

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ZOOM**

**5:30 PM**

**FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Pandey.
  - 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Halter
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
  - a. Senator Saunders reported that the first round of Bengal Cage presentations took place with Director Burrell and President Halter, including a request related to a lactation pod location. The final Bengal Cage meeting will take place tomorrow. Senator Saunders also encouraged members to watch President Wagner’s State of the University update. Additionally, Senator Saunders met with President Halter, Theresa Brissette, and Director Burrell to review funding requests and discuss the upcoming Student Fee Hearing.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Line-Item Hearing – Logan Anderson: Civic Symphony
    - i. Logan Anderson presented on behalf of the Civic Symphony, a community organization that has existed in some form for approximately 100 years and maintains a strong partnership with ISU. The symphony runs five to six full orchestra concerts each season from September through April, aligning with the academic calendar. Last year, the organization provided free concert tickets to ISU students with a valid student ID and awarded approximately \$20,000 in scholarships to students participating in the string orchestra. This year, the organization requested increased funding from ASISU. Last year, ASISU funding covered the projected loss of ticket revenue resulting from offering free student tickets. So far this season, 377 ISU students have attended three concerts, and ticket revenue has already matched last season’s totals, with three concerts remaining, including a March 20 performance featuring guest artists and a final concert on April

25. If student attendance trends continue, the projected loss from free student tickets is estimated at approximately \$2,500. The Civic Symphony noted that its performances include a variety of music beyond classical repertoire, providing an accessible entry point for students who may not have attended productions at the Stephens Performing Arts Center. The organization requested an increase in ASISU funding from \$9,000 last year to \$20,000 this year, citing an expanded overall budget, including a Fourth of July concert at the Portneuf Health Trust Amphitheatre. Leadership explained that this is expected to be an exceptional budget year due to production costs such as lighting and sound, with expenses anticipated to return to typical levels next year.

1. President Halter asked about the number of players in the symphony and the proportion of ISU students involved. Logan Anderson reported that the orchestra typically includes between 55 and 70 performers, with approximately 20–30 ISU students participating, meaning nearly half of the ensemble is made up of students. Preference is given to student performers when possible. President Halter also shared feedback from attending the Christmas concert, noting challenges with student seating and ticket navigation. Logan Anderson acknowledged the concern and explained that the symphony uses the university's ticketing system, and he will follow up separately to address the issue.
2. Senator Saunders asked whether all student performers receive scholarships. Logan Anderson clarified that scholarships are provided to string students specifically, as wind players often have other scholarship opportunities through university ensembles. Senator Vargas Barbosa asked about an 80% increase in facilities and production costs. Logan Anderson explained that the increase is largely tied to the Fourth of July concert and rising venue costs. When asked about university funding, Logan Anderson clarified that the Civic Symphony operates as a nonprofit and only receives direct university funding through ASISU. Additional revenue comes from ticket sales, grants, sponsorships, and donations. The organization expects approximately \$120,000 in ticket sales, about \$80,000 in individual sponsorships and donations, recently secured matching donors totaling \$15,000, and approximately \$120,000 in concert sponsorships, along with grants from organizations such as the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

b. Line-Item Hearing, Maria Beltran: Twin Falls Student Activities Board

- i. Maria Beltran presented on behalf of the Twin Falls Student Activities Board. The ISU Twin Falls location operates on the College of Southern Idaho campus and primarily serves non-traditional, commuter, and online students. The board focuses on outreach, advising, programming, and creating opportunities for students to feel connected to the broader ISU community. Funding supports graduation celebrations, student gatherings, prizes, and promotional materials. The Twin Falls SAB is requesting the same funding level as last year, totaling \$25,000.

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

- i. Elise Ramos, Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Advising for the Idaho Falls campus, presented on behalf of Brad Broschinsky from the Idaho Falls Student Activities Board. The board is requesting the same funding amount as last year, totaling \$35,237. Despite university budget reductions, the Idaho Falls campus continues to grow, reporting 20 events with 2,043 student participants in Fall 2025 and approximately 4.1% enrollment growth in Spring 2026. As a largely non-traditional campus, the SAB focuses on programming that meets student needs and encourages engagement. Recent events included a Valentine's Day treat distribution that served 91 students and an upcoming Valentine's trivia and pizza event. The board plans to host approximately 30–40 events during the next academic year.
  1. Senator Vargas Barbosa asked for a breakdown of how funding is typically used. Presenters explained that funds support lunches, swag giveaways, treats, Finals Relief programming, Bengal Wednesday events, and other engagement activities. Director Burrell asked how attendance is tracked. The board explained that Bengal ID numbers are checked, when possible, particularly through partnerships with the University of Idaho on the shared campus space.
  2. Senator Vargas Barbosa asked whether University of Idaho students participate in events. Presenters confirmed that U of I students are allowed to participate as part of the shared-campus agreement, though ISU students remain the primary focus of SAB programming. Brooke added context about the memorandum of understanding between ISU and the University of Idaho, explaining that U of I primarily offer graduate coursework on the campus and uses facilities during evenings and weekends, while SAB events are scheduled to prioritize ISU student participation.
  3. President Halter asked about the proportion of ISU students attending events. Presenters estimated that approximately 70% of participants are ISU students, noting that faculty and staff sometimes participate in smaller activities but are not typically included in giveaways intended for students.
  4. Senator Saunders asked how the board evaluates cost effectiveness relative to student engagement. Presenters explained that programming decisions are guided by attendance patterns, with food-centered events typically drawing the most participation. Senator Vargas Barbosa asked whether leftover materials or food create challenges. Presenters indicated that leftovers are usually minimal and are repurposed for future events when possible. Director Burrell asked whether planning for the 2026–2027 academic year had begun; presenters indicated that planning typically begins during the summer months. Senator Saunders asked about introducing new programming, and presenters noted that while some events remain consistent, there is always room for improvement and variation. Discussion also included student retention and campus engagement, with presenters noting attendance ranges from approximately 47 students at smaller events to over 100 at larger programs.

a. Internal Funding Request

i. Trivia Night, \$1,500

1. Motion to approve the Trivia Night Internal Funding Request for \$1,500: Vargas Barvosa/Halter

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 – ABSTAIN

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

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

1. Motion to approve the Turner Day of Service Internal Funding Request for \$3,000: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders

a. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

MAKAYLA AMOS – YES

SKY HALTER – ABSTAIN

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

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 6:15 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON