ASSOSCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT SENATE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

7:00PM

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00PM
II. ROLL CALL
    a. 14 Senators present.
    b. Absent: Senator Burrell and Senator Leyva.
    c. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 11TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 11th, 2026: Smith/Baughman
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 18TH, 2026
    a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 18th, 2026 with the friendly amendment to include the Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal under reserve fund requests under old business in the amount of $62,000: Swartz/Picanco
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
VI. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT
    a. President Halter reported meeting with President Wagner to provide updates on ASISU initiatives and discuss challenges and opportunities throughout the semester. He informed senators that they also discussed the annual Night at the University House event, which is expected to take place during the spring semester. He noted that additional information will be provided as plans are finalized. President Halter also reported meeting with Vice President Medema and Director Saunders to discuss the reserve fund and finalize the timeline for the first round of funding requests. He explained that the major reserve fund votes are scheduled for December 9th and encouraged senators to attend and communicate any scheduling conflicts in advance. Additionally, President Halter reported working with Election Commissioner Payton to ensure a fair and organized election process. He explained that the election packet is expected to be presented for consideration in December. President Halter concluded by discussing the development of a student leadership program in collaboration with Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist. He noted that progress

for the student leadership program continues, with additional feedback being sought from students and faculty across campus.

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball reported attending the executive cabinet meeting, where discussions included updates to the upcoming election process and potential changes to election scheduling. He also discussed opportunities to increase student awareness of ASISU through informational booths and promotional giveaways. He encouraged senators to share ideas for promotional items with Director Hutchins to include in the giveaways.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Ball
    i. Senator Ball reported that finance committee approved two internal funding requests, the ASISU Christmas Movie Night for $993 and the College of Science and Engineering Fall/Winter Festival for $981.24. He noted that the committee also reviewed several reserve fund requests, including the Titan Tympanometer Diagnostic Tool, Greenhouse Equipment Refresh, Tennis Center Renovation, New Laptops for TouchNet, Health Science Loaner Program, Bengal Theatre Updates, and Graduate Student Support Initiatives. He encouraged senators to contact either him or Director Saunders with questions or interest in assisting with reserve fund requests.

c. Rules and Appointment Committee, Senator Smith
    i. Senator Smith reported that the Rules and Appointments Committee continues working on the final revisions to the ASISU bylaws. He highlighted that they expect to complete the revisions and submit the ASISU Bylaw rewrite by Friday, November 20th, allowing the proposed changes to be introduced for consideration following fall break. He noted that if no significant additional changes are needed, the Rules and Appointments Committee hopes to have the revisions ready for approval at the beginning of the spring semester. Senator Smith also reported that work on the judicial branch has been temporarily postponed to prioritize the current bylaw revisions, with plans to address the judicial branch next semester. Additionally, he informed senators that Bill 633 was released for consideration.

d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Van Metre
    i. Senator Van Metre reported that the Student Involvement Committee has been communicating with the Jungle regarding student tailgates and decided not to host a tailgate during the upcoming weekend. She explained that their decision was based on anticipated weather conditions, low attendance at the previous tailgate, and limited availability of committee members to transport and set up equipment. She expressed the Student Involvement Committees concern about spending funds on food and supplies if student participation was expected to be low. Senator Van Metre then reported that planning continues for upcoming winter activities, including the Gingerbread House Decorating Competition, the ASISU Christmas Movie Night, the student club mixer, and a potential ASISU line-item mixer.

e. Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee, Senator Swartz
    i. Senator Swartz reported that the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee is coordinating a NeeDoh giveaway for students before finals. She noted that depending on product availability and shipping, the event is expected to take place during Dead Week or shortly before finals. She informed senators that the committee is also exploring a possible partnership with the Wellness Center to provide additional items and resources for students. Additionally, she highlighted that the committee continues to explore new initiatives for the spring semester.

