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. 16 Senators present.
    b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist, and Dr. Robert Wagner, Idaho State University President.
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 14th, 2026: Vaccarella/Picanco
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 21ST, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 21st, 2026 with the friendly amendments to include the swearing in of the 2026-2027 Elections Commissioner under Other, add the Election Timeline and Bill 632 under New Business, and increase the Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event Funding Request from $600 to $900: Smith/Baughmann
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
    a. Zambian Student Association-New Organization: John Kantumaya
        i. Theresa Brissette introduced the Zambian Student Association and explained that the club representatives had been working to establish the organization since the previous academic year.
        ii. Zambian Student Association representatives discussed the organization's goal of promoting Zambian culture, supporting students, and building community connections. They emphasized that participation would be open to all students interested in learning about Zambian culture.
        iii. Senator Paine asked how many Zambian students currently attended ISU.
        iv. Zambian Student Association representatives estimated that more than 20 Zambian students attended the university, although an exact count was unavailable.
        v. Vice President Medema asked about planned activities and events.

vi. Zambian Student Association representatives discussed cultural celebrations, opportunities to participate in university events, and activities encouraging students to learn about different cultures.
vii. Senator Leyva asked whether the organization planned to celebrate Zambian Independence Day.
viii. Zambian Student representatives confirmed that planning was underway.
ix. Vice President Medema also asked about membership and faculty advising.
x. Zambian Student representatives reported approximately five registered members and identified Renata as their faculty advisor.
xi. Theresa Brissette confirmed that the organization had met the necessary registration requirements
    1. Motion to approve the Zambian Student Association as a recognized student organization: Smith/Torres-Drozd
        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**

b. Idaho State HOSA- Future Health Professionals: Halle Nielson
    i. Theresa Brissette introduced the request to reactivate Idaho State HOSA — Future Health Professionals, noting that the organization's last university record was from 2021.
    ii. Representatives Halle Nielsen and Sheldon Menard explained that HOSA is an international student organization focused on healthcare education, leadership, competitions, professional development, and community service. They discussed the organization's history at ISU and explained that the previous chapter became inactive during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reactivating the chapter would create opportunities for students to develop practical skills, participate in competitions, network with healthcare professionals, and represent ISU at state and international events. The Idaho State HOSA- Future

Health Professionals representatives also emphasized the organization's potential to support university recruitment, student involvement, and retention.

iii. Senator Hsieh asked about current membership.
iv. Idaho State HOSA representatives reported approximately 17 members.
v. Vice President Medema asked about the faculty advisor
vi. Idaho State HOSA representatives identified as Nash Johnson.
vii. Senator Van Metre asked about participation in collegiate-level competitions.
viii. Idaho State HOSA representatives explained that HOSA provides competitions for secondary and postsecondary students, with opportunities to select events aligned with their intended healthcare careers.
ix. Senator Wight asked about the types of hands-on skills members could learn.
x. Idaho State HOSA representatives explained that workshops would depend on member interests and could include emergency medical response, medical assisting, and other healthcare-related skills.
xi. Theresa Brissette confirmed that the organization had met the necessary requirements for reactivation.

1. Motion to approve the reactivation of Idaho State HOSA- Future Health Professionals: Smith/Vaccarella
    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**

c. President Robert Wagner-Regular Visit and Q & A
    i. President Robert Wagner opened up the floor to any questions from senators.
    ii. President Halter asked about the most surprising aspects and unexpected challenges of President Robert Wagner's experience at ISU compared to his expectations when he first arrived.
    iii. President Robert Wagner expressed appreciation for the university's students, faculty, staff, alumni, and surrounding community. He discussed the positive impact ISU has on individuals and emphasized the inspiring experiences shared by alumni. He identified financial challenges as one of the most unexpected difficulties, including addressing a $15 million structural deficit and subsequent

state budget reductions. President Robert Wagner reported that the university achieved balanced budgets beginning July 1, 2025, and again July 1, 2026. He acknowledged the difficult decisions associated with budget reductions, including employee position eliminations, while emphasizing the university community's resilience.

iv. Senator Smith asked which upcoming programs and university initiatives President Robert Wagner was most excited about.

v. President Robert Wagner highlighted health sciences and nuclear energy as major areas of opportunity for ISU. He discussed expanding healthcare education to address workforce shortages, including growth in Physician Assistant programs, and emphasized the university's nuclear energy education and workforce development partnership with Idaho National Laboratory. He also discussed the recent academic restructuring involving the College of Education and College of Arts and Letters, along with efforts to develop programs aligned with student interests and workforce needs. Additionally, President Robert Wagner provided updates on several campus projects, including a proposed 350-bed residence hall anticipated to open in fall 2029, the proposed ICCU Bengal Arena, and a new 90,000-square-foot Life Sciences Building. He explained that the new residence hall would allow the university to renovate existing housing facilities and that approximately 80% of students on the Pocatello campus utilize the Life Sciences Building.

vi. Director Saunders asked President Robert Wagner for advice regarding effective communication as a leader.

vii. President Robert Wagner emphasized the importance of consistency, transparency, and communication through multiple platforms. He discussed the value of regular updates, town hall meetings, and listening to concerns, particularly during difficult situations. He encouraged leaders to communicate openly and use tools such as email, Zoom, and social media.

viii. Senator Little asked what ISU was doing particularly well compared to other institutions and what areas could be improved, especially regarding student retention.

ix. President Robert Wagner identified smaller class sizes and strong student-faculty relationships as significant strengths. He explained that these opportunities allow students to connect with instructors, participate in undergraduate research, and receive academic and professional support. He identified student engagement as an area for continued improvement, emphasizing that students who participate in campus activities and develop a sense of belonging are more likely to succeed academically and remain enrolled.

x. Senator Paine asked whether President Robert Wagner encouraged public speakers to share ideas in common campus areas.

xi. President Robert Wagner expressed support for First Amendment rights and emphasized the university's responsibility to provide opportunities for individuals to share different perspectives, provided activities comply with applicable university policies.

xii. Senator Leyva asked about increasing enrollment among first-generation college students and whether existing university programs adequately supported those students.
xiii. President Robert Wagner reported that first-generation student enrollment had increased in previous years, although he had not yet reviewed the current fall's figures. He emphasized the importance of TRIO programs and discussed the university's responsibility to support growing first-generation and Hispanic student populations. He also discussed efforts to strengthen the first-year student experience, including potentially expanding convocation programming from one day to two days.
xiv. Senator Ball asked about declining enrollment and the university's strategies for addressing the issue.
xv. President Robert Wagner reported that overall enrollment had declined approximately 2.7%, while first-year undergraduate enrollment had declined approximately 4.3%. He discussed possible contributing factors, including students choosing to enter the workforce immediately after high school. He emphasized the importance of communicating the value of higher education, providing flexible opportunities for part-time and nontraditional students, and adjusting recruitment strategies to changing student needs.
xvi. Vice President Medema invited President Robert Wagner to share any additional comments with the Senate.
xvii. President Wagner encouraged continued communication with university leadership and thanked ASISU members for representing student interests. He also emphasized the importance of balancing student leadership responsibilities with academic success.
xviii. Senator Van Metre asked about student attendance at university athletic events compared to previous years.
xix. President Robert Wagner highlighted improvements in student participation at football games and tailgating events. He expressed appreciation for ASISU's collaboration with the student section and encouraged continued efforts to strengthen school spirit.
xx. Director Joinville asked President Robert Wagner about his experience rappelling from the Holt Arena ceiling.
xxi. President Robert Wagner discussed the preparation involved and his willingness to participate in activities that promote university enthusiasm while acknowledging the importance of safety.
xxii. Senator Paine asked President Robert Wagner for advice for students who wanted to make a difference but were not involved in student government or other university organizations.
xxiii. President Robert Wagner encouraged students to participate in community service, charitable organizations, faith-based groups, and volunteer opportunities. He emphasized that contributing to the community can help students develop meaningful connections and a greater sense of purpose.

xxiv. Vice President Medema thanked President Robert Wagner for attending and welcomed him to return for future discussions.

d. Reserve Fund Information and Update
    i. Director Saunders presented an overview of the ASISU reserve fund, including its history, current balance, spending requirements, and proposed allocation process. He explained that the reserve fund consists of unspent ASISU funds carried forward from previous fiscal years. Director Saunders reported that ASISU had not made significant use of the reserve fund in recent years and that the current balance was approximately $1,224,498.38. Director Saunders explained that applicable university financial policies had created urgency to allocate the funds and that ASISU was developing a plan to spend approximately $1 million on projects benefiting students. He reviewed ideas generated during previous brainstorming efforts, including academic equipment, campus beautification, student scholarships, recreational improvements, infrastructure projects, and expanded student services. Director Saunders emphasized that no single project would benefit every student and that the goal was to develop a collection of proposals supporting a broad range of student needs. He identified the importance of developing detailed project proposals, including cost estimates, implementation plans, departmental partnerships, and designated project managers. Director Saunders outlined the reserve fund spending process, which included Finance Committee and Senate approval, internal ASISU review, Student Affairs financial review, Administrative Council approval, and budget amendments before funds could be released. He also discussed ASISU bylaws governing reserve fund expenditures, including requirements introduced through Bill 640 in 2023. These requirements included student polling, with approximately 750 students participating and a 66% approval threshold. Director Saunders discussed concerns regarding the time and resources necessary to conduct polling for multiple projects. He outlined possible approaches involving additional administrative guidance, bylaw amendments, or existing constitutional provisions, while emphasizing the importance of responsible financial oversight. He also discussed plans to develop standardized reserve fund request letters and provide senators with additional time to review supporting documentation before final votes.
    ii. President Halter emphasized the urgency of allocating reserve funds because existing university and state policies could potentially allow unallocated money to be redirected. He discussed plans to establish a reserve fund committee open to interested ASISU members. He clarified that participation would be flexible and would not involve attendance deductions.
    iii. Director Saunders explained that the goal was to allocate approximately half of the planned funding during the current semester and the remaining portion during the following semester. He encouraged members to help develop proposals, communicate with university departments, and identify project managers.

iv. Senator Little asked whether restrictions existed regarding how reserve funds could be spent.
v. Director Saunders explained that requirements varied depending on the type of project and that infrastructure projects involved additional state procedures and approval requirements.
vi. Senator Smith encouraged members without individual projects to participate in the reserve fund initiative and assist committee leadership.
vii. Senator Van Metre asked how ASISU would address situations in which a project manager was no longer able to oversee an approved project.
viii. Director Saunders explained that the response would depend on the project's progress and circumstances.
ix. President Halter emphasized the importance of ongoing communication and selecting responsible project managers.
    1. Motion to enter committee for 25 minutes: Little/Van Metre
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**
    4. Motion to exit committee: Vaccarella/Picanco
    5. Unanimous
    6. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. President Halter reported he attended the Weber State football game and noted the strong Bengal pride and positive student atmosphere. He informed senators that he met with Vice President Medema and former Idaho Falls Vice President Brooke Taylor, who recently represented Idaho at a regional mental health conference. President Halter discussed opportunities for Brooke Taylor to share information and collaborate with the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee in the future. President Halter also participated in planning the Student Leadership Social and continued working with Director Saunders and Vice President Medema to refine the reserve fund process. He reported continued communication with university departments regarding potential projects. Additionally, President Halter attended a Leadership Council meeting and a 125th Anniversary planning meeting, where preparations for the upcoming tree lighting ceremony were discussed. He then provided updates to senators on the selection of the Election Commissioner and Deputy Election Commissioner and noted that additional election information would be presented later in the meeting. President Halter also discussed continued efforts to communicate with ASISU leaders and address challenges affecting their work.

