

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SHIRLEY SARGENT FAMILY BOARDROOM, PSU
5:30PM
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:56pm by Finance Officer, Ganesh Sapkota.

ROLL CALL

ASISU Secretary, Hannah Livermont, took roll. All Finance Committee Members were present except Vice President Sargeant, Senator Kinzel, and Senator Dhakal. **MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2019.** Kay/Bailey. Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.** Kay/Bailey. Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

1. Student Organizations, Val Davids- Student Organizations is a resource to clubs on campus. Last year, there were 140 registered clubs and this year there are 136. Val is responsible for training clubs and teaching them how to be organized. One of the biggest challenges foreseen for fall 2020 is keeping students motivated. Clubs are often excited at the start of the semester but as time goes on, they get burned out. Another challenge is ensuring that tasