

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
 - b. Absent: Senator Vargas Barvosa.
 - c. 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 FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from February 11th, 2026: Saunders/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for February 18th, 2026: Saunders/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Saunders reported that he attended the second session of Bengal Cage, where several great ideas were shared. He also represented ASISU at the College of Business retreat.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Line-Item Hearing – Val Davids: Pocatello Student Activities Board
 - i. Val Davids presented a request for a budget increase for the Pocatello Student Activities Board, noting that students continue to highly engage with SAB signature events. Gatsby had approximately 860 students in attendance, while Abyss and the Foam Party each had over 1,000 attendees. Signature events supported through VCD average around \$20,000 per event, allowing ISU students to attend for free, while additional ticket sales are managed separately. Paint Party carries slightly higher costs, and decorations for events such as Abyss and Gatsby were emphasized as a critical component of the student experience. Bengal Pride funding increases are intended to expand and strengthen programming. Braden Worley shared that major signature events continue to grow in attendance and engagement, highlighting Gatsby, Abyss, and the Foam Party as examples of strong student participation. He emphasized that without additional revenue sources, there are limitations to what SAB can provide. The goal is to offer events that help students feel connected to ISU and build community. Increased funding would allow for larger entertainment opportunities, including the possibility of hosting bigger-name events or concerts as campus enrollment grows. During discussion, President Halter asked what had been reduced due to previous funding losses. Val Davids explained that food at events had been reduced or removed, including at the bonfire, and Casino Night. Bengal Wednesday has operated on a tighter budget, resulting in reduced quantity and quality of giveaway gear. Events such as Build-a-Bengal, which previously occurred twice per year, are now held once, with the next event scheduled for March 4th. Approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 has been allocated toward the possibility of hosting a larger event next year. Val Davids also noted that staff changes within the Student Leadership and Engagement Center are still in progress and that she will be retiring on April 3rd, which may create opportunities for new ideas and traditions moving forward.

- b. Line-Item Hearing – Val Davids: Student Organizations
 - i. Val Davids also presented updates regarding Student Organizations. The majority of the requested budget increase is related to labor costs, though staffing details are still being finalized. This year, the office hosted officer, financial, advisor, and leadership trainings, with over 363 participants attending. Social media training was also offered, and additional workshops focused on risk management and fundraising are being planned. Eight new clubs were established this year. One of her goals before retirement is to update the manual explaining how to establish a recognized student organization at ISU, as approximately 90 percent of the current manual remains accurate but requires updates to include ASISU resources, constitution-writing guidance, and website changes. Greek Life funding within this line item supports the annual Greek Banquet, recruitment initiatives, and Anti-Hazing Week marketing efforts. During discussion, Senator Saunders asked for clarification regarding increases in benefits. It was explained that salary expenses reflect a projected three percent increase for full-time staff, along with corresponding fringe benefit adjustments. Printing and supplies budgets have increased to support additional workshops, handouts, refreshments, and marketing materials. Funding for the Organizations Fair has also increased due to rising food and entertainment costs. The Bengal Pride budget increase would allow for reinstating food at the Homecoming bonfire, hosting a fall or spring dance, and expanding Bengal-themed gear for Bengal Wednesdays. The Entertainment budget supports major campus events including the Paint Party, Foam Party, Abyss, and Gatsby, with each event averaging over \$22,000 in expenses. Abyss and Gatsby also require additional pipe and draping costs averaging approximately \$5,000 per event. Bingo continues to be a highly attended program, and increased funding has been allocated to enhance prize offerings.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Internal Funding Request
 - i. Spring 2026 ASISU Spirit Pack, \$8,700
 - 1. Motion to move to committee for 15 minutes: Saunders/Lopez
 - 2. Unanimous
 - 3. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - 4. Motion to move out of committee: Pandey/Little
 - 5. Unanimous
 - 6. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - ii. Coffee and Donuts with College of Health, \$600
 - 1. Senator Sharma and Senator Hall presented this internal funding request for the College of Health is planning a student engagement event aimed at creating opportunities for connection and community building. The event will take place on Monday in Garrison Hall (Upper Campus) and Friday in Graveley Hall (Lower Campus) from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, with an expected attendance of more than 150 students. Free donuts from Amazing Glaze and coffee will be provided through collaboration between ASISU and the College of Health. The purpose of the event is to create a relaxed and welcoming environment for students, encourage interaction between students and faculty, connect students with ASISU representatives, increase awareness of available academic resources, and help reduce stress while building a stronger sense of community. The requested funding includes approximately \$360 for 20 dozen donuts from Amazing Glaze, \$175 for coffee service, and \$65 as a buffer for taxes and service fees, for a total funding request of \$600. Long-term goals include establishing Donut Stress as a recurring semester event, creating a lasting tradition within the College of Health, allowing future senators to continue student engagement efforts, and strengthening long-term student-faculty connections.
 - a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding request for \$600: Saunders/Van Metre

- 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
- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. OTHER

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
- b. Absent: Senator Vargas Barvosa.
- c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- d. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

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