

ASBSU

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Since the beginning of the semester, the Executive Council has been working to establish a strong foundation between the branches of ASBSU that will carry throughout the year. Specifically, one of the goals that the team set for the year is to “develop a stronger relationship with all the branches and have efficient communication.” This was on display with the successful execution of the National Voter Registration Day event, hosted by ASBSU Government Relations Officer, Cheyon Sheen! Held on September 22nd outside of the Recreation Center, volunteers from all branches of ASBSU and student organizations across campus aided 28 students with voter registration and 10 students with sending absentee ballots.



INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE STUDENT COUNCIL (IESC)

The Inclusive Excellence Student Council has been working hard to set goals that will continue the legacy work of student activists at Boise State University. Some projects that IESC has supported or spearheaded include fundraising for the Resiliency Room in the Student Union Building, partnering with the Gender Equity Center for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, continuing work for the Tribal Lands Project, and appointing members to the Student Assembly to represent IESC. If you are interested in donating to the Pony Up Fund for the Resiliency Room, you can do so here:

<https://ponyup.boisestate.edu/project/21690>



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

STUDENT FUNDING BOARD

This year's funding board is extremely excited to be working with student organizations. They have been taking it day-by-day to discover creative ways to support student involvement given the current circumstances.

Funding Board Goals for the Year

- Be as transparent with each other and students
- Create a comfortable and welcoming environment for students
- Build connections with student organizations and continue to be a consistent resource for them
- Equip students with all necessary resources for the best year possible!

What has the Funding Board done so far?

- They have funded 26 different clubs
- They have given a grand total of \$61,647.44 to fund events, supplies, and much much more!

What is next for the Funding Board?

They are planning to make a video to give the students ideas on what your club can do, while following state and university guidelines. Kayla Magana, the Funding Board Chair says, “We will continue to push forward, hear students, and progress into the best funding board that we can be for you. We wish everyone well and as always we are here for you.”

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

September was a month of growth and learning for the Assembly. During the first two Assembly meetings of the month, all the Assembly members were given the ASBSU basics and prepared for the work to come. Each member selected at least two committees that they would like to sit on for the remainder of the semester. In terms of legislation, the Assembly passed one



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regulation and one bill in September. Regulation #01 expanded the Funding Boards ability to fund virtual events; the regulation was passed unanimously. Bill #01 allocated \$600 to fund a voting initiative across campus; this bill was passed unanimously. The Student Assembly is very eager to take on the semester and advocate for their student populations!

ACADEMIC SENATE

September 9th was the Academic Senate's first meeting, and it went great. There has been a learning curve with Zoom and their new format of conducting meetings, but the students are strong, adaptive, and resilient. The Senate has representation from all colleges on campus, and they hope this year-long appointment will serve the Associated Students of Boise State well. So far, a resolution has been passed that allows the funding board to grant more money to educational and professional development virtual opportunities. Projects in progress include resolutions to address racism and exclusive behavior. The Senators are going through the first meetings with their college deans and will discuss initiatives that each school would like to pursue, what can be done to support ASBSU initiatives, how to address student calls for action, and how this can be expanded to a University-wide effort. These initiatives have the potential to make some great, lasting changes to the University culture that prioritize inclusivity to all peoples and backgrounds.

SPOTLIGHT: CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY

The Campus Food Pantry recently reopened to ALL BSU students on September 8th, in a larger, more accessible space! The Campus Food Pantry offers nourishing and cost-effective meal and snack options for all Boise State students in need of food assistance. The pantry was relocated from the Dean of Students Office in the Campus School, to just down the hall in Room 103, which was previously an art gallery. Emily Hester, the Food Pantry operations and sustainability coordinator, says "The Facilities, Operations, and Maintenance team did an AMAZING job remodeling the space for us.

They replaced all the old flooring, painted the walls and installed a new sink unit. This new space will allow our students to social distance and access food in a safe manner while also allowing us the opportunity to grow and better serve our students." Another success for the Food Pantry includes finalizing a contract with the Idaho Foodbank. This expands the variety of products available to students and puts into place a sustainable partnership for students that frequently access the pantry to get groceries. With the growth of the Food Pantry, three new staff members have been hired to aid with operations.



The Food Pantry is open from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday (with the pantry being closed on University recognized holidays). They are located in the Campus School, Room 103. To gain entry, students must have their Bronco ID and wear a mask. A Food Pantry staff member will be there to greet them and give them instructions for accessing the space safely!

ASBSU works to financially support the food pantry. The Food Pantry Committee consists of primarily ASBSU members who meet to alleviate the food insecurity and stigma around campus. Those also interested in supporting the Food Pantry can make a product or financial donation, more information can be found at: <https://www.boisestate.edu/deanofstudents/student-support/food-help/food-pantry/#donations>

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