I. Departments in Attendance: Samyon Itzhakov, Biology; Jeff Barlow, Chemistry; Geoff Moore, Modern Languages and Literature; Michael Chapman, Philosophy; Trevor Emgman, Physics; Colin Smith, Information Technology and Supply Chain Management; Dane Snow, Marketing and Finance; Makayla Magnunson, Early Childhood Education; Clarissa Alexander, Kinesiology; Joanna Doherty, Civil Engineering; Adam Capell, Construction Management; David Skiver, Material Science and Engineering; Zachary Harris, Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering; Tyler Pickell, Community and Environmental Health; Tracey Smith, Nursing; Erin Westendorf, Respiratory Therapy; Gabe Hess, Political Science; Chris Bower, School of Social Work; Michael Kreiter, Sociology; Jordan Davis, First Year Student; Taylor Davoren, First Year Student; Jayson Davis, Fraternity and Sorority Life; and Chris Radford, Housing.

The meeting was held at 4:45pm.

II. Introductions

A. Nick Gaudioso, Vice President of ASBSU, and Felycia Itza, Secretary of Student Organization Affairs, introduced themselves.

III. College Caucus Chair Reports

A. COBE: The lacrosse couch has been having problems scheduling and his dean was wondering if others were also having problems. The dean would also like to see the COBE representatives get together and go to high schools promoting their college.

IV. Guest: Carol Scott and Bob Beers from University Dining Services came to the meeting to get student feedback on what is working and what students would like to see changed.

A. One student asked if there was a way to have the Mai Thai in the ILC stay open later. Carol said no, but instead they are going to put a Panda Express in the ILC and that will have longer hours.

B. A number of students mentioned that hours food is available is one of the biggest issues. Late at night and early in the morning there could be more options. Carol announced that they are opening up a late night ‘pod’ in Chafee Residence Halls that will be available to everyone and open much later starting in January. She also said that the new Subway in the SUB is open early and on weekends.

C. Some students mentioned it would be nice to have the BRC open earlier on weekends where there are events like football games and Service Saturdays.

D. The possibility of a commuter plan was asked about. Carol said that they are working on setting up online meal plan ordering.

E. Carol discussed that they are trying to use local produce and incorporate more fair-trade like is seen in the new Business building. A student asked about getting more
local restaurants and Carol told them that right now there is Mai Thai, La Tapitia, Dawson’s, and Moxie.

F. Bob told everyone about a nutritional app available called “Campus Dish” that will give you the nutritional value for the food served at the BRC.

G. A student questioned why they are limiting the number of people you can ‘swipe’ into the BRC. Carol said it was in order to keep the costs of the meal plans down so students can afford them.

H. An engineering student mentioned that there are no food options for that side of campus. Carol said they are looking at different places they could put some. They are also looking at food trucks, but there are a lot of health and safety restrictions.

V. New Business

A. Football Game Attendance: People are looking for feedback on why students don’t stay at the games and ways to potentially solve this problem. The two main reasons that students mentioned are that the games get boring and that the food options are too expensive. Students said that they leave to go get food because they can’t afford the available concessions and they are hungry and dehydrated. If there was a student discount and cheaper water, students would be more likely to stay at the game. Ryan Gregg talked about how Boise State doesn’t really have a football culture and therefore students lose interest. Students go to the games for social reasons instead of for football. At other schools students pay a small amount for tickets so that students that go are actually interested. The card system is changing so that the tickets will be on your student ID card and couldn’t be given away. Students who stay the whole game could have priority for the next games tickets. Ryan also talked about the possibility of the BRC having a tailgate in order to provide food to students. Ryan ended by saying that Coach Pete wants students at the game and that the noise they make makes a difference.

B. 24 Hour Building: Bryan updated everyone on this topic from last year, saying that they are looking into extending the Library hours’ until 2 am and getting the Starbucks open an hour longer.

VI. Announcements

A. Today is National Voter Registration Day

B. The next meeting is October 9, at 4:45 in the Barnwell