

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lent, Vice Chairman Cook, Senators Woodward, Nichols, Carlson, Burtenshaw, Zito, and Semmelroth

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Ward-Engelking

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CONVENED: **Chairman Lent** convened the Senate Education committee (committee) meeting at 3:00pm.

WELCOME: **Chairman Lent** welcomed the audience and asked the members of the Committee to introduce themselves.

INTRODUCTION: **Chairman Lent** introduced the new Committee Page, Deacon Davis. **Mr. Davis** is from Meridian, Idaho and is a senior attending Idaho Home Learning Academy (IHLA). **Senator Cook** asked Mr. Davis a question about his biggest surprise as a page. **Mr. Davis** was most surprised by how little they spent on the floor so far. **Senator Carlson** asked what his plans were for after graduation. **Mr. Davis** answered that he planned to go on a mission for his church and then attend BYU-Idaho to study cybersecurity. **Senator Nichols** asked why he wanted to be a page. **Mr. Davis** said his brother was a page and was inspired after watching his grandfather, Senator Bart Davis, in the Idaho Senate. **Chairman Lent** concluded with how excited he was to have Mr. Davis here. **Chairman Lent** introduced Chayse Van Eps, from Mud Lake, Idaho. **Ms. Van Eps** said being a page had been on her bucket list since her freshman year. She planned to go to BYU- Hawaii. **Senator Nichols** asked what was unique about her. **Ms. Van Eps** said she loves music. **Senator Nichols** asked if she liked karaoke. **Ms. Van Eps** responded that she had never done it. **Senator Cook** asked for something interesting about Mud Lake. **Ms. Van Eps** said it was a beautiful area and that it did in fact have a muddy lake. **Senator Burtenshaw** gave Ms. Van Eps a compliment on her singing and stated how impressed he was of her and how excellent she will be in her future.

RS 3266C1 **Senator Den Hartog** presented **RS 3266C1** which would codify the presidential search process at state institutions of higher education. The proposed legislation would change the requirements for when search candidate names are released to the public. Senator Den Hartog noted that with an immediate effective date, this legislation would impact the ongoing presidential search at Boise State University.

MOTION: **Senator Cook** made a motion to send **RS 3266C1** to print. **Senator Nichols** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lent** adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Senator Lent
Chair

Lauren Young
Secretary