

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

**5:30 PM**

**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
  - a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
  - b. Absent: Senator Lopez.
  - c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Saunders/Vargas Barvosa
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with the friendly amendment to add an Internal Funding Request for the Paint-a-Pot request for \$2,380 under New Business: Saunders/Halter
  - b. Unanimous
  - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
    - i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Vargas Barvosa/Pandey
    - ii. Unanimous
    - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Pandey/Vargas Barvosa
    - v. Unanimous
    - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
  - a. Senator Saunders reported that this week he attended budget advisory meetings, where recent university changes were discussed. He shared that the administration emphasized that any cuts made were done with careful consideration. The university is currently looking at a potential 5–6% tuition increase for the upcoming year. Senator Saunders also reached out to clubs to inform them about different club funding opportunities.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
  - a. Line-Item Hearing – Justin Dayley: Outdoor Adventure Center
    - i. Justin Dayley presented on behalf of the Outdoor Adventure Center. He shared that the OAC provides one free trip per student per semester and offered access to more than 25 different trips in 2025. Over 350 students participated in trips, resulting in more than 10,500 contact hours. In Spring 2026, 100% of participants surveyed reported being satisfied or extremely satisfied with their experience. Students highlighted the opportunity to participate in unique outdoor experiences and praised both the trip leaders and locations. Several comments emphasized appreciation for the program as an important part of the ISU student experience. Dayley explained that when financial barriers for students were removed, participation increased significantly. Trip sign-ups filled within one to two minutes at the start of the semester, and even after a \$25,000 increase allowed the program to double and triple available trips, openings still filled within three to five minutes. He emphasized that these trips provide core, lasting college experiences for students. Challenges currently facing the OAC include trips filling quickly, limited opportunities for student participation, and difficulty accommodating a growing student

population. Equipment rental costs have been reduced or incorporated into trip costs to remove barriers, but staffing limitations remain significant, with staff working extended schedules including weekends and fundraising responsibilities. The OAC continues to host events such as University Night at the Challenge Course and shared photos demonstrating student bonding and growth. Dayley also noted that the center is working to secure guiding rights to certain areas before costs increase to preserve opportunities for future students.

1. During discussion, Senator Van Metre asked about participation limits. Dayley explained that each student receives one free trip per semester, with additional trips available for a fee. Senator Saunders asked whether additional funding would provide more trips. Dayley responded that increased funding would primarily remove smaller barriers such as equipment and food access and improve inclusivity, though staffing limitations make it difficult to add many additional trips. Van Metre asked whether additional funding could increase spots per trip, which Dayley confirmed has been done previously but is now near capacity due to staffing constraints. President Halter asked about inflation-related barriers, and Dayley noted that aging equipment is a major concern, with some items being used until failure due to limited reinvestment. Vice President Medema asked whether reserve funding could help address needs, and Dayley shared that OAC vans and trailers are aging, with some nearing 20 years old and approaching the end of their service life.

b. Line-Item Hearing – Jamon Anderson: KISU-FM Radio

- i. Jamon Anderson presented on behalf of KISU-FM and shared the station’s mission and ongoing collaborations with colleges across campus. KISU has reached several milestones since going on air in 1999, including expanding athletic broadcasts, adding local news programming, launching live streaming, upgrading digital studios, and expanding local programming production. Anderson noted that CPB funding was cut in July 2025, creating financial challenges. KISU continues to engage students through broadcasting all ISU football, women’s basketball, and men’s basketball games, conducting programming surveys with hundreds of respondents, and supporting student projects across multiple academic disciplines. The station has provided more than 8,000 no-cost announcements for ISU departments, student organizations, and nonprofits. Student engagement includes podcast development, media course collaboration, honors program partnerships, and multiple Idaho Press Club award nominations and wins. Anderson also noted that the average listener age has decreased, suggesting increased student engagement.
  1. During discussion, President Halter asked how funding looks following grant cuts and whether commercial revenue options exist. Anderson explained that KISU is working to build underwriting and donor support to offset lost grant funding. Senator Van Metre asked about advertising opportunities for Trivia Night, and Anderson invited her to send details so the station could promote the event. He also reminded members that KISU broadcasts on 91.1 FM in Pocatello, 91.3 FM in Idaho Falls, 88.1 FM in Rexburg, and through the KISU app and website.
- ii. Key budget points for FY27 include a reduction of \$158,000 in CPB Community Service Grant funding, with \$35,000 designated from FY26 funds for FY27. KISU is requesting a \$41,000 increase from ASISU, which aligns with historical contributions prior to 2021. Donation revenue has increased by 114% (\$64,000), and internal budget cuts totaling \$36,286 have been implemented. Additional changes include a \$5,000 increase in CPI funding, no salary raises, and a request for an emergency equipment replacement account of \$5,000 annually up to \$30,000. The station is actively pursuing new grants and funding avenues to build long-term sustainability. Anderson shared key questions being considered internally, including whether additional cuts would impact revenue generation, whether CPB funding may return, and whether planned purchases should be delayed. He also addressed frequently asked questions from supporters and media, including concerns about sustainability, athletics coverage, and whether KISU could go off the air at the end

