

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

5:45 PM

October 14th, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:46 PM
- II. ROLL CALL
 - a. 11 Finance Committee members present.
 - b. Absent: Senator Vaccarella and Senator Paine.
 - 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 OCTOBER 7TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from October 7th, 2026: Smith/Picanco
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - i. Motion to amend the minutes to include the Nepalese Association and Christian Community Crossroads Fellowship Daisen Night under Old Business: Smith/Baughmann
 - ii. Unanimous
 - iii. Motion: **CARRIED**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14TH, 2026
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda for October 14th: Smith/Little
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
- VI. CHAIRS REPORT
 - a. Senator Ball reported that senators should have received their assigned line items. He then asked senators to review their assignments, with expectations and responsibilities to be discussed further during caucus and in the coming days.
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Internal Funding Request
 - i. ASISU Trip to Meridian, \$1,778
 1. Vice President Ostermann reported that approximately three to four ASISU members would attend, along with Dr. Matt Daily and Theresa Brissette. The attending ASISU representatives were identified as Director Hutchins, Senator Burlakoti, and President Halter.

- a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the ASISU Trip to Meridian for the amount of \$1,778: Burrell/Halter

- i. ROLL CALL

- BRENDON BALL – YES

- MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

- ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

- HANNAH BURRELL – YES

- ERIC HSIEH – YES

- JOVANY LEYVA – YES

- PAIGE LITTLE – YES

- OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

- PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

- SILAS SMITH – YES

- JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

- HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

- BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Benny's Funding Request

- i. Nepalese Association and Community Christian Crossroads Daisen Night, \$3,000

- 1. Motion to approve the Benny's Funding Request for the Nepalese Association and Community Christian Crossroads Daisen Night in the amount of \$3,000

- a. ROLL CALL

- BRENDON BALL – YES

- MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

- ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

- HANNAH BURRELL – YES

- ERIC HSIEH – YES

- JOVANY LEYVA – YES

- PAIGE LITTLE – YES

- OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

- PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

- SILAS SMITH – YES

- JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

- HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

- BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

- b. Motion: **CARRIED**

- IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Internal Funding Request

- i. Midterm and Finals Week Needoh Giveaway, \$291.50

1. Senator Burrell presented that the purchase was for approximately 500 orange Needoh stress toys for distribution during Dead Week and finals week in collaboration with the Counseling and Mental Health Center. She noted that the initiative was developed in collaboration with Director Hutchins, Senator Torres-Droz, and President Halter as part of efforts to support students during academically stressful periods.
2. Senator Smith discussed the size of the items, the proposed bulk purchase, and whether the products would be branded.
3. Senator Burrell clarified that the items would be slightly smaller than the full-size versions and that a bulk supplier had been identified.
 - a. Motion to approve the internal funding request for the midterm and finals week Needoh giveaway in the amount of \$291.50: Halter/Baughmann
 - i. ROLL CALL
 BRENDON BALL – YES
 MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES
 ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES
 HANNAH BURRELL – YES
 ERIC HSIEH – YES
 JOVANY LEYVA – YES
 PAIGE LITTLE – YES
 OLIVIA PICANCO – YES
 PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES
 SILAS SMITH – YES
 JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES
 HANNAH VAN METRE – YES
 BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES
 - ii. Motion: **CARRIED**
4. Motion to move to committee for 8 minutes: Medema/Baughmann
5. Unanimous
6. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - a. Motion to exit committee: Baughmann/Medema
 - b. Unanimous
 - c. Motion: **CARRIED**
 - d. Motion to previous to the minutes: Smith/Van Metre
 - e. Unanimous
 - f. Motion: **CARRIED**
- ii. Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know, \$200
 1. Director Joinville presented that the event will provide students with information about Idaho's election processes and opportunities to engage directly with elected officials. The Secretary of State was expected to discuss election procedures and answer

questions from attendees. Director Joinville explained that the request would cover less than half of the event's advertising and associated costs, with other expenses, including travel, lodging, speaker fees, and room rental, covered by other sources. She also reported that she had contacted Disability Services regarding captioning to improve accessibility.

