



## **Associated Students of Boise State University**

### **Joint Meeting Minutes**

11/16/2023 3:00PM-4:00PM

Location: Hatch Ballroom, Student Union Building

Zoom Meeting Link:

- I. Call to Order - 3:06PM**
- II. Welcome**
- III. Attendance/Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Absent: Adrian Pacheco, Bella Antonucci, Madison Klundt, Alexander Knoll, Chiara Brancacio, Bryce Younger, Matt Spelsberg, Kennedy Way
  - B. Approval of 11/9 Minutes:
    1. Fast tracked by unanimous consent
    2. Approved by unanimous consent
- IV. New Business**
  - A. Jason: Budget is still up to date and nothing has changed.
  - B. Bill #4
    1. Hali: This bill is for a joint tabling event with BroncoFit. Hali read the bill in its entirety, which can be found [here](#). Hali showed pictures of stickers she designed for the tabling. Mia: Is there already a prize wheel we could borrow from someone else to use? Hali: I know BroncoFit has one already, but we want one for ASBSU so that it can be used for future projects. It won't be a one-time usage.
  - C. Amelia motioned to add to the agenda Declaration #1 in support of LGBTQ+ students. Seconded by Charlotte. The motion was approved unanimously.
  - D. Declaration of Support for LGBTQIA+ students
    1. Amelia: This statement is to recognize the students in this community, and to state that ASBSU firmly stands against hate crimes. It includes parts of university policy and the student code of conduct that show that harrassment, discrimination, and hate crimes are not welcome. It also includes resources for victims.

There are university support systems and also community and nationwide support resources. ASBSU does not support hate crimes. Jason motioned to end discussion by unanimous consent.

## V. Senate

### A. Bill #4

1. Debate:
  - a) No debate
  - b) Moved to voting by unanimous consent
2. Voting:
  - a) Approved unanimously (Mark Nelson was absent)

***Bill #4 passes in the Senate***

### B. Declaration #1

1. Debate:
  - a) Hali: It is widely supported across ASBSU. Walker: It is a great idea.
  - b) Moved to voting by unanimous consent
2. Voting:
  - a) Approved unanimously (Mark Nelson was absent)

***Declaration #1 passes in the Senate***

### C. Code Change #05:

1. Debate: Mark: is it weird that we are voting on this less than five minutes after seeing it? Ethan: this was introduced in Exec and financial staff supports it. Joe: technically, if we strike this, you can get a higher amount and I am worried about this. But we have the Review Board process to stop any outlandish ideas. Everest: I agree with Mark, they just introduced it and we don't know the impact of striking this code. IF we strike it right now, students won't be able to get the amount they are looking for. They won't be able to access all the money that they want. Is that right? Walker: Yes, from my understanding. Everest: I don't think this is the right way to do it. Nick: One of the reasons they pushed this was urgency for a current club, but then Joey contradicted himself and said it wouldn't go into effect for several weeks. Hali: I wonder if it has to do with the semester ending? Tryphene: Everest made a good point. Walker: Who knows how long it will take them to make the new code—it could take months. Makena expressed confusion about the situation with the urgency of the code change. Joey was brought into the room. Makena: Joey, can you describe what issues you are having in applying the sliding scale? Joey: Individual grants are

reimbursable and direct grants are put into your budget. It is very confusing how to apply the sliding scale—3 weeks ago the Chemistry Club came in and were talking, and we heard two \$800 individual grants as well as a grant including all members of their organization. So the question came up of how to apply the sliding scale when their individual hearing is one week and the direct grant is the next week. Angel: I think this is more of a processing/accounting issue. Because the liabilities don't match the assets, it creates a processing issue so they can't push the sliding scale to be applied. Tryphene: What is the timeline for new code to be written? Joey: The week after next. Mark: Why wasn't this on the agenda? Why was this dumped in our lap? Joey: I had a meeting last Monday with Chey and Business Services and they said it was probably best to cut this section out. On Tuesday, I checked if the code was ready and it was. But then today came and I found out the Code was not written, so we had to do it today. Mark: So when you write new code, what will it change? Joey: For direct, there is no limit on how much each individual can be funded. We will put caps on the number of people and maybe a cap on apparel, since we have had some irresponsible requests. Everest: what will be the impact if this code change happens to the hearing with the Chemistry Club? Joey: There would theoretically be no impact, the \$800 individual grant will still be there. The department doesn't have enough money to send the 25 people, so they will have to narrow the field. Best case scenario, the 4 students who are presenting go and the others stay behind. We are not targeting Chemistry Club, this is just making sure we close the loopholes. Joe: This scale has never been applied before right? Joey: Correct. Charlotte: If we are scared about there not being a cap, you still have discretion, correct? Joey: Yes, but we can't make arguments against purchases if we won't think they are a wise purchase. Ethan: Why don't we just give Funding Board more discretion to refuse requests? Joey: It sounds better if we can cite a cap instead of seeming capricious.

a) Kalista reopened the floor for debate. No debate. Moved to voting by unanimous consent.

**Approve: 11 Abstain: 2** (Ethan, Stella) **Deny: 1**  
(Everest)

***Code Change #5 passes in the Senate***

## VI. Assembly

### A. Bill #4

1. Isaac motioned to pass the bill by unanimous consent. No objections.

***Bill #4 passes in the Assembly***

### B. Declaration #1

1. Isaac motioned to approve the declaration by unanimous consent. No objections.

***Declaration #1 passes in the Assembly***

### C. Code Change #5

1. Isaac motioned to approve the code change by unanimous consent. Zachary abstained.

***Code Change #5 passes in the Assembly***

## VII. Reconvening Joint

A. Jason: Both the bill and declaration passed.

B. Isaac: Motion to amend the agenda to include Code Change #5 to update financial code. Katie seconded. Ethan: Can I ask a question before we vote? Has this been reviewed? Diego: If it hasn't been reviewed 3 days before the Joint Meeting, it can't be added to the agenda. Chey: Nathan definitely knows about this. Do we want to give a reason why? Joey, will you go over this quickly? Joey: Code Change #6 cuts out the sliding scale that is used so individuals can get both direct and individual grants. It's hard to apply to sliding scales. We talked with business services, and it has only caused more headaches. Business Services has to approve more purchase request forms. More code will be written about financial code in the following weeks. Dominik: I don't know anything about financial code, but what was the purpose of the sliding scale? Joey: For direct grants you can be funded \$4k, for individual you can be funded \$400. This has created a big headache. Say 10 people are going on a trip and they're getting paid \$400 for each person, then they can apply to an individual grant and get another \$400. It's hard to explain. Dominik: So would students who want to go on a trip now, would they still be able to go on a trip after this code is passed? Joey: We've had 3 meetings about how to apply the sliding scale... Chey: If you want to do an individual grant, it's applied differently than a direct grant. Individual grants have to be reimbursed, so the back end is complicated. There were students in the past whose club would apply for a grant, but past code said you couldn't also apply to an individual grant. We came up with the sliding scale, but

it's been more complicated and causing more confusion on the student end to access that money. First we have to give a direct grant, and then we apply for an individual, but how much do you get? You don't know because you don't have your direct grant yet. It didn't seem fair. Joey: With one club, someone applied for \$800, but also applied for a direct grant for \$4000. It's the third week we've pushed them off. Direct grants are funded directly and don't coexist with individual, which are reimbursed. Kaylee: Is someone able to get both direct and individual if this passes? Joey: They'd only be able to get one until more code is written. Jack: What new code should we expect? Joey: Capping travel amounts in a direct grant and how many people can ask for a grant. Dominik: If this passes, will that club be able to get the funding they still need? Joey: Yes, they will, if they are heard today, they will definitely get it, we're hearing them later today. Ivan: If I fill out the form and I need assistance, would there be help? Joey: A Funding Board liaison works with applicants.

1. Code Change 5 is added to the agenda by unanimous consent
2. Isaac motioned to fast track the reading by unanimous consent. Seconded by Katie. Isaac motioned to move to voting by unanimous consent.

## **VIII. Announcements**

- A. Thanksgiving shuttle
- B. Christmas tree lighting on the 29th, we should all go together! 4pm
- C. Undergraduate admissions office is hiring campus tour guides
- D. Alternative spring break trips: applications open! There are scholarships available!
- E. Josie was selected as one of the fall commencement speakers!
- F. Who is graduating in May? Hali, Dominik, Zach, Charlotte, Ethan
- G. Ethan: Andy Avalos was fired after our game recently. I'm curious about how contract negotiations are going to work. If you think ASBSU should voice input on that, talk to me and Maggie.
- H. Chey: The President is responsible to make sure you're all doing what you need to do. I'm going to send out a semester reflection for you to fill out. That's the one requirement I ask of you all.
- I. Jason: Next semester's joint meeting is 4:30-5:30 on Thursdays. Chey: If you're unavailable but still want to be a part of things, you're more than welcome to stay on a committee.

## **IX. Meeting Adjourned - 4:02PM**