ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
7:00PM
MARCH 4, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL
   a. 11 senators were present (Vacant: College of Arts & Letters)
   b. Also present: Lowell Richards, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
   c. Absent: Senator Mahesh Mahat

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 26, 2020
   a. Motion to approve: Jensen/Allen
   b. Unanimous
   c. Motion: CARRIED

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   a. Motion to approve: Jha/Jensen
   b. Unanimous
   c. Motion: CARRIED

VI. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
   a. Dr. Ron Solbrig, Director of the ISU Student Health Center
      i. Vice President Pandey invited Dr. Solbrig to come speak about the Corona Virus.
      ii. The Corona Virus has 2% mortality rate. Idaho hasn’t had any cases yet and the U.S. has
          only seen 5 deaths from it so far.
      iii. Our country has been gripped with fear over this virus but compared to the flu, it is very
           small and insignificant. However, there are still precautions that can be taken such as
           coughing into elbows or towels, thoroughly washing hands, and staying home if
           symptoms are bad enough.
      iv. ISU has a meeting every Monday to specifically discuss the Corona Virus and how to
          respond to it. Students should be able to have sick leave so they don’t come to
          campus and spread it to other students. There is talk of improving moodle to
          accommodate sick students.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Val Davids, Student Organizations Coordinator
      a. Occupational Therapy Assistants Student Occupational Therapy Association (OTASOTA),
         Shannon Jones, Allison McKenna, and Kenidee Robison
         i. OTASOTA requested their name be changed to Occupational Therapy Assistants
            (SOTA).
         ii. There are many people in the community who cannot afford equipment that is
             crucial to their rehabilitation. SOTA’s goal is to fundraise money to purchase this
             equipment
         iii. Motion to approve the name change of OTASOTA to SOTA: Jha/Wilson
         iv. Roll call:
             NYELE ALVAREZ – YES
             KATE ALLEN – YES
v. Motion: CARRIED

b. Society for Human Resource Management, Chandler Bengiche
   i. Members of this club are mostly College of Business students. The purpose of this organization is to gain experience in human resource management before they enter the field.
   ii. Motion to approve the Society for Human Resource Management: Alvarez/Wilson
   iii. Roll call:
        NYELE ALVAREZ – YES
        KATE ALLEN – YES
        RACHEL JENSEN – YES
        AAYUSH JHA – YES
        UMASHANKAR MEDASETTI – YES
        NABIN MAHAT – YES
        CHRIS NARTKER – YES
        JAMES PASCALI – YES
        KYLE SCHULTZ – YES
        ANDREW WEBB – YES
        MADELINE WILSON – YES
   iv. Motion: CARRIED

c. Lamda Theta Phi, Gerardo Torres Garcia
   i. The requirement in order to be considered a club is that they must have 10 members. Lamda Theta Phi fell below that number and currently only has 8 members.
   ii. Four people left due to financial hardship, loss of interest, and graduation. They are currently recruiting members but it is a difficult process and there are academic requirements that members must meet.
   iii. Motion to accept Lamda Theta Phi as a club with only 8 members: Wilson/Alvarez
   iv. Roll call:
        NYELE ALVAREZ – YES
        KATE ALLEN – YES
        RACHEL JENSEN – YES
        AAYUSH JHA – YES
        UMASHANKAR MEDASETTI – YES
        NABIN MAHAT – YES
        CHRIS NARTKER – YES
        JAMES PASCALI – YES
        KYLE SCHULTZ – YES
        ANDREW WEBB – YES
        MADELINE WILSON – YES
   v. Motion: CARRIED

VIII. PRESIDENT KAY’S REPORT
   a. Senator Alvarez rose to point of personal privilege.
   b. The Native Land Acknowledgement will soon be approved.
c. Turner Day is March 13 and ASISU will be sponsoring lunch through the president’s discretionary fund.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. Senate Pro Tempore’s Chair Committee, Senator Jha
   i. For the Turner Day service project, students will be cleaning up Red Hill trails.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Webb
   i. Earlier today the committee had Line Item Budget Hearings and will continue this until next week.
   ii. Motion to recognize Senator Alvarez: Schultz/
   iii. Motion to approve the Jane Austen Literary Society of ISU’s fundraising loan request in the amount of $150: Webb/Jensen
   iv. Roll call:
       NYELE ALVAREZ – YES
       KATE ALLEN – YES
       RACHEL JENSEN – YES
       AAYUSH JHA – YES
       UMASHANKAR MEDASETTI – YES
       NABIN MAHAT – YES
       CHRIS NARTKER – YES
       JAMES PASCALI – YES
       KYLE SCHULTZ – YES
       ANDREW WEBB – YES
       MADELINE WILSON – YES
   v. Motion: CARRIED

c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Nartker
   i. Nothing to report.

d. Outreach and Diversity Committee, Senator Jensen
   i. The committee has discussed swag to give out to students. They plan to give out basketball shorts on a Bengal Wednesday. Fanny packs are expensive so perhaps they will give them out as prizes at events.
   ii. The Idaho Falls Carnival is on April 11. Volunteers need to be there at 9:30 A.M.
   iii. For an ASISU service project, students can make reusable shopping bags, donate plastic bags to Benny’s Pantry, and make lanterns out of plastic cups.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWER
a. Senator Medasetti wanted to amend the agenda to include his resolutions but the senate moved forward too quickly at the start of the meeting without noticing him. Vice President will allow time to discuss these resolutions under “OTHER.”

XIII. OTHER
a. Resolutions 600 and 601
   i. Secretary Livermont handed out copies of the resolutions to all of the senators.
   ii. Senator Medasetti will meet with the new Dean of Graduate School on March 17.

b. Pro-Tempore Vote of Confidence
   i. The senators voted and Senator Jha remains as a pro-tem.

XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG
XV. ADJOURNMENT
   a. Motion to adjourn: Wilson/Jensen
   b. Unanimous
   c. Motion CARRIED
   d. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT      ASISU SECRETARY
KIRAN PANDEY               HANNAH LIVERMONT