

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

6:00 PM

OCTOBER 15TH, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 9 Finance Committee members preset.
 - b. Absent: Vice President Amos, Senator Itani, Vice President Taylor and Senator Vargas Barvosa.
 - c. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 8th, 2025: Lopez/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 15TH, 2025
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 15th with a friendly amendment to add the Benny's Funding Request for the First Gen Club under New Business: Saunders/Lopez
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Saunders shared that the internal funding request process will be updated, and a new submission form will be created to reflect those changes. Director Burrell will be providing a presentation on this update next week during caucus. The Hispanic Heritage Month event went well, and Vice President Medema, President Halter, and Director Burrell will be meeting to discuss future plans for the reserve fund.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. African Student Association, \$800
 1. The Vice President of the African Student Association (ASA), Blessing O Ebohon, shared that this funding request is for this years Africa Night with the theme of Colors of the Continent. The event will celebrate African culture and heritage through dance, African food, music, art, and fashion.
 - a. Senator Vargas Barvosa asked what food the event will have as \$600 of the request is for food.

- i. Blessing Ebohon shared that the organization will be making a dish or drink from each region of the continent that is represented on campus. The idea is to represent Africa as a whole.
- b. Senator Lopez asked if the event was open to all students and how many participants they are expecting at this event.
 - i. Blessing Ebohon shared that the event is open to all students as well as the public. At this event in years past there have been around 300-500 people in attendance, with 200 being from the student population and the rest from the community.
- c. Senator Saunders asked if students will be charged to attend this event.
 - i. Blessing Ebohon shared that student and the public will be charged for this event to help cover the cost of the event.
- d. Senator Vargas Barvosa asked what the price difference is between tickets for students and public is, if any.
 - i. Blessing Ebohon shared that student tickets are \$10 and tickets for the public are \$15. She also confirmed that the tickets include the cost of food at the event.
- e. Senator Saunders asked how much of the club's own money they can sue for this as well as the plan for the money that will still be in their club account after the event.
 - i. Blessing Ebohon estimated that there is \$5,000-\$6,000 left in their club account as they have already started purchasing things for the event. The plan for that funding is to put on another major event in the Spring semester as well so they are trying not use all of their funding for this one event.
- f. There was further discussion about the other parts of the funding request, with \$200 being requested for additional audio equipment, including attachable microphones, as the standard equipment provided by the ballroom may not be sufficient. A student DJ will perform at the event, and Blessing Ebohon confirmed they are following university requirements for registration and licensing. They have secured one sponsorship so far and are continuing outreach. The event is traditionally held in November, and that will continue this year as well. Food will be prepared using the university kitchen, and the advisor will be attending the event after completing the required training.
 - i. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Africa Night event for \$800: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

1. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

RAKESH ITANI – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. First Generation Club, \$2,000

1. Sydney Fink-Cobb, President of the First-Generation Club shared that the club is planning a week-long First-Gen Week event from November 3rd–7th, with the funding request specifically for a dinner event on the final day.
 - a. There was discussion amongst the senate about the specifics of the event. The dinner will include a guest speaker and fajitas provided by Chartwells, and it will be free and open to students, community members, and staff. This is the first time the club is putting on an event of this scale for First-Gen Week, though similar programming has occurred in the past. They are not currently pursuing outside funding but are hosting two fundraisers to support the week's events, including a Fixology fundraiser on November 1st. Other activities planned throughout the week include a Monday through Friday booth in the SUB in collaboration with TRIO, a movie night, and free popcorn for the first 75 students. Advertising efforts include flyers, social media posts (including Instagram and outreach to the ISU Students account), and the development of new flyers to be distributed in dorms.
 - b. Senator Saunders shared that we have approximately \$26,000 Benny's Funding available for the rest of the year, this \$2,000 request alone takes up 8% of that funding.
 - c. There was further discussion about how many people will be attending the event compared to community members, where it was noted and membership alone for this club is over 100 students and over 51% of students at ISU are first generation students.
 - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Little
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - iv. Motion to extend committee by 2 minutes: Medema/Little
 - v. Unanimous
 - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - vii. Motion to move out of committee: Lopez/Saunders

viii. Unanimous

ix. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. OTHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 12 Finance Committee members preset.
- b. Absent: Vice President Taylor.
- 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 6:32 PM.