

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

6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 13 Finance Committee members preset.
 - b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from September 16th, 2026: Vaccarella/Paine
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for September 23rd: Vaccarella/Van Metre
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Ball nothing to report.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Benny's Funding Request
 - i. The Jungle and Grilled Cheese Club: Bus Trip to Weber State, \$3,000
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 - a. Senator Smith expressed concern that \$3,000 was a significant amount to spend on an event serving approximately 100 students and noted the overall amount allocated for Benny's funding.
 - b. Senator Paine expressed his opinion on the cost breakdown and provided clarification regarding the expenses associated with the trip.
 - c. Senator Vaccarella noted that the organizations would be contributing toward a portion of the total cost, including a portion of the initial payment.
 - d. Theresa Brissette clarified that the total bus cost was approximately \$3,830 and that students would receive free tickets to get into the basketball game at Weber state. She also explained that university leadership supported the opportunity but that the committee should make its decision based on what it believed was appropriate for students.

- e. Director Saunders emphasized that the committee represents students and should make its decision based on student interests rather than feeling obligated to approve a request because university leadership supports the event.
- f. Senator Little noted that similar trips to Utah games have been organized in the past and that students have continued to express interest in these opportunities. The upcoming game was also noted as the first conference game and therefore potentially significant to the football season.
- g. Senator Paine discussed the potential per-student cost and noted that the request would provide a larger impact if the buses reached full capacity.
- h. Director Saunders stated that the total Benny's funding allocation is approximately \$28,000, making the \$3,000 request approximately 3% of the overall allocation. The committee noted that the exact amount already spent would need to be confirmed.
- i. President Halter noted that university leadership, including Pauline and President Wagner, have historically encouraged ASISU to support student attendance at athletic events. He stated that these events are popular with students and that buses for similar events over the past five years have generally filled.
- j. President Halter also noted that the free tickets provided by Weber State add value to the trip because students would otherwise need to purchase tickets in addition to transportation. He compared the request with other ASISU events that may cost \$1,000–\$2,000 but attract approximately 20–25 students.
- k. Senator Baughman discussed the importance of maximizing the available budget while recognizing that students attending independently would incur additional costs for gas, driving, and tickets.
- l. Senator Paine noted that the trip would also indirectly benefit ISU student-athletes because the event supports attendance at an athletic competition.
 - i. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for The Jungle and Grilled Cheese for the bus trip to Weber State University for the amount of \$3,000: Vaccarella/Little

1. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES
ETHAN PAINE – YES
OLIVIA PICANCO – YES
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HEATHER SWARTZ – YES
JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

2. Motion: **CARRIED**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benny's Funding Request

i. Sigma Sigma Sigma: Tailgate and Dirty Sodas, \$221

1. A representative from Sigma Sigma Sigma explained that the organization had been given an opportunity to participate in tailgates but did not have sufficient time to include the expense in its existing budget. The organization proposed offering a beverage option instead of food, with multiple syrups that students could use to customize their drinks. The organization explained that the event is intended to encourage student involvement and provide a fun activity for students attending the tailgate. Bengal Cards would be checked to verify student eligibility.

- a. Senator Ball asked what would happen to syrup bottles that remained unopened or unused after the event.

- i. A representative from Sigma Sigma Sigma stated that it would not repurchase supplies in the future if existing supplies remained.

- b. Senator Van Meter suggested that unused supplies could potentially be retained for a future tailgate if the organization wanted to participate again. Senator Van Meter also asked where the syrups could be stored.

- c. Senator Picanco mentioned that generic Torani syrups generally do not require refrigeration and could potentially be stored in an appropriate location or with the tailgate supplies.

- d. Senator Baughman asked whether the supplies would be intended for multiple tailgates or only the upcoming event.

- e. It was stated that per the Benny's Funding Request rules this is only for one tailgate

- i. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Little/Van Metre

- ii. Unanimous

- iii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- iv. Motion to move out of committee: Little/Van Metre

v. Unanimous

vi. Motion: **CARRIED**

1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for Sigma Sigma Tailgate and Dirty Sodas in the amount of \$221: Little/Paine

a. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

ETHAN PAINE – YES

OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

HEATHER SWARTZ – YES

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

AJ VACCARELLA – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

b. Motion: **CARRIED**

b. Internal Funding Request

i. Homecoming Parade, \$500

1. Motion to move to committee for 10 minutes: Van Metre/Paine

2. Unanimous

3. Motion: **CARRIED**

4. Motion to move out of committee: Van Metre/Paine

5. Unanimous

6. Motion: **CARRIED**

- a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Homecoming Parade in the amount of \$500

i. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES
PAIGE LITTLE – YES
ETHAN PAINE – YES
OLIVIA PICANCO – YES
PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
SILAS SMITH – YES
HEATHER SWARTZ – YES
JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
AJ VACCARELLA – YES
HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

c. Reserve Fund Request

i. Swanson Arch 125th Anniversary Plaza, \$125,000

1. Motion to move to committee for 20 minutes: Paine/Vaccarella
2. Unanimous
3. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to exit committee: Paine/Vaccarella
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**

X. OTHER

a. Director Saunders mentioned beginning the next meeting approximately 15 minutes earlier in order to allow additional time to complete discussion of the reserve fund request.

i. There was a general consensus with the entire committee, next week the Finance Committee will begin at 5:45pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

XII. ROLL CALL

- a. 13 Finance Committee members preset.
- b. Also present: Theresa Brissette, Student Leadership and Engagement Center Program Specialist.
- c. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

CHARLIE MEDEMA

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KASHLYN PETERSON