Chair Ruiz, in the Bennion Student Union, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ASISU Secretary Zara Sivertsen took roll. All Senators were present. Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Lowell Richards, was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2016. Palmer/Salas. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Kissoon/Mojica. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER

1. Jake Osti and Kiara Lopez-Montero came to talk to Senate. They have leadership roles in several organizations. They wanted to talk about the bill being presented. If the number of members required for a club is decreased to 4, it would only be the officers in an Idaho Falls Club. To increase the sustainability of the club, it shouldn’t be lowered. Requiring only 4 members is a concern because it doesn’t encourage clubs to look for new members outside of the main officer positions. Clubs will die out. Their members feel the same way. They care deeply about the survival of their clubs from year to year. The officers would also be more stressed. Idaho Falls has smaller clubs anyways and, members must be really motivated to begin with.

2. Dez Ruiz- She spoke to clubs about the bill. Val Davids feels that the bill will decrease student involvement, and there would just be groups of friends making clubs. The Involvement Center offers plenty of resources to help clubs get 10 members like the ability to rent a room or table in the Student Union. Alpha Xi Delta was concerned about the negative effects to club funding. They feel that they shouldn’t be punished for having more members and being more involved. Vice President Ruiz noted that the bill will only benefit 5 out of 110 clubs. Greek Council did not see the benefit of the bill. Senator Palmer questioned how the bill would affect funding. Vice President Ruiz noted that there have been proposed changes to incentive points if the bill passes. It would be unfair to keep the incentive point minimum the same if number of club members changed to 6 members, as it would require a six-member club to get all of their members at an event to get funding. Senator Gale stated that they always create bills for minority and feels that bigger clubs wouldn’t be affected. Senator Becker feels that not passing the bill would be discriminating against smaller clubs. Idaho Falls Vice President Beck wants people to have small clubs but having a club that is too small is the issue. The officers would have more responsibilities on their shoulders, and the clubs shouldn’t interfere with their education. Setting clubs up for success is the priority. Senator Day noted that he was an officer in high school, planned all events, and still did well. Students are choosing to be in a club. Senator Kamman is part of two 10 member clubs. Being at 10 motivates them to recruit more. There are 13,000 students at ISU, so clubs should be able to get 10 members. Recruitment is hard, but needs to be done. Vice President Ruiz told the senators that they shouldn’t be this aggressive to students who come to speak in Gallery. Dave Rossi is the manager of the bookstore and advisor of a club on campus. He talked to the senators about the purpose of the club: to enrich student life. Students won’t get the same enriching experience from a diverse group of members in a smaller club. He also asked the senators to think about whether the university can support a significant increase in the number of clubs.
3. Jonny Henderson, David Kippen, April Sattison, Simon Lukasik, and Andrew Smith - They are with the Society of Automotive Engineers. They are seniors requesting contingency fund money for their senior projects. They are based out of Idaho Falls, so they wanted to talk to the senators first while they were in town. Andrew noted that SAE offers a Baja car competition. Students are tasked with building a car for the competition. Engineering students need to get practical knowledge. Simon noted that they have a vehicle, but it does not work. They have to work with some rule changes this year. They have to change the engine in the car in order to compete. Other items in the budget include safety equipment, parts to make the car operational, and travel costs to the event. The top competitors usually spend about $20,000. They want to win on a shoestring budget. David noted that their mentor, Bobby Miklos, credits the competition with job opportunities and invaluable experience. They have to register by mid October. This is the first year that this project is being driven by Idaho Falls students. They want the program to grow. The competition is featured in national magazines and is a great PR for the University. Idaho Falls Vice President Beck asked what their bottom line is. They need $1,250 to register and $250 for the motor, otherwise they can’t go. Idaho Falls Vice President Beck offered to help with fundraising. Senator Henderson noted their club is comprised of lots of freshmen. This is a great opportunity to work with seniors on this project and unite two campuses. October 18 is their deadline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Muir asked if the senators had contacted their university committees.

CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Senate Pro Tempore’s Chair Committee, Senator Kissoon- He gave an update on the committees.
3. Rules Committee, Senator D’Amico- Rules will be holding Bill 515 for at least another week.

STEPHANIE BECKER-YES
CORY COX-YES
SAM D’AMICO-YES
MATTHEW DAY-YES
EMILY FOLTZ-YES
HUGH GALE-YES
JONNY HENDERSON-YES
STEPHANIE HURTADO-YES
MARIELA KAMMAN-YES
KRYSSTOFF KISSOON-YES
MARIA MOJICA-YES
JONATHAN ORTIZ-YES
AARON PALMER-YES
NANCY RIMAL-YES
ALEY SALAS-YES
JESSICA SARGENT-YES
Kevin was sworn in by President Muir.

5. University Outreach Committee, Senator Walker- They are looking into pricing with the shirts.
6. Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Senator Day- They are planning an event: Diwali. Senator Gale is requesting $550 to use on the event from Senate discretionary. Idaho Falls Vice President Beck asked if they received any donations. They haven’t. Senator Walker has $175 left from float they could use. **MOVE TO ALLOCATE $375 FROM SENATE DISCRETIONARY TOWARDS THE DIWALI EVENT.** Day/Hurtado. Roll Call.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bill 516, Student of the Month- Introduction by Senator Day. **MOVE TO SEND BILL 516 TO RULES.** Day/Hurtado. Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER**

1. Ches Barnes- He encouraged the senators to read the student learning outcomes on the website. He doesn’t want to take sides. Leaders need to ask who they are serving.
2. Makayla Muir- The senators haven’t voted on using discretionary funds for the Political Science club.
3. Jake Osti- He thanked the senators for being more active on the Idaho Falls campus this year. They really appreciate it. Senator D’Amico thanked everyone for sharing their opinions.
4. **MOVE TO APPROVE $200 FROM THE SENATE DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.** Kissoon/Walker. Roll Call.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Service Committee, Senator Kamman- In November, they might partner with Service Corps to plan a Service Saturday.
CORY COX-YES
SAM D'AMICO-ABSTAIN
MATTHEW DAY-YES
EMILY FOLTZ-ABSTAIN
HUGH GALE-ABSTAIN
JONNY HENDERSON-YES
STEPHANIE HURTADO-YES
MARIELA KAMMAN-YES
KRYSSTOFF KISSOON-YES
MARIA MOJICA-YES
JONATHAN ORTIZ-YES
AARON PALMER-ABSTAIN
KEVIN PERMANN-YES
NANCY RIMAL-YES
ALEY SALAS-ABSTAIN
JESSICA SARGENT-YES
SHOVAN SHRESTHA-YES
COLTON WALKER-ABSTAIN

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER
1. Pro-Tem Vote of Confidence- The senators voted, and Senator Kissoon remained pro-tem.

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ADJOURNMENT
MOVE TO ADJOURN. Kamman/Walker. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. ASISU Secretary took roll. All senators were present. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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