2. Director Saunders asked about strategies for marketing the event
3. Director Joinville stated that these options would include ASISU social media, university communications, and potential promotional videos. She also confirmed that an updated flyer featuring the ASISU logo would be used following approval.

- a. Motion to approve the internal funding request for Elections in Idaho: What Every Voter Should Know in the amount of \$200: Smith/Medema

- i. ROLL CALL

BRENDON BALL – YES

MAKENNA BAUGHMAN – YES

ASHRAYA BURLAKOTI – YES

HANNAH BURRELL – YES

ERIC HSIEH – YES

JOVANY LEYVA – YES

PAIGE LITTLE – YES

OLIVIA PICANCO – YES

PRAJAKTA SHARMA – YES

SILAS SMITH – YES

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- iii. Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement Event, \$900

1. Director Joinville presented that the event is intended to provide students with an opportunity to engage with candidates for Idaho governor in a structured, nonpartisan setting. Director Joinville reported that candidates, Terri Pickens and John Stegner had confirmed their participation, while invitations had been extended to all candidates. The event plan included college representation, with deans invited to identify students to participate. Attendees would have time to discuss issues relevant to their respective colleges and prepare questions for the candidates. Director Joinville requested \$900 for refreshments through Chartwells. She explained that the event was intended to provide a professional atmosphere and encourage meaningful engagement between students and candidates.
2. Senator Smith questioned the anticipated attendance, the event's dress expectations, and the inclusion of ASISU branding.

3. Director Joinville reported that additional event guidelines and suggested questions would be distributed to participants during the following week.
4. Director Saunders suggested combining promotional efforts for the two civic engagement events and ensuring that all candidates received equal opportunities to participate.

- a. Motion to approve the Internal Funding Request for the Gubernatorial Candidate Engagement event in the amended amount of \$900: Smith/Van Metre

- 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

JOHN TORRES-DROZD – YES

HANNAH VAN METRE – YES

AJ VACCARELLA- YES

BRAYDEN WIGHT – YES

- ii. Motion: **CARRIED**

- b. Reserve Fund Request

- i. ISU Game Center Bowling Balls, \$2,200

1. President Halter presented a reserve fund request of \$2,200 to purchase 40 new bowling balls for the ISU Game Center. He explained that the existing bowling balls were more than 40 years old and were no longer suitable for student use. President Halter stated that the estimated cost was approximately \$50 per bowling ball and that she would provide the committee with an exact quote and purchasing information before the request returned for consideration.
2. Senator Smith discussed ways to recognize ASISU's financial contribution, including signage, and banners
3. Senator Baughmann suggested possible branding on bowling ball racks.
4. Senator Ball also noted the condition of the bowling shoes and the possibility of submitting a future reserve fund request for additional equipment.

5. Senator Baughmann suggested ways to increase student engagement with the Game Center, including hosting an ASISU bowling night, promoting the student game pass, and encouraging student clubs to hold events at the facility.
 6. Director Saunders noted that he would follow up on the status of previously approved game pass funding.
- ii. College of Science and Engineering EPIC Center-Launch Support and 5 Year Staff Funding, \$200,000
1. Senator Van Metre expressed support for the request, noting that staffing could help students learn to use specialized equipment, increase access to the facility, and support students who do not have technical experience.
 2. Senator Smith raised questions about funding a staff salary, the employee's expected availability, and the committee's role in reviewing the position.
 3. Teresa Brissette suggested providing a line-item breakdown of salary, benefits, and related expenses. She also noted that the committee could request an opportunity to review the job description and provide input regarding the position's responsibilities.
 4. Director Saunders discussed the possibility of requesting a full-time or nearly full-time staff commitment and an opportunity for student representatives to meet with finalists.
 5. Senator Picanco questioned how the position might be funded after the initial five-year period.
 6. Director Saunders proposed gathering student feedback on reserve fund requests through surveys or other polling methods. He discussed the importance of representative sampling, the possibility of response bias, and the need to make survey results accessible to students.
 7. President Halter noted that senators would need to coordinate with Vice President Chatraind regarding available survey resources and the timeline for considering reserve fund requests.

X. OTHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn: Smith/Baughmann
- 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. Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

ASISU VICE PRESIDENT

ASISU SECRETARY

CHARLIE MEDEMA

KASHLYN PETERSON