

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

5:30 PM

JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Finance Committee members present.
  - b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the friendly amendment to change the amount for the Reserve Fund Game Pass Request to \$25,000: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the friendly amendment to edit the Reserve Funding Request for Games Pass for \$25,000: Saunders/Halter
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
  - a. Senator Saunders shared that this week he has been working on the Reserve Fund Budget by brainstorming ideas and identifying where funds can be allocated to best serve students and make the greatest impact. He also noted that there will be a handful of Benny's Funding Requests coming up and encouraged members to stay up to date on those materials.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Line-Item Hearing, Ali Crane: Meridian Student Activities Board
    - i. The Director of Enrollment and Student Services for the Meridian Campus, Ali Crane, shared that the budget request for the campus has been maintained as-is. Historically, the Meridian Campus has kept a consistent budget, rarely exceeding it, with any remaining funds at the end of the year typically being dispersed back into the ASISU general fund. A key focus of events on the Meridian Campus is providing free food and snacks, as these are critical for student engagement. Since most Meridian students do not live on campus and only spend limited days there, providing coffee, study snacks, and meals helps encourage participation. For the upcoming 125th celebration, Ali Crane hopes to organize a service project with students and possibly distribute t-shirts. They are also exploring a potential bingo night on campus and are coordinating with the SAB Director and Vice President Amos to plan these events. The campus supports just over 1,000 students enrolled in Meridian courses; this number is an estimate due to logistical tracking challenges related to engagement and enrollment.
      - 1. There was a discussion regarding unused funds in the Meridian Campus budget. It was shared that typically a few thousand dollars are not spent, and those funds are returned to the ASISU general fund. Senator Saunders asked how additional funding would be used, and Ali Crane responded that it would likely go toward celebrating the 125th anniversary with t-shirts, ISU merchandise, and event giveaways, such as during Bengal Wednesdays. President Halter asked about student engagement and the campus culture

for SAB activities. Ali Crane explained that engagement is unique due to a mostly non-traditional, commuter student population. Coupon lunches typically have the highest turnout, with around 150–250 students, and scheduling conflicts as well as commuter logistics present barriers to participation. Vice President Amos added that these factors impact attendance and involvement across other programs. Thersea Brissette asked whether it would be possible to poll students about their needs on campus. Ali Crane shared that an existing email outreach system is in place and could be used to gauge student engagement and preferences.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Reserve Funding Request for Game Pass, \$25,000

- i. Motion to approve the Reserve Funding Request for the Game Pass for \$25,000: Vargas Barvosa/Halter

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

MAKAYLA AMOS – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

BROOKE TAYLOR – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

i. Ecology and Sustainability Club, \$3,000

1. Rhea Kalivas and Charlie Medema, Presidents of both respective clubs shared that this funding request is for Earth Week 2026 at Idaho State University, focused on celebrating the Bengal community's commitment to sustainability, well-being, and innovation. This year's theme, "Becoming Greener Bengals," highlights the connection between environmental stewardship and campus pride. The goal of Earth Week is to engage faculty, staff, and students in meaningful conversations, recognize achievements, and inspire future action toward sustainability. The event is organized by Rhea Kalivas and Charlie Medema, with support from Pallavi Pokharel, ISU Director of Sustainability; Sunshine Denney, ISU Greenhouse Manager; and the ISU Craft Shop. The Ecology and Sustainability Club submitted a \$3,000 funding request to support Earth Week activities. President Halter inquired whether this funding would be sufficient to cover all planned events and whether additional support from the Department of Sustainability might be needed. It was confirmed that the requested funds will primarily cover prizes, giveaways, and event costs, with both clubs willing to supplement funding if necessary. ASISU will have the opportunity to be heavily involved in the events, and no additional funding outside the university is being requested. Earth Week will include a variety of events designed to engage students and the campus community. The Opening Conference and Summit will be held on April 22nd in the Union Ballroom from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. This full-day event will provide networking and learning opportunities for student leaders in environmental sustainability, featuring welcome remarks, leadership keynotes, panel discussions, workshops on integrating sustainability into academia and building a sustainable campus, a networking lunch and poster session, and student award ceremonies including the Sustainability Grant Showcase and Video Competition

Awards. Other events throughout the week include a student-led Pop-Up Thrift Store from April 22nd to 24th in the SUB Lounge, providing a way for students to sustainably donate and purchase items at low prices. Bengal Theater Goes Green on April 22nd will feature screenings of Interstellar and The Lorax, with free popcorn for the first 200 students and raffle prizes. Sustainability Trivia Night will offer prizes such as gift cards and themed sustainable item baskets, while the Paint a Pebble, Plant a Seed event in the SUB Wood River Room will provide students with free plants and personalized pet rocks. Additional events include a Tabling Fair across campus on April 21st and 22nd, where ISU departments, student organizations, and local institutions will engage students and raise awareness about sustainability. The Decades Dance will celebrate the first Earth Day in 1970 with 70s- and 80s-themed music and décor. The Scrap to Art Workshop in the ISU Craft Shop allows students to create one-of-a-kind art from leftover craft materials, and Nature Walks and group cleanups, led by Rick Pongratz, will provide outdoor engagement opportunities. Student giveaways and raffles throughout the week will feature themed baskets with items such as reusable notebooks, sustainable kitchen items, eco-friendly loungewear, birding gear, and bento boxes. In summary, Earth Week 2026 provides multiple opportunities for student engagement, education, and campus involvement. The \$3,000 funding request is expected to cover all planned events, with supplemental support from the Ecology and Sustainability Club and ISU's Department of Sustainability resources as needed. ASISU's participation will further enhance student engagement and highlight the university's commitment to sustainability initiatives.

X. OTHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Finance Committee members present.
- b. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students, and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

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