

**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

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**

- 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  
KIRAN PANDEY**

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**ASISU SECRETARY  
HANNAH LIVERMONT**