

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
7:00 PM
October 16th, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER—7:00 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 16 Senators were present.
 - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 9th, 2024: Mostafa/Ramani
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA , OCTOBER 16th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 16th, 2024 with the friendly amendment to add Chem Club funding for \$700 under New Business: Andrus/Itani
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Director of Finance, Zachary Grima – Financial Decision Clarifications Presentation
 - i This presentation is aimed at clarifying the funding processes and outlining the Senate's authority in budget allocation, ensuring transparency regarding limits, expenditures, and approval requirements.
 - 1 Key Points on Benny's Funding:
 - a Available to any ASISU-recognized club.
 - b Usable for various activities beyond free public events.
 - c Limits on funding and requirements can be changed.
 - d Exceptions for one club do not apply to all.
 - e Registered clubs with approved off-campus bank accounts are eligible.
 - f Final decisions are made by Senate supermajority.
 - 2 Eligibility and Requirements:
 - a The eligibility section details limits on funding per request and total allocations.
 - b Funding can support a range of club activities and is not restricted to events open to all students or free of charge.
 - i Current Limits:
 - 1 \$2,000 for single club events, \$3,000 for joint events, and \$4,000 per club per year.
 - ii Allocation Limits:

1 Total annual allocation limit: \$100,000; current allocation limit: \$30,000; temporary limit: \$25,000.

3 Line Item Funding:

- a Supports organizations benefiting all students and can overlap with departments.
- b Requires a resolution to create new line items.

4 Internal Funding:

- a Senate has \$18,913.99 for discretionary spending, but unused funds cannot be reallocated freely.

5 Reserve Funds:

- a Used only after exhausting other funding sources for extenuating circumstances.
- b 10% (\$64,000) of reserve funds can be allocated by the Senate.

6 Miscellaneous Financial Terms:

- a Requests under \$1,000 are voted on the same day in the Finance Committee.
- b Clubs cannot exceed their allocated budgets, which is monitored by the Student Leadership and Engagement Center.
 - i \$5,000 of CLBFEE funds are frozen as emergency reserves until additional funding can be approved.

7 Restrictions:

- a Clubs cannot use funds for alcohol, firearms, or illegal activities.

ii In conclusion this presentation is aimed to ensure all ASISU members understand and adhere to the same financial interpretations for clear decision-making moving forward.

b. Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator

i Compassion & Hope Club – New Club, Kristen Halcomb

1 The purpose of this organization is to inform, educate and empower women and men regarding sexual health, relationships, pregnancy, abortion and parenting.

- a Additionally this club is here with the goal of providing truthful responses to tough subjects specifically surrounding sexual health and other related topics.
- b Their planned activities are to hold monthly meetings as well as hold some volunteering opportunities. The materials they use are all pulled from a life step program which in turn provides access to resources.
- c This club has nine members currently.

i Motion to approve the Compassion & Hope Club:
Fujii/Ramani

1 ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES
OWEN FUJII – YES
RYAN GLASS – YES

SKY HALTER – YES
RAKESH ITANI – YES
YUJIN KWON – YES
CJ LOPEZ – YES
TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
SHELLY NUGENT – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
EMILY RAMANI – YES

2 Motion: **CARRIED**

ii Association of Computing Machinery Women’s Chapter – New Club, Nusrat Farheen

- 1 The purpose of this organization is to operate exclusively for education and scientific purposes to promote the following:
 - a Creating a supportive community that empowers women in computing by providing mentorship, networking opportunities and resources to help them succeed in their academic and professional careers.
 - b Offer workshops, seminars, and training that enhance technical skills, leadership abilities, and knowledge in the computing field, enabling member to excel in their chosen areas of interest.
 - c Advocate for gender diversity and inclusion in the technology industry, challenging stereotypes and fostering a culture of equality and respect in the field of computing and engineering.
 - d Increase requirement and retention of women in computing through the pipeline including activities for girls K-12, undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals.
 - e A means of communication between persons having interest in computing and women in computing.
 - f Serve all interested students and provide support for students specially in the following departments at Idaho State University:
 - i Department of Computer Science
 - ii Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - iii Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - iv Department of Civil Engineering
 - v Department of Nuclear Engineering

2 This club is connected to the AMC national association and is not only restricted to women and also not only restricted to members of the mentioned above departments.

- a Motion to approve the Association of Computing Machinery Women’s Chapter: Andrus/Ramani
 - i ROLL CALL
SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES
OWEN FUJII – YES

RYAN GLASS – YES
SKY HALTER – YES
RAKESH ITANI – YES
YUJIN KWON – YES
CJ LOPEZ – YES
TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
SHELLY NUGENT – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
EMILY RAMANI – YES

ii Motion: **CARRIED**

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. President Mishra shared that this week, she is working with Vice President Tracy, Vice President Vidales, Secretary Madison, and Dr. Matt Daily to plan a visit to the Meridian Campus on November 7. She had a conversation with President Wagner on Monday, and he confirmed his attendance at a Senate meeting at any time in November, with specific dates yet to be fixed. He will also participate in the Wake-Up Wednesday booth on November 6. Additionally, she has a meeting scheduled with the State Board of Education tomorrow. She discussed the Lunch with ASISU event with Director Price and also followed up with Adam Bradford, VP Provost, to arrange a meeting regarding Resolutions 626 and 627.

VII. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore’s Chair Committee, Senator Andrus
 - i Senator Andrus shared the pending funding approval, Lunch with ASISU will be held on November 20th, and senator’s attendance would be greatly appreciated and is encouraged. Additionally he shared that in Presidents Cabinet we heard from Elections Commissioner Price that changes have been made to the Election Code and the spring 2025 Election Timeline so that it can be approved.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Fujii
 - i Senator Fujii shared that he had his weekly meeting with the Student Leadership and Engagement Center where they discussed the upcoming funding request that will be presented in Senate next week. Additionally, he met with Director Grima to discuss the budget and the plan for moving forward with the faulty indexes.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Nugent
 - i Senator Nugent shared that the committee met and went over the election dates submitted in the election timeline and made some adjustments to it. They moved back the point of no return a week back from the submission deadline to provide an opportunity for people to correct anything that needs to be changed. Some of the new proposed dates are a little strange, with the mandatory senate meeting attendance happening before the end of the filling period which is in accordance to the election code. Additionally, they are looking at alternatives for getting the required number of signatures to make the process significantly smoother. The Riles and Appointments Committee is releasing the spring 2025 Election Timeline to the senate.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Ramani
 - i Senator Ramani shared that this committee met today to discuss the other games and tailgating opportunities moving forward. She also shared that Senator Halter had a great idea to see about renting the Bengal Theater to provide a space for

students to watch the upcoming away game. Senator Ramani thanked her committee for the dedication and work they have all put into student involvement.

- e. Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey
 - i Senator Pandey shared that she is meeting with Jessica Carnes from the Sustainability Center to discuss the committee's idea of implementing plants around the SUB.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Internal Funding Request – American Flag for Sargent Boardroom, \$100
 - i Motion to approve this internal funding request of \$100 for the purchasing of an American flag: Nugent/Pandey
 - 1 ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
 - MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
 - MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES
 - OWEN FUJII – YES
 - RYAN GLASS – YES
 - SKY HALTER – YES
 - RAKESH ITANI – NO
 - YUJIN KWON – YES
 - CJ LOPEZ – YES
 - TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
 - SHELLY NUGENT – YES
 - SHANNON PALMER – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – YES
 - SHALU POKHAREL – YES
 - EMILY RAMANI – YES
 - 2 Motion: **CARRIED**
 - a Secretary Madison asked Senator Nugent if she gotten permission yet from SUB facilities regarding the implantation of this request.
 - b Senator Nugent shared that she hasn't taken that step yet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Requests
 - i African Student Association (ASA), \$2,000
 - ii Los Estudiantes Despues (LED), \$700
 - 1 Vice President Vidales shared that this funding will be to put on a Dia De Los Muertos event supported by other clubs in the SUB on November 1st.
 - iii Political Science Club, \$2,998
 - 1 Senator Nugent shared that this funding is to support a community wide event watch party for election night. This event is in collaboration with College republicans and College Democrats and will have lots of activities as well as speakers. There are 600 people expected to attend as well as special invitations to all elected and on the ballot candidates. She also shared that this event is in collaboration with three total clubs.
 - iv Chem Club, \$700
- b. Internal Funding Requests
 - i Lunch and Travel to Meridian Campus, \$1,250
 - 1 President Neelam shared that this funding is for an outreach event for the executive cabinet and advisors to connect with faculty and students at

the Meridian Campus on November 7th. This includes coordinating catering lunch options, travel arrangements, and compiling a club list to invite club presidents. The goal is to increase events on the Meridian campus in collaboration with the SAB director. The budget for this request is available in the drive.

a Regarding ASISU travel, the question was raised about why the discretionary funds of the president or vice president are not being utilized.

i She shared that executive travel is designated for attending State Board of Education meetings and is at the discretion of the entire executive cabinet. Personal discretionary funds are intended to be used as a last resort.

ii Senator Fujii also mentioned pulling from executive travel funds for State Board of Education travel, indicating that any other discussed funding options would not require Senate approval and could be handled through an internal funding request.

ii Scholarship Workshop Funding, \$625

1 Director Job and Director Peach shared that this workshop is a response to the financial needs of the ISU community. At this workshop students will get the opportunity to look for and apply to scholarships that are most relevant to them. This event will be held on November 14th at 4 PM in the Wood River Room in the PSUB. The funding for this innovative is to provide funding for including a baked potatoes bar for up to 50 attendees. Additionally, the advertising for this event has been taken seriously and will all be ready before the end of the month. Lastly, they shared that the key supporters for this innovative are Criag Joseph, Student Affairs Marketing Director, Deb Green, Director of Scholarship and Matt Daily, Dean of students. Overall this workshop serves as an opportunity for the ISU community to take advantage of the many scholarship opportunities available.

X. GALLERY QUESTION AND ANSWERS

XI. OTHER

a. Spring 2025 Election Timeline

i Motion to approve the Election dates as presented by the Election Commissioner in this document: Nugent/Lopez

1 ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES

MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES

MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES

OWEN FUJII – YES

RYAN GLASS – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

RAKESH ITANI – YES

YUJIN KWON – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
SHELLY NUGENT – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
EMILY RAMANI – YES

2 Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. ISU FIGHT SONG

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn: Lopez/Acharya
- b. Unanimous
- c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XIV. ROLL CALL

- a. 16 Senators were present.
- b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER VIDALES

ASISU SECRETARY
ELIANA MADISON