X. OLD BUSINESS
a. Bill 633
    i. Senator Van Meter requested clarification regarding the purpose of the proposed changes.
    ii. Senator Hsieh explained that the existing language restricts how funding can be used for individuals outside the ISU student body, creating challenges in situations such as student tailgates where community members may also be participating and supporting the university. He noted that the proposed revision would clarify that Benny's Funding must prioritize ISU students while allowing greater flexibility to support activities involving the broader university community. He highlighted that the changes are intended to encourage school spirit and student engagement.
        1. Motion to approve Bill 633: Smith/Van Metre
            a. ROLL CALL
            BRENDON BALL- YES
            MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
            ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
            ERIC HSIEH – 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. Bill 634
    i. Motion to send Bill 634 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Van Metre/Hsieh
        1. ROLL CALL
        BRENDON BALL- YES
        MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
ERIC HSIEH – 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**

c. Bill 635
    i. Motion to send Bill 635 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Van Metre/Swartz
        1. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL- YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
ERIC HSIEH – 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**
d. Amendment 1
    i. Motion to send Amendment 1 to the Rules and Appointments Committee: Smith/Hsieh
        1. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL- YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
ERIC HSIEH – 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**

e. Reserve Fund Requests
    i. OAC Adventure Center Equipment Renewal, $62,000
        1. Justin Dayley, Director of the Outdoor Adventure Center and Maren Hunter, Clinical Instructor Department of Human Performance and Sports Studies, presented additional information regarding the equipment renewal request. Justin Dayley explained that the department has experienced continued budget limitations while student participation and demand for outdoor recreation programs have increased. He emphasized the success of the free student trip program, with trips frequently reaching capacity within minutes of registration opening. He noted that the increased demand has placed additional strain on equipment, resulting in deferred replacements and continued maintenance needs. Justin Dayley explained that the requested funding would support equipment replacements and additions to accommodate student participation.
            a. Senator Hsieh asked what happens to equipment once it is replaced.
            b. Justin Dayley explained that equipment must follow State of Idaho inventory and disposal procedures. He noted that equipment that remains usable may be transferred to other state entities or liquidated, while items that no longer meet safety requirements, such as certain climbing harnesses and ropes, must be properly destroyed.
            c. Senator Little asked whether the proposed purchases would replace existing equipment or expand the current inventory.
            d. Justin Dayley informed senators that some items, such as climbing harnesses and helmets, would supplement existing equipment to accommodate larger groups. He noted that other items, including aging rafts and kayaks, would replace equipment that is no longer functional or has reached the end of its useful life.
            e. Senator Van Meter asked about the requested avalanche safety equipment and whether it would be reusable.
            f. Justin Dayley explained that the devices are used to transmit signals for avalanche rescue and would supplement the department's existing inventory.

g. Senator Hsieh asked about equipment lifespan and the number of students served by the program.
h. Maren Hunter informed senators that equipment lifespan varies depending on manufacturer requirements and frequency of use. She explained that certain safety equipment must be retired after a specified period, while other equipment, such as bicycles and rafts, may remain in use for several years with proper maintenance.
i. Director Saunders reported that 1,602 students participated in free OAC trips, totaling approximately 10,832 student contact hours.
j. Vice President Medema asked about the safety considerations associated with purchasing a new equipment trailer.
k. Justin Dayley explained that a tandem-axle trailer would provide additional safety compared with the current single-axle trailer, particularly in the event of tire failure.
l. President Halter asked about the impact of deferred maintenance and whether replacement costs have increased over time.
m. Justin Dayley noted that rising costs associated with fuel, staffing, training, and permits have limited funding available for replacing equipment. As a result, the department has continued repairing and maintaining existing items whenever possible.
n. Senator Ball asked how the department maintains equipment to support its longevity.
o. Justin Dayley highlighted that staff follow procedures for cleaning, storing, inspecting, and repairing equipment, including protecting climbing equipment from ultraviolet exposure, laundering sleeping bags after use, and completing repairs in-house when possible.
p. Senator Wight asked about additional benefits of funding the program.
q. Justin Dayley emphasized that outdoor recreation opportunities help students build relationships, become more involved on campus, and develop connections that may contribute to student retention.
r. Senator Little discussed ISU's free outdoor recreation opportunities and asked how student employees are funded.
s. Justin Dayley explained that student employees are primarily supported through the OAC's operating budget. He also noted that other universities have expressed interest in ISU's free trip program and its success.
t. Senator Hsieh raised concerns about ensuring that first-time participants have opportunities to register for trips.

u. Justin Dayley noted that registration remains open to eligible students, with waitlists available when trips reach capacity.
v. Maren Hunter also discussed efforts to improve advertising and make students aware of registration opportunities before trips become available.
w. Senator Hsieh asked whether the department receives discounted pricing from equipment manufacturers.
x. Justin Dayley informed senators that the OAC works with national manufacturers and local retailers to obtain favorable pricing, when possible, although discounts vary depending on equipment type and purchase volume.
y. Vice President Medema asked about equipment availability during peak rental periods and whether the department has sufficient storage capacity for additional purchases.
z. Justin Dayley confirmed that equipment is sometimes fully rented out and that the OAC maintains multiple storage locations on campus to accommodate its inventory.
aa. Senator Van Meter asked whether students are required to pay for additional trips.
bb. Justin Dayley clarified that students are eligible for one free trip per semester, with additional trips available at varying costs depending on the destination and activities.
    i. Motion to table the Outdoor Adventure Center Equipment Renewal request for two weeks due to next week's fall break: Vaccarella/Picanco
        1. ROLL CALL
           BRENDON BALL- YES
           MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
           ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
           ERIC HSIEH – 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**

ii. ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise and Screen-Printing Equipment Proposal, $22,500

1. Motion to table the ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise and Screen-Printing Equipment Proposal, $22,500, the ASISU/Facilities Campus Wide Menstruation Products Initiative Funding for Five-Years, $60,000, the College of Science and Engineering EPIC Center-Launch Support and Five-Year Staff Funding, $200,000 and the New Bowling Balls for ISU Game Center, $2,200 until December 2nd: Van Metre/Picanco
    a. ROLL CALL
       BRENDON BALL- YES
       MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
       ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
       ERIC HSIEH – 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. ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise and Screen-Printing Equipment Proposal, $22,500
    1. Motion to table the ISU Copy and Print Services Club Merchandise and Screen-Printing Equipment Proposal in the amount of $22,500 until December 2nd: Van Metre/Picanco
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**

iv. ASISU/Facilities Campus-Wide Menstrual Products Initiative, Five-Year Funding Request, $60,000
    1. Motion to table the ASISU/Facilities Campus-Wide Menstrual Products Initiative, Five-Year Funding Request in the amount of $60,000 until December 2nd: Van Metre/Picanco
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**

v. College of Science and Engineering EPIC Center Launch Support and Five-Year Staff Funding, $200,000
    1. Motion to table the College of Science and Engineering EPIC Center Launch Support and Five-Year Staff Funding in the amount of $200,000 until December 2nd: Van Metre/Picanco
    2. Unanimous
    3. Motion: **CARRIED**

vi. New Bowling Balls for ISU Game Center, $2,200
1. Motion to table the New Bowling Balls for ISU Game Center in the amount of $2,200 until December 2nd: Van Metre/Picanco
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**

f. Internal Funding Request
i. Gingerbread House Decorating Competition, $900
1. Senator Burlakoti reported that an updated cost breakdown for the Gingerbread House Decorating Competition had been shared with committee members for review.
2. Senator Van Meter addressed previous questions regarding the judging process. She informed senators that the Student Involvement Committee plans to select impartial judges who are not participating in the competition and develop a scoring sheet with criteria such as creativity to provide a fair evaluation process.
a. Motion to approve the Gingerbread House Decorating Competition internal funding request in the amount of $900: Vaccarella/Smith
i. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL- YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMAN- YES
ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI- YES
ERIC HSIEH – 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**

XI. NEW BUSINESS
a. Bill 636
i. Vice President Medema gave background on Bill 636 which was introduced by Senator Ball and co-sponsored by Senator Burlakoti. He noted the proposed legislation would restructure the ASISU scholarship award process to better align with ISU's organizational changes while improving fairness and efficiency.
1. Senator Ball explained that the proposed eligibility requirements would include a minimum GPA of 2.5, restrictions for students already receiving scholarships totaling $4,000 or more, and the requirement that students not be fully funded through other financial awards. He

noted each selected recipient would receive $700, with eligible students entered into a randomized selection process.

2. Senator Smith suggested clarifying the language regarding the scholarship award amount and raised concerns about whether ASISU officers should be eligible for the scholarship. He explained that awarding ASISU-funded scholarships to ASISU officers could create concerns regarding transparency and potential conflicts of interest.
3. President Halter expressed support for allowing ASISU officers to remain eligible, noting that they also contribute student fees supporting the scholarship fund. He emphasized that recipients would be selected through the university's Scholarship Office rather than directly by ASISU.
4. Senator Van Meter discussed previous conversations regarding the use of Bengal IDs during the selection process and suggested including language requiring ASISU members to abstain from participating in a selection process if their own Bengal ID appeared.
5. Director Saunders clarified that the proposed legislation would replace the existing scholarship selection process and transfer responsibility for selecting recipients to the university's Scholarship Office.
6. Senator Smith reiterated his concerns regarding public perception and the potential appearance of ASISU officers receiving additional financial benefits.
7. Senator Picanco responded that scholarships provided to ASISU officers are intended to compensate them for their responsibilities and should not automatically disqualify them from other opportunities.
    a. Motion to enter committee for 5 minutes: Van Metre/Picanco
    b. Unanimous
    c. Motion: **CARRIED**
    d. Motion to exit committee: Vaccarella/Swartz
    e. Unanimous
    f. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request
    i. ASISU Christmas Movie Night, $993
        1. Senator Little presented the ASISU Christmas Movie Night funding request, explaining that the event will take place Monday, December 7th, at the Bengal Theatre. She informed senators that concessions will open at 6:00 PM, with the movie beginning at 6:30 PM. She noted that the event will feature a playing of Christmas Vacation, with complimentary drinks and popcorn provided for the first 175 ISU students, where attendees will be encouraged to wear pajamas and bring friends. She explained that members of the public may also attend but will be responsible for their own admission and concessions.
            a. Vice President Medema asked about the use of Christmas terminology in the event title.

b. President Halter noted that Christmas is a nationally recognized holiday and expressed support for using inclusive holiday messaging when appropriate. President Halter encouraged any event organizers to submit their events to the official ISU event calendar to increase student awareness.
c. Senator Paine asked how admission would be handled if the theatre approached maximum capacity and whether students would receive priority over paying members of the public.
d. Senator Little explained that admission would operate on a first-come, first-served basis.
e. Senator Van Meter clarified that the event would primarily be advertised to students and the campus community rather than promoted broadly to the public. She then asked how funding would be handled if fewer than 175 students attended.
f. Senator Little explained that students would receive tickets redeemable for complimentary concessions. She informed senators that with this system the Bengal Theatre would track the number of meals distributed and invoice ASISU for the actual costs, meaning the final expense could be lower than the approved funding amount.

ii. College of Science and Engineering Fall/Winter Festival, $981.24
1. Senator Swartz presented the College of Science and Engineering Fall/Winter Festival, scheduled for December 4th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She explained that the event will take place in the Student Union Building bowling alley, with funding supporting the facility rental and complimentary food for attendees. She noted that although the event is primarily intended for College of Science and Engineering students, all currently enrolled ISU students are welcome to participate, as well as faculty and staff at Idaho State University.

XII. OTHER
a. Discussion
i. President Halter reminded senators of the upcoming ASISU Holiday Party scheduled for December 11th at approximately 6:00 PM. He requested an informal estimate of attendance and explained that an official RSVP poll would be distributed. President Halter reported that the event will include potluck-style food assignments and a white elephant gift exchange with a $20 spending limit. He noted that additional information will be shared following the Holiday Party Committee meeting.
1. Vice President Medema reminded senators to complete the spring merchandise survey. He emphasized that responses are important for product selection and planning for the upcoming merchandise release.

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. 14 Senators present.
b. Absent: Senator Burrell and Senator Leyva.
c. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
d. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT **ASISU SECRETARY**

CHARLIE MEDEMA **KASHLYN PETERSON**