



# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Executive Team Meeting

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- I. Call to Order 6:01 pm
- II. Attendance
  - a. Angel Cantu (President), Kenneth Huston (Ethics Officer), Sarah Smith (Administrative Director), Kayla Magana (Vice President of Student Organizational Affairs), Cheyon Sheen (Government Relations Officer), Emily White (Communications Officer)
  - b. Dr. Andrew Finstuen and Dr. Zeynep Hansen
- III. New Business
  - a. Guest Speakers: Dr. Andrew Finstuen and Dr. Zeynep Hansen
    - i. Dr. Finstuen and Dr. Hansen are both co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and wish to share the purpose of their committee and how the committee plans to involve student input into this process.
    - ii. The ASBSU President is part of this committee as well.
    - iii. Finstuen - We want to ensure students understand the process of the strategic planning. We want to figure out the best way to communicate and engage this to students. Our goal is to map out the next 5 to 7 years for the University. We are setting up goals to reach this in the next 5 years. We take the strategic goals and visions and get feedback and input on the direction we are going to help the University decide its next chapter.
    - iv. Zeynep - We are an accredited University and as part of that we have to have a mission and a strategic plan and show that our students are learning and how they are learning. We have guidelines and standards that we have to show our accreditors to show that we are making progress and that our students are learning.
      1. Angel - Is everyone following along ok? We are pretty much setting goals on this committee to move the University forward.
        - a. Emily - I am assuming it includes academics and student

life?

- b. Finstuen - Yes it is the whole University. Shares goals documents which can be found at [www.boisestate.edu/strategicplan/](http://www.boisestate.edu/strategicplan/) This is a working set of goals that will go out to the campus for feedback and then eventually we will start to map out the strategies to meet these goals and how we will measure if we meet them.
2. Zeynep - It has an academic purpose, but it includes all aspects of college education as well.
3. Finstuen - These goals are what students can weigh in on too. We will be gaining feedback through town halls, roadshows, focus groups, campus forums, website forum, and a campus-wide survey. We are planning on attending the Senate and Assembly but we want you to help us do that since you are students.
  - a. Angel - I invited Dr. Finstuen and Dr. Hansen here because these committees are going to want student input so this meeting is to prepare us for when they do ask to attend the Senate and Assembly meetings.
    - i. Kenny - I would propose that on one of our legislative days (Wednesdays) we have an ASBSU wide meeting so that we can have everyone attend these meetings and we can give our opinions as a whole.
    - ii. Angel - All these subcommittees have different timelines, so I don't think it would be a good idea to call a huge meeting every single time these committees request opinions from us. I suggested that we send each of these subcommittees to the right branch of ASBSU because our branches are in charge of different aspects of student life.
      1. Kenny - With the different timelines, is this going to be a multi-month process?
        - a. Finstuen - We want to gather a fair amount of student feedback by mid-October
        - b. Kenny - Would it make sense to have the ASBSU wide conversation towards the end of the process? I understand that can be difficult
        - c. Finstuen - We could do something like that. There will be 5 committees and each one is required to hold a forum. We could just have students attend these as well. We want to be aware of your time too.
4. Angel - Leslie Webb is working on getting other groups of

students together for this too. We do not represent all the students and that is why they are also hosting the town halls. We can promote the forums to our members instead of having a whole meeting of ASBSU.

- i. Zeynep - These open forums and town halls are our opportunity to reach out to other students besides ASBSU.
  - ii. Finstuen - Kenny's idea might work. We can spend a little time on each goal and then offer all these other opportunities for them to give more feedback.
    1. Angel - Since the restructure it might be hard to get everyone together with scheduling since some branches are not typically at each Wednesday meeting.
    2. Chey - 85% of ASBSU has Wednesday meetings blocked out already. There may be a few individuals who may have other commitments but if we communicate this ahead of time this would be the best way. There are a lot of people who serve on other committees at different times so it might just be the best option to have the Wednesday joint meeting.
      - a. Kenny - I think the best strategy would be to announce now that there will be a town hall in October on a weekend when students do not have classes. I know this could cause some issues with staff but this is the best way to make sure students are there.
      - b. Angel - I feel like weekends are when students won't show up. It is hard to get students to participate anyways and I feel like a weekend would be less appealing.
5. Finstuen - So you have Exec council, Assembly, IESC, Funding Board, and Senate? And then there are also committees?
    - a. Angel - Yes the committees meet throughout the week. The Senate and Assembly meet at the same time.
    - b. Finstuen - Is there a way to do a little bit of both? Do we offer a student town hall in October and, with your guidance, meet with the groups in ASBSU that would be most effective? Do we have people attend the IESC, Funding Board, Assembly, and Senate and gain feedback during their meeting times? Can Zeynep and I represent

these goals well enough rather than bringing in the entire committee to meet folks?

