

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SENATE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
7:00 PM
November 13th, 2024**

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 14 Senators were present.
 - b. Absent: Senator Bruegeman and Senator Ramani.
 - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from November 6th, 2024: Glass/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 13th, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for November 6th, 2024: with the friendly amendment to add El Club De Espanol under Announcements and Correspondence and Scholarship Workshop Appeal for \$16 as third under Other: Andrus/Glass
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator
 - i. El Club De Espanol - Club Reactivation, Yair Aguilar
 1. The group currently has 35 members. This club's main objective is to provide a space for students who want to practice Spanish and engage in conversations with native Spanish speakers. The group has already organized and participated in several activities, such as a salsa contest, a pool party, and International Student Night. These events are designed to be inclusive, welcoming anyone interested in practicing Spanish, regardless of skill level. Activities are planned to be suitable for all ages, fostering a sense of community and cultural exchange. Everyone is invited to join and take part in upcoming events, creating an opportunity for students to connect, practice language skills, and enjoy diverse cultural experiences.
 - a. Motion to approve the reactivation of El Club De Espanol: Fujii/Lopez
 - i. ROLL CALL
SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – 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
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Student Involvement Committee Budget Utilization, Sky Halter
 - i. Senate Halter shared with the Senate that the Student Involvement Committee voted to spend \$110 of their committee's budget to buy pizza and print posters for the football watch party they are putting on this Saturday, November 16th in the SUB Lounge.
- c. Budget Reiteration, Zachary Grima
 - i. Director Grima presented and discussed the ASISU budget flowchart with the Senate. The purpose was to illustrate how funds are distributed across all ASISU accounts and to explain the specific purposes for each of the different budget indexes.

VII. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. President Mishra nothing to report.

VIII. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senate Pro Tempore's Chair Committee, Senator Andrus
 - i. Senator Andrus reminded members about "Lunch with ASISU," scheduled for November 20th from 12:00–1:30 PM in the SUB. He also noted that there will be tabling at Bingo tomorrow to promote the event, and that the scholarship workshop will take place tomorrow from 4:00–5:30 PM. Additionally, Senator Andrus encouraged Senators to review the student opinion on camera safety citations, which is currently being reviewed by Director Job. Lastly, he reminded everyone that the November checklist and timecards are due next Thursday by 5:00 PM.
- b. Finance Committee, Senator Fujii
 - i. Senator Fujii shared that this week he met with Bengal Solution, that team is finalizing their project report and will be providing process maps for ASISU. One of their main goals is to change the structure of how line items are reported. Moving forward, line items will be presented to the Senate once per semester to help track progress and provide a clearer understanding of how funds are being spent.
- c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Nugent
 - i. Senator Nugent shared that her committee met and has continued working on reviewing all the notes made to the governing documents.
- d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Ramani
 - i. Senator Ramani absent.
- e. Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey
 - i. Senator Pandey nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. 1901 Alumni Student Association, \$2,000
 - 1. Motion to approve Benny's Funding Request of \$2,000 for the 1901 ALumni Student Association: Itani/Acharya

- a. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - DUNCAN ANDRUS – ABSTAIN
 - MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
 - OWEN FUJII – YES
 - RYAN GLASS – YES
 - SKY HALTER – YES
 - RAKESH ITANI – YES
 - YUJIN KWON – YES
 - CJ LOPEZ – ABSTAIN
 - TANZIM MOSTAFA – YES
 - SHELLY NUGENT – YES
 - SHALU POKHAREL – YES
 - SHANNON PALMER – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – YES
- b. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Internal funding Request
 - i. Benny’s Pantry, \$10,000
 - 1. Lesa Crawford, the Student Care and Assistant Coordinator and Director of Benny’s Pantry, shared with the Senate that, if approved, this funding will enable the pantry to continue operating and providing support to the campus community consistently.
- b. Resolution 628
 - i. Director Grima shared that both of these resolutions are sponsored by President Mishra and three senators, the purpose of this initiative is to address the growing need for dedicated technical support in the Mechanical Engineering department. Over the years, shifts in departments and administration have led to a decline in technical support. Students have recognized that this lack of support is hindering their ability to produce quality work and learn essential skills. The proposal outlines where the support has gone, why it is needed, and how it would directly benefit students. It emphasizes the positive impact it would have on students in this department and sets a precedent for other departments to follow.
- c. Resolution 629
 - i. Director Grima shared that this resolution calls for direct funding to replace outdated technology and equipment. Currently, all software loads slowly, crashes frequently, and doesn’t support all projects. It urges the administration to pay attention to these issues. This resolution focuses on strengthening and prioritizing program advancements and emphasizes the need to expand research activities, which is difficult to achieve without proper research facilities. It also aims to set a precedent for this proactive approach to be applied across the entire college.
 - 1. Motion to send Resolution 628 and 629 to Rules and Appointments Committee; Fuji/Halter
 - a. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
 - DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES

MIKAYLA ANTONSON – 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
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES

c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER

XII. OTHER

a. Spring 2025 ASISU Scholarships

i. Motion to approve all Spring 2025 ASISU Scholarships: Itani/Halter

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – 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
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Finance Committee Appeal to Senate for Lunch with ASISU Funding Request, \$100

i. Motion to approve Appeal to Senate for Lunch with ASISU Funding Request for \$100:
Andrus/Glass

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – 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
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Finance Committee Appeal to Senate for Scholarship Workshop Funding Request, \$16

i. Motion to approve \$16 request for Scholarship Workshop Funding: Glass/Lopez

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES
DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
MIKAYLA ANTONSON – 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
SHALU POKHAREL – YES
SHANNON PALMER – YES
DIYA PANDEY – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

d. Deputy Election Commissioner Position Appointment Vote

i. Motion to approve Kara Price for the Deputy Election Commissioner Position:
Glass/Lopez

1. **OBJECTION**

- ii. Senator Fujii shared that he is voting against this because it goes against the spirit of our organization. We already have Kara as the Director of Community Relations, and adding a second position means another student loses the opportunity to receive a scholarship. She would be making more, or at least equivalent, to the VP scholarship by filling both roles. We should aim to benefit as many students as possible, and this would prevent someone else from being a part of the organization. Additionally, there's a conflict of time with holding two positions, which creates unrealistic expectations for one person to fill both roles. The election is an incredibly important time that requires a lot of attention, and we need someone who can fully dedicate themselves to that position without divided attention.
- iii. Vice President Vidales let members know that this discussion will not move to committee so that it is on record per some senators requests.
- iv. Senator Palmer shared that it's important to have someone with experience in AISU elections who can recognize issues before they happen. Kara has seen ASISU in-depth and is already filling her current role effectively. It's not fair to set a standard that we can't have other priorities outside of ASISU. We wouldn't discriminate against anyone else for having outside experience.

- v. Senator Glass shared that after last year’s election was such a mess, wouldn't it be beneficial to have someone in that role who has experienced an election already? Kara has seen the election process firsthand and has ideas to address issues proactively. If she didn’t feel like she had the time to handle both roles, she wouldn’t have worked for it. The monetary value of the position shouldn’t be a factor in this decision.
- vi. Senator Halter asked a point of information: Was this position put through the regular hiring process?
 - 1. Secretary Madison shared that she was along with eight other candidates. The hiring committee consisted of herself, Vice President Vidales, President Mlshra, Senator Nugent and Commissioner Price.
- vii. Senator Palmer asked if we could hear from the hiring committee on why we chose Kara for this role?
- viii. Senator Nugent informed members that we are not in committee so anyone apart from the senators is not allowed to speak, so the rest of the hiring committee is unable to answer that question.
 - 1. There were two motions made to move to committee by Senator Andrus and Senator Palmer, both received objections from Senator Nugent and Senator Fujii.
- ix. Senator Itani asked teh clarifying question if there was someone equally or more qualified for the Deputy ElectionCommisioner position?
- x. Senator Nugent shared that as part of the hiring committee, I’d like to point out the constitution in Article 2, Section 3, which states that members of ASISU may not hold simultaneous positions. This situation does not directly conflict with that. However, in Article 5, Section 3 of the election code, it says one person can only serve in one position at a time.? These rules exist for a reason. Director positions were only introduced in the last two years, and this doesn't follow the spirit of the existing regulations even though they do not directly apply to . You can only be hired for one job at a time.
- xi. Senator Lopez shared that if Kara is the most qualified candidate for this role we should approve her for it. This position is important and difficult, and I would rather have someone who has experience and is still willing to take on the role.
 - 1. Motion to approve Kara Price as Deputy Election Commissioner: Glass/Andrus
 - a. ROLL CALL
 - SAUGAT ACHARYA – NO
 - DUNCAN ANDRUS – YES
 - MIKAYLA ANTONSON – YES
 - OWEN FUJII – NO
 - RYAN GLASS – YES
 - SKY HALTER – YES
 - RAKESH ITANI – NO
 - YUJIN KWON – YES
 - CJ LOPEZ – YES
 - TANZIM MOSTAFA – NO
 - SHELLY NUGENT – NO
 - SHALU POKHAREL – NO
 - SHANNON PALMER – YES
 - DIYA PANDEY – NO

b. Motion: **FAILED**

XIII. ISU FIGHT SONG

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn: Lopez/Andrus

b. Unanimous

c. Motion: CARRIED

XV. ROLL CALL

a. 14 Senators were present.

b. Absent: Senator Bruegeman and Senator Ramani.

c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Val Davids, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Coordinator.

d. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER VIDALES

ASISU SECRETARY
ELIANA MADISON