1 million funding goal.

ii. Senator Smith requested clarification regarding whether this estimate included the proposed Reed Gym renovation.

iii. Director Saunders confirmed that the estimate included all projects proposed during the year, including the Reed Gym request. Director Saunders then thanked senators who had assisted with reserve fund proposals and encouraged additional participation in preparing supporting documentation. He encouraged senators to volunteer to write brief project justifications, particularly for proposals they were interested in supporting. Director Saunders explained that these justifications generally require a short paragraph describing the value and potential benefits of a project.

iv. President Halter emphasized the importance of developing a clear and well-supported plan for allocating available reserve funds. He noted that university or state officials could potentially reconsider unused funds if ASISU did not establish an appropriate plan for their use. President Halter encouraged senators to remain involved and assist with the review and documentation of proposed projects.

1. Vice President Medema reminded senators that the spring merchandise survey had been distributed. He encouraged members to complete the

survey and provide their feedback regarding the upcoming merchandise release.

XIII. GALLERY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

XVI. ROLL CALL

a. 16 Senators present.
b. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT **ASISU SECRETARY**

CHARLIE MEDEMA **KASHLYN PETERSON**