CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jensen, in the Salmon River Suite, PSU, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2013. Brock/Bishop. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Daniels/Bishop. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Bloxham thanked Vice President Jensen and the Senators. He passed on thanks from Teresa Borrenpohl, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, for helping with the I Love ISU Campaign. She was still adding it up when President Bloxham left, but he estimated that it was close to $2,000 in the two hours of calling. They started at 5:00pm; he canceled his cabinet meeting to be there. Finance was moved down to help with the I Love ISU Campaign. He thanked the senators again. He apologized for not giving the senators more notice. In the big picture, he felt that it was more important to raise student scholarship money than to have a meeting with very little on the agenda. He asked the senators to bear with him. He stated that rules be damned in the case of raising money to help students come to school at ISU. It is more important and helping students is why ASISU is here. If they hadn’t been there, Senator Fuller would not have received a $500 donation in five minutes. This may help students more than ASISU may help students all year long. He once again thanked the senators for being there. A lot has gone on since the last meeting. He met with the Beautification Committee this week. He made some proposals and they will wait to see what happens next. The garbage can project has been turned over to them. He thought they could get the ball rolling by doing five or six garbage cans first to see how they look. He turned this over to the College of Technology senators, and he thanked those senators for working on that. He appreciates it. He asked for a report on their progress and offered his help if they need it. The mural in Reed Gym was discussed during the Beautification Committee meeting. They didn’t have many negative comments to make about it. They offered support and want to make sure ASISU goes about it the right way. He spoke with someone from the College of Arts and Letters and they suggested talking to the Art Department about it. She didn’t see why the John B. Davis Art Gallery wouldn’t want the mural that John Davis painted. They might want to display it on the fourth floor. She gave some suggestions on who he could talk to about that. He brought all of the project ideas to the President’s Cabinet. He received mixed responses from them. He didn’t however get a flat out no for the project. There is a lot that needs to happen with the “I” on Red Hill. Safety is the first and foremost concern. Three engineering and geological surveys were done; two by people affiliated with campus and one that was not affiliated with campus. All three stressed the fact that the “I” in its current state on the hill is completely unsafe. A press release should be coming out very soon, if not tomorrow morning. It should be in the Idaho State Journal as well as The Bengal that they are going to build a barrier to catch any falling boulders in the meantime. They will be working on a way to get workers to the “I” to decide how to proceed. Everyone has been wondering since the summer what will happen with the “I”. There are still some things he has to get worked out regarding the Bengal eyes on the Rendezvous windows. Provided the Senate approves funding for this project and as long as the vinyl wouldn’t hurt the windows, the project will probably be okay to do. The recycling stickers are almost done. There were a lot of suggestions from the Senate to
combine the traditional recycling logo with the ASISU logo. A picture of it is in the Senate office now, if the senators haven’t seen it yet. That is the logo that is being put on a five inch by five inch sticker. Those should be going out at the first of next week. They are going to Rendezvous classrooms and then to the auxiliary buildings. There are a bunch of events coming up. The homecoming activities in particular. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning with the College of Arts and Letters for homecoming decorations. He invited the senators from Arts and Letters to attend that meeting. He was also curious if the other senators had talked to deans in the other buildings about decorating for homecoming. Senator Fuller was concerned about alumni and the Red Hill “I”. Alumni is one of her biggest concerns on that project. There were talks of breaking it up and giving out the little pieces. She wondered if that was being talked about in discussions about the removal of the “I”. President Bloxham noted that alumni, community members, and students are all being included in discussions. They are still in the first stages of discussion concerning the “I”. They haven’t even made it to the discussions about what will happen with the “I”. Right now they are working on safety. In eight weeks they will have another meeting that might touch on the future of the “I”. Senator Hall wondered if the Arts and Letters meeting was concerning the door decorating or a float. President Bloxham noted that he hadn’t heard if the college was putting a float in the homecoming parade. The meeting is specifically concerning the decorations. He did wonder if ASISU would be putting together a float. Senator Brock didn’t think it was President Bloxham’s place to cancel meetings so that the senators could volunteer at the I Love ISU Campaign. He noted that it states that they are supposed to have a meeting at 7:00pm. He noted that if the rules be damned, all of the senators should just go home since they wouldn’t have to do anything. He didn’t feel like it was a very good precedent to set. He talked to Vice President Jensen and Senator Valencia about this. He felt that they should volunteer to help with the campaign themselves. It was his impression, in the email that was sent out, that caucus was canceled. He has a problem with how this was handled. He felt that President Bloxham took advantage of Senator Valencia’s inexperience and manipulated her so he could make this decision. He feels that the senators should be a part of any decision to move the meetings since it is their meeting. He noted that President Bloxham is in a different branch of government, and he shouldn’t make calls in legislative affairs. He thinks that it is important for everyone to understand. Senator Brock was a little upset and noted that he is probably forgetting half of what he wanted to say because of that. This is not the first time that something like this has happened. Personally, he felt like this was an abuse of power. President Bloxham noted that he yielded to questions and Senator Brock did not ask a question. Senator Brock stated that he felt like making a statement. Senator Son noted that people make mistakes. President Bloxham may have mistakenly broken a rule, but, as Finance chair, he noted that that mistake helped raise $2,000 for student scholarships. He asked President Bloxham how he thought that the event went. President Bloxham was only expecting $500 so he was very pleased. He asked for Senator Brock’s forgiveness for making a decision that benefitted students, which is the president’s job. There was a communication error, but he feels like they did the right thing. Sometimes doing the right thing involves breaking some rules. Senator Harker stated that President Bloxham is not an emperor and he does not have the right to suspend the rules. It doesn’t matter if the president thinks that it is the right thing to do for all students. He doesn’t feel like $2,000 is worth destroying the legislative process. Senator Harker feels that there is no executive supremacy in ASISU. He wondered what the rules wouldn’t be damned for if they were pushed aside for a small thing like this. President Bloxham never claimed to be an emperor. He never claimed to always do the right thing, but he felt that this was the right thing to do. He feels that the students wouldn’t have seen the point of ASISU holding a meeting with very little on the agenda, when they could be raising scholarship money for them. There was little business to be discussed in Cabinet and Finance. The things discussed in caucus can be deliberated at any time, or the meeting can be pushed back thirty minutes. He still feels like ASISU did the right thing. He is accountable. He is sorry if he offended anyone by pushing back a meeting; the Senate meeting only started six minutes late. Idaho Falls Vice President Thompson wondered how the Ambush went and if money would be going back to clubs. President Bloxham stated that the Ambush was a great success. He thanked everyone for their help; it was a long day, but the event couldn’t have gone on without everyone’s participation. 500-600 people were at the event. The only negative thing was the oversight which resulted in not having bathrooms there. That will be fixed in the future. The costs and profits will be in soon. He thanked everyone again for coming out on Saturday. Senator O’Neil asked about the future of the event. He wondered what organization would be putting in
on next year. Cheerleading has expressed interest in taking over the Ambush. President Bloxham admitted that it has been on his mind since he took it on. He hopes ASISU will continue the event. At this point, he feels that will happen. He is pretty sure that the event turned a profit. Campus Recreation also expressed interest in running the event, if ASISU chooses not to do it next year. He even expressed his hopes that one of the senators might become president next year and take on the race. It would be the new president’s call though. It is a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun. It was also a great networking opportunity, since he had to speak to businesses about sponsorships. Senator Hall thanked the president and noted that he had a good time at the I Love ISU event. He felt that it was a good use of the senators’ time. Sometimes the right thing to do isn’t always written in the Bylaws. Senator James asked about the money going back to clubs from the Ambush. President Bloxham stated that he would know more once the final balance is known. He also needs to figure out the number of clubs in attendance at the event. He still fully intends on doing something for the clubs that participated in the Ambush. Senator Harker stated that none of the senators were against helping at the event tonight; they were more than happy to do it. He asked if the president felt that he has the authority to suspend any rule as long as it is for the students’ benefit. President Bloxham didn’t suspend any rules; he inadvertently broke a rule. Senator Harker asked if President Bloxham feels that he has the authority to disregard, break, or suspend any rule he wants, whenever he wants. President Bloxham stated that he doesn’t have the authority, and that is why he asked the people who did. President Bloxham asked for permission to cancel or move meetings and asked for a reply if there were any objections to canceling the meetings. He didn’t receive any replies, therefore he went ahead with his plans. He didn’t just tell everyone that this is what is going to be done; he asked the people that are in charge of those meetings if they could help out at the I Love ISU campaign. Senator O’Neil was unclear if roll was supposed to be taken during the normal caucus time when the senators were helping with the I Love ISU campaign or when the senators held a brief caucus at 7:00pm. President Bloxham appreciates anyone who could make it. He was under the impression that the official roll was taken at 7:00pm. He apologized again to Senator Harker and Senator Brock. He found out about this campaign late last week. They had a bad turnout on Monday for student callers, so he figured the senators could make some calls since they were going to be here anyway. They did some good things for the campus, students in particular. These scholarships encourage more students to come to ISU. He apologized again, but he still feels that they did the right thing. Senator O’Neil wondered how long the campaign would be going on. President Bloxham noted that the Chamber of Commerce After Hours event on Thursday would mark the end of the campaign. They will present the check at that event. He invited the senators to make some more calls tomorrow, if they enjoyed helping tonight.

CHAIR/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee, Senator Son, met informally to make calls for the I Love ISU Campaign.
2. Rules Committee, Senator Brock, both bills passed out of Rules.
3. Appointments and Reviews Committee, Senator Pitcock, is meeting after senate. MOVE TO APPROVE KEANE SCHULER FOR CURRICULUM COUNCIL AND NICOLE WRIGHT FOR TRAFFIC APPEALS. Brock/Fuller. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. President Bloxham swore them in.
4. Outreach Committee, Senator Bishop, dine with senators will be on October 9. Senators can eat for free. In order for this to work, they would need to move the meetings back. The event allows senators to mingle with students and promote ASISU. MOVE TO PUSH THE MEETINGS BACK ON OCTOBER 9: FINANCE AT 6:00PM, CAUCUS AT 7:00PM, AND SENATE AT 7:30PM. Fuller/Hall. Objection. Discussion. Senator Fuller thinks this is a good event and that the senators should take the time offered to them by Chartwells. Senator Hall thought that they should leave it to Finance Committee to change their meeting time. He made the friendly amendment to allow the Finance Chair to decide. Friendly amendment accepted. The motion now reads: MOVE TO PUSH THE MEETINGS BACK ON OCTOBER 9: CAUCUS AT 7:00PM AND SENATE AT 7:30PM, AND ALLOW FINANCE TO DECIDE ON THEIR OWN MEETING TIME FOR OCTOBER 9. Senator Brock wondered if they needed to suspend the Bylaws. Senator Mitu noted that last year they chose premium night due to the bigger turnout, so this night should be successful. Previous. Objection. Senator Fuller noted that the Bylaws just state that the senators are supposed to meet at 7 and there is no specification for whether it is caucus or senate. Previous. Roll Call.
NELSON BISHOP-YES  
KARLEE BLANSCETT-YES  
K. TYLER BODILY-NO  
CLINT BROCK-ABSTAIN  
CAMERON R. BUTLER-NO  
MAX DANIELS-YES  
KELLYN FULLER-YES  
DEANNA GENDE-YES  
JACOB HALL-YES  
BENJAMIN HARKER-ABSTAIN  
PATRICK HILTBRAND-YES  
HAILEY HUDSON-YES  
BEAU JAMES-YES  
SAM JOHNSON-YES  
MIRAZUN MITU-ABSTAIN  
RACHEL MUNSON-YES  
TYNAN O’NEIL-YES  
MORGAN PITCOCK-YES  
KYLE D. SON-YES  
BEA VALENCIA-YES  

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Communications Committee, Senator Daniels, met today and discussed their plans for the semester. ASISU Speaks is required once per semester. Everyone should listen in. The app survey is going out on Sunday. Senator Daniels asked the senators to like the Facebook page. They are hoping to do more with the Facebook page this year. Senator Butler wondered if ASISU could advertise through previews at the Bengal Theater. Senator Hudson wondered if the app would be free. Senator Daniels is not sure yet. Senator Hudson noted that none of the students she talked to would pay for the app. MOVE TO APPROVE THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED IN CAUCUS FOR THE APP SURVEY. Butler/James. Objection. Discussion. Senator Butler just wanted approval from Senate since the questions represent ASISU. Senator Daniels read off the questions. Previous. Vocal roll call. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Service Committee, Senator Blanscett, is moving forward on Service Saturdays.

GALLERY QUESTION & ANSWER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS
1. Bill 434-Checklist Date Range, Reading by Senator Harker. MOVE TO APPROVE BILL 434. Harker/Hall. Roll Call.

NELSON BISHOP-YES  
KARLEE BLANSCETT-YES  
K. TYLER BODILY-YES  
CLINT BROCK-YES  
CAMERON R. BUTLER-YES  
MAX DANIELS-YES  
KELLYN FULLER-YES  
DEANNA GENDE-YES  
JACOB HALL-YES  
BENJAMIN HARKER-YES
MOTION CARRIED.


NELSON BISHOP-YES
KARLEE BLANSCETT-YES
K. TYLER BODILY-YES
CLINT BROCK-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
RACHEL MUNSON-YES
TYNAN O’NEIL-YES
MORGAN PITCOCK-YES
KYLE D. SON-YES
BEA VALENCIA-YES

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Bill 437-Student Organizations Retreat, Introduction by Senator James. MOVE TO SEND BILL 437 TO RULES. James/Bodily. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT
MOVE TO ADJOURN. Brock/Bodily. Objection. Motion withdrawn. MOVE TO ADJOURN. Brock/Hall. Unanimous. ASISU Secretary took roll. All senators were present. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.
ASISU VICE PRESIDENT
TAYLOR JENSEN

ASISU SECRETARY
ZARA SIVERTSEN