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported he continued meeting informally with senators to discuss their progress and responsibilities. He then informed senators that he plans to distribute organizational contact information and encouraged members to complete outreach to assigned clubs. He highlighted that the purpose of sharing this information was to assist Theresa Brissette in strengthening connections between ASISU and student organizations. Senator Smith also

reported an upcoming Pro Tempore meeting on Friday and discussed a recent ASISU leadership meeting focused on planning for the remainder of the academic year.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball reported that the Finance Committee approved two reserve fund requests in the amount of $2,200 for New Bowling Balls at the ISU Games Center and $200,000 for the EPIC Center Launch Support and Five-Year Staffing. He also reported that the finance committee discussed a $22,500 equipment proposal for ISU Copy and Print Services and a Campus-Wide Menstruation Products Initiative initially requesting $60,000. Additionally, he noted that representatives from the First-Generation Club presented a $2,000 funding request to support their upcoming event for First Generation Night.
c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that the Rules and Appointments Committee met on Thursday, October 15, and released Bill 630 for senate consideration. He then provided updates regarding the selection of new election officers and explained that the Deputy Election Commissioner appointment was anticipated for approval the following week. Senator Smith also discussed ongoing committee projects, including senate restructuring, judicial branch development, and revisions to ASISU governing documents, with the goal of completing the bylaw revisions early the following semester.
d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
    i. Senator Van Metre reported she attended an ASISU leadership meeting and a Student Involvement Committee meeting to discuss activities planned for the remainder of the semester and the following semester. She highlighted some upcoming ideas included basketball-related activities, holiday events, a movie night at the Bengal Theatre, cookie decorating, trivia nights, and opportunities for collaboration between student clubs and ASISU. She also discussed plans for campus beautification projects and encouraged members to participate and share additional ideas.
e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
    i. Senator Swarts reported that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee attended the ASISU leadership meeting and discussed goals for the remainder of the semester. She noted that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee continues to work on the upcoming NeeDoh giveaway and additional initiatives.

X. OLD BUSINESS
a. Bill 630
    i. Motion to approve Bill 630: Van Metre/Hsieh
        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
HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Bill 631
    i. Senator Smith explained that the bill represented the first stage of a broader restructuring process intended to establish consistent representation across academic colleges. He discussed proposed language changes removing references to the former colleges and establishing two Senate positions for the newly combined college. He explained that additional legislation and a constitutional amendment would address representation for the School of Arts, with further judicial branch restructuring anticipated by the end of the academic year. Senator Smith emphasized that the overall restructuring was intended to maintain opportunities for student representation while redistributing positions to reflect the university's academic structure.
        1. Motion to amend the sponsorship information to identify Senator Hsieh as the primary sponsor and Senator Smith as co-sponsor: Smith/Van Metre
        2. Unanimous
        3. Motion: **CARRIED**
        4. Motion to refer Bill 631 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Van Metre/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
            HEATHER SWARTZ- YES

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Resolution 635
   i. Senator Smith introduced Resolution 635, expressing appreciation for ISU President Robert Wagner and recognizing his commitment to the university and efforts to improve the campus community. Senator Smith explained that some concerns had been raised regarding the resolution and recommended referring it to the Rules and Appointments Committee for further review.
      1. Motion to refer Resolution 635 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Smith/Leyva
         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. Internal Funding Request
   i. ASISU Trip to Meridian, $1,178
      1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the ASISU Trip to Meridian for $1,178: Van Metre/Swartz
         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**

ii. Midterm and Finals Week NeeDoh Giveaway, $291.50

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Midterm and Finals Week NeeDoh Giveaway in the amount of $291.50: Van Metre/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
    HEATHER SWARTZ- YES
    JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
    AJ VACCARELLA – YES
    HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
    BRAYDEN WIGHT- YES
    b. Motion: **CARRIED**

iii. Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know, $200

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know in the amount of $200: Leyva/Hsieh
    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**

iv. Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event, $900

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event in the amount of $900: Baughmann/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 – 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**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Reserve Fund Requests

i. New Bowling Balls for ISU Game Center, $2,200

1. President Halter presented the reserve fund request for $2,200 to purchase approximately 40 new bowling balls for the ISU Games Center. He explained that the purchase would replace approximately half of the existing bowling balls, providing updated equipment while maintaining a variety of options for students.

ii. College of Science and Engineering EPIC Center Launch Support and Five-Year Staff Funding, $200,000

