

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

PORTNEUF BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00 PM

DECEMBER 10TH, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 12 Senators present.
 - b. Absent: Senator Lopez
 - c. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3RD, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from December 3rd, 2025: Saunders/Sharma
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 10TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for December 10th, 2025: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Shirley Sargent Boardroom Renovations, Brian Sagendorf, Vice President of Operations at ISU, and Cheryl Hanson, University Architect
 - i. Brian Sagendorf and Cheryl Hanson shared that the Shirley Sargent Boardroom is the most heavily utilized executive meeting space on campus, centrally located and accommodating up to 49 people. The boardroom serves Faculty Senate, ASISU, conferences, outside organizations, and state agencies, and provides natural daylight and modern amenities. Recent renovations included updated IT and data configurations to support remote participation via Zoom, with three additional screens for viewing remote sites and presentation materials, as well as new ambient microphones for discussion without push-to-talk. Seating was upgraded with new benches for the second-tier seating, occasional laptop tables, and new first-tier seating around the central table. A new locking storage cabinet was added to meet additional storage needs, and new baseboards and carpet were installed to match the adjacent lounge space. The total cost of the project, fully funded by a donor, was \$99,666.91, which included chairs, benches, branding, and artwork (\$50,625.30), carpet and baseboards (\$2,557.59), contractor demo and construction (\$8,700), A/V equipment (\$36,784.02), and carpenter shop work (\$1,000). There was also some addition

discussion on ASISU providing additional funding at a later date to repaint all of the walls as well as add a ROARANGE accent wall.

- b. Benny's Pantry Reserve Funding, Lesa Crawford, Benny's Pantry Director, and Rachel Nielsen
 - i. Lesa Crawford and Rachel Nielsen presented key highlights from Benny's Pantry's first annual report for the 2024 to 2025 academic year. The pantry had its largest staff in history, consisting of five positions, including the pantry manager, marketing and social media CPI, data analyst, special initiatives CPI, and two work-study roles. During the year, Benny's Pantry recorded 10,064 visits from students, staff, and community members, averaging 399 visits per month, which represents 3 percent of ISU's population, with a goal of 20 percent. The pantry welcomed 658 new patrons and distributed a total of 102,362 pounds of food. Volunteers contributed 277 hours of service while wearing 199 pantry shirts. The presentation also highlighted the pantry's growth and its garden, which provides fresh produce to patrons. The requested funding will support wages for the pantry manager position and the production of Benny's Pantry shirts for staff, volunteers, donors, and patrons.

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. President Halter shared that he participated last week in the State Board of Education meeting, as well as the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee, where he met with other university student body presidents. The second Wake Up on Wednesday event of the semester has concluded successfully, with today's session going well. Next week, Wednesday, December 17th, will mark the final Wake Up on Wednesday event of the semester. Additionally, President Halter is collaborating with Director Burrell, Senator Saunders, and Advisor Theresa Brissette on the Bengal Cage concept, and the team is currently developing a plan to host the event in February.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Sharma
 - i. Senator Sharma shared that she has attempted to contact student coordinators regarding the Senior for Blankets event but has not yet received a response. She attended today's Wake Up Wednesday event and also participated in the COSE "Coffee and Donuts" activity. She is currently working on assigning clubs to the new graduate senator.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Saunders
 - i. Senator Saunders reported that the Finance Committee approved two Benny's funding requests today. Outside of the committee, he is continuing to work on the Tiger Cage initiative, including setting up dates and creating rubrics for evaluating ideas. He also sought a recap of the Tiger Cage concept and is seeking student input on how to use the ASISU reserved funds. The first round of Tiger Cage is planned for early February, with final approval and announcement timelines to be determined. He also provided a review of what the Tiger Cage concept is, as an opportunity for students to present ideas of how ASISU should utilize the reserve funding.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Smith
 - i. Senator Smith nothing to report.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre

- i. Senator Van Metre shared that this committee has not met this week. Despite this, the Student Involvement Committee but is still planning a collaboration involving pot planting and painting with Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee for next semester.
 - e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey and Senator Vargas Barvosa
 - i. Senator Vargas Barvosa and Senator Pandey reported that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee is continuing work on wellness and sustainability tips on Instagram and ongoing collaboration with the Student Involvement Committee.
- X. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Bill 626
 - i. Motion to send Bill 626 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Smith/Saunders
 - 1. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - AIDAN HALL – YES
 - RAKESH ITANI – YES
 - BRYSON KING – YES
 - PAIGE LITTLE – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – YES
 - ANNA RESIDE - YES
 - ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES
 - PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
 - SILAS SMITH – YES
 - HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
 - DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES
 - 2. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - b. Internal Funding Request
 - i. COSGA 2026, \$30,000
 - 1. Senator Van Metre asked a clarifying question of what ASISU members will be attending this conference.
 - 2. Secretary Madison shared the list of attendees, which included Advisor Matt Daily, President Halter, Vice President Medema, Vice President Brooke, Secretary Madison, Director Burrell, Senator Saunders, Senator Van Metre, Senator Pandey, Senator Smith, as well as the incoming President and Vice President. She also noted that if the new executive team is elected from attendees already participating in COSGA, there are two backup members in the queue who have been notified of their place in line.
 - a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for COSGA 2026 in the amount of \$30,000: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders
 - i. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - AIDAN HALL – YES

RAKESH ITANI – YES
BRYSON KING – YES
PAIGE LITTLE – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
ANNA RESIDE - YES
ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Benny's Funding Request

i. College of Education Club, \$526.90

1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the College of Education Club in the amount of \$526.90: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
AIDAN HALL – YES
RAKESH ITANI – YES
BRYSON KING – YES
PAIGE LITTLE – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
ANNA RESIDE – YES
ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – ABSTAIN
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

i. Sigma Lambda Beta, \$3,000

1. Motion to move to committee for 20 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Van Metre
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Little
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Club and Nutrition and Wellness Club, \$3,000

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

a. Swearing in of Mia Price as the Deputy Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

i. Mia Price was sworn in as the Deputy Election Commissioner for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT

a. 12 Senators present.

b. Absent: Senator Lopez

c. Also present: Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.

d. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON