

# **Associated Students of Boise State University**

Joint Meeting Minutes 10/12/2023 3:00PM-4:00PM Location: Bishop Barnwell, SUB Zoom Meeting Link:

- I. Call to Order 3:03PM
- II. Welcome

# III. Attendance/Approval of Minutes

- A. Absent: Adrian Pacheco, Ivan Cortez, Dominic Sparling, Amelia Jobe, Adam Pendergrass, Bridget Gibson, Angel Dang, Kaiya Schmidt
- B. Approval of 10/06/2023 Minutes
  - 1. Motioned by unanimous consent: Bryce, no objections

#### IV. New Business

- A. Mia motioned to put Braden's confirmation ahead of Peter's to make sure the Funding board had enough votes to reach quorum in time, passed with unanimous consent.
- B. Ethan asks unanimous consent to add AVPEA and AVPSR to the agenda, seconded by Isaac. Nathan: The motion is illegitimate because it has already been approved by the relevant authorities. Ethan: Have the other AVPs confirmed you? Joey Engstrom: We have not done any confirmations for either Ian or Nathan. Nathan: in the old system, the necessary authorities did approve the appointments. Ethan: the AVPEA can't object to a motion on the floor. What authorities confirmed you? Nathan: The president and vice president. Not everyone starts working at the same date. Ethan: You can be confirmed by two people? Exec don't get to object. Jack: I object to the motion for the same reason Nathan provided. Bryce seconded Ethan's motion.
  - Motion to add AVPSR and AVPEA to agenda for confirmation passes.

## V. Senate

- A. Braden Udager
  - 1. Joey: Braden has been attending Funding Board meetings, and would be a great addition to the team as a replacement for another Funding Board officer. Braden: I'm a math major, it's my first year at BSU. I have two cats. Ethan: I saw you're already starting your training: can you show up to the next meetings? Can you show up? Braden: Yes, Thursdays are free for me.
    - a) Motion to move to debate, no objections. No debate.
    - b) Motion to end debate and move to voting, no objections. All in favor.

#### B. Peter Walsborn

- 1. Chey: Peter is great, last year he came to me and asked about the Constitution as he read it back to back. He's thoughtful and attentive. Peter: I'm in my junior year, I've read the constitution, I plan to brush up on it again. I have three dogs. I major in writing/rhetoric/tech communication. Ethan: What do you hope to do in this role? Peter: I want to make sure that the constitution is upheld and that students are fairly represented.
- 2. Motion to move to debate, no objections. Ethan: He's never been in ASBSU and is going to be the head of the Review Board? I wonder if that will be a learning curve. Mark: The head of the Review Board doesn't vote, right? Kalista: They do. It's 5 votes. Charlotte: They are the chair of that committee though, that's the only added responsibility.
  - a) Motion to move to voting, no objection. Roll call vote.

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Charlotte Rose

Walker Jackson

# Approve: 10 Abstain: 5 Deny: 0 Peter is approved

# C. Nathan Hoang

- Kalista: We had transitional problems so Nathan was appointed by Chey. Chey: Nathan was on the elections committee last year. He's good at looking out for students and making sure we're kept in check. I think he's the perfect fit and has done a lot already.
  - a) Motion to move to debate, no objections. Ethan: I'm very strongly against confirming him. The code we voted on last week—he didn't even inform most of the exec cabinet that he was moving it forward. We agreed that we would compromise, and I'm not comfortable with someone who thinks they can abandon compromise. Let's not forget that his first code proposal was full of errors. His demeanor in the meeting we were just in-it concerns me that he's against this confirmation, because his position is supposed to be elected. He has opposed confirmation every step of the way. Joe: I think it's interesting that he was against his own confirmation. Nick: What are the consequences if we do not reappoint him? Ethan: If he's not confirmed, Diego Tapia will take over those duties until a new person can be found. Hali: If this happens, do we have to hold an election? Ethan: We could, but we could also wait for another appointment. Kalista: Elections will happen in the spring anyway. Ethan: I'm fine as long as we have student voices confirming. My concern was that he didn't want confirmation at all. I'm not fine with just picking someone. The fact that we're voting now is what I wanted. (Ian Peña attempted to speak). Kalista: Nobody has invited you to speak. Ethan: If you take a look at exec meeting minutes from 8/5, that meeting was discussing appointing members to the Senate and Nathan opposed appointing me to Senate because he felt I would oppose his code changes. Hali: Is that written explicitly in the minutes? Ethan: yes. Charlotte: Does anyone have the duties of this position? Ethan read the description in the constitution word for word. Bella: I feel like the AVPEA is a really important role, and they need to be able to work with everything and anything. I'm not going to speak on my own observations, but we need to think of the capacity of the role

that has already been shown and see how that will affect the role Ethan just described for the future. This role will be essential for things like the Review Board and impeachments. There's a reason we do neutrality training, and that is my red flag.

b) Motion to move to voting, no objections. Roll call vote.

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Approve: 2 Abstain: 3 Deny: 10
Nathan is not approved

#### D. Ian Peña

1. Ian: Who here has met me? I'm Ian, I'm AVPSR. I was appointed by Chey after serving as a Funding Board officer, which I was appointed to by Joe. I'm a mechanical engineering major who got involved with ASBSU during the March convention. I do work on outreach and coordinate with many student groups to improve awareness of ASBSU's work. The website was all me at this point. I worked closely with Nathan, Ethan and Chey on Code Change 3. We were up late getting that done, so I'm a good person to talk to about code and student outreach. Bella: Do you have a plan for when everything is going to be updated to the website? Ian: Wordpress is inefficient, it takes an average 15-45 seconds for every click to have an effect. It takes several hours to do anything with a page. Bella: The committees haven't been updated yet. Ian: They're on my radar, now I'm focusing on government documents and code. After that I'd like to get photos and committees up.

Ethan: I like what you've done with the website, what's your vision for that? Ian: The records pages are where I've had the most influence so far. The website was designed to be overwritten every year, so all our records for elections that are more than a year old are gone. I'd like something more sustainable so we can see records from previous years so we have an archive going back. Nick: Can you repeat what you said about your meeting with Ethan? Ian: Chey, Nathan and Ethan had created a meeting to discuss the new code proposal. The two codes weren't compatible. This meeting was to figure out how to get a single code to propose to Joint. There was a debate period followed by four or so hours of writing code based on the debate. Nick: Your role is to maintain and update the website, but you were debating and interjecting in the Senate? Do you advise on code? Ian: It is not explicit in code, but I have a duty to make sure students know what's going on. There is a disconnect between ASBSU. I got 4 different copies of what I was told was the official version of the constitution. I was very frustrated, and I want to use the mediation skills I've learned to negotiate a compromise.

- 2. Motion to move to debate, no objection. Ethan: We asked lan to be there, and his role was really helpful. In code meetings his help was invaluable and I'm glad that he kept up with that marathon. He's a solid guy. Nick: I'm glad he has visibility on the code, but when he talks about how he's weeks behind on the website, is it a priority to stay up until 2 to debate code? Bella: Is the implication the same as Nathan if he's not confirmed? Kalista: The position that is in the new constitution is the AVPSR and we added a communications officer to split that role. Ethan: If he's behind on the website, I'd be in favor of confirming, because he'll be faster than another person. Walker: It's very difficult and takes a long time, taking on a whole website by himself is impressive. It's unlikely that someone will do it as well as him. Gavin: It takes a while, but I was wondering why we only have one person working on the website. Kalista: The old comm officer in the constitution handled everything. Now they just handle social media, and AVPSR just does the website.
- 3. Motion to end debate and move to vote, no objections. Ian is confirmed unanimously.

# VI. Assembly

- A. Peter Walsborn
  - 1. Peter: Hi, I'm Peter. I'm probably the only person not in ASBSU who's read the constitution. I've spent a great deal of time working in positions in local politics and I've wanted to be involved in ASBSU for a while but haven't had the time and the time requirements of this position fit with my schedule. Isaac: I'd like to hear more about your experience working in politics nationally/locally since ASBSU is about Boise State. How will you keep your objectivity in your position? Peter: Totally, I think there are people here who are more well versed in the constitution but I believe I can have a conversation with them objectively since I don't know any of them well. Jason: Can we do a roll call vote?
  - 2. Roll Call to confirm Peter as Chief Review Board Justice.

#### Katie

Kennedy

Alexander

Jack

Delana

Laura

Caden

Matt

Alexis

Tori

**Bryce** 

Isaac

Josie

Kaylee

Kacev

Mia

Jon

Eric

Maggie

Approve: 17 Abstain: 1 Deny: 1
The motion was approved

# VII. Reconvening Joint

A. Motion by unanimous consent to table Bill #2 until the next meeting, no objections. Same for tabling Senate/Assembly leader elections. Kalista:

It's important to have as many people involved with elections, and many people are absent today.

## VIII. Old Business

## IX. Announcements

- A. HOCO Parade awards
- B. Spring 2024 commencement will be in Extra Mile and not on the Blue Turf due to weather and time complaints. There will be 3 ceremonies for separate colleges.
- C. Faculty Senate Committees: Student participation is essential, you are the sole student in that room.
- D. State Board of Education: Chey and Jason will be gone next week, Assembly is tentatively chaired by Diego.
- E. Group Meetings & 1:1s: Jason wants to meet with everyone in the Assembly.
- F. ASBSU Potluck: enter in what you're bringing to the google excel sheet.
- G. New Committee: Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
- H. Mock Trial Association: New student organization

# X. Meeting Adjourned - 4:00PM