1. Senator Leyva requested additional information from members who participated in the recent EPIC Center walkthrough.

2. Senator Paine described the facility as a former workshop space with significant potential for student innovation and academic collaboration. He discussed planned renovations, including electrical improvements, office space, tool storage, and equipment areas. Senator Paine explained that the hiring process for facility oversight would begin after funding was secured. He also noted that the College of Technology had already contributed a manual mill and that additional equipment and improvements were anticipated. He described the space as a large workshop area with a garage-style door and opportunities for future expansion.
3. President Halter encouraged senators to gather feedback from constituents as the proposal continued through the reserve fund approval process.

b. 2026-2027 Election Timeline
    i. Newly hired, pending approval, Election Commissioner Edie Payton presented the proposed 2027-2027 ASISU Election Timeline.
    ii. President Halter thanked Election Commissioner Payton for her work and explained that the proposed timeline was similar to the previous year's schedule, with minor adjustments. He noted that campaign materials and expenditure sheets were required to be submitted the day following the close of voting under existing ASISU bylaws. He also explained that the schedule was intended to conclude voting before spring break and avoid conflicts with major university events. President Halter clarified that the timeline would not be voted on during the meeting and would return for consideration the following week.
    iii. Senator Smith suggested reconsidering the mandatory candidate meeting dates to better accommodate students with Tuesday and Thursday class schedules. He recommended offering meetings on different weekdays and raised similar concerns regarding the scheduling of candidate speeches.
    iv. President Halter clarified that he would not be running in the upcoming election and that his involvement in planning would not create a conflict of interest.
    v. Director Price also clarified that she would not be running in the election but would be assisting Election Commissioner Payton with preparations based on her previous experience as Deputy Election Commissioner.

c. Bill 632
    i. Senator Burrell introduced Bill 632, co-sponsored by Senator Little, proposing changes to the requirements for senators assigned to ASISU budget line-item organizations. She explained that the bill proposed eliminating the required Finance Committee presentation for senators and reducing required check-ins with assigned organizations from monthly to once per semester. Senator Burrell explained that monthly meetings could be excessive for organizations with limited expenditures or activity throughout the fiscal year. She emphasized that semester-based communication would allow senators to maintain relationships without creating unnecessary requirements.
    ii. Senator Paine asked whether communication could take place digitally.

iii. Senator Burrell clarified that members could use their preferred communication methods.
iv. Director Saunders requested clarification regarding the proposed frequency of communication, confirming that the change would be from monthly to once per semester.
v. Senator Ball reported that senators had received their line-item reporting forms and that the proposed semester-based requirement aligned with his plans for organizational updates.
vi. Director Saunders asked Senator Ball for his perspective on the proposed changes.
vii. Senator Ball expressed support for semester-based communication, provided that senators continued developing relationships with their assigned organizations.
viii. President Halter also expressed support for a more flexible approach, noting that overly frequent required meetings could appear excessive or create unnecessary oversight.
    1. Motion to enter committee for 10 minutes: Smith/Baughmann
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**
    4. Motion to exit committee: Paine/Baughmann
    5. Unanimous
    6. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. OTHER

a. Approval of Newly Hired 2026-2027 Elections Commissioner
    i. President Halter introduced Edie Payton as the candidate selected for the 2026–2027 ASISU Election Commissioner position.
    ii. Election Commissioner Payton introduced herself as a senior at Idaho State University studying Political Science and Global Studies and expressed enthusiasm about serving in the position.
    iii. President Halter explained that he, Senator Smith, Vice President Medema, and Director Price interviewed candidates for the position and were impressed with Edie Payton's academic background, experience, university involvement, and motivation. He highlighted her previous experience assisting with voter registration during public elections and expressed confidence in her ability to serve ASISU. President Halter also reported that the interview committee had identified a potential Deputy Election Commissioner candidate for future consideration.
        1. Motion to approve Edie Payton as the 2026-2027 ASISU Election Commissioner: Smith/Vaccarella
            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**

b. Swearing in Election Commissioner Edie Payton
    i. Following her approval, Edie Payton took the oath of office and was officially sworn in as the 2026–2027 ASISU Election Commissioner.

XIII. GALLERY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG

XV. ADJOURNMENT
- a. Motion to adjourn: Vaccarella/Paine
- 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 and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT **ASISU SECRETARY**

CHARLIE MEDEMA **KASHLYN PETERSON**