Call to Order
Chair Jensen, in the Salmon River Suite, PSU, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call
ASISU Secretary Zara Sivertsen took roll. All Senators were present except Senator Bishop. Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Lowell Richards, was in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance


President’s Report
President Bloxham has a meeting tomorrow with Dr. Terrell to discuss the gun bill and student fee increases. He is against fee increases. He will be buying tickets for Nepalese Night on Saturday. Enrollment numbers are coming in, and he expects $64,000 in cuts. They will be emailing the line items, and ask them for a two, four, or eight percent cut. Budget hearings are coming up. All senators are invited to attend. The budget needs to be finalized by March 1. He expects that it will take 20 to 30 hours of discussion to come to a decision. Senator Pitcock asked if the other senators could get all of the information on budgets, so they could provide input. President Bloxham could bring the budgets to Senate to discuss as a whole, but it would take longer. Senator Hudson feels that senators who wanted to be part of Finance should have been on the committee. Senator Pitcock had a class that he needed to graduate at the same time. President Bloxham told the senators about the budget process. The committee emails the line items, who present to Finance. The Finance Committee discusses the budget and presents their decision to Senate. President Bloxham presents the student government budget. He stated that the cuts could come from travel, discretionary, and possibly stipends. There are difficult decisions ahead. If the student government budgets aren’t cut, then it will affect students elsewhere. Senator Son stated that the budget is a big issue. It is discussed in a smaller committee to make the government run smoothly. Any senator can attend the Finance meetings. Minutes are also available to everyone. They have a tight deadline and it would be difficult to get everyone together. He promised that Finance would be transparent in all discussions. Lowell noted that Finance is set up to discuss and propose a budget. More debate can happen when it is presented to Senate and changes can happen there. Senate ultimately approves the budget. Senator Harker hopes that Senate won’t have to ask line items for further cuts next year after the budget is passed. Senator O’Neil asked to be informed of meetings outside of the regular meeting time.

Chair/Committee Reports
1. Finance Committee, Senator Son- They met with Lowell to create a timeline for budgets. He can’t promise that cuts won’t be made midyear. He promised to be transparent. He encouraged senators to attend budget meetings. He asked to meet with the Finance Committee members after the meeting to draft the email to the line items.
2. Rules Committee, Senator Harker- Rules is releasing Bills 446, 447, and 448. Bill 449 will not be released from Rules, because they feel it should be split into two bills. They have determined a criteria to discuss all bills.
3. Appointments and Reviews Committee, Senator Pitcock- They are working on bills.
4. Outreach Committee, Senator Hiltbrand- He thanked the senators who came up early to talk to Idaho Falls constituents. March 12 is Dine with Senators. All candidates who are running could
present their platforms at the event.

5. Communications Committee, Senator Daniels- They are not doing the Instagram Day with a Senator over spring break. ASISU Speaks is going well. Companies are coming to present possible ISU apps. He encouraged the senators to email their clubs even if they are not getting responses. He found that his clubs read the emails but just don’t email him back. Senator Johnson wondered why they are not doing the Instagram event over spring break. Senator Daniels feels that people may not be browsing Instagram as much over break when they are busy spending time with their families.

6. Service Committee, Senator K. Bodily- They are still working on adopting a highway.

GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER
1. Elise Hansen, Idaho Falls SAB Director- The Idaho Falls campus doesn’t have as many clubs or students. SAB events are where students get involved. They make their money stretch. They hold family carnivals, movies, lunches, and dinners. They try to involve as many students as they can. Senator Harker appreciates what IF SAB does. He asked if the senators could help in any way. Elise noted that some students feel that they don’t know what goes on in Pocatello, so they could have more communication with Idaho Falls. Senator Harker noted the senators could come to an event together. Senator Hudson asked how many students attend the events. Elise noted that they have 150-200 for lunches. Family events have about 250 attendees. She appreciated the senators who came early today to attend their event. Senator Hiltbrand noted that a student from Idaho Falls could run for Senate. Senator Pitcock wasn’t expecting that high of numbers. He feels that they are doing a great job. Senator Son stated that this campus has seen increased enrollment. Norma Villeda is an SAB programmer. She would love to see more senators at the Idaho Falls campus. Idaho Falls students frequently commute to Pocatello but not so much the other way around. Zipporah Gholson is the UPC Director and she noted that they could always use more volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS
1. Bill 446, Incentive Points Time Change- Reading by Senator T. Bodily. MOVE TO APPROVE BILL 446 WITH THE AMENDMENT TO UNDERLINE 5 PM. T. Bodily/O’Neil. Roll Call.

KARLEE BODILY-YES
K. TYLER BODILY-YES
CAMERON R. BUTLER-YES
MAX DANIELS-YES
KELLYN FULLER-YES
DEANNA GENDE-YES
JACOB HALL-YES
BENJAMIN HARKER-YES
PATRICK HILTBRAND-YES
HAILEY HUDSON-YES
BEAU JAMES-YES
SAM JOHNSON-YES
MIRAZUN MITU-YES
TYNAN O’NEIL-YES
MORGAN PITCOCK-YES
DANA ROLLINS-YES
KYLE D. SON-YES
BEA VALENCIA-YES

MOTION CARRIED.
2. **Bill 447, Fund-raising:** MOVE TO ALLOW ANYONE FROM THE GALLERY TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THIS BILL. Harker/Daniels. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Senator Bloxham feels that the senators should discuss the bill so the gallery can hear both sides before they weigh in. Norma feels that this doesn’t apply to the Idaho Falls clubs since no dues are charged. Idaho Falls Vice President Thompson feels that bigger clubs that are in Pocatello can charge more dues. Less money goes to the smaller Idaho Falls clubs. He wants to see the bill passed. Clubs that charge dues are exclusive and then they get more student dollars for charging those dues. Norma feels that they do not have informed students in Idaho Falls. Reading by Senator Son. MOVE TO DISCUSSION. Son/Valencia. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Senator Son noted that enrollment is going down. He feels that part of it is due to financial reasons. He feels that students are encouraged to get involved and doesn’t want to see clubs charging dues. Clubs in Pocatello are open to Idaho Falls students. Senator T. Bodily noted that the bill doesn’t prohibit clubs from charging dues. Dues can ensure that a club’s members will be involved. Some clubs have national dues too. Senator Valencia hopes that clubs don’t start charging dues. Senator Hudson noted that the majority of clubs that charge dues are required to by their national office. They have to pay dues and then that club’s students are not rewarded. There is a matched deposits cap for a reason to even things out and allow small clubs to get funding. Senator Pitcock feels that dues are a way of showing commitment to a club. Clubs are going to charge dues regardless, but some only charge small dues. Larger dues are mainly for the national clubs. Dues are a way to raise money. Senator Fuller agrees with Senator Hudson. Big clubs are going to reach the cap regardless of if dues are matched. She doesn’t see this hurting smaller clubs. Senator O’Neil had $5 dues for a club and it was not a big deal for him. He received an email from Jocelyn Sparks, who feels that some clubs may be less transparent when recording their income. There are ways around dues. Senator Harker feels that charging dues may prohibit some members to join. He doesn’t want that to happen. Bigger clubs may not need matched dues, but it could help smaller clubs. Senator O’Neil would be fine with not matching national dues, since the club can’t use that money anyways. Senator Butler will make a decision next week after hearing from Pocatello clubs. Nate Gardner is a member of the Society of Physics Students, and he commutes to Pocatello every day for classes. He feels that matching dues encourages clubs to charge dues. He wants to see the senators encourage clubs not to charge dues. He would rather help with a fundraiser than pay dues. Senator Daniels thanked him for speaking to the senators. He wondered if some clubs would call their dues donations, which could still be matched. Nate feels that if the donations are really voluntary, that seems fine to him. Senator O’Neil feels that if too many clubs are fundraising on campus, the market will become saturated. He also feels that fundraising can take away from the clubs’ purpose. Nate feels that clubs could still charge dues but they would not be matched. MOVE TO EXTEND TIME INDEFINITELY. Butler/Valencia. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Senator Son said that clubs could get incentive points instead of fundraising. Nate feels that activities are fun, and he would already be there and make money for doing so. Senator Son asked what Nate would do if one of his clubs was trying to manipulate the system. Nate would express disapproval, and it would make him less interested in being in that club. Idaho Falls Vice President Thompson feels that the senators should give clubs the benefit of the doubt. Not all clubs will turn evil. With matched funding, they get money for being a club, ask for money from students, and then get that money matched. He feels this is triple dipping. Incentive points would be better to get the clubs to be involved. He has struggled to get clubs involved in Idaho Falls. One club turned in a maximum matched funding request the first week just because of dues. Senator Johnson has an issue with clubs being manipulative. She doesn’t think it will be an issue. Nate feels that maxing out on dues is not encouraging students to do events. MOVE TO END DISCUSSION. Hall/Johnson. Objection. Yeas and Nays. Division. MOTION FAILED. Senator Butler thanked the gallery. Zipporah was forced to pay a $25 fee to join a club for a class grade. She was paying money even though she couldn’t participate in their events just because of department requirement. Senator Son asked if she knew where the fees went. Zipporah doesn’t know where fees go. Senator Fuller feels that the department will charge dues regardless of the passage of this bill. Elise supported Nate’s comments. Clubs get students involved. She feels that there are creative ways to fundraise. She has never done a bake sale with her club. MOVE TO TABLE BILL 447 UNTIL NEXT WEEK. Butler/Rollins. Objection. Discussion. Senator Butler respects the arguments brought up, but he wants to hear other clubs next week. Senator Son feels there should be more participation in the discussion from students who are not
club officers. Senator O’Neil pointed out that 95 percent of clubs are on the Pocatello campus. Previous.
Roll Call. Motion rescinded. MOVE TO TABLE BILL 447 UNTIL NEXT WEEK. Butler/Johnson. Roll Call.

