

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
7:00 PM
October 30th, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 16 senators were present.
 - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Dr. Craig Chatriand, Vice President of Student Affairs.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23rd, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 23rd, 2024: Andrus/Glass
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 30th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 30th, 2024: Glass/Kwon
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. President Robert Wagner and Dr. Craig Chatriand, Upcoming University Changes
 - i. President Wagner shared his excitement to be in attendance tonight! He also apologized for his later attendance this semester, he has been busy with various activities, including meeting with alumni, attending events, and traveling both in and out of state. Moving forward he is planning to attend regularly moving forward. The purpose of his presence tonight is to present some upcoming organizational changes on a university level. Even with these changes his highest priority is to promote student success. The university is realigning programs and resources to better support students as they navigate their college experience in accordance with changing state legislation. President Wagner went on to share the changes being made to the university.
 1. The Office of Equity and Inclusion will be reorganized to connect resources more directly to those who need them. It will be renamed the Office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX, and will be housed under the Office of the President, adhering to state guidelines.
 2. There will be the creation of the Bengal Success Center, which will play a key role in supporting academic success for all ISU students. This will expand upon the current Student Success Center and include the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, serving as a hub for academic growth.
 3. Programming for Native American Students Association will continue to operate under Student Affairs, with students leading the planning and taking initiative.
 4. The "On Common Ground" campus initiative will move under the Dean of Students' office, providing a platform for students to share their unique

experiences. Creating a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive is the backbone of our institution.

- a. In summary, the Office of Equity and Inclusion will be renamed and reorganized under the Office of the President. Stacy Gibson will continue to lead this office with an expanded role. The Diversity and Inclusion Resource Centers will be dissolved, and those initiatives will move to the Bengal Success Center and Student Affairs, focusing on student-led efforts. We plan to implement these changes by November 15th and will communicate them to various groups across campus. He asked that these changes be kept quiet until the official announcement. Regarding the transition of the Diversity and Gender Resource Centers, events such as MLK Day and the On Common Ground initiative will also shift to the Dean of Students' office. Our aim is to continue these programs while ensuring they are student-led. President Wagner also emphasized that these changes are deliberate and also respond to political shifts in the state of Idaho. The state legislature has raised concerns about specific programming at public institutions. The university is committed to reorganizing and focusing on student needs while balancing these political changes. Other universities, such as BSU and Uofl, are undergoing similar transformations.
 - i. Senator Bruegeman asked whether these changes would affect student or faculty employment.
 1. President Wagner assured her that all positions will remain, although they may be reallocated.
 - ii. Senator Halter asked about the location of the Bengal Success Center.
 1. President Wagner shared that for now, it will be in Rendezvous, with final plans and signage to be established later this semester, aiming for completion by spring.
 - iii. A student in the audience raised a question about why we as a university wouldn't wait to address potential legislative interference.
 1. President Wagner responded that we want to proactively control changes that align with student needs before any legislation is enacted.
 2. Dr. Craig Chatriand noted that these changes are not merely reactions to passed legislation but also to those that have been introduced and are gaining momentum. The university is seeking creative ways to serve our community while we still have control. This is also an opportunity to protect faculty and staff, especially in light of previous legislation threatening their positions.

- iv. Senator Bruegeman asked about the challenges these changes might pose for the university.
 - 1. President Wagner reiterated the importance of ensuring that all students feel a sense of community and belonging at ISU, which remains a priority no matter what other changes need to be made.
- v. Senator Palmer inquired if resources would be adequately placed and whether advisors would remain protected.
 - 1. President Wagner and Dr. Craig Chatriand confirmed that as long as legislation doesn't mandate changes, advising roles will stay intact.
- vi. President Mishra asked how these changes might impact enrollment.
 - 1. President Wagner expressed that spreading the message of care for students, faculty, and staff should positively impact enrollment, and that he doesn't expect any declines. Dr. Chatriand echoed this sentiment, stating ISU provides a supportive environment for all students and this will remain true.
- vii. Vice President Vidales pointed out that similar legislative bills had failed to pass in the previous session and asked why we are making changes even though this same process may happen again.
 - 1. President Wagner reassured her that the changes are proactive and positive, regardless of legislative outcomes. Dr. Chatriand reflected on the lessons learned this year, emphasizing our commitment to overcoming challenges and finding innovative ways to support students.
- viii. Senator Halter asked if there had been input from various campus organizations regarding these changes.
 - 1. President Wagner confirmed that extensive input had been gathered over time leading up to now.
- ix. Senator Nugent inquired about the President's response to the resolution passed in the Senate regarding class changes.
 - 1. President Wagner reported positive feedback but noted the need for more supporting data, highlighting communication gaps between departments.
- x. Vice President Vidales questioned why the decision was made to dissolve rather than rename the Diversity Centers.
 - 1. President Wagner explained that legislation views renaming as a loophole; thus, a more substantial change was necessary.

- xi. Senator Palmer raised concerns about potential consequences of not making these adjustments.
 - 1. President Wagner responded that the legislature has threatened to withhold state funding if appropriate changes are not, which could be devastating for the institution.
- xii. Vice President Vidales clarified that federally funded programs like CAMP or TRIO would remain unaffected.
 - 1. President Wagner ensured that these programs would remain.
- xiii. In conclusion President Wagner asked four things of the senate members, 1) Please say hi if you see him around campus. 2) Always feel welcome to approach him with your needs or concerns. 3) For members to not only support all campus activities, but especially the rivalry game with Uofl on Saturday, November 23rd. We want to fill the dome with students! 4) If there are any creative ideas for events and his stadium entrances, please share them with him.
- xiv. Lastly both President Wagner and Dr. Chatriand thanked senate members for their commitment to ISU's students and community. Their leadership and service are invaluable and they both expressed great appreciation for the things the members do.

VII. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. President Mishra shared that she is collaborating with President Wagner on Donuts with the President event, which will become an ongoing event starting in the spring semester. She also asked for senator volunteers for Wake Up Wednesdays on November 6th, November 13th, and November 20th. For this event there needs to be at least two volunteers per location, so she asked members to please fill out the form she'll be sharing in Google Chat as soon as possible. Additionally, she is working closely with the city of Pocatello on campus mental health initiatives, and her first meeting is scheduled for November 18th at City Hall with other community leaders.

VIII. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore's Chair Committee, Senator Andrus
 - i. Senator Andrus reminded members to attend and invite their deans to the Lunch with ASISU event on November 20th. Additionally, he let members know there will be a scholarship workshop led by the Directors of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Public Relations on November 14th. Senator Andrus also informed members that the Bengal Basic Needs Collaborative is seeking a student volunteer to attend their meetings and serve as a student voice. He is asking for volunteers for this, as they meet once a month.
 - 1. Dr. Daily shared that this is a great opportunity to amplify student voices.
 - 2. President Mishra suggested this committee opportunity for anyone who isn't involved in a university committee already, this is a great chance to get engaged.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Fujii

- i. Senator Fujii shared that he met with the Student Leadership and Engagement Center this week, and everything is going well there and additionally, the Jungle funding request and opportunity is moving forward well. He also shared that he attended a meeting today with President Mishra, Director Grima, Dr. Matt Daily and Lesa Crawford to discuss providing funding for Benny's Pantry. This request should be coming up within the next couple weeks with a funding proposal for awarding funding to Benny's Pantry.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Nugent
 - i. Senator Nugent shared that her committee met and reviewed the notes received from everyone on the governing documents. This committee is going to focus on editing and reviewing the election code first. In the next couple of weeks, they should have some new version of the election code ready for review.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Ramani
 - i. Senator Ramani shared that this committee attended the football game this past weekend and tailgated there. With football season coming to an end, she and her committee are brainstorming ways to increase student involvement at other games through the rest of the year.
- e. Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey
 - i. Senator Pandey shared that she has a meeting scheduled with the SUB Executive Director to discuss the plant implantation initiative her committee is working on.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Requests
 - i. Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), \$2,000
 - 1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Glass/Lopez
 - 2. Unanimous
 - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 4. Motion to move out of committee: Bruegeman/Fujii
 - 5. Unanimous
 - 6. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 7. Motion to approve Tau Kappa Epsilon's funding request: Bruegeman/NO SECOND
 - 8. Motion: **FAILED**
 - 9. Motion to amend this motion for the amount of \$1,200: Fujii/NO SECOND
 - 10. Motion: **FAILED**
 - 11. Motion to move back to committee for 10 minutes: Palmer/Ramani
 - 12. Unanimous
 - 13. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 14. Motion to move out of committee: Fujii/NO SECOND
 - 15. Motion: **FAILED**
 - 16. Motion to extend committee by 5 minutes: Palmer/Lopez
 - 17. Unanimous
 - 18. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - a. Vice President Vidales informed the senate that there will be no further discussion on this request.
 - 19. Motion to vote on the amendment to the Tau Kappa Epsilon funding request for \$1,200: Palmer/Fujii
 - a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – NO
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – NO
OWEN FUJII – YES
RYAN GLASS – ABSTAIN
SKY HALTER – NO
RAKESH ITANI – YES
YUJIN KWON – ABSTAIN
CJ LOPEZ – ABSTAIN
TANZIM MOSTAFA – NO
SHELLY NUGENT – NO
SHANNON PALMER – NO
DIYA PANDEY – YES
SHALU POKHAREL – NO
EMILY RAMANI – NO

- b. Motion: **FAILED**
- c. Motion to vote on the funding request of \$2,000 for Tau Kappa Epsilon: Palmer/Lopez

- i. ROLL CALL

- SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
 - MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
 - MCKALEE BRUEGEMAN – YES
 - OWEN FUJII – NO
 - RYAN GLASS – ABSTAIN
 - SKY HALTER – YES
 - RAKESH ITANI – ABSTAIN
 - YUJIN KWON – YES
 - CJ LOPEZ – ABSTAIN
 - TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
 - SHELLY NUGENT – YES
 - SHANNON PALMER – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – NO
 - SHALU POKHAREL – YES
 - EMILY RAMANI – YES

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- ii. College Republicans, \$700

- 1. Motion to move to committee for ten minutes: Glass/Andrus
 - 2. Unanimous
 - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 4. Motion to move out of committee: Palmer/Ramani
 - 5. Unanimous
 - 6. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 7. Motion to approve funding request for College Republicans for \$700: Fujii/Lopez

- a. 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 – ABSTAIN
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
EMILY RAMANI – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

i. Fall 2024 Lunch with ASISU, \$2,216

1. Motion to approve internal funding request for Lunch with ASISU for \$2,216:

Fujii/palmer

a. 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

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

- X. NEW BUSINESS
- XI. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- XII. OTHER
- XIII. ISU FIGHT SONG
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Lopez/Pandey

b. Unanimous

- c. Motion: CARRIED
- XV. ROLL CALL
 - a. 16 Senators were present.
 - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
 - c. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER VIDALES

ASISU SECRETARY
ELIANA MADISON