



# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Executive Team Meeting  
October 26th, 2020 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Zoom Link: <https://boisestate.zoom.us/j/91493409679>  
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Meeting ID: 914 9340 9679

- I. Call to Order 6:05 pm
- II. Attendance
  - A. Angel Cantu (President), Cambree Kanala (Vice President), Sarah Smith (Administrative Director), Ryann Banks (Vice President of Inclusive Excellence), Kenneth Huston (Ethics Officer), Kayla Magana (Vice President of Student Organization Affairs), Bayley Bingham (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Cheyon Sheen (Government Relations Officer), Emily White (Communications Officer)
  - B. Charlie Varland
- III. Old Business
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    1. [Meeting minutes](#) from 10/19/2020
    2. Cambree motions to fast track the reading of the minutes. Cheyon seconds.  
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- IV. New Business
  - A. TBD
- V. Updates
  - A. Vice President of Academic Affairs
    1. Working with a student re: P/F grading change
      - a. Cheyon - Can you expand on this?

- i. Bayley - Yes. A student reached out to me regarding this and I have been working with them to discuss this with the Provost. If this does not work then a resolution may be a secondary option. This is still preliminary and if anyone else wants to hop onto this I would like that.
    - b. Kenneth - Have you communicated with the Provost?
      - i. Bayley - No I have not.
      - ii. Kenneth - He is more than happy to meet with students and you are actually supposed to meet with him regularly so this would be a great way to start that discussion and open that door.
      - iii. Bayley - I will do that. Please send contact information.
    - c. Angel - You said that the intent is not to force everyone into pass fail but to give everyone a choice?
      - i. Bayley - Yes we are thinking the default would be a letter grade and then they would request for a pass fail. I am still discussing this with the student.
    - d. Ryann - For accessibility, I know we had a deadline for that request last semester so as you work on this I would look into accessibility and allow it to stay open longer than it was last semester. I remember we had to submit a request several weeks in advance and many students don't know if they will need to do it yet since final grades are not posted yet.
      - i. Bayley - Thank you for bringing that up and I will do that.
  - 2. Met with Government Relations Officer to discuss options for funding actions
- B. Vice President of Student Organizational Affairs
  - 1. In Joint grants we have \$18,495.00 left
  - 2. In Individual grants we have \$14,600.00 left
  - 3. In Direct grants we have \$73,230.06 left
    - a) Emily - When I posted a graphic about the funding board did you get any applications?
      - (1) Kayla - No it is still pretty slow.
      - (2) Emily - Okay I will continue to circulate them then.
- C. Administrative Director
  - 1. Food Pantry is creating a video for the PonyUp. The PonyUp is going to launch in mid-November so be on the lookout for that
    - a) Ryann - Did we establish that partnership with the Idaho Food Bank?
      - (1) Sarah - Yes we did. It is pretty consistent and somewhat limited in what we get so we are still having to purchase our own hygiene products and

such.

2. Helping Funding Board organize team bonding and shirt orders

D. Government Relations Officer

1. Sent out an email (thanks to the help of Sarah!) to all the deans of the colleges pertaining to voting. This email included resources for students and asked for a written commitment from them to help share these resources.

a) I also sent a similar email to SILC staff, Greek Life Leaders, and plan on sending it to leaders of student orgs. I also forwarded it to the Arbiter, Campus News, and Boise State's Social Media team. Is there anyone else that I should be sending this email to?

(1) Emily - I can't think of anyone.

(2) Ryann - Sometimes Leslie will send out a mass email but only for specific things. Maybe you can collab with her to send out a mass email. I know they do have restrictions on that though.

(a) Cheyon - Thank you. I will reach out to her and see what I can do.

2. Election day is 8 days away! Please continue to remind your friends and other representatives in ASBSU and share resources with them as needed.

3. Creating an initiative with Kenny and Bayley to help share the narratives of Boise State students to state legislators for this session. Please refer to the 2020 Legislative Report to see which legislators have voted to support higher ed this past session.

E. Vice President of Inclusive Excellence

1. Alyssa- Free'D Fundraiser is going really well so please share the graphics if you can, Advocates for Youth work has been good and I'm currently working on a Black Liberation organizing plan for our community with them and we have a meeting this week, I also have a COAS Inclusivity Board meeting on Monday so I'll provide any important updates after that. Also, Avery will start posting on our socials this or next week so please send her a short bio about yourself for her to post with your headshot sometime this week! Her email is [averyfoerster@u.boisestate.edu](mailto:averyfoerster@u.boisestate.edu)

a) Cambree - Who is Avery? And what are the social media plans?

(1) Ryann - Avery is a comrad that knows Alyssa and was interested in running IESC instagram for free. We are all sending them our bio information and they will be working with us on that.

2. Em - LESA committee has been broken into subcommittees. I am on the Listening Session(s) subcommittee and we had a meeting this past week centered on what organizing these will look like.

3. Amanda - I'm waiting to hear back from Emma, and also we

talked to Blake!

4. Hailey - See Ryann's updates below about the Tribal Lands Project. Currently waiting to get information from Fonda Portales about which SUB account the remaining \$1000-2000 will come from for the project, then I can include that in the bill and send it off. I have a meeting on Friday with an RA to learn more about training for housing. Reminder about the Instagram takeover this week: document your Wednesday and upload the posts/pictures to the google drive Emily created by Thursday at noon. Here's the drive again:
5. [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1UEdJrjwH6HD1n-d\\_IFpDLy-VgJUrrBrv](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1UEdJrjwH6HD1n-d_IFpDLy-VgJUrrBrv)
6. Ryann -Tribal Lands Project meeting last Thursday seemed pretty good in terms of moving forward. Fonda Portales presented a "Call-to-Artists" Draft, Eric Scott presented the idea of surveying representation for the Tribal Lands Project if we have a large sample size, Hailey and I left the meeting with calls. Hailey will be presenting a bill in 1-2 weeks about gaining funding to assist support the projects financial needs, I will be contacting Previous indigenous folks to solidify contacts for a panel, editing the "Call-to-Artists", and art criteria. Kalle Wiesel reached out to us via email regarding her interest in a collaboration with Environmental Justice and the IESC, hopefully I can attend meetings soon.

#### F. Communications Officer

1. I'm working on putting together our October Newsletter by compiling the updates that IESC, Cambree, Bayley, and Kayla send me.
2. The communications committee is compiling a google form for members of each branch to fill out, so that we can spotlight e
  - a) Cambree - I am so excited that all of your committee members are so involved!
    - (1) Emily - Yes thank you so much! I am super excited to be working with all of them.
3. Does anyone have the capacity to support me in the legislation process to get a giftcard to give away to increase our social media presence?
  - a) Cheyon - I can!
  - b) Kenneth - I can too!
  - c) Cambree - Me too!
  - d) Cheyon - We can't technically do giveaways but we can work around it.

#### G. Ethics Officer

1. I've completed the website update of code that has passed two(?) weeks ago.
2. I was invited to the ACE meeting on Thursday and some really productive conversations took place that gave me insight into how

we can form better informed opinions on various topics that face the campus community.

- a) Faculty and staff are experiencing food insecurity at astonishing rates and I'd like to bring this to our attention because we wouldn't have a university to attend without the service of these individuals. I'd be open to having conversations about how to better support these groups, who in turn support students.

- (a) Cheyon - Who is ACE?

- (i) Kenneth - Association of Classified Employees. It is ASBSU for the classified staff.

- (b) Cheyon - Can faculty and staff access the food pantry?

- (i) Sarah - No but they are welcome to access our special events such as Holiday Meal kits.

- (ii) Cheyon - I hope they know about resources like the Idaho Food Bank!

- (a) Sarah - Yes I was in a meeting today and they are working with all of the other bodies to ensure that the faculty and staff are able to access food.

#### H. Vice President

- 1. Working on a dismissal of Aramark resolution, let me know if anyone else wants to put their name on it.

- a) Emily - Can you elaborate on dismissal?

- (1) Cambree - We want them gone gone gone. Dining services is working on the contract and I am afraid that if we do not get our opinion on it then they will resign with them.

- 2. How are committee meetings going for everyone?

- a) Emily - SO GOOD!

- b) Cheyon - Gov Relations is okay and SUSCOM is great!

#### I. President

- 1. I met with Adriane Bang last week to discuss how our Believe Bronco committee could collaborate with the Gender Equity Center on a large initiative focused on preventing gender-based violence at Boise State. Adriane was open to joining a centralized marketing campaign with ASBSU, the Title IX office, and Bronco Fit. I was also made aware of a group that our Title IX coordinator and Adriane are part of that are tasked with addressing issues of gender-based violence at Boise State. Adriane offered to bring in two students to be part of this group. I volunteered myself and will

offer the second seat to a member of the Believe Broncos Committee.

a) Ryann - Within this committee will you be offering free counseling services? What is the compensation? Will there be a competency evaluation? There is a lot to unpack with this committee and it needs to be done well. What is the protocol when it arises? If you need my support in creating different protocols I am open to that.

(1) Angel - Yes I need to have more discussion about what being a part of this group would entail because a lot of it is controlled by... They received this grant and there are a lot of rules and conditions that they have to meet. A lot of it has to do with this response team which has been created and then they received this grant which to use they have to be a part of this response team. So part of that federal mandate to get this grant they have to have a police officer, not sure if they specified from where if its campus security or BPD but that is a requirement that they have to meet and have met. There is a lot to it that is federally mandated and I don't know a lot about. As for competency, it was described to me that to be a part of this group it would take a lot of intense training and most of this group is faculty that has gone through this training. I'm sure that the students would have to go through very comprehensive training to make sure they are able to perform well while navigating those very difficult situations. I hope that answers your question. Yes as Cambree stated they are required to educate that officer and the gender equity center can provide training to that individual.

b) Cheyon - Thank you for sharing that. When you get more detailed information can you please share that with us?

(1) Angel - Yes most definitely.

## VI. Open Floor / Announcements

A. Ryann - Are we going to discuss Big City's instagram post or leave that elephant alone?

1. Angel - We can if you want

2. Ryann - Okay does everyone else consent? I do not have the capacity to facilitate that conversation. There is definitely something in the room and I would like to work through that and debrief that.

3. Bayley - I can lead that discussion. If someone wants to demonstrate their opinion please go ahead and hopefully we can

facilitate something beneficial.

4. Ryann - Also if anyone is feeling unsafe you can privately message me your thoughts and I am happy to state them.
5. Kenneth - I think that aside from any political affiliations, I think that one of the biggest issues with this specific incident is that they took a privately posted post from a student's social media and reposted it without consent and in a way that is not uplifting by any sense of the word and is instead used to exemplify students and the university as a whole. That is not what I think a campus partner is allowed to do and I think there is a lot of emotion around this incident and there is an even bigger issue with students not being consulted with bringing them to campus in the first place.
6. Ryann - Thanks Kenny. I do want to state something beforehand. I do not want to get caught up on Big City using a student's social media. Although I think that is something important, there are many more critical things to be talking about. I think there is a real issue and we should discuss that as well.
7. Cambree - I agree Ryann. I think that given that we go to PWU and have had issues with other organizations that we work with that that is the technicality from the University standpoint. I think the university has trouble putting tangible things on the harm that has been caused. The caption was toxic in itself and the narrative that "my family is a cop" and he's a great guy is an issue because it is the institution that is systematically oppressive. Tell me if I totally invalidated you because that wasn't my point. Does that make sense?
  - a) Ryann - No this is what I wanted to talk about. I didn't want us to get caught up on the student. We can talk about the student because consent is important but I don't want that to be the only thing we talk about.
8. Bayley - It goes without saying that this 'rant' was illogical and didn't follow any set expression for what we need to be doing and the toxicity that it had. It characterized someone as a gang member and I am not going to say that I know the story but dehumanizing someone as 'gangster' and then having the hero. There is neglect in the story and as an individual we can sympathize with her husband and others similar. If someone is corrupt and they experience personal harm, that doesn't change the corruption. The harm and injury is not negated. Correct me if I am wrong but at the end of the day it is a complex issue that was brushed over and affects the University. This person has an entire business that is 'endorsed' by the University. The University should be a center of educational discussion. We are letting in these biased, racist, companies and that is not at all what this University stands for and I will acknowledge my personal racism because no matter how deeply I dive into this I will not understand the entire depth of the policing.

This represents taking the University in a corrupt direction and I can say that the goal of the University is to find truth. What is being done right now is an undercurrent. Thin Blue Line and Blue Lives Matter is extremely corrupt and I think I have walked myself in a circle and I know that doesn't cover the half of it but I did want to say it.

- a) Cambree - Thank you and I am glad that you brought the University into it and what they should be doing. I am a criminal justice major and all I learn about is how corrupt police officers are. To support an organization that supports these corrupt organizations does not support what we believe in. I think the University needs to recognize this and it needs to change.
9. Bayley - I will say it is difficult growing up in a culture of white supremacy where we are taught that police are right and good. Our current system is horribly corrupt. The system exists to put black people in prison. These are the facts and that is the problem. These people do not want to have this discussion. We need to acknowledge that there are ways to do better and that we need to do better. I do feel passionately about this.
  - a) Ryann - Thank you. You said many things that I feel like we should echo. Just because someone has been harmed in the line of duty does not mean that that takes away the corruptness. They went into the line of duty understanding the risks. Although they were harmed, they are still corrupt and no amount of pain is going to give any reparations to the community. I would love to give space to BIPOC individuals now.
10. Cheyon - I would like to echo everything that Bayley and Ryann have said. I have been at a loss of words. I saw that post and it gave me a lot of fear. I hope this is something that we can all stand in solidarity and really take the actions to push administration to get Big City off campus because this is so so harmful. There is no other option in my mind.
11. Kayla - I agree. When I saw the post it made me really uncomfortable. I wasn't even sure how they got onto campus. That post was extremely harmful and they are very problematic. I found that post offensive and I do not know how to put the words together but it did make me feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The University should be doing more research on these companies and these people. I feel like we are moving backwards and they should be removed.
12. Bayley - Thank you everyone for your vulnerability and ultimately white supremacy and racism is upheld by individuals and we need to continue to dismantle it.
13. Ryann - I think we should take the next 10 minutes and discuss

how we are going to take care of those who have been harmed and take care of each other. For some of the white people in the room who have not talked, I do want to hear your perspective and I want us to be vulnerable with each other.

14. Sarah - Thank you Ryann. I will say that it is extremely disappointing to me that a company posted something like this and especially one that is on our University's campus. It is harmful to students and it upsets me that action is not being taken and that the owner is not really being spoken to about this.
15. Emily - I am open and accepting to these conversations and I am trying to do my best to digest and understand the perspectives that are going on. I am trying to educate myself and if anyone has any resources that has helped them on their journey that would be very much appreciated.
  - a) Cheyon - Thank you for sharing that Emily, as you continue to seek out resources please make sure these are resources and narratives from BIPOC, specifically black folk. I also hope that as you listen to perspectives you value the lives of the most marginalised persons over the university corporation.
16. Cambree - I think I am privileged to say that I am getting this education through my formal education. A big part of the problem is knowing that something is wrong and letting it slide. I think we need to hold people accountable and call - in is a great thing to do. I think that is important in this discussion.
17. Angel - I don't know if I can articulate my thoughts on this matter in a more clear way than I did in my email that y'all were a part of. I don't think reiterating that is needed. I think what would be professional would be to allow y'all to ask me questions. So if anything about my response was unclear or what have you, please feel free to ask any questions you have and I will do my best to articulate my stance and my thoughts on this issue.
18. Emily - I know we are all coming from different perspectives but I do want to say thank you all for sharing your perspectives. I think it is important to share our opinions and perspectives since we do all bring different things to the table.
19. Kenneth - I want to echo what Emily said. Before questions are asked, I think it is important to remember that conflict of opinion is bound to happen and we talked about at the beginning of the year that we all have our different experiences and it is important regardless of that experience to not discount it and to try to avoid disrespecting other peoples' views. It doesn't mean that we can't have this conversation but we can't go about everything and potentially go over a minority opinion.
  - a) Bayley - I hear what you are saying Kenny. There are conservative views out there and in a University context

there is a space for that. However in the age of Trumpism, when it comes to this circumstance we should not say that these undeveloped thoughts are appropriate. We put the pursuit of legitimate education first. Ryann mentioned previously that it is complex but also simple. It starts from a simple base and we need to uproot that. We can definitely say that that is not true. That is why the movement of BLM is so profound. Whatever change we have to assert to make that true we will do.

20. Cheyon - I want to echo what Bayley said and while it is okay to share opinions and our perspectives that come from different places, I do want to say Angel, I do not have any questions on your response because it is very clear. It was very harmful and after BIPOC shared their experiences, your opinion continues to invalidate us and our most marginalized communities and that is something you said you wouldn't do in our shared vision.

21. Ryann - Thank you Chey. Maybe now we can move forward with the self care section. This can be anything and I would like to see this in the chat.

B. Cheyon - Korean Club is hosting K-Pop night on Thursday! You can come and sing karaoke and there will be trivia. It is from 6-8pm.

VII. Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm