

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT SENATE MEETING  
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU  
7:00 PM  
March 12th, 2025**

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Senators were present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Glass, Senator Mostafa, and Senator Pokharel.
  - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 5th, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from March 5th, 2025: Lopez/Halter
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 12th, 2025
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda with the friendly amendment to add Planning of Emergency Senate Meeting under Other for March 12th, 2025: Fujii/Lopez
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- VI. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Student Leadership and Engagement Center, Val Davids
    - i. Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD) - New Club, Miya Combs
      1. Miya Combs shared that the purpose of this organization is to foster discussion and raise awareness about diversity within and beyond the field of occupational therapy. As part of a national organization, this club will be based on the Meridian campus. Its main goal is to provide a safe space for discussing sensitive and important healthcare topics that are often considered taboo. The organization also aims to engage with the community to raise awareness and expand knowledge. Ultimately, it seeks to better prepare members for entering the workforce with a deeper understanding of diversity and inclusion in healthcare.
        - a. Motion to approve the Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity as a new club: Halter/Andrus
          - i. ROLL CALL  
SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES  
MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES  
OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES

YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. Physical Therapist Assistant - Club Name Change, Yasmin Ortiz-Carillo

1. The Physical Therapist Assistant organization has undergone a name change and updated its constitution to reflect its new professional image. A new logo has been created, and T-shirts will be available soon. The group remains actively involved on campus, working to increase exposure to physical therapy for anyone interested. Members will participate in Bengal Visit Day to engage potential students and encourage involvement. The organization is committed to continued growth and outreach.

a. Motion to approve the name change to The Physical Therapist

Assistant Club: Andrus/Pandey

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES  
MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES  
OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES  
YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

iii. Digital.Media.Tigers - New Club, Athesus Covington

1. The Digital.Media.Tigers Club will go by DMT and aims to create a space for continuous learning, education, and growth. It will provide a platform for members to practice digital skills such as Adobe software, videography, and other digital media programs. Recognizing the lack of an outlet for those interested in learning digital media, the group has brought together like-minded individuals. They are currently developing a workshop to help members build portfolios and work toward becoming digital media experts. The club has 10 official members and 16 additional interested individuals. As it gains momentum and showcases tangible projects, it is expected to attract even more members.

a. Motion to approve The Digital.Media.Tigers Club: Fujii/Lopez

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES

DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES  
MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES  
OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES  
YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

iv. Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Education Club - New Club, Brady Stein

1. The purpose of the Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Education Club is to educate students about opportunities to engage in outdoor activities while emphasizing safety, caution, and hands-on experience in connecting with nature. For out-of-state students, accessing outdoor adventures can be challenging due to unfamiliar state regulations and a lack of knowledge about local practice areas. To address this, the club plans to partner with Fish and Game departments, archery shops, and shooting ranges to provide proper training in outdoor skills and safety.

a. Motion to approve Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Education Club as a new club: Halter/Ramani

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES  
MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES  
OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES  
YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Prototype Lab Project Presentation, Derek Adams and Nikole Layton

i. The ISU Prototype Lab aims to create a hands-on innovation hub where students can transform ideas into market-ready products by providing access to cutting-edge tools, mentorship, and resources for product development. This collaborative workspace will equip students with industry skills to prototype, refine, and commercialize their innovations while fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and experiential learning. With growing interest in real-world innovation across multiple disciplines, the lab will be open to students from all fields and academic levels, serving as a bridge between academia and industry. It will enhance student skills in ideation, project management,

and product development by offering mentorship, technology, and support for rapid prototyping, design, and fabrication. The lab will also promote interdisciplinary teamwork, entrepreneurship, and industry partnerships to facilitate commercialization opportunities. By establishing the Prototype Lab, ISU can enhance student engagement, retention, and career readiness, improve graduation rates, provide networking opportunities, and compete with universities that have existing prototype labs and business incubators. Unlike regional competitors, ISU will emphasize technical prototyping over pure entrepreneurship, filling a critical gap while still fostering business development. The lab will serve students, faculty, industry partners, entrepreneurs, and government research institutions, maximizing its impact. In 2021, OTRA leveraged a prototype lab for aerospike propulsion research, leading to alumni securing positions at top aerospace companies such as Virgin Galactic, Stratolaunch, and Boeing. Establishing a prototype lab at ISU will offer students similar industry-relevant experiences, improving job placement and innovation. The initiative has institutional and industry support from key stakeholders, including Marty Blair (Vice President of Research at ISU), Nikole Layton (Director of Bengal Solutions), and Catherine Cantley (Center Director of Studio Blu). The ISU Office for Research has provided a lab location with wet lab capabilities, an assembly and manufacturing area equipped with 3D printers, electronic workstations, and rapid product development tools, as well as high-performance computers for CAD design, simulation, and computational tasks, with plans for a future chemistry research section. The initial proposed budget for the ISU Prototype Lab is \$60,000, covering \$43,827 for technology and chemistry equipment and approximately \$16,200 for staffing, shipping, permits, and additional needs. While a \$40,000 budget is possible, it would significantly limit the lab's impact, reducing key equipment and requiring future funding requests, whereas a \$60,000 budget ensures full functionality from launch, supporting engineering, business, and science students alike. ISU would retain a small equity stake in any commercialized products developed within the program, creating a revenue stream to support the lab, similar to BYU's structure, with reinvestment into program enhancements, equipment upgrades, and scholarships. Students would have the option to buy out ISU's stake early, allowing them full ownership of their innovations while providing an initial return to the university. This lab will provide hands-on innovation opportunities for over 100 students annually, preparing them for industry roles while promoting student success and retention, with universities that have prototype labs seeing a 10-15% increase in retention and graduation rates—an improvement ISU can expect. It will foster interdisciplinary collaboration, engaging students from five or more disciplines, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking, and driving economic and industry growth by generating five to ten student-led startups per year. The lab is expected to secure over \$50,000 in external funding annually through grants, partnerships, and commercialized projects, giving ISU a competitive edge. The ISU Prototype Lab represents a transformative opportunity for student engagement, skill development, and industry collaboration, positioning ISU as a leader in hands-on, interdisciplinary innovation while enhancing its reputation and student outcomes.

1. There was time for senators to ask any questions they had about this project to the presenters as well as speak to Director Grima on where this funding would come from in the ASISU Budget.

a. Motion to send the Prototype Lab Project to the Finance Committee for their Requested \$60,000: Nugent/Lopez

- i. ROLL CALL
  - SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES
  - DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES
  - MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES
  - OWEN FUJII - YES
  - SKY HALTER - YES
  - RAKESH ITANI - YES
  - YUJIN KWON - YES
  - CJ LOPEZ - YES
  - SHELLY NUGENT - YES
  - SHANNON PALMER - YES
  - DIYA PANDEY - YES
  - EMILY RAMANI - YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

VIII. PRESIDENT REPORT

a. President Mishra absent.

IX. CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Senate Pro Tempore's Chair Committee, Senator Ramani

i. Senator Ramani shared that President Mishra and Dr. Matt Daily are working on establishing a laptop loaner program on campus, while Director Job and Director Peach are developing a student needs survey to identify and address the most pressing needs of students.

b. Finance Committee, Senator Fujii

i. Senator Fujii noted that it is the time of year when the budget needs to be drafted, and a vote on the budget must take place by the 26th.

c. Senate Rules and Appointments Committee, Senator Nugent

i. Senator Nugent shared that the Rules and Appointments Committee will not be releasing Bill 622 or Resolution 623.

d. Student Involvement Committee, Senator Ramani

i. Senator Ramani nothing to report.

e. Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee, Senator Pandey

i. Senator Pandey nothing to report.

X. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bill 622

b. Resolution 632

c. InternalFunding Request

i. ASISU Travel to Meridian Event, \$900

1. Motion to approve the ASISU Travel to Meridian Event for \$900: Nugent/Lopez

- a. ROLL CALL
  - SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES
  - DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES
  - MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES

OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES  
YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

- i. Native American Student Council, \$2,000
- ii. Kappa Sigma, \$490
  1. Motion to move to committee for five minutes: Fujii/Lopez
  2. Unanimous
  3. Motion: **CARRIED**
  4. Motion to move out of committee: Lopez/Ramani
  5. Unanimous
  6. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER

XIII. OTHER

a. Suspension of Bylaw s - Change Meeting Times on March 19th

- i. Secretary Madison shared that the meeting times for next week are being adjusted because the executive cabinet will be in Meridian for the ASISU in Meridian event all day. Upon returning from the trip, they will go directly to the meetings to ensure they start on time. The proposed changes include canceling the President's Cabinet and Caucus meetings while moving the Finance meeting to start at 6:30 PM, with the Senate meeting beginning at 7:00 PM as usual.
  1. Motion to suspend Article 2, Section 1 of the Executive Cabinet Rule Book for one week: Fujii/Halter

a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES  
DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES  
MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES  
OWEN FUJII - YES  
SKY HALTER - YES  
RAKESH ITANI - YES  
YUJIN KWON - YES  
CJ LOPEZ - YES  
SHELLY NUGENT - YES  
SHANNON PALMER - YES  
DIYA PANDEY - YES  
EMILY RAMANI - YES

c. Motion: **CARRIED**

- ii. Motion to suspend Article 2, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Senate Bylaws for next week's meeting time: Fujii/Pandey
        - 1. ROLL CALL
          - SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES
          - DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES
          - MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES
          - OWEN FUJII - YES
          - SKY HALTER - YES
          - RAKESH ITANI - YES
          - YUJIN KWON - YES
          - CJ LOPEZ - YES
          - SHELLY NUGENT - YES
          - SHANNON PALMER - YES
          - DIYA PANDEY - YES
          - EMILY RAMANI - YES
        - 2. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - b. Planning of Emergency Senate Meeting - March 26th
    - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Fujii/Acharya
    - ii. Unanimous
    - iii. Motion: CARRIED
    - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Lopez/Fujii
    - v. Unanimous
    - vi. Motion: CARRIED
    - vii. Motion to have an emergency senate meeting on March 26th at 7:00 PM: Fujii/Lopez
      - 1. ROLL CALL
        - SAUGAT ACHARYA - YES
        - DUNCAN ANDRUS - YES
        - MIKAYLA ANTONSON - YES
        - OWEN FUJII - YES
        - SKY HALTER - YES
        - RAKESH ITANI - YES
        - YUJIN KWON - YES
        - CJ LOPEZ - YES
        - SHELLY NUGENT - YES
        - SHANNON PALMER - YES
        - DIYA PANDEY - YES
        - EMILY RAMANI - YES
      - 2. Motion: **CARRIED**
- XIV. ISU FIGHT SONG
- XV. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. Motion to adjourn: Fujii/Nugent
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- XVI. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Senators were present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Glass, Senator Mostafa, and Senator Pokharel.

- c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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**ASISU VICE PRESIDENT**  
**JENNIFER VIDALES**

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**ASISU SECRETARY**  
**ELIANA MADISON**