KARLEE BODILY-YES
K. TYLER BODILY-NO
CAMERON R. BUTLER-YES
MAX DANIELS-ABSTAIN
KELLYN FULLER-YES
DEANNA GENDE-ABSTAIN
JACOB HALL-ABSTAIN
BENJAMIN HARKER-YES
PATRICK HILTBRAND-YES
HAILEY HUDSON-YES
BEAU JAMES-YES
SAM JOHNSON-YES
MIRAZUN MITU-YES
TYNAN O’NEIL-YES
DANA ROLLINS-YES
KYLE D. SON-ABSTAIN
BEA VALENCIA-YES

MOTION CARRIED.
3. Bill 448, Senate Stipends- MOVE TO TABLE BILL 448 UNTIL NEXT WEEK. Son/Johnson. Unanimous.
MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER
1. Pro-Tem Vote of Confidence- MOVE TO ADD NEPALESE NIGHT TO STIPEND CHECKLIST FOR THIS MONTH. Valencia/Rollins. Objection. Senator Son made a friendly amendment to make someone repay the ticket price for the event out of pocket if they miss the event. Friendly amendment accepted. The motion now reads: MOVE TO ADD NEPALESE NIGHT TO THE STIPEND CHECKLIST FOR THIS MONTH, IF THEY DON’T ATTEND THE EVENT, THE TICKET PRICE WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THEIR STIPEND. Yeas and Nays. MOTION CARRIED. Senator Valencia remains Pro-Tem.
2. MOVE TO ADJOURN. Pitcock/Butler. Objection. Discussion. Senator Pitcock thought business was complete. Senator James wants to make motion on supporting the library fundraiser. Yeas and nays. MOTION FAILED. MOVE TO SPONSOR A HOLE FOR THE LIBRARY MINI GOLF EVENT USING $250 FROM SENATE DISCRETIONARY FUND. James/K. Bodily. Roll Call.

KARLEE BODILY-YES
K. TYLER BODILY-YES
CAMERON R. BUTLER-YES
MAX DANIELS-YES
KELLYN FULLER-YES
DEANNA GENDE-YES
JACOB HALL-YES
BENJAMIN HARKER-YES
PATRICK HILTBRAND-YES
HAILEY HUDSON-YES
BEAU JAMES-YES
SAM JOHNSON-YES
MIRAZUN MITU-YES
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVE TO ADJOURN. Hall/Pitcock. ASISU Secretary took roll. All senators were present except Senator Bishop. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

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