of FY26. Future goals include achieving full NPR affiliate status, developing a stronger news department, and increasing engagement with students and alumni.

X. OLD BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. Spring 2026 ASISU Spirit Pack, \$8,700

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Medema/Saunders
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: CARRIED
4. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Saunders
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: CARRIED

a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request with the amount amended to \$10,600: Saunders/Van Metre

i. ROLL CALL

SAUGAT ACHARYA – YES

MAKAYLA AMOS – YES

SKY HALTER – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

CHARLIE MEDEMA – ABSTAIN

DIYA PANDEY – YES

ROBERT SAUNDERS – YES

BROOKE TAYLOR – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

DENIS VARGAS BARVOSA – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Internal Funding Request

i. Student Involvement Committee Tailgate Entertainment, \$3,600

1. Senator Van Metre explained that this request comes from the Student Involvement Committee to contract a DJ to perform at all home tailgates next year, which includes seven home games. The proposal honors last year's price of \$600 per game. She noted that adding a DJ and entertainment is intended to increase student involvement and enhance the tailgate experience.
  - a. Senator Saunders asked about cancellation fees in the event of issues.
  - b. Senator Van Metre responded that weather-related cancellations would allow ASISU the right to back out under the contract terms. The goal is to create a contract once the new school year begins, ensuring funding is secured and events are booked in advance. She noted that if cancellations occur without valid reasons, fees may still apply.
  - c. Dr. Matt Daily suggested that instead of a refund, a credit could be negotiated to apply toward future events.
  - d. President Halter asked whether the DJ requires a certain amount of advance notice for scheduling.
  - e. Senator Van Metre stated that there is no specific requirement, but the committee would like to book as soon as possible.
  - f. Senator Saunders asked whether this funding would be better suited to come from the Student Engagement Fund rather than the Senate Discretionary Fund.
  - g. President Halter clarified that the Student Engagement Fund only contains \$1,000 per year. He suggested that reserve funds could be allocated to support future tailgate programming.

- i. Motion to move to committee for 5 minutes: Halter/Vargas Barvosa
    - ii. Unanimous
    - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
    - iv. Motion to move out of committee: Vargas Barvosa/Little
    - v. Unanimous
    - vi. Motion: **CARRIED**
  - ii. Counseling and Mental Health Center Sleep and Personal Hygiene Kits, \$1,304
    - 1. Senator Vargas Barvosa shared that the committee is working with the Wellness Center and the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC) to create sleep and personal hygiene kits. The kits will include items such as sleep masks and self-care products. The requested funding would help make the event larger and more impactful.
      - a. Senator Saunders asked whether the kits would be distributed at an event or stored at the CMHC for clients. It was explained that the kits would be distributed during tabling events and also kept at the center for ongoing client use.
      - b. President Halter asked whether the idea originated from conversations held by the Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee or if the CMHC approached the committee directly. It was explained that the CMHC brought the idea forward and also requested assistance with promotion.
  - iii. Paint-a-Pot Event
    - 1. The Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Committee in collaboration with the Student Involvement Committee announced the Paint-a-Pot Pizza Event, which will take place on April 8 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the Quad Lawn.
  - b. Benny's Funding Request
    - i. HALO Baile Night, \$1,000

XII. OTHER

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. 10 Finance Committee members present.
- b. Absent: Senator Lopez and Vice President Amos.
- c. Also present: Dr. Matt Daily, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students.
- d. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

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ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON