

**2023-2024 End of the Year Report
Associated Students of Idaho State University (ASISU)
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I. Officers:

Executive Cabinet

1. President, Emma Watts
2. Vice President, Chance Reynolds
3. Secretary, Eliana Madison
4. VP of Meridian, Vacant
5. VP of Idaho Falls, Julia Finco
6. Director of Finance, Dakota Clark/Charles Okuoyibo
7. Director of Public Relations, Garrett McGoarty
8. Director of Community Relations, Kara Kener
9. Director of Sustainability, Aashish Deo
10. Director of Academic Affairs, MaKynlee Adams
11. Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney

Senate

12. College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Senator, Natalie Mortenson
13. College of Arts and Letters (CAL) Senator, Maclane Westbrook
14. College of Business (COB) Senator, Derek Adams
15. College of Education (COE) Senator, McKalee Bruegeman
16. College of Health Professions (CHP) Senator, Neelam Mishra
17. College of Health Professions (CHP) Senator, Peyton Kolb
18. College of Science and Engineering (COSE) Senator, Aspen Brown
19. College of Science and Engineering (COSE) Senator, Ella Bunde
20. School of Graduate Studies Senator, Lexi Jorgenson
21. School of Graduate Studies Senator, Rituraj Yadav
22. College of Technology (COT) Senator, Ryan Glass
23. College of Pharmacy (COP) Senator, Duncan Andrus

Elections Commission

24. Elections Commissioner, Ethan Wilks
25. Deputy Elections Commissioner, Kyle Price
26. Publicity Elections Commissioner, Kaili Tucker



II. Executive Summary:

Fellow Bengals,

We have had a wonderful 2023-2024 school year, and it is with great pleasure that I share the accomplishments of our student government with you. I am very proud of what we were able to do this year in service to the student body. I am also equally as proud of our internal progression and leadership development of our student government officers who strive for excellence and the betterment of this institution.

Our ability to achieve $\frac{2}{3}$ of our R.O.A.R. Party Platform before the end of October demonstrates our strong commitment to getting things done. Aside from our campaign commitments, four areas that we wanted to focus on include activities, investment, support, and outreach, which is how this document is outlined.

We are the liaison between the students and administrators. We connect student concerns, needs, and shortfalls with university leadership to come up with solutions. There are many instances where we have advocated for student services and unmet student needs with the administration. Some instances include a second option to textbook costs, free menstrual products, sustainability in the context of being carbon neutral, and student mental health services. We aim to make sure our advocacy helps students worry less and better focus on their schoolwork, so they can progress in their educational journey and stay in the Bengal community.

One large priority was enhancing outdated procedures to fit our current needs, whether that be day-to-day tasks, financial procedures, or legislative workflows. We have also engaged the community in multiple ways, through our City Council Candidate Forum, assistance with National Girls and Women in Sports Day, and International Student Day celebration.

Our student government's main priority is to continue to build a strong culture on campus where Bengals can find their ROAR. In everything we do, our intention is to allow students to cultivate and feel community, experience academic rigor and celebrate their accomplishments, and when they graduate, be a lifetime learner and lifetime Bengal. We want students to love ISU!

I certainly don't intend for this report to mark the end of my connection to this community, as I look forward with optimism and will closely follow the coming chapters of this extraordinary student body and institution.

Lastly, I would like to warmly welcome Neelam Mishra, the newly elected student body president for next school year. I am confident that she will lead with intention and wholeheartedly serve the student body.



Go Bengals!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Watts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emma Watts
2023-2024 Student Body President

III. R.O.A.R. Party Platform Achievements:

1. Partnered with Student Affairs to increase all Career Pathway Internships (CPI) wages (Accomplished June 2023)

- a. In the academic year 2022-2023, the R.O.A.R. Party recognized a significant issue on campus: the lack of funding for Career Pathway Internships (CPIs). During this time, undergraduate students received a wage of \$9 per hour, while graduate and doctoral students were paid \$11 per hour. This pay rate was not competitive compared to larger corporations like Walmart and did not provide a sustainable income for our students. Many students who wished to gain experience in their field before graduating found it challenging to support themselves financially or were forced to juggle multiple jobs, jeopardizing student retention and academic success.
- b. Our solution, in addition to increased institutional support from the VP of Student Affairs' office, involved two main approaches. First, we aimed to consolidate vacant CPI positions within various colleges, such as the College of Arts and Letters, which allocated 33% of their CPI budget for the year and had 30 unfilled positions. Second, we continued to seek external resources, including grants, business partnerships, and nonprofit collaborations, to supplement the existing CPI wage. When a business entered a CPI partnership, they did not incur any costs, making it advantageous for them to contribute even a modest \$5 to the hourly wage, as it remained a cost-effective option compared to hiring full-time employees in Pocatello.
- c. As of the 2023-2024 academic year, significant progress has been made. Undergraduate CPIs now receive a wage of \$13 per hour, graduate CPIs are paid \$15 per hour, and doctoral CPIs receive \$17 per hour. This increase in compensation ensures that students can achieve financial stability, encouraging their active participation in the Bengal community and staying in the Bengal community.
- d. With this livable wage, students are better equipped to gain valuable career experience in their chosen fields of study and become more competitive in today's competitive job market. Additionally, newly graduated students can leverage their CPI experience to negotiate higher compensation when seeking employment opportunities.

2. Partnered with Barnes and Noble to provide an equitable access to textbook model (Accomplished October 2023):

- a. In the spring of 2023, the R.O.A.R. Party recognized a pressing concern among our students—the high and variable cost of textbooks. Our solution focuses on providing an additional option for students to cover their textbook expenses, without replacing the



existing method of purchasing textbooks out of pocket. This second approach is designed to be predictable, convenient, and more affordable.

- b. "First Day Complete", a program offered by Barnes and Noble, introduced a novel pricing structure based on the cost per credit, offering students an opportunity to take control of their textbook expenses and ultimately reduce these costs. According to Barnes and Noble, students could typically save between 35% to 50% each semester through this program. This initiative was particularly beneficial for students in certain majors, such as BioChemistry, who were spending approximately \$600 on textbooks, or nursing students, who were often faced with textbook expenses exceeding \$1,000 during Spring 2023. Moreover, this alternative option eliminates financial barriers to higher education for certain demographics, making it more feasible for students to pursue degrees that are traditionally more expensive.
- c. After engaging in discussions with key stakeholders, including the ASISU Senate, Faculty Senate, Dean's Council, and the Office of the President, we initiated the process of implementing "First Day Complete" in partnership with Barnes and Noble, to commence Fall 2024. Under this contractual arrangement, the estimated cost is \$24.75 per credit. For example, if a student is enrolled in 15 credits, a \$371.25 textbook fee would be applied to their student account. Most importantly, students would have the flexibility to decide each semester whether they wish to opt out of this program, providing them with the freedom to choose the most advantageous option for their specific needs. Textbooks will still be offered in a digital or print format.
- d. Rollout of the program includes adding an addendum to the Barnes and Noble contract, working with IT to integrate the program in our software, sharing the communication toolkit with Marketing and Communications, and ensuring Faculty course and book proposals are submitted on time.


ISU BOOK BUNDLE

WHAT IS IT?
Our delivery program allows students to receive their **RENTAL** textbooks before the first day of classes. You can pick them up at the bookstore or have them delivered to your home. **Online books will be linked to your Online Class Portal**

HOW IT WORKS?
1) Register for classes
2) Verify your book order OR **Opt-Out starting July 15 until September 5th**
3) Pick up at the bookstore on 1st day of class OR get them mailed to your address on file.

COST:
\$24.75 Per Credit you are registered for.
 $24.75 \times (\text{\# of credits registered for}) = \text{Price of bundle}$

12 Credits	13 Credits	14 Credits	15 credits
\$297	\$321.75	\$346.50	\$371.25



Engagement App:

- a. Under the leadership of ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, our student government has been in contact with administration and Anthology, to integrate an engagement app on campus.



- b. An Engagement App would be a one-stop shop for students and faculty. The app has a small questionnaire that asks questions about interests in programs, extracurriculars, study abroad, research, and more. From there, it will create a personal profile for you. In addition, students are able to contact faculty about research opportunities and contact clubs about upcoming events.
- c. Student Clubs can post events and activities and users can indicate their interest and attendance at activities, which can be a great way to track incentive points.
- d. Only those currently in the ISU system (not alumni) have an account.
- e. We hope that future administrations will revisit this investment and consider the positive impact it could have on the student experience.

IV. Other Accomplishments:

ACTIVITIES:

1. Fall ASISU Retreat
 - a. ASISU President, Emma Watts, ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, and ASISU Secretary, Eliana Madison, planned and hosted a Fall Retreat on August 18-20th at Idaho State University and Bear Lake, Utah.
 - b. The retreat comprised various sessions focused on team building activities, a general overview and purpose of ASISU, duties and expectations, committees and board brainstorming, budget, website, Robert's Rules and Parliamentary Procedure, ROAR Party Platform collaboration, Myers Briggs Personality Test (MBTI), 12 Rules of Life, and goal setting.
 - c. The retreat included engaging sessions facilitated by various leaders. These sessions included Roundtable Discussions with ISU Leadership Council, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Stacy Gibson, Ten Tenets of Leadership with Kevin Satterlee, and Clifton Strengths with Clay Smith.
2. Lunch with ASISU
 - a. ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, planned our very first *Lunch with ASISU: Dean's Addition* event to provide a space for students to bring up issues or things they would like to be improved upon and bridge the student-Dean communication gap.
 - b. There were 200 student attendees who received a spirit pack and a boxed lunch. All but one Dean attended, in addition to the VP of Student Affairs, Craig Chatriand.
3. Welcomed our new ASISU Advisor
 - a. In October, ASISU welcomed Matt Daily, Dean of Students, with a dinner and shared our current projects.

4. City Council Candidate Forum
 - a. On October 12, 2023, the ASISU City Council Candidate Forum was organized by Kara Kener, our Director of Community Relations, in the Snake River Suite. The purpose of the nonpartisan event was to give students and community members an opportunity to learn about candidate platforms, understand and become familiar with online resources and websites at ASISU's information booth, and receive free ASISU gear and other goodies from the candidates.
 - b. All nine candidates took the opportunity to introduce themselves, discuss their platforms, and share their vision for the future of Pocatello and ISU.

5. Student-Led Tailgates
 - a. Under the leadership of our Student Involvement committee co-chairs, Ella Bunde and Derek Adams, ASISU hosted 4 tailgates.
 - b. With the help of Athletics, the tailgates had pizza, face paint, a bouncy castle/ obstacle course, and hot dogs, hamburgers, merch, lawn games. An iPad was given away based on tailgate and game attendance.
 - c. There were a total of 8 clubs and organizations who participated in the tailgates.

6. Idaho Health Insurance Workshop
 - a. Lexi Jorgenson, the Senator for the Graduate School, hosted an Idaho Health Insurance Workshop, with the help of Rituraj Yadav and Kara Kener. About 35 students attended. Your Health Idaho gave a presentation on affordable and free healthcare options available to students and answered frequently asked questions.

7. ASISU Orange and Black Bowl
 - a. The CAL Senators, Natalie Mortenson and Maclane Westbrook, brought back an ASISU tradition: A faculty versus student flag football game!
 - b. There were 10 faculty and 12 students (from ASISU, Ambassadors, and the Jungle) participating. The faculty won 48-15.

8. King Spud
 - a. With the help of facilities, ASISU put up a trophy case to highlight King Spud.
 - b. ASISU Senator, Maclane Westbrook and ASISU President, Emma Watts worked with Tanner McClain, University of Idaho's Student Body President, to promote the rivalry between the two schools.

9. ASISU Spring Retreat
 - a. ASISU Advisor, Matt Daily, led a full-day Spring Retreat January 20th.

- b. START Program Director, Cherisse Brown, spoke on EQ, and Clay Long from HR, spoke on how to have crucial conversations and provided interactive material.
10. National Girls and Women in Sports Day helpers for the College of Education
 - a. College of Education Senator, McKalee Brugeman, ASISU Secretary, Eliana Madison, Senate Pro-Tempore, Natalie Mortenson, Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney assisted the College of Education booth in handing out promotional materials, including t-shirts.
11. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
 - a. Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney, emceed this event, sponsored by the Diversity Resource Center.
 - b. The theme for the event was based on MLK's quote, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhumane. Public health is a powerful tool to level that playing field, to bend the arc of our country away from distrust and disparities and back towards equity and justice."
 - c. ASISU President, Emma Watts, spoke on the importance of recognizing the sacrifices made and work toward closing the health gap, especially with ISU being the leading healthcare institution in the state.
 - d. There were about 200 students in attendance.
12. Conference of Student Government Associations
 - a. 18 student government members attended the largest student-run student government leadership conference in the world in Texas A&M University in College Station Texas from April 3-6, 2024.
 - b. COB Senator, Derek Adams presented "Life After Student Government (How to Strategize, Optimize, Pivot, and Give Back)" workshop.
 - c. School of Graduate Studies Senator, Rituraj Yadav, presented "ISU: Green Minds, Greener Campuses: SGA Path to Sustainability" workshop.
 - d. Attended workshops on how to bridge the gap between first-year students and ASISU, improve funding models, and pull different levers to create change on campus and in the community.
 - e. Attended town halls that ranged from learning about campus safety to conflict in leadership.
 - f. Attended round-table discussions to speak on vital topics in higher education and communicate ideas and solutions with each other.
 - g. Listened to keynote speakers, including Nic Taunton, the Executive VP of the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M, and Erin Strong, an emotional intelligence and leadership development coach and speaker.

13. Lunch with ASISU: Visionary Bites
 - a. On April 17th, ASISU hosted an open forum to get to know the newly elected officers their vision for the coming school year. This event was put on by our Director of Community Relations, Kara Kener.
 - b. There were about 190 students in attendance and food was provided.

14. Keynote on Mental Health/Suicide Prevention (including Stand Up Comedy)
 - a. CHP Senator, Peyton Kolb, invited Josh Rivedal, a Huffington Post columnist, to speak about mental health and suicide prevention.
 - b. There were about 20 students in attendance.
 - c. Brownies were provided.

15. End of the Year Banquet
 - a. ASISU Secretary, Eliana Madison, coordinated ASISU's End-of-the-Year banquet for both ending and incoming officers at the locally-owned Sandpiper restaurant.
 - b. 36 ASISU officers were in attendance.
 - c. President, Robert Wagner, and ASISU Advisor, Matt Daily, reflected on this year's accomplishments and provided general leadership advice.
 - d. Val Davids from the Student Leadership and Engagement Center and Destiny Lynch from the Dean of Students office was also in attendance.

SUPPORT:

16. Period Action Day (PAD)
 - a. ASISU marked Period Action Day by distributing a generous donation of 86,500 menstrual pads, equivalent to 173 boxes, within our local communities.
 - b. Period Action Day (PAD) is aimed to support the fight against period poverty, a cause that unites voices across the menstrual movement every second Saturday in October. This endeavor also ties into ASISU's ongoing effort to assess the need for menstrual products on our campus and explore opportunities to enhance our support in campus restrooms.
 - c. A team of 24 volunteers contributed to this distribution effort across ISU's campuses, eight public schools in the school district, and seven local non-profit organizations.
 - d. The on campus locations included the following: College of Arts and Letters, College of Business, College of Education, College of Science and Engineering, College of College of Health Professions, College of Technology, College of Pharmacy, RA Desks, Wellness Center, Benny's Pantry, Stephens Performing Arts

Center, Early Learning Center, Pre-Health Office, Health Center, Gender Resource Center, Idaho Falls Campus, Twin Falls Campus, and Meridian Campus.

- e. The off campus locations included the following: Pocatello/Chubbuck School District main office, Century High School, Pocatello High School, Highland High School, New Horizons High School, Franklin Middle School, Irving Middle School, Hawthorne Middle School, Alameda Middle School, Family Services Alliance, Aid for Friends, Big Momma's House, Pocatello Free Clinic, South East Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center, Behavioral Enhancement Services & Treatment (BEST) LLC, and Idaho Period Project.
- f. The working group for this project consisted of the Graduate School Senator, Lexi Jorgenson, Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney, ASISU President, Emma Watts, former Vice President of Idaho Falls, Megan Condie, and Vice President of Idaho Falls, Julia Finco.

17. Condom Collective

- a. Under the guidance of Kendall Whitney, our Director of Student Affairs, ASISU has become a part of the Condom Collective initiative. ASISU is one of 1,000 entities that have received 500 Trojan condoms to ensure their availability to all students in need and to educate them about the importance of condoms as a contraceptive method.
- b. The condoms were placed throughout the residence halls on campus.
- c. In March, 500 more condoms were placed throughout campus.
- d. Kendall is actively seeking additional training in sexual health and working on initiatives to enhance contraceptive access.

18. International Student Day Joint Proclamation

- a. In partnership with Idaho State University's President's Office, the City of Pocatello, the City of Chubbuck, ASISU announced International Student Day as November 17th through a Proclamation. The proclamation is intended to highlight the international student population's contributions to ISU and the community and adventurous spirit to further their education far from their home country.
- b. On November 16th, City Council member, Linda Leewrik, read the Proclamation and the Mayor of Pocatello, Brian Blad, presented the proclamation to the School of Graduate Studies Senator, Rituraj Yadav, who said a few thankful remarks.
- c. On November 17th, ASISU in collaboration with the International Programs Office, hosted an International Students Day celebration! The International Programs Office provided light refreshments. The Mayor of Chubbuck, Kevin England, ISU Provost, Adam Bradford, VP of Student Affairs, Craig Chatraind, and ASISU President, Emma Watts, gave speeches. The School of Graduate Studies, Rituraj Yadav, emceed the event.



- d. There were about 70 administration, community members, faculty, staff, and students in attendance. Light refreshments were provided.

19. Sustainability General Education Course Requirement

- a. A general education requirement course was proposed and approved in collaboration with the Presidential Sustainability Charter Committee, Faculty Senate, and ASISU.
- b. The General Education Requirement Committee and Undergraduate Curriculum Council and Policy approved this course to be included in the University Catalog for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c. The title of the course is “CE 1140: Environment, Sustainability, and the Earth’s Climate” and will fulfill a general education requirement 5 starting Fall 2024.

20. Provided free menstrual products (tampons and pads) in all female and gender-neutral public bathrooms across all campuses.

- a. Working with the University Operations team and facilities to select a vendor for the dispensers and menstrual products.
- b. The goal is to purchase 203 dispensers in women’s bathrooms and 159 display boxes in gender neutral bathrooms. The recurring cost will be primarily integrated into the Facilities Budget.
- c. Prior to institutionalization, a yearly supply of menstrual pads and tampons was paid out of discretionary funds and our reserves.
- d. Through this project, we aimed to 1. Increase access to free period products for underserved populations (women, low-income individuals, transgender individuals, single mothers), thereby alleviating period poverty and improving the quality of life for menstruators in our local communities. And 2. Decrease the stigmatization and sexualization of menstruation by promoting this project, starting a conversation as a student government, and hosting campus events regarding the topic of menstruation and period poverty.

21. Emailing Clubs once a month.

- a. Senate Pro-Tempore, Natalie Mortenson, drafted monthly emails that Senators would send to their respective clubs, reminding them about club funding opportunities and current events.

22. Class Schedule Cohesion

- a. COSE Senators, Ella Bunde and Aspen Brown, worked with Department chairs and COSE Dean to recognize class overlap between departments in their college, specifically class overlaps with the Biology and Chemistry departments.

23. Supported a student club Period Project Drive
 - a. ASISU donated 2,000 pads to Gen Action Club and Future Healthcare Professionals of America (FHPA) club in Idaho Falls to create period packs for elementary, middle, and high school students, which will support the student's needs during the school year when school is in session and over the summer when they don't have access to products.

24. Attended the Annual Idaho Period Project Gala and Auction
 - a. Former VP of Idaho Falls, Megan Condie, Graduate Studies Senators, Lexi Jorgenson and Rituraj Yadav, Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney, and ASISU President, Emma Watts attended the Annual Idaho Period Project Gala and Auction to raise funds to help provide the basic need of period products to Idaho girls.
 - b. Founder and CEO of Aunt Flow, Claire Coder, was the event Keynote.

25. Contributed to the Wellness Center's Blog
 - a. Former VP of Idaho Falls, Megan Condie and President, Emma Watts, drafted and submitted an article titled "[People Helping People, Period.](#)" requested by the Director of the Wellness Center, Melissa Caudle.

26. Attended the State Board of Education Tuition and Fee Hearings
 - a. ASISU President, Emma Watts, traveled to University of Idaho in Moscow (April 16-19th) to speak on the increase in tuition and student activity fees for the upcoming academic year.
 - b. Emma shared the impact of minimizing the financial burden on students and advocated to support student success initiatives, such as health and wellness.
 - c. Emma advocated that when we invest in higher education, we invest in our state's future.

27. Supported ISU's Rugby teams
 - a. ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, transferred discretionary funds to support the men's and women's Rugby team.

INVESTMENT:

28. Financially invested in our student body.
 - a. Through our ASISU Student Activity Fee (\$66.67 per fee-paying member per semester), we supported various Line Items (items that typically get funding each year) which all benefit students in some way. Our Line Items include KISU,

Bengal Newspaper, Bengal Theatre, Outdoor Adventure Center, Civic Symphony, International Affairs Council, Student Activities-Idaho Falls, Student Activities-Meridian, Student Activities-Twin Falls, Student Activities-Pocatello (SAB), Student Organizations, and Theatre.

- b. The Student Government budget comprised officer scholarships, Benny's Club Funding, Undergraduate and Graduate student travel, operating expenses, and personnel expenses.
- c. ASISU awarded \$25,200 in Student Travel Funding. 57 graduate students and 18 undergraduate students were supported by ASISU. Conferences ranged from the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference to the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting to the American Nuclear Society Student Conference.
- d. ASISU also supported the publication of one graduate student studying Business Administration.

29. ISU Chamber Choir Funding

- a. Supported the ISU Chamber Choir to attend the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Northwest Region Conference in Spokane, Washington.
- b. 16 ISU students from various departments attended.

30. Bengal Dancers National Competition

- a. Supported the ISU Bengal Dancers to attend the NDA National Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- b. They won second place in the Division I Team Performance.

31. Student Activity Fee Hearing

- a. The Student Activity Fee Hearing is an opportunity to share any student activity fee changes with the students it affects as well as provide an opportunity for students to ask any questions they have regarding this entire process.
- b. Jennifer Steels, VP of Finance, shared the specific breakdown of fee changes for both full time and part time students, including residential and nonresidential.
- c. ASISU members were active participants and contributors to the discussion.

32. Club and Organization Student Activity Fee

- a. Through our Club Fee (\$4.50 per fee-paying member per semester) we support clubs. Avenues for club funding include new club funding, C.E.A.S.A.R. (Club Efforts Are Supplemented and Rewarded) funding, matched funding, initial deposits, and incentive points.
- b. To date, there are 125 active clubs.
- c. 15 new clubs were formed. 3 clubs were reactivated.



- d. Funded \$5,568.75 in Fall Initial Deposit
 - e. Funded \$6,000 in Spring Initial Deposit (Funded 24 clubs)
 - f. Funded \$15,017.94 in Incentive Points (Each point worth \$4.06; Funded 59 clubs)
 - g. Funded \$1,6762.17 in Fall Matched Funding
 - h. Funded \$4,034.68 in Spring Matched Funding
 - i. Funded \$1,000 in New Club Funding
 - j. Financially supported 9 student events put on by student clubs and organizations, including African Student Night, Nepalese Night, and Baile Night (total support of \$12,605).
33. Updated Financial Procedures
- a. Under the direction of ASISU President, Emma Watts, Director of Finance, Dakota Clark, and Finance Committee Chair, Rituraj Yadav, ASISU's internal Cash Advance, Reimbursement, P-Card, and Transfer Funds (JV) processes became more efficient and transparent through ASISU's Request for Payment Docusign form.
 - b. ASISU President, Emma Watts, outlined the Senate approval process for requesting funds of varying sizes for internal and external purposes.
 - c. ASISU President, Emma Watts, provided informational documents on ASISU Finances and Student Activity Fee procedures and internal knowledge.
 - d. The Finance Committee clearly outlined ASISU sub budget purposes and whether or not it requires a senate majority vote.
 - e. Established a process to track budgeted versus actual expenditures.
 - f. Establish Memorandum of Understandings between the Graduate School and Provost Office to clearly outline expenditures and expectations of each party for travel funding next academic year.
34. Collaborated with Bengal Solutions, a graduate-student led consulting entity on campus, to conduct an ASISU Audit and suggest workflow improvements.
- a. This is a new initiative which aligns with ASISU's goal of being fiscally responsible and accountable.
35. Benny's Pantry Fund
- a. ASISU donated \$500 to purchase Benny's Pantry uniforms (aprons) and reusable bags for Benny's pantry.
 - b. ASISU donated \$1000 to Benny's Pantry using a 1:1 donation match system.
36. Submitted the FY25 ASISU Budget
- a. Biggest Highlights



- b. Changes to account for changes in employee compensation (3%) and administrative recovery fees.
 - c. Moved Club Funding for events to the Student Organization and Club Fee.
 - d. Moved graduate travel funding to the School of Graduate Studies for processing purposes.
 - e. Moved undergraduate travel funding to the Provost's office for processing purposes.
 - f. Provided all Line Items their requested funding.
 - g. For more information, please look at our FY25 Budget Book posted on our website.
37. Submitted the FY25 Student Organization and Club Fee Budget
- a. Funding includes Incentive Points, Match Point Funding, New Club funding, Initial Deposit, and Club Event Funding.
 - b. For more information, please look at our FY25 Student Organization and Club Fees Budget posted on our website.

OUTREACH:

38. Class Outreach

- a. ASISU President, Emma Watts and COSE Senator, Ella Bunde, spoke to 4 ACAD 1104 honors classes about ASISU and tested their knowledge through a competitive Kahoot quiz.

39. Student Survey

- a. Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney, and Finance Committee Chair, Rituraj Yadav, developed and advertised a Student Survey, specifically interested in how they would like money to be spent along with their use of student services (counseling and student health center) and satisfaction of those services.
- b. There were a total of 247 respondents.
- c. The main takeaways included the importance of accessible mental health resources with 79% of respondents rating mental health resources on campus a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5, however, less than 1/3 of respondents have actually utilized mental health services on campus.
- d. Other broad needs include improvement in housing, parking, Chartwells food, quiet student study spaces, and gym spaces where student government can be a liaison to the administration. Generally, students felt like the existing academic experience and events are between a 3 and a 5 on a 1-5 rating system.

