

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
6:30PM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-6:33PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 9 Senators Present (Vacant: College of Education and College of Rehabilitation & Communication Sciences)
 - b. Also present: Lowell Richards, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
 - c. Absent: Senators Alvarez and Wilson
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Motion to approve: Jha/Webb
 - b. Unanimous
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. Motion to approve: Medasetti/Jha
 - b. Unanimous
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Stephanie Richardson, Assistant Director of the Gender Resource Center
 - i. The Gender Resource Center is located in the Rendezvous, room 235.
 - ii. Their role is to provide education and support students at ISU as well as raise awareness about sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence.
 - iii. Most of the time, sexual assault happens to freshmen girls during the fall semester. Students leaving home to come to school for the first time, parties, and peer pressures are often factors that lead to sexual assault
 - iv. The Gender Resource Center has events coming up. On October 2 there will be a speaker. On October 23, there will be Q&A panel consisting representatives of Family Services Alliance, Idaho Legal Aid, and the Chubbuck Police Department. In February there will be a sex trafficking conference, a Women's History event in March, and April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
 - v. Milo Bossler, President of Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), explained that many students feel unsure about their identity and experience issues of coming out. SAGA provides a safe place and a support group who come to together to have discussions and attend events together.
 - vi. Their organization meets on Fridays at 3:00pm and all are welcome to come.
 - b. Karina Mason Rorris, Director of Disability Services
 - i. Disability Services is located in the Rendezvous, room 125. They also have an office located in Idaho Falls as well as Meridian.
 - ii. They work closely with the IT department to make the Moodle website more accessible to those who have disabilities.
 - iii. Karina asked senators to imagine that their whole success as a student depended on a book written in braille and they were unable to read it. This is how blind people feel when it comes to regular textbooks.

- iv. A math textbook written in braille costs approximately \$23,000 and due to Federal laws, Disability Services is often required to purchase such books.
- v. Disability Services works to help disabled students overcome challenges and have an equal chance of being successful. They provide transcribers, notetakers, and other aids to assist these students. All are welcome to visit their office.

VIII. PRESIDENT KAY'S REPORT

- a. Due to the Uno Tournament that ASISU is supposed to help out with at 7:00pm, Senate should be adjourned early and reconvene next week.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn: Nartker/Jensen
- b. Unanimous

X. ROLL CALL

- a. 9 Senators Present (Vacant: College of Education and College of Rehabilitation & Communication Sciences)
- b. Also present: Lowell Richards, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
- c. Absent: Senators Alvarez and Wilson
- d. Meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

**ASISU VICE PRESIDENT
KIRAN PANDEY**

**ASISU SECRETARY
HANNAH LIVERMONT**