

ASBSU

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT

The Associated Students of Boise State University (ASBSU) is a student-led organization that facilitates educational, intellectual, social and cultural engagement and advocates on behalf of the interests of students at the university.

ASBSU has its own policies and processes, created and carried out by students. As is common practice with university student governments, university administration does not weigh in on the governance of ASBSU.

On October 23rd, a complaint document against President Angel Cantu was submitted anonymously to the ASBSU Ethics Officer. On October 28th, a hearing took place in the Ethics Committee. After 6 hours of hearings, conversation, review of evidence, and deliberation, the committee voted to move to an impeachment trial in the Academic Senate and General Assembly.

On November, 4th, at 4:30pm, an impeachment trial was held to consider the removal of Cantu following 9 complaints regarding his actions, summative behavior, and other conduct during his time as ASBSU President. In a silent ballot, the members of the General Assembly confirmed impeachment with a two-thirds majority vote of 11 approve, and 5 denials. The members of the Academic Senate denied impeachment with a vote of 2 approve, 2 abstentions, and 15 denials.

This tie between the branches is outlined in the Constitution Article IX, Section 4, paragraph 1 to be broken with a two-thirds majority vote of the combined Executive Council and IESC. In this combined vote, 8 approved, 1 abstained, and 1 denied, which has confirmed President Cantu's impeachment and removal from office. The live trial can be viewed on the ASBSU Facebook Account.

An emergency election will be held in the Executive Council, General Assembly and Academic Senate as outlined in our constitution in order to fill the vacancy of the ASBSU President. Applications will be posted to the ASBSU website, ASBSU's social media accounts, and on the ASBSU Engage portal in the coming days.

Please expect information regarding a virtual town hall that will be held for current Boise State students -- this will take place in November. The town hall will last a duration of 2 hours, and will allow for students to ask leadership questions regarding the process, the trial, and provide feedback as to how our organization can best serve all students. Questions can be submitted to [this form](#) ahead of the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will do our best to answer all questions in the time allotted for this conversation. A recording will be posted within 24 hours to our website for review after the conclusion of the meeting.

This is a fractured time in not only Student Government, but also in the State of Idaho, and in the Nation. This is a time when we as a people must come together and find consensus as to how we move forward together. ASBSU will continue to operate in accordance with our Code, Constitution, and to uplift the voices of our constituents.

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE STUDENT COUNCIL (IESC)

This month the IESC passed the Tribal Land Acknowledgment Bill, giving the project additional funding for a permanent installation in the Student Union Building that recognizes and honors the indigenous land we are on. They are continuing to promote the Pony Up campaign for the Resiliency Room and the Free'D Fundraiser. The IESC is also meeting with housing staff and faculty to learn more about the training Resident Assistants undergo, specifically around inclusion and equity, and how it might be improved so residents are better supported.

STUDENT FUNDING BOARD

The Funding Board has continued to review grant hearings to clubs and individuals on campus! The Student Funding Board still has funds available to grant to clubs and individual students. With three types of sponsorship, there is an opportunity for you to submit

a grant application for almost any initiative you might have! Direct grants are given to unique and inclusive events organized by clubs, with up to \$4,000 worth of eligible (but not entitled) funds being awarded. Joint grants provide an



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option for events hosted by two or more clubs, with the group being eligible for up to \$6,000 worth of funding. Individual sponsorships are given for trips or projects of individual students, up to \$400.

Learn more about the types of sponsorship and complete your grant application on the ASBSU website: <https://www.boisestate.edu/asbsu/funding-board/funding/>

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

The Student Assembly was hard at work in the month of October! There was one Bill and one Resolution passed this month, the Tribal Lands Acknowledgment Installation Bill and the Invisible Disabilities Resolution. The Tribal Lands Acknowledgment Installation Bill allocates \$3,000 from the Contingency Account, in order to fund the creation of an art installation to honor the original inhabitants of the land that Boise State University sits on today. The Invisible Disabilities Resolution promotes the inclusion and increased awareness of students with invisible disabilities. This resolution has also resulted in the creation of a new Assembly position, Student with Disabilities Representative; this new representative will be appointed by the first week in November, at the latest. Lastly, bi-weekly committee meetings have been off to a great start and Assembly has been working so hard! Members of the student assembly are looking forward to another month of advocating and uplifting student voice!

ACADEMIC SENATE

As the new body of government on campus, the Academic Senate considers and passes legislation in the interest of students. Due to the COVID-strained semester and like other branches of the ASBSU, they have held meetings via Zoom. Despite the tech, health and emotional challenges associated with this year, the Senate has accomplished a respectable number of legislative goals to this point.

Some of the Senate's accomplishments in session include: passage of the Tribal Land Acknowledgment Installation Bill presented and authored by members of the IESC, honoring the Indigenous Peoples of the Boise area; advising the Interim Provost on the safety concerns and needs of

students related to the spring 2021 academic calendar; passage of the Invisible Disabilities Resolution, raising awareness for disabilities on campus and creating a position of representation for people with differing abilities; strategic planning considerations for the next 5-7 years; and enactment of code changes in line with the restructuring of ASBSU. In the coming weeks, the Senate will continue to deliberate in its inaugural capacity and consider the ways in which Boise State can be improved.

SPOTLIGHT: SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The ASBSU Sustainability Committee is "dedicated to bringing the ideas of passionate students to life, creating opportunities for engagement, and empowering students to make sustainable changes in the Boise State community." The committee is taking on a variety of initiatives on campus. With the Boise State Strategic Planning Committee shaping the future of the University, the sustainability committee is writing an open letter urging the Strategic Planning Committee to include sustainability in their plan. Their on campus partnerships have already begun, however, as evident in their "round-up" partnership with the Boise State Bronco Shop (with donated amounts totaling almost \$500 that will support campus-wide sustainability initiatives) and their collaborative efforts to move forward with a sustainability center in the Student Union Building. They are also researching getting orange bags on campus, to further support their recycling program with the University. Off-campus, the committee is partnering with the Citizens' Climate Lobby to give their committee members a chance to lobby Idaho lawmakers.

Get involved with the Sustainability Committee on their Instagram page ([@sustainableboisestate](https://www.instagram.com/sustainableboisestate)) or by contacting the committee chair, Emily Her, emilyher@u.boisestate.edu.

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