

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB**

**5:30 PM**

**JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:31 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 12 Finance Committee members present.
  - b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the friendly amendment to remove, Line-Item Hearing, Brad Broschinsky: Idaho Falls Student Activities Board from Announcements and Correspondence and add Bangladesh Student Association Benny's Funding Request under New Business: Saunders/Lopez
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
  - a. Senator Saunders shared that this week, he has continued work on the reserve funding budget. He also attended the budget advisory group meeting where some updates included; the state will proceed with an additional 2% cut, and ISU is planning accordingly. The budget is currently balanced, with a proposed 5% tuition increase this year and next. Efforts are underway to consolidate programs and departments across campus to address the \$5 million deficit. None of these changes will directly affect students.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Line-Item Hearing – Lesa Crawford and Rachel Nielsen: Benny's Pantry
    - i. Benny's Pantry is requesting \$15,000 as a line item for a future pantry manager position. As the pantry has grown, this funding is intended to support the manager role. Last semester, the pantry served 10,000 lbs. of food per month and had approximately 1,000 visits per month. The goal is to continue growing to serve as many people as possible. The pantry is completely funded by donations, with no funding from ISU, requiring careful management within a variable and adaptive budget. Currently, the pantry is awaiting a donation, which is critical for operations. It has received grants from the American Heart Association and Swipe Out Hunger, which provide additional funding. The pantry is committed to maintaining strong donor relationships and building longer-term, sustainable commitments. The requested funding would support the manager position and help meet high-demand items, including meat, produce, and dairy. Donor

contributions have fluctuated, with individual donations averaging \$1,000 per restock; a recent donor doubled their contribution to \$2,000 per week. This funding allows the pantry to provide consistent food supply throughout the week and serve as many people as possible. Staff continually work to ensure shelves remain stocked and accessible.

1. It was noted that this funding request is separate from the Reserve Fund budget requests discussed over the past few weeks. This request is intended to establish Benny's Pantry as a permanent line item in future ASISU budgets.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

##### a. Benny's Funding Request

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

1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Ecology and Sustainability Club for \$3,000: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

##### a. 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

##### b. Motion: **CARRIED**

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. Benny's Funding Request

##### i. Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi, \$2,952

1. Ethan Pain, Kappa Sigma Social Chair and member, presented plans for the upcoming Greek Gala, a public event aimed at bringing the campus community together and promoting collaboration between all Greek organizations. The gala will be held on February 21st at the Alumni Center from 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM, with an estimated 460 attendees. The event will feature a prom-style election for Greek King and Queen, with suits and dresses reused from prom. The budget includes \$1,452 for the Alumni Center space, money for food, drinks, a photo booth, decorations, and a character board for a total of \$3,000. The food and drinks will be provided by Chartwell's which will cover delivery, cleanup, and equipment rental. Advertising for the event is ready but has not been posted due to pending funding approval, and the ASISU logo will be added to promotions if funding is approved. The gala aims to engage students during the slower

winter season, increase Greek life visibility on campus, and foster participation across all Greek organizations.

- a. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez
- b. Unanimous
- c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- d. Motion to move out of committee: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
- e. Unanimous
- f. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. Bangladesh Student Association, \$448

- 1. The Bangladesh Student Association, led by the club president and advisor, presented plans for International Mother Language Day on February 14th. This day commemorates the 1952 student movement in Bangladesh, when the country, then part of Pakistan, fought to preserve its native language amid government enforcement of a different language. International Mother Language Day has been celebrated globally since 2000 to protect and honor all native languages. The ISU event will run two hours in the Wood Little River Room from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and will include a cultural program with a short drama, song, dance, a tribute to the historic struggle, a game show for participants, and food for the audience. This funding request was originally submitted in Fall 2025, the original funding request was \$1,200, but a grant covering \$800 reduces the ASISU request to \$448, which will be used for food and event logistics, handled in accordance with Chartwells' safety procedures. ASISU's logo will be added to all promotional materials.

- a. Motion to approve the Bangladesh Student Association for \$448:  
Saunders/Halter

- i. 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

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

- i. Idaho Period Project, \$1,000

1. The Turner Day of Service will take place at the Idaho Falls campus on March 12, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Bennion Student Union Building Multipurpose Room. This high-traffic time is intended to maximize student engagement. The event is being hosted in partnership with the on-campus club Future Health Professionals of America and the Idaho Falls Rescue Mission. Promotion will be conducted through campus signage, social media, and support from Brooklynn Hill, Idaho Falls campus Outreach and Promotion specialist. A campus-wide drive for donations and products is planned, with SAB IF providing snacks and refreshments and approximately \$1,000 in products to be packed during the event. The Idaho Period Project will supply an Amazon Wishlist for direct product shipments to BSUB and bring additional items where possible. Donation bins will be placed around the Idaho Falls campus, and Benny's Pantry Idaho Falls will supplement donations as available. ISU Idaho Falls and FHPA have previously collaborated with the Idaho Period Project on similar events. Alumnus Samantha Lee, former FHPA president, currently serves as Secretary for the Idaho Period Project, which has contributed to bringing Aunt Flow vending to schools and universities across Idaho. Hosting this event and supplementing donations will support the greater Idaho Falls community, and staff and faculty are encouraged to attend both the March 11 main campus event and the March 12 Idaho Falls event.

X. OTHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Finance Committee members present.
- b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

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