CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ruiz, in the Salmon River Suite, PSU, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL
ASISU Secretary Zara Sivertsen took roll. All Senators were present except Senators Marshall and Shrestha. Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Lowell Richards, was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2017. Walker/Hurtado. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Walker/Brogan. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
1. Marlae Moss she came to tell the senators about the contingency fund request for Student Social Work & Audiology Association. They came into the semester with only $200. They are requesting money to cover the expenses for an advocacy conference that they attend in Boise. They have made approximately $700 through fundraising this semester, but it will barely cover the costs. She doesn’t want to leave the club with no money for next year. The experience is very inspiring for the students who attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
1. Dr. Dotty Sammons-Lohse- She is part of the College of Education. She is working with the Provost’s office this year. An issue that comes up every year is course evaluations, so she took that up as one of her projects this year. She looked at different surveys that were sent out and saw that there was a lot of variation in questions. She next talked to faculty to see what information they wanted to receive from the surveys. Faculty use the student input to make improvements to their courses. She is going to set up some student focus groups to get feedback from students. There are some departments where this feedback is mandatory. There is low participation amongst students overall though. MOVE TO COMMITTEE. Gale/Henderson. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. The senators discussed options for focus groups with Dr. Sammons-Lohse. MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE. Henderson/Gale. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Ches Barnes, Bennion Student Union Director- The Idaho Falls STEM Club presented. Katlyn Gonzales noted that the club events will include participation in the Science Spectacular and presenting to school children. Senator Becker noted that the Chemistry Club could help them with event ideas, like their magic show. Ches noted that this would encourage coordination with Pocatello and Idaho Falls clubs. MOVE TO APPROVE THE IDAHO FALLS STEM CLUB. Walker/Day. Unanimous.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Muir invited the Senators to attend the Frank Church Symposium. Alpha Xi Delta sent ASISU a valentine. The College of Pharmacy sent ASISU a thank you for the Spaghetti Feed donation from ASISU.

CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Senate Pro Tempore’s Chair Committee, Senator Kissoon- Nothing new to report.
2. Finance Committee, Senator Henderson- They finished their budget hearings today. They heard a contingency fund request. Finance could only fund 1/3 of their travel costs. MOVE TO APPROVE
THE CONTINGENCY FUND REQUEST FOR 491.58 FOR THE STUDENT SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION. Henderson/Gale. Roll Call.

STEPHANIE BECKER-YES
JACOB BROGAN-YES
SAM D’AMICO-YES
MATTHEW DAY-YES
EMILY FOLTZ-YES
HUGH GALE-ABSTAIN
BRITTANY GARCIA-YES
RICHARD HARMON-YES
JONNY HENDERSON-YES
STEPHANIE HURTADO-YES
MARIELA KAMMAN-YES
KRYSOFF KISSOON-YES
MARIA MOJICA-YES
KEVIN PERMANN-YES
NANCY RIMAL-YES
ALEY SALAS-YES
JESSICA SARGENT-ABSTAIN
COLTON WALKER-YES

MOTION CARRIED. MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MATCHED DEPOSIT REQUESTS FOR HALO FOR $500 AND ALPHA PSI OMEGA FOR $423.51, TOTALING $923.51. Henderson/Gale. Roll Call.

STEPHANIE BECKER-YES
JACOB BROGAN-YES
SAM D’AMICO-YES
MATTHEW DAY-ABSTAIN
EMILY FOLTZ-YES
HUGH GALE-YES
BRITTANY GARCIA-YES
RICHARD HARMON-YES
JONNY HENDERSON-YES
STEPHANIE HURTADO-YES
MARIELA KAMMAN-YES
KRYSOFF KISSOON-YES
MARIA MOJICA-YES
KEVIN PERMANN-YES
NANCY RIMAL-YES
ALEY SALAS-YES
JESSICA SARGENT-YES
COLTON WALKER-YES