40. COT Student Survey

- a. College of Technology Senator, Ryan Glass, sent out a mass email to all COT students asking how they have currently enjoyed their experience in the college as well as any other comments and concerns they have.
 - b. There were a total of 44 respondents.
 - c. Repeated topics were poor value of professors, parking requirements at the Eames Complex, convenience of class locations, and outdated equipment for multiple majors.
41. ASISU Open Forum
- a. On February 14th, Natalie, Eliana, Ethan, Derek, Lexi, Maclane, Neelam, Chance, Kendall, and Emma were in attendance.
 - b. Topics ranged from club funding, CPI wages, and budgets to what our greatest ASISU accomplishments have been
 - c. Roughly 40 students were in attendance who enjoyed a boxed lunch.
42. ROAR Report
- a. All ASISU officers met with Ben Graham, KISU CPI, to introduce themselves, share their working projects, involvement on campus, and any advice they would like to share with their students. Roar Report.
 - b. Here is the Link to the ROAR Report:
<https://open.spotify.com/show/4ubotrRaV8Zasky2TLBMt3>
43. CEWT Podcast
- a. ASISU President, Emma Watts, featured on the CEWT Podcast.
 - b. Here is the Link to the Podcast:
<https://blog.cetrain.isu.edu/podcast/season-5-episode-53>
44. Comment Box
- a. Under the leadership of Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney, ASISU put up a comment box with comment cards in the SUB for students to voice their needs and concerns. There is also an online google form.
45. ASISU Website Updates
- a. Utilizing feedback from multiple sources, ASISU Secretary, Eliana Madison improved the ASISU website to promote a better grasp of ASISU's purpose and functions.

V. Executive Cabinet:

The President, VPs, and Director provided weekly updates and leaned on one another for discussion surrounding current student-focused topics and events. Through the Student Advocacy Board and Student Relations Board, the Executive Cabinet often worked on projects together.

VI. Senate:

Bills:

- 608 - Requiring club meeting attendance at one Senate meeting
- 609 - Officer Duties and Responsibilities (and checklists) Update
- 610 - Senate Rule Book Update
- 611 - Executive Cabinet Rule Book Update
- 612 - Bylaws Update
- 613 - Student Travel Fund Update
- 614 - Changes to Clubs/Benny's Funding
- 615 - Election Code Update
- 616 & 617 & 618 - Removing Reapportionment and Adding a Senator for COE, COB, COP, and COT to promote equal representation
- 619 - Moves the Student Travel Fund to the jurisdiction of the Graduate School and Provost Office for processing
- 620 - Establishes a Reserve Fund

Resolutions:

- 622 - In support of the Closed/Finals Week policy
- 623 - In support of the Sustainable Energy course as a General Education Requirement
- 624 - In support of providing free menstrual products, including pads, tampons, and/or menstrual cups, in all university female and gender neutral bathrooms.
- 625 - In support of formally recognizing and honoring the invaluable contributions and generosity of Fred Cornforth who has made significant contributions to the universitys' (BSU, UofI, and ISU) food pantries.

University-Level Committees:

ISU Presidential Search Committee - ASISU President, Emma Watts

- a. ASISU President, Emma Watts, served as the student representative on ISU's Presidential Search Committee and helped select ISU's 15th University President, Robert Wagner, to lead the ISU and broader SEI community.

Leadership Council - ASISU President, Emma Watts

- a. Listened to university-level updates and engaged in the decision-making process.

Budget Model Advisory - ASISU President, Emma Watts

- a. Provided advice and ideas for the university to be more efficient in the context of the University's Budget Optimization Initiative.

Faculty Senate - ASISU President, Emma Watts

- b. Provided bimonthly updates to the Faculty Senate, along with the space for collaboration.
- c. Collaborated with the Faculty Senate on the General Education Requirement Sustainability Committee and Closed Week Policy.

Student Activity Fee Committee - ASISU President, Emma Watts, Senate Pro-Tempore, Natalie Mortenson, COSE Senator, Ella Bunde, and School of Graduate Studies Senator, Rituraj Yadav

- a. Made difficult, well-thought out decisions with regards to next year's tuition and fees.

Scholastic Appeals Board - ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, CAL Senator, Natalie Mortenson, & COB Senator, Derek Adams

Student Code of Conduct - ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds

Academic Dishonesty Board - ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds, CAL Senator, Natalie Mortenson, and COB Senator, Derek Adams

Open and Affordable Educational Resources (OAER) Library Committee - COB Senator, Derek Adams

Sustainability Presidential Charter Committee - Director of Sustainability, Aashish Deo

Athletics Advisory Board - CAL Senator, Maclane Westbrook

Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) - CAL Senator, Maclane Westbrook

Healthy Bengal Coalition - Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney

Idaho Falls Campus Committee - VP of Idaho Falls, Julia Finco

Equity & Inclusion Commission - COSE Senator, Aspen Brown & CHP Senator, Neelam Mishra

University Library Committee - CAL Senator, Maclane Westbrook, CHP Senator, Peyton Kolb, & COP Senator, Duncan Andrus

Project Proposal Committee/Facilities Subcommittee - COP Senator, Ryan Glass

Employee Engagement Committee - COE Senator, McKalee Breugeman

General Education Requirements Committee (GERC) - Director of Community Relations, Kara Kener

Undergraduate Curriculum Council (UCC) - COSE Senator, Ella Bunde

All In Committee - School of Graduate Studies Senator, Lexi Jorgenson

Abusive Conduct Policy Technical Working Group - School of Graduate Studies Senator, Rituraj Yadav

Academic Integrity Council - Director of Academic Affairs, Kynlee Adams

University Administration Committee - Director of Public Relations, Garrett McGroarty

University Events Committee - ASISU VP, Chance Reynolds

Benny Awards Committee - ASISU Secretary, Eliana Madison and Senate Pro-Tempore, Natalie Mortenson

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Hispanic Serving Institution subcommittee - Director of Student Affairs, Kendall Whitney

Presidential Sustainability Charter Committee - Director of Sustainability, Aashish Deo, and ASISU President, Emma Watts

ASISU Scholarship Committee - All Senators

- a. Provided \$129,879.78 in scholarships for the academic year.
- b. Students fee of \$11.16 per semester.

VII. Elections Commission:

Elections Commissioner, Ethan Wilks, led our 2024 Election Cycle, with the help of Deputy Elections Commissioner, Kyle Keckler, and Publicity Elections Commissioner, Kaili Tucker. Together, they hosted two informational sessions and a giveaway to encourage students to vote. A total of 22 candidates were on the ballot, with several write-in candidates. Active campaigning drew in 899 voters. Below are the election results:

2024 ASISU Election Results
899 Voters From 9,933 Association Members
Friday, March 8th, 2024

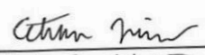
COLLEGE SENATOR RESULTS


Senator for ARTS & LETTERS (2 Seats)	Votes	Senator for HEALTH PROFESSIONS (2 Seats)	Votes
Shalu (Shalini) Pokharel (Orange and Black Party)	77	Yulin Kwon (Orange and Black Party)	60
Emily Ramani (Bengal Party)	53	Shannon Palmer (Bengal Party)	54
Write in:		Write in:	
Joshua Robertson	1		
Shannon Palmer	1		
Kieran Slack	1		
Senator for BUSINESS (2 Seats)	Votes	Senator for PHARMACY (2 Seats)	Votes
Sky Halter (Bengal Party)	37	Mikayla Antonson (Bengal Party)	13
CJ Lopez (Bengal Party)	40	Duncan Andrus (Bengal Party)	19
Bella Short (Orange and Black Party)	33	Write in:	
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		Senator for SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (2 Seats)	Votes
		Saugat Acharya (Bengal Party)	56
		Diya Pandey (Orange and Black Party)	89
		Nakiah Shanafelt (Bengal Party)	34
		Write in:	
		Mike Lemos	1
		Senator for TECHNOLOGY (2 Seats)	Votes
		Ryan Glass (Bengal Party)	22
		Owen Fujii (Bengal Party)	22
		Henry Gibbons	20
		Write in:	
Senator for EDUCATION (2 Seats)	Votes		
Shelly Nugent (Orange and Black Party)	52		
Brendon Muesch (Bengal Party)	22		
McKalee Bruegeman (Bengal Party)	23		
Write in:			
Alexis Sharp	1		
Senator for GRADUATE STUDIES (2 Seats)	Votes		
Rakesh Itani (Orange and Black Party)	51		
Tanzim Mostafa (Orange and Black Party)	55		
Tyler Breech	32		
Write in:			
Reejesh Gautam	29		
Sage Spraktes	1		

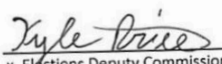
EXECUTIVE TICKET RESULTS

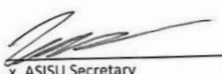
EXECUTIVE TICKET	Votes	IDAHO FALLS VICE PRESIDENT	Votes
Neelam Mishra, Jennifer Vidales (Orange and Black Party)	475	Write in:	
Write in:		Marlen Zamora	1
Lexi Jorgenson, Derek Adams (Bengal Party)	246	Hamza Kaddour	1
		IMERIDIAN VICE PRESIDENT	Votes
		Write in: Lexi Jorgenson	2

By signing below, we verify these are the official ASISU 2024 Election results.


 x, Elections Commissioner


 x, Elections Advisor


 x, Elections Deputy Commissioner


 x, ASISU Secretary

VIII. Special Thanks:

ASISU could not have had a successful year without the guidance and support of Criag Chatriand, Matt Daily, Destiny Lynch, Valerie Davids, Tayme Durrant, Kodee Olsen, Christina Seal, Kim Miller, and many others who helped us achieve our aspirations. Special thanks to our Secretary, Eliana Madison, for updating our governing documents, and typing up the agendas and minutes each week. She is a website wiz now! And thank you to all ASISU officers for your service, your leadership, and contributions to this independent, but integral entity on campus.

Lastly, if you would like to know more about any topic or would like to request supporting documentation, please contact our ASISU President, Emma Watts, at emmawatts@isu.edu.