- c. Angel - I thought the idea was to get comprehensive feedback for all these goals. I am not sure we would get the same feedback from students if we present them 5 things.
  - d. Zeynep - If we go goal by goal and ask specific questions that might help with it.
  - e. Kenny - Can the steering committee come up with a detailed plan for the future and then student feedback is given based off of the plan. I feel that student feedback off of what is developed is the most effective.
  - f. Finstuen - I think that it is possible to have it in rough draft form to present but this fall we are wanting to get feedback on the goals. We want some student feedback on the goals. We don't want to construct it and then be far off of what students want. We do plan to have specific questions tied to each goal to help guide students in envisioning it.
  - g. Kenny - I think it would be important for collaboration to be had with IESC and then have the draft of that presented to the town hall.
  - h. Angel - We are wanting feedback on the goals. We definitely want to talk to IESC but the Academic Senate might not be the right people to talk to for a community goal. I am afraid that we will neglect a goal if we present them all at once instead of individually.
6. Zeynep - We will have strategies with each goal that students will get the opportunity to react to in October.
    - a. Angel - The survey will include all the goals right?
    - b. Zeynep - Yes but there will be a different survey for faculty and for students
  7. Finstuen - Can someone explain Assembly for me and who they represent?
    - a. Angel - We have representatives from aspects of student life that don't necessarily involve academics.
    - b. Kenny - Any piece of legislation has to pass through the Senate and the Assembly. We have a request for an opinion form this year that you can also utilize. It will be the formal opinion of each body.
  8. Finstuen - Academic Senate would look at  $\frac{2}{5}$  goals, IESC needs to be a part of at least 1 if not  $\frac{2}{5}$  goals, and then the Assembly needs to be tied into these too. The innovation goal can be discussed further into who it should be presented to. Now that I better understand your organization I think we can relook at the goals and better understand where we would find the best feedback for each goal.
    - a. Angel - I think we should definitely break it up and send

specific subcommittees to certain groups and they can go to more, but I think there are some that they should go to first instead of the group as a whole.

9. Kenny - In the Assembly and Senate we have committees that are chaired by Executive members. The D + I Committee is a smaller group that could also bring in the Senate feedback and then it can be brought to the larger groups after that.
  - a. Angel - That might affect the goal of gaining as much feedback as possible.
  - b. Kenny - The goal subcommittee would meet with the IESC subcommittee and then those committee members would go out to their groups and then we can have it be more refined and so that we don't get distracted with the large group discussion.
  - c. Angel - I would rather send them to a branch meeting than a committee meeting. Could get complicated and they wouldn't get as much feedback
10. Zeynep - We have limited time to accomplish what we need to accomplish. We need this in a few weeks. Creating additional feedback groups may be difficult to do in such a short amount of time. We are training our subcommittee members to best ask questions to get the feedback that we are looking for
  - a. Chey - Why don't we all meet at once and have them share these goals with us and gain broad feedback then. Once we break into our groups and committees then we can go more specific into the feedback.
  - b. Angel - I think we should just send the subcommittees to the branches that would be the most efficient. I have a problem with Chey's idea because it will take 1 meeting per goal in order to get the feedback we are looking for.
  - c. Kenny - What if Finstuen and Hansen come and discuss in the whole group meeting and then we all decide which groups need to meet to discuss each goal and then we discuss the following week and give them a formal opinion then.
  - d. Angel - I don't think we need to make them continue to attend our meetings when we can tell them our opinions.
    - i. Chey - Each committee would be sending their information to them after they discuss it in the meetings
    - ii. Angel - I don't think we need a large meeting to do that.
    - iii. Chey - I don't think we should decide what each committee hears I think the branches should decide.
    - iv. Angel - What if we present the goals to all branches and then the branches decide which to hear and then

they attend the meeting to hear about them?

11. Finstuen - I appreciate all sides of this question. If it's helpful for all 3 of us to do a broad overview we are open to that. And then maybe during the regular Wednesday meetings we have our standing committees attend those meetings if you are all willing to give up 2 meetings for us.
  - a. Angel - Can you both attend our Senate and Assembly meetings and would the Senate have enough time in their agenda to give them 20 minutes?
  - b. Kenny - The sooner this happens the easier it will be to fit this in.
  - c. Zeynep - We want to get this feedback sooner too
  - d. Kenny - the first day we are fully in action is September 23rd and Cambree and I are meeting tomorrow to discuss how our legislative processes will work so I can discuss putting this together with her tomorrow
  - e. Finstuen - That sounds like a good first step
  - f. Angel - We can also have them switch zoom calls instead of having a joint meeting if you all have other things to do.
  - g. Kenny - I think having a joint meeting would be the most efficient way to spend our time.
  - h. Angel - Kenny has a good point we can do a joint meeting
  - i. Kenny - Anytime we have to pass any legislation I am going to push to have the presentation held in one meeting and then splitting up for discussion.
  - j. Angel - We can discuss that this week and invite them. We can tentatively set it for the 23rd if you are both free.
  - k. Kenny - I will send you both a zoom link for the Senate meeting. It may change if we do a joint meeting. I will talk with Cambree this week.
  - l. Finstuen - This helps us understand the different dimensions of ASBSU and you can all discuss more and have a better sense of how you want us to bring this to you.

#### IV. Updates

- a. Secretary of Student Organizational Affairs
  - i. 19 grants have been heard
  - ii. 18 Direct Grants and 1 Joint grant have been approved
  - iii. 7 Grant hearings scheduled for this Wednesday
  - iv. Putting together social media campaign to help make student organizations aware of different options you can do while following guidelines
    1. Chey - Are there less numbers because of people not thinking of ideas?
      - a. Kayla - That is what we are thinking
- b. Administrative Director

- i. First Food pantry meeting with the Dean of Students was this morning. The food pantry is now in a new, larger space and we are exploring our options with a Mobile Food Pantry day before Thanksgiving break.
- c. Government Relations Officer
  - i. National Voter Registration Day is 8 days away! Tuesday Sept 22, 2020
    - 1. We (ASBSU) will be helping What The Vote! host an in-person voter registration in the QUAD next Tuesday Sept 22, 2020 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. All University policies pertaining to COVID-19 will be followed (Masks required, social distancing, regular sanitizing, etc). If any of you have the capacity to volunteer (even if it's for one hour) to help student register to vote please use this sign up sheet to volunteer! If you know of anyone else that would like to volunteer please send them this [form!](#)
    - 2. There will also be a **@boisestateuniversity** instagram takeover. Ideas include:
      - a. Interview campus and local elections experts:
        - i. Boise Mayor or City Council Members
        - ii. Jaelyn Kettler
        - iii. Charles Hunt
        - iv. Chelsea Carattini, Ada County Elections communication specialist
        - v. Ximena Bustillo, recent grad and Politico intern
      - b. Get ASBSU representatives as live radio panelists on the School of Public Service's program "Big Tent Radio," which airs on Boise Radio
    - 3. I am creating a challenge to engage student organizations and greek life. It will be called the The Engaged Bronco Challenge. It will run from September 22nd to October 2nd. Please let me know what you think.
      - a. Greek Life and Student Organizations will compete in how many people they can sign up on Turbo Vote!
        - i. For awards, I am thinking about doing the following:
          - 1. \$250 to one GreekLife organization's philanthropy that signs up the most students on TurboVote
          - 2. \$250 to one Student Organization that signs up the most students on TurboVote
          - 3. (2) \$100 prizes to one Greek Life organization's philanthropy and one Student Organization that have less than 25 members.
      - b. Leslie Durham (Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) and Donna Calhoun (Mathematics Professor) and

I had a meeting to talk about how Faculty and Staff can help increase voter registration. I am communicating with them now about TurboVote and what kinds of challenges/incentives we could have for faculty to be more engaged. If any of you have any ideas please let me know.

4. Angel - What would the estimate for TurboVote be for our size school?
  - a. Chey - I think our school would be around the \$2,000 range.
  - b. Angel - That would be a bill and I don't think people would be opposed to that. We should definitely put some money towards civic engagement.
  - c. Emily - Would we have enough time to get the money to do that?
  - d. Chey - Definitely not. I am talking with Erin but it will take a little bit of time to go through everyone. I am wondering if SILC can pay for it and we pay them back
  - e. Angel - Why? So that it is faster?
  - f. Chey - Yes. Lots of people this year are requesting absentee ballots and so we want people engaged to vote now before it's too late to request one.
  - g. Angel - I see what you mean but that could get complicated with paying them back and could be a slippery slope. What are the steps after the bill is passed to get it up and running?
  - h. Chey - We can spend the money immediately.
  - i. Kenny - This week we are going through committees in Senate, so in theory a bill will be ready to be presented on the 23rd, but it technically has to go through Angel's committee first.
  - j. Chey - If you can meet asap after Wednesday we can get this passed.
  - k. Kenny - You can call a special meeting on Thursday.
  - l. Angel - So you want this ready to be presented on the 23rd? So my committee needs to review it on Thursday
  - m. Emily - Does it need to be ready for Voter Registration Day? This feels rushed.
  - n. Chey - In Idaho you can register at the polls. We want to push this quickly because of the absentee deadlines and you have to be registered in advance for that. TurboVote will also send out notifications of when the deadlines are and it can give you election information so that students are ready

and prepared to vote. I don't think a week is rushing because it is such a valuable resource.

- o. Angel - Is there a deadline on when you can request your absentee ballot?
- p. Chey - Yes the deadline is October 23rd.
- q. Angel - So students are from different states so it depends on which state they are from.
- r. Chey - That is why TurboVote is so great. It gives you the information based on your voting location.
- s. Emily - If it can't get pushed through next week is that okay to be presented later on?
- t. Chey - Yes it is just not ideal.

d. Vice President of Inclusive Excellence

- i. **Ryann:** Still identifying Assembly Representatives, Google Form was not working properly
- ii. **Alyssa:** Will be bringing back education/resources from an online conference they are attending, called "Advocates for Youth Activist Institute".
- iii. **Francisco:** Our next meeting will be when we take group photos

iv. **Em:**

- 1. Will be the rep for the BPD Committee.
- 2. Chi to further explore housing collaboration, Interim Title XI & Angel (the entire purpose is not clear but I think it will be important to start relationship building/association).

v. **Hailey:**

- 1. Will be directing the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
- 2. The first meeting for the housing bias response group was on Wednesday. It sounds like we will be meeting regularly once a month and then additionally as incidents occur. There was some conversation around how police don't equal safety and contacting them after a bias incident causes more harm. Apparently, with certain incidents, housing is required to contact public safety, but they won't know if it's campus safety/security or police responding. We're going to start looking at alternatives in these situations.

vi. **Amanda:**

- 1. Kallee Weisel is working on creating an outline for environmental justice/racism projects, and I want to work with her on this. I think she also contacted everyone else.
- 2. Email out to Blake Hunter today to schedule a time for them to do a profile of our goals. When we have time, maybe today when we talk about last year's projects, we should lay out goals for the year.

vii. **Leslie:** Big City Coffee Controversy

e. Communications Officer

- i. Zoom Picture for Social Media!

- ii. This week's Instagram Takeover will feature the Funding Board. I will reach out to Kayla and her team this week to get that scheduled.
    - 1. Do you all have any feedback on how to improve from last week's takeover (whether it's about how content was posted or how I asked you to share your posts)?
      - a. Angel - How many videos/pictures did you do of each person?
        - i. Emily - Some people sent more than others so I did introduction posts and then 2-3 extras.
      - b. Angel - I think it would be cool if you segmented it so that it was all one part Angel, then the next part Cambree, etc.
        - i. Emily - Do you mean that Chey would show her morning routine and then next person or do you want them to go day to night on one person?
        - ii. Angel - The first one. That way it looks like we are actually taking it over from our phones
        - iii. Emily - That is a cool idea but I probably won't do it with the Funding Board since it is this week.
  - iii. Please complete the survey about ideas for ASBSU communications in the email I sent out on September 2nd. In the same email, I also sent your Strengths Nameplates, which you can feel free to print off or use as your Zoom background so that we can better understand each other's strengths. If I made an error on yours, please let me know and I will correct it.
  - iv. In the September newsletter, scheduled to be published the 28th, I will share the following information:
    - 1. Food Pantry Update
    - 2. Follow ASBSU on Social Media
    - 3. Individual Branch Updates
    - 4. Other ideas?
      - a. Chey - Voter registration!
- f. Ethics Officer
- i. Senate is up and running, the final reps are appointed from SPS, COHS, and COED by 9/16's meeting
  - ii. VP of Academic Affairs
    - 1. Committee to review recordings of the interview? Only one person would be needed to hold the interview and we could each submit a question or two for the candidate to answer.
    - 2. I think we should only extend interviews to  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the applicants. We can vote on who we want to interview.
      - a. Angel - I think we should do an initial review of the applicants and then choose who we want to interview from there. The application will be the 'first-round' of the interview
  - iii. Faculty Senate:
    - 1. Faculty are feeling burnt out from summer training and online format-- Dr. Tromp emphasizes the importance of both Faculty

Self Care as well as the fact that during this online learning environment, faculty are often the only point of contact between a student and the outside world.

2. Vote to renew the anti-gun University Policy from last year (i.e. no firearms on campus unless held by a peace officer or concealed carry with enhanced concealed carry permit holders or ex-certified peace officers)
  - iv. DOS Academic Integrity campaign. DOS is promoting academic integrity and would like to partner with us to spread the word for the International Day of Action. Video has been requested for all of us to give a short message on why it matters to us. Autonomy has been given in this-- can be a full video to a single sentence with each of us speaking one word.
  - v. Found in the Executive code that there is a SAAB committee. Does anyone know anything about it?
    1. Sarah - That is the committee that evolved into the Senate.
    2. Angel - Seems redundant. It doesn't need to be in code
    3. Kenny - I will take it out
- g. Vice President
- i. All Assembly members have chosen a committee, please check [this](#) document to see who is in your committee
  - ii. All executive officers, who have a committee, will come to Assembly every other week, starting next **Wednesday, September 23rd**
    1. If you would like to come to Assembly, not on committee days, please know you are totally welcome!
  - iii. Working with Kenny on (finally ;) ) hiring a VP of Academic Affairs
    1. Interviews will be this week- hopefully, we'll have a candidate by Friday
  - iv. Will be figuring out makeup training for IESC representatives- hoping to have them by this Wednesday if possible.
  - v. Please email or text me if you need anything or just want to chat! :)
- h. President
- i. I sent out a list of committees that are searching for students to sit on. If someone is interested please do it. We want them to be filled if we can.
    1. Kenny - What Kaleb did last year with committees is that he never sat on them himself he always delegated it. That way if someone is super passionate about that issue they will make more of an impact on the committee.
      - a. Angel - There have not been committees that I am bored in.
      - b. Chey - I know you want to sit on all of these committees and you get notified first, but you should also recognize that you do not need to sit on all of these committees because it is important that other students have these opportunities too.
      - c. Kenny - Don't get burnt out in week 4
      - d. Chey - You have an important position and these committees are important but that doesn't mean you should

sit on all of them.

- e. Angel - I will make sure to start passing these committee opportunities on to others but I do want to stay a part of the ones that I started on in the Summer and have been working with. I do want to pass on the Provost search committee because I am not as passionate about it as someone else may be.
  - f. Chey - One of our goals is to be transparent with each other and I don't know what committees you are on except for your updates. Did everyone read through the updates? The reason that we write them down ahead of time is to save time.
  - g. Kayla - If everyone is open to reading through them ahead of time and taking that responsibility then I think we should do that and just have our questions ready.
  - h. Kenny - Angel is there anything else you want to elaborate on?
  - i. Angel - If nobody has any questions then I think I am good but I will discuss committees that I am on.
- ii. I was part of a meeting that included SILC Staff and the SUB Directors where we discussed how we can best utilize spaces in the SUB now that some departments are moving completely virtual for the foreseeable future. Although ASBSU wasn't the only department that was brought up, everyone seemed to agree that ASBSU should be located in a more forward-facing space. This will be an ongoing discussion and I will update you all when and if we decide on a plan of action.
  - iii. I have been invited to sit on the Provost Search Committee. We had our first meeting today.
    - 1. Kenny - When does this committee meet?
      - a. Angel - We met from 11:30- 1:00 today but they have not scheduled a recurring time.
      - b. Kenny - This might be a good conversation to have over Slack with the Executive Council.
      - c. Angel - I thought it would be good for Academic Affairs to take over.
      - d. Kenny - That can be a code suggestion
  - iv. Me and Em had a meeting last week with the Title IX director for the University. Her department has been rushing to adjust their policies and procedures to comply with the new federally mandated Title IX policies. Although her department does not have a lot of control over these policies she still wishes to gather student feedback on the procedures she does have some control over. More adjustments are planned for their new procedures and more discussions with students.
  - v. Dr. Tromp started a new committee to look at safety on campus. This is the evolved version of the BPD Committee that was put together over the summer.

- vi. There is a committee I sit on with SILC, Outdoor Program, and Leslie Webb's team to keep everyone on the same page.
- i. Chey - I want to make sure you understand that that wasn't a personal attack. I just want to make sure you are delegating and not overloading yourself.
  - i. Angel - Yes, from now on I will be passing them along to others.

V. Open Floor / Announcements

VI. Meeting Adjourned 7:59 pm