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Rules Committee, Senator D’Amico- Bills 527 and 528 has been released from Rules. For Bill 527 he wanted to clarify the subject in the second sentence.
4. Appointments and Reviews Committee, Senator Foltz- Nothing new to report.
5. University Outreach Committee, Senator Walker- He reminded the senators about upcoming events.
6. Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Senator Day- They are working on upcoming events.
7. Service Committee, Senator Kamman- Nepalese Night is coming up. She reminded the senators
to sign up on the Google document for Nepalese Night, Spaghetti Feed, and International Night. In March, they will be hosting a food drive.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Bill 527, Senate Office Hours, Reading by Senator Day. Discussion. Senator D’Amico knows that it can be cumbersome to have to do office hours. He thinks that they should keep the office hours to keep a presence amongst senators outside of the meetings. It is a good way for senators to discuss projects. Cutting the hours won’t help students. Senator Day usually gets emails from students, instead of them coming into the office. He thinks the bill utilizes their time more efficiently. Senator Kissoon agrees that the office hours are a bonding time for senators. They can update each other on committee activities and new ideas for bills. The office hours also keep them connected to the office staff. He thinks senators should be focusing their efforts on expanding their reach to students. Senator Henderson thinks that they are able to connect well via email too. They are still available to each other outside of the office hours. Senator Gale noted that he doesn’t spend his office hours with any of the other senators. He feels the comradery more within committees. Senator Kissoon doesn’t think email communication would have been as effective if they hadn’t spent so much time bonding over the last semester. Senator Permann has gone back and forth on this bill. His constituents are in the College of Pharmacy most of the day so it doesn’t make sense for them to walk to the Student Union Building to see him. Increasing field hours could help with student outreach. Idaho Falls Vice President Beck wants everyone to consider both sides of having office hours. She asked if the senators would be willing to set up individual meetings with students if they didn’t have office hours. Senator Day thinks that no one knows where the office is. He pondered doing office hours out in the Student Union instead. Senator Harmon doesn’t think a solid wooden door with a lock on it is not the most inviting. Senator Kissoon noted that there is nothing written down saying that the office hours have to be spent talking to constituents. The senators could change the narrative of what these hours look like. Senator Sargent thinks that putting a sign by the hallway could be really effective. They could put the sign out when senators are there inviting students to come in the office. Lowell thinks the bill sends a message of apathy to the students. The perception is that the senators want to do less. The senators could utilize their office hours to get to know their line items better. This would help them make informed decisions regarding budgets. They can choose to get more involved in the organization instead of going through the motions. The possibilities are endless when the senators engage themselves. Senator Muir knows it can be frustrating to come into the office and not see any students. One hour per week is not a huge commitment. The time is allotted for senators to complete ASISU related tasks. The senators are more than welcome to go out of the office to talk to people like Lowell stated. Senator D’Amico wouldn’t be doing anything incredibly productive during that time if they did cancel office hours. He urged the senators to weigh the pros and cons to make their decision. **MOVE TO REJECT BILL 527.**

Gale/D’Amico. Roll Call.

STEPHANIE BECKER-YES
JACOB BROGAN-YES
SAM D’AMICO-YES
MATTHEW DAY-YES
EMILY FOLTZ-YES
HUGH GALE-YES
BRITTANY GARCIA-NO
RICHARD HARMON-YES
JONNY HENDERSON-NO
STEPHANIE HURTADO-YES
MARIELA KAMMAN-YES
KRYSSTOFF KISSOON-YES
MARIA MOJICA-YES
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Bill 528, Committee Meetings- Reading by Senator Day. Discussion. D’Amico noted that the Bylaws require committees to make a weekly report, but he didn’t see anything that said they must meet every week. Senator Kissoon noted that there are checks and balances in place to make sure that the chairs are doing their jobs. **MOVE TO APPROVE BILL 528 WITH THE AMENDMENT TO REFLECT CHANGES MADE TO THE SENATE RULE BOOK LAST WEEK.**

Walker/Kissoon. Roll Call.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution 556, Senate Office Hours- Senator Day withdrew his resolution from the agenda.
2. Bill 529, Agendas- Introduction by Senator D’Amico. **MOVE TO SEND BILL 529 TO RULES.**

D’Amico/Day. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

**GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**OTHER**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVE TO ADJOURN.** Walker/Brogan. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. ASISU Secretary took roll. All senators were present except Senator Shrestha and Senator Marshall. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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