

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

PORTNEUF BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

DECEMBER 3RD, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 11 Senators present.
 - b. Absent: Senator Lopez and Senator Reside.
 - c. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 19th, 2025: Saunders/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 3RD, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for December 3rd, 2025 with the friendly amendment to add Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence for December under Other: Saunders/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
 - a. President Halter shared President Halter reported that on Saturday, November 22nd he and Vice President Taylor attended the football watch party in the SUB, which was a successful and well-received event. Planning continues for an environmental health and safety initiative connected to Earth Day along with the environmental summit. He also met with several operations and SUB leadership members to continue developing the proposed Game Pass program, which will allow students to receive one free monthly activity such as billiards, bowling, or a craft, redeemed with their Bengal ID card swipe similar to meal plan swipes. The first Wake Up Wednesday event took place today, with two more scheduled over the next two weeks. Regarding the ESports room, there are currently no plans for the space, and suggestions are welcome. Additionally, Brian Sagendorf, Vice President for Campus Operations, will be attending senate next week, on December 10th to present updates on the Shirley Sargent boardroom renovation.
- IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Vargas Barvosa

- a. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that he attended the Wake-Up Wednesday event this morning, which has a good turnout. He is working to set up a meeting with all of the committee chairs to improve productivity for the remainder of the semesters while also gather concrete plans for next semester. He spoke with the Dean of the College of Arts & Letters regarding potential uses for reserved funds, including sponsoring a theater production or supporting the audio-visual department through a recording studio project. He also attempted to connect with the Blankets for Seniors event to discuss the possibility of hosting a collaborative event, he hasn't been able to get in touch with anyone yet but will continue pursuing that initiative idea.

- 1. Secretary Madison reminded members that their December timecards and checklists are due Thursday, December 11th, by 5 PM.

- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders

- a. Senator Saunders reported that on the Friday before break he attended the Activity Fee Review meeting, where the committee discussed potential changes to the marching band and debate fees so that these costs would no longer be applied to all students. Jen Steele also proposed adding a few more ASISU students to the official review process.

- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith

- a. Senator Smith nothing to report.

- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre

- a. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee did not meet this week but is continuing plans to collaborate with the Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee on upcoming events. The committee is also planning a trivia night for next semester, likely in late February.

- e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainably Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa

- a. Senator Pandey shared that she met with Rick Pongratz, Director of the Counseling and Mental Health Center, to review the services the department provides and discuss how to better support students. That department currently had no major events planned for next semester but is open to collaboration opportunities.

- X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bill 626

- a. Bill 626, sponsored by Senator Smith and co-sponsored by Vice President Medema, aims to amend the Senate Rule Book through a complete and comprehensive reworking of Article VI.

- 1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Little
 - 2. Unanimous
 - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 4. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Van Metre
 - 5. Unanimous
 - 6. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Internal Funding Request

- a. COSGA 2026, \$30,000

- c. Benny's Funding Request

- a. College of Education Club, \$910.10

- 1. This request amount was friendly amended in Finance, and the new requested amount for this item is \$526.90.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OTHER

- a. Appointment Approval of Deputy Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 Academic Year, Mia Price

- a. Motion to approve Mia Price as the Deputy Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 Academic Year: Smith/Vargas Barvosa

- 1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

AIDAN HALL – YES

RAKESH ITANI – YES

BRYSON KING – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

- 2. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Senate Pro Temp Vote of Confidence, December

- a. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Vargas Barvosa

- b. Unanimous

- c. Motion: **CARRIED**

- d. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

- e. Unanimous

- f. Motion: **CARRIED**

- 1. Senator Prajakta Sharma was voted in as the Senate Pro Temp for the month of December.

XIII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11 Senators present.

- b. Absent: Senator Lopez and Senator Reside.

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

- d. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON