

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

5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 10 Finance Committee members present.
 - b. Absent: Vice President Amos and Senator Pandey.
 - c. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from January 28th, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for February 4th, 2026 with the friendly amendment to add an Internal Funding Request for \$3,000 for Turner Day of Service under New Business: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Saunders shared that this week he met with Director Burrell and Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist, to review upcoming requests and discuss relevant details. He also created a manual for the Chair of the Finance position and is working on preparing the budget for line items.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. Line-Item Hearing – Jason Sperry: Bengal Theater
 - i. Jason Sperry, the Assistant Director of the Student Union manages the Bengal Theatre and shared updates on current operations and future plans. No budget increase is being requested at this time. The theatre plans to move to an open schedule Thursday through Sunday and will partner with the Pocatello Film Society to use the facilities for movie screenings on Sundays. These screenings are free for students, while admission for faculty and staff is \$2 and for the public is \$3. Film Society events typically see strong attendance. Attendance numbers from last year show approximately 3,000 total attendees, including 2,200 General Public and 1,200 Film Society attendees. The theatre also opened on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays exclusively for students' organization use. Licensing costs for newer movies range from \$1,200 to \$1,500, while older films cost \$400 to \$700. A contract has been negotiated that allows the theatre to show both new releases and classic films. As part of this contract, a special licensing rate of \$200 is

available for student activities, clubs, and departments. Last year, 17 departments hosted special movie showings, several with multiple screenings, and 12–15 clubs utilized the theatre. The Bengal Theatre is considered a strong campus resource, generating approximately \$20,000–\$30,000 annually in concession revenue, which helps supplement the budget. The theatre operates successfully within its current budget and is primarily student-run, employing two student managers and six additional student employees. ASISU-sponsored movie nights were highlighted as an opportunity to further utilize this resource. A special licensing option for ASISU is available, along with a website that allows users to access trailers and reserve the theatre. It was emphasized that increased student awareness is needed, and ASISU support in promoting the theatre would be beneficial. The Bengal Theatre partnered with the Student Activities Board approximately a year and a half ago during a bingo night to survey students about viewing preferences and engagement. Survey results indicated that the most effective ways students connect with the theatre are posters and monthly showtime calendars. Approximately \$5,000 per year is spent on printing and promotional materials. The theatre also offers a second-stream viewing option, allowing films to be shown as soon as they are released. However, emphasis was placed on the importance of the in-theatre experience and preserving the “movie magic.” When not in use during the day, the theatre functions as an auditorium, complete with a built-out stage, sound system, and updated seating. Additional suggestions included increasing promotion through Instagram and Facebook, adding social media links to flyers, and hosting themed or series movie nights, such as a Hunger Games movie night. The theatre has strong community connections and serves as a bridge between ISU and the Pocatello community. It partners with New Student Orientation and Bengal Family Weekend, drawing several hundred attendees. The theatre also collaborates with the Human Resources Department during Employee Appreciation Week, offering movie screenings and staff passes. When asked about hosting ASISU debates, the theatre was identified as an ideal venue and strongly recommended for that purpose.

b. Line-Item Hearing – Meg Holmes: ISU Theater and Dance

- i. Meg Holmes, a representative from the Theatre Department presented information regarding their production budget. The department produces four productions each academic year, rotating programs annually to ensure a variety of teaching opportunities for students. The production budget covers expenses including props, design costs, scenery, and costumes. All individuals working in these areas are compensated, and guest directors are occasionally hired as part of the productions. An increase in funding provided by ASISU last year offered significant relief to the department and helped support continued programming. The department has also implemented ticketing through ISU’s system for ISU productions. President Halter asked whether this funding fully supports the department or if additional funding sources are utilized. In response, it was shared that the department’s goal is to generate \$30,000 in ticket sales annually. Increased audience attendance has made this goal more achievable. The department also occasionally receives Arts Council grants, typically totaling a few thousand dollars. Approximately 70 percent of

the production budget is funded by ASISU, with the remaining portion supported through ticket sales and grant funding.

c. Line-Item Hearing - Brad Broschinsky: Idaho Falls Student Activities Board

i. Line-Item Hearing Rescheduled

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

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

1. Motion to approve the Kappa Sigma and Alpha Xi Benny's Funding Request for \$2,952:

Little/Halter

a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

BROOKE TAYLOR – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

i. Idaho Period Project, \$1,000

1. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Idaho Period Project for \$1,000:

Saunders/Acharya

a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CJ LOPEZ – YES

CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

BROOKE TAYLOR – ABSTAIN

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. Trivia Night, \$1,500

1. Senator Van Metre and Senator Litte presented a request for funding to host a Kahoot Trivia Night on March 3rd from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the SUB ballroom. Requested funds would be used for prizes. The event will feature five trivia categories, with 10–15 questions per category, and mini games between categories. Planned mini games include cup stacking and a paper airplane distance challenge. Kahoot gameplay is expected to last approximately 45 minutes, with trivia, mini games, and transitions totaling about one and a half hours. Kahoot access is covered through a subscription. Prizes include a free general parking pass for the 2027 year, along with additional items outlined in the presentation slides. One individual may only win one prize, and W-2 and prize forms will be required.

- a. Secretary Madison noted that leftover prize baskets could also be utilized for this event.

ii. Turner Day of Service, \$3,000

1. President Halter shared that the Turner Day of Service is part of the 125th Anniversary Day of Service and is scheduled for March 11th. The event is a collaboration between the President’s Office, AmeriCorps, Greek Council, and the 125th Anniversary Committee. Significant funding has already been allocated by the anniversary committee. The requested funding would be used to provide food for volunteers. Participants will check in in the morning, receive food and a T-shirt, and then disperse to various service projects around campus and the community. It was clarified that the food will be provided in a breakfast buffet-style setup. All participants will meet in the morning for breakfast before heading out to their assigned service projects.
 - a. Motion to move to recess for 15 minutes: Lopez/Saunders
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - d. Motion to exit recess: Vargas Barvosa/Lopez
 - e. Unanimous
 - f. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. OTHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
- b. Absent: Vice President Amos.
- 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 6:24 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON

