

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SHIRLEY SARGENT BOARDROOM, PSUB

6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER — 6:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 13 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.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from September 9th, 2026: Vaccarella/Picanco
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for September 16th, 2026: Medema/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Ball reported that ASISU has begun seeing an increase in student travel funding requests from both undergraduate and graduate students. He encouraged committee members to make students aware of the available travel funding and encourage eligible students to apply before the available funding is exhausted.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. The Jungle and Grilled Cheese Club: Bus Trip to Weber State, \$3,000
 1. Representatives from The Jungle and Grilled Cheese Club, Karson Jex, President of The Jungle, and Kaleb Jex, President of the Grilled Cheese Club, presented a Benny's Funding request for \$3,000 to assist with transportation expenses for a student bus trip to the Idaho State football game at Weber State on October 17, 2026. The representatives explained that the clubs plan to transport approximately 100 students to the away game using two charter buses. Students will meet at Reed Gym and depart at approximately 8:00–8:30 AM, with an anticipated arrival at Weber State around 10:30 AM. The group plans to participate in a tailgate hosted by the Alumni Association before attending the football game. Following the game, students will return to Pocatello the same day. The 100 participating students will be placed on a pass list through Weber State rather than receiving individual physical tickets. The clubs have been working with Athletics and Weber State to coordinate the student admission

process. Athletics has helped secure game admission for participating students at no additional cost. The clubs requested \$3,000 in Benny's Funding toward the approximately \$3,840 total cost of chartering two buses through Teton Stage Lines. A 10% deposit of approximately \$380 is required to reserve the buses. The Jungle is prepared to cover the deposit, and The Jungle and Grilled Cheese Club will jointly cover the remaining transportation expenses not funded by ASISU. The clubs have also been working with ISU's legal team regarding the charter agreement and contract addendum. The documents have been reviewed and forwarded for the remaining university administration approval.

- a. Director Saunders asked how the trip would be marketed to students.
 - i. The representatives explained that they are considering using a Google Form and/or the Sutable app for registration. The opportunity will also be promoted through ROAR Weekly, social media, and potentially ASISU channels. Registration will be available to the first 100 students who sign up, after which the form will close.
- b. Senator Little asked for clarification regarding the Weber State pass list.
 - i. The representatives explained that the participating students will not receive individual tickets. Instead, Weber State will receive identifying information for the group in advance, allowing the registered students to enter the game upon arrival.
- c. Senator Ball asked whether The Jungle had organized a similar trip previously.
 - i. The representatives stated that The Jungle organized a Weber State bus trip approximately two years ago, during which two buses of students participated. The current club leadership was not responsible for organizing the previous trip but hopes to replicate its success.
- d. Senator Paine asked about the Grilled Cheese Club's involvement in the event.
 - i. Representatives explained that the Grilled Cheese Club is partnering with The Jungle to help provide a social opportunity for students, particularly students who may not otherwise have the transportation or financial means to travel to an away game. The organizations have also collaborated on tailgates and other student activities.
- e. Director Saunders asked whether the clubs had explored other funding sources due to the size of the request.
 - i. Representatives explained that The Jungle receives approximately \$5,000 annually from Athletics to support student-section activities and events throughout the year. Athletics is also assisting with the Weber State trip by

coordinating free game admission for the participating students. Some unused club funding from the previous year also carried forward.

- f. Vice President Medema asked about the process for selecting participating students.
 - i. Representatives confirmed that the first 100 eligible students to register will be selected for the trip.
- g. Director Saunders asked Theresa Brissette and Dr. Daily about the process for considering the funding request while the charter contract was still awaiting final signature.
 - i. Theresa Brissette explained that funds would not be spent until the necessary contract was completed. Dr. Daily indicated that university support for the initiative was not expected to be an issue once the required process was completed.
- h. Dr. Daily asked whether the clubs planned to have adult chaperones on the trip. Representatives confirmed that they plan to have a chaperone on each bus, although the specific individuals had not yet been selected.

b. Internal Funding Request

- i. ASISU Branded Magnets, \$375
 - 1. President Halter reported that Director Hutchins, Senator Baughman, and he have been communicating with Heather Johnson in Student Affairs Marketing and Communications. The designs still require approval through university Marketing and Communications, and the timeline for approval remains uncertain. The group has also been asked to provide several mock designs for consideration as part of the approval process. President Halter initially suggested tabling the request for approximately two weeks.
 - 2. Director Saunders suggested instead denying the current request and allowing a new request to be submitted once the designs and approval process are further along.
 - a. Motion to deny the Internal Funding Request for the ASISU Branded Magnets for \$375: Smith/Van Metre
 - i. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL – YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES
HANNAH BURRELL – YES
SKY HALTER – YES
PAIGE LITTLE – YES
CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES
MEGAN OSTERMANN – YES
ETHAN PAINE – YES
OLIVIA PICANCO – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

ii. October 3rd Tailgate Fund, \$400

1. President Halter stated that regarding this funding request, the goal is to continue building Bengal spirit and student participation at football games. The original proposal included approximately \$300 for food and \$100 for additional drinks, with plans to serve Philly cheesesteaks. The Jungle is also planning to serve pancakes at the tailgate.
2. Director Saunders expressed support for the football tailgates but asked whether ASISU also intends to provide engagement opportunities for other sports, including volleyball and soccer, noting the importance of supporting student-athletes across different sports.
3. Senator Little stated that there have been discussions about developing a plan for ASISU officers to attend and promote different sporting events. One possibility is using ASISU merchandise and giveaways to encourage students to attend volleyball, soccer, and other athletic events. Senator Little also questioned whether Philly cheesesteaks would be as cost-effective as hamburgers and hot dogs.
4. Senator Van Metre noted that there are leftover hot dogs from the previous tailgate and asked who would be responsible for cooking the proposed food, particularly because ASISU does not currently have its own grill.
5. President Halter stated that several individuals he knows personally with grills have offered to assist with cooking. He also agreed that hamburgers and hot dogs may be a more cost-effective option.
6. Senator Baughman discussed the volume of students served at the previous tailgate and noted that even hot dogs created a wait because of the number of students seeking food. She expressed concern that Philly cheesesteaks could be more difficult to serve efficiently and suggested that hot dogs and hamburgers would appeal to a broader group of students.
7. Senator Vaccarella provided additional information based on previous experience preparing Philly cheesesteaks. He noted that the cooking time can be like hamburgers when using an appropriate cooking surface but agreed that hamburgers and hot dogs would likely allow ASISU to serve a larger quantity of students for the available funding.
8. Committee members also discussed the amount of food and beverages remaining from previous tailgates. Members noted that ASISU may not need to spend the full estimated amount on drinks and could direct a greater portion of the funding toward food if necessary. The committee discussed concerns regarding grease and cleanup associated with the previous tailgate. Members generally agreed that hamburgers and hot dogs would be a simpler option for the upcoming event. Committee members also discussed the process for submitting future tailgate funding requests. It was recommended that the Student Involvement Committee take a more direct role in developing and submitting future requests to ensure the committee responsible for planning the events is involved in determining the anticipated costs and needs.

9. Motion to move to committee for 20 minutes: Vaccarella/Van Metre
10. Unanimous
11. Motion: **CARRIED**
12. Motion to move out of committee: Paine/Van Metre
13. Unanimous
14. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the October 3rd Tailgate Fund for \$400 with the stipulation that the funding is used to purchase hot dogs and hamburgers rather than the proposed Philly cheesesteaks: Little/Baughman
 - i. ROLL CALL
BRENDON BALL – YES
MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES
HANNAH BURRELL – YES
SKY HALTER – YES
PAIGE LITTLE – YES
CHARLIE MEDEMA – YES
MEGAN OSTERMANN – YES
ETHAN PAINE – YES
OLIVIA PICANCO – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
 - ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. OTHER

- a. Director Saunders requested that when funding requests move from the Finance Committee to Senate, Finance Committee members provide senators who do not serve on Finance with a brief overview of the request and the committee's discussion. The goal is to ensure all senators have sufficient context and understanding of the request before voting on financial matters.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn: Little/Paine
- b. Unanimous
- c. Motion: **CARRIED**

XII. ROLL CALL

- a. 13 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. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

ASISU SECRETARY

ELIANA MADISON