



Associated Students of Boise State University

Joint Meeting Minutes

10/19/2023 3:00PM-4:00PM

Location: Riverfront Hall 207

Zoom Meeting Link:

- I. Call to Order - 3:01PM**
- II. Welcome**
- III. Attendance/Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Absent: Amelia Jobe, Mia Hoetker, Bella Antonucci, Chiara Brancacio, Hali Higgins
 - B. Approval of 10/12/2023 minutes:
 - Kalista motioned by unanimous consent, no objection
 - C. Kalista read a prepared statement that can be found [here](#).
 - D. Motion to table Bill #2 until next week passes with unanimous consent
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Kalista: We have a new College of Education Senator, Stella Stigers. Stella was involved as an IESC representative so she has great experience.
 - B. Bill #3
 - 1. Ethan moved to fast track reading, Bryce seconded. Passes unanimously. Ethan: This is to fund an event for the Faculty Senate and Student Senate. Kalista is the one who organized this. We can accomplish a lot more than we have in past years if we work together. We have to know the staff and faculty. We tried to keep funding as low as possible. Any Senators are welcome to show up. Bridget: What is the total in the sponsored projects budget? Kalista: There is \$5000 in the specific line item, leadership initiatives. Maggie: This would only include the Senate? Kalista: The Faculty Senate has 30 Senators and we have 18 Academic Senators. It wasn't to exclude the Assembly. There are other systems of staff governance here, so this is a starting point for students to connect,

and Assembly can plan a similar thing later. Kaylee: If there ends up being too much food, and there is waste, is there a place that would go? Kalista: We have an ASBSU meeting two days after, I could bring it here. Stella: There's a program on campus that will give leftovers to students. I'll do more research on it. Maggie: There is not anymore. We're working on it. If you want to work with the Sustainability committee, you can do that. Ethan: For 50 people and one event, we don't think there will be a surplus, but I'd be happy to figure this out. Motion to move to debate with no objection.

C. Assembly & Senate Leaders Elections

V. Senate

A. Confirmation of Dominik Sparling: Review Board

1. Kalista read a statement written by Chey that reads as follows: I've been impressed by Dominik's engagement in ASBSU. In Joint meetings, he asks insightful, careful questions that shed light on the situation in a clear yet simple manner. As the commuter representative, he has proactively engaged with the commuter club, is now leading the commuter committee, and has identified first-year commuter students as a priority in the transportation issue. Dominik is also involved with the menstrual equity club, which they are seeking to ensure that all women's bathrooms are equipped with feminine hygiene products. As of this Tuesday, I saw that Dominik connected to the Facilities department and their Assistant Manager has recommitted to meeting this goal and also looped in the Athletics Department to commit to this goal as well. Dominik makes thoughtful decisions that truly address student needs and I believe that he would be an asset to our Review Board. The Review Board recently expressed that they felt disconnected from ASBSU activities, and could benefit from Dominik's role in the legislative body as a direct link to enhance communication and connection. Dominik: I just finished 4 days of student teaching, I'm a senior, commuter student, and political science major. I need to work on the constitution more, though I read through it and annotated it twice. Ethan: I spoke to a student in Assembly who was also in the running and didn't get nominated. When they met with the president, they said the nomination was conditional on being on the president's "team." Can you remain objective? Dominik: Yes, I believe I can remain objective. I can work with my colleagues, I am a government teacher. I met with Chey about

menstrual equity and commuter stuff, and I expressed that I felt that things weren't going a lot of places and that the Review Board was super contentious. I want to get to know the Constitution. I can be objective. Stella: Student teaching is really intense. How do you plan to make time for teaching and also take on this position? Dominik: Next semester, I'm just student teaching, but I'm off at 3. Chey said that the Review Board gets to determine their own meeting times, and I have wiggle room this week. I can make time for it and commit to students. Motion by unanimous consent to move to debate. Ethan: Stella, were you satisfied with his answer about time commitments? Stella: Yes, it's very busy, so that's why I asked him. What he said was great, and if he has good time management skills I think he would do amazing on this. Tryphene: What Chey said for him is worth noticing. He has a lot going on but he's still managing what he's doing now. Motion to move to voting by unanimous consent. Approved by unanimous consent.

B. Bill #3

1. Ethan: Maggie was talking about why this is just the Senate—there are some Assembly co-sponsors, so I said if they want to sponsor Assembly specific events, we will support them. Madison: I think it's a really good idea, we haven't got the chance to meet with all of our colleges. I think it's great. Stella: Not a lot of people know the College of Education so this is a great opportunity to connect. Angel: I love the idea of this event, but I don't understand why we need to allocate so much money for food. I don't feel like we need all the items on this list. We don't need brownie cookies and sparkling cider. I want to get rid of the sparkling cider, the fruit and cheese tray, the brownie cookies, and the chocolate chip cookies. Angel motioned to amend the bill to remove these items. Everest seconded. Mark: How much difference would this change make? Tryphene: I won't be able to eat the sandwiches. Kalista: Yeah, I included that for people who can't eat meat. Angel: The fruit and cheese tray can be kept, but the two cookies and the sparkling cider can go. Makena: That just takes off \$20. Sparkling cider would be nice to make it feel more formal. In terms of costs I don't know if amending this bill is necessary. Motion to amend the bill does not pass. Madison: I'm allergic to certain things so it's nice to have different options. Ethan: I share Angel's concerns. I wonder if she'd be open to removing the coffee part. Kalista: It's there for every meeting I've been to, they drink coffee all the time. Makena:

Considering the amount of people there, I don't think it would be wasted. People drink a lot of coffee, I don't think any of it would go to waste. Walker: I was class president in high school, and to me this does not seem like a surplus amount of food. There's a few things we probably don't have enough of, but I think it's okay to have it slightly limited. Ethan: We need to be careful about spending, and if we're not careful we'll be operating on a deficit, but this is fine. Motion to move to voting. Passes unanimously.

C. Senate Leader Election

1. Kalista read the section of code for Academic Senate Leaders. To be considered, you must be nominated, and you must receive a second. Nominees will get a 1 minute speech. I'm going to open it up. Ethan: I would like to run for the position. Joe seconded. Mark nominated himself, Angel seconded.
2. Mark: I think Ethan's great, but there's a lot of consternation in the Assembly. They think the Senate does everything Ethan says, and we kind of do. I think I have a good working relationship with the Executive Committee and the Assembly, and I think I could do a good job voting at Exec Committees. Madison: Do you have any plans? Mark: The embattlement with Ethan and the Executive Committee—if we throw Ethan to speak for all of us, it will embolden their anger for all of us. We have the same vision. Charlotte: Are you withdrawing your candidacy if you can't make it? Mark: No.
3. Ethan: I think Mark is very solid. I think we share the goal in making sure that the Senate/Assembly isn't conflicted. I've already met with Assembly members to start a meeting with both for team building activities and talk about our goals. We don't want to be stopped from our goals because of a rift. What I've heard from the Assembly is that they feel that a lot of the division is coming from the Executive team.
 - a) Charlotte: Do you both have the time and availability? Ethan: I do. Mark: I have class. Ethan: It's not a requirement to be there, but we do need a vote. I do have disagreements with the Executive team, but not all of the Executive team. I'm up until 3am, so email me whenever. Mark and I email each other all the time. Stella: Are you able to vote and change the time for Exec? Kalista: no, not until next semester.
4. Voting: Angel and Stella voted for Mark, the rest voted for Ethan.
Ethan LaHaug is elected Senate Leader.

VI. Assembly

- A. Kennedy: Who is interested in the Assembly Leader position? I believe Isaac is. I am also. Bridget, if you are interested then you should run too. A motion was made by Kennedy to move to recess, the motion was seconded by Bridget and passed unanimously.
- B. Bill #3.
 - a. Jack: I move fast track debate and move to voting. Bridget seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - b. Roll Call Vote
 - i. Unanimous approval with the sole opposition of Eric.
- C. Assembly Leader
 - a. Kennedy: I nominate myself for Assembly Leader. Seconded by Bridget.
 - i. I should be Assembly Leader because I feel like I have taken the time to develop professional relationships and initiate uncomfortable conversations. The first few meetings were messy, but I feel like I am ready to lead us to get writing bills and bring feedback from Assembly to Exec.
 - b. Zachary nominated Isaac. Seconded by Katie.
 - i. Issac: I'm running because it's my second year in ASBSU and I've passed over \$64,000 in bills. Whatever you're passionate about, I have connections to facilitate those initiatives. I want to help empower you all and make sure that we're the most productive branch.
 - c. Kaylee nominated Mia. Seconded by Kacey.
 - i. Kaylee read a speech from Mia in her absence: I am new to the Assembly and am excited to join you all. I know it can be difficult to speak out about issues that concern you and I hope you can find a voice through me.
- D. Kennedy, Isaac, Mia are Assembly Leader finalists.
- E. A roll call vote was initiated in which Isaac received 13/23 votes, meeting the 50%+1 requirement. **Isaac Celedon is elected Assembly Majority Leader.**

VII. Announcements

- A. Kalista: Next week, Provost Buckwalter will be coming in to give a presentation. He will present on advising and academic affairs, so come prepared with questions.
- B. Ethan: On Monday next week, the 23rd, we're having an event with Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Robert George. There's a student only event at 3pm

in the Honors College before the main talk at the Morrison Center. Please come.

- C. Angel: Mark and I are working on a student success letter. If any members have questions about advising, please reach out to me or Mark so we can ask the Student Success Team.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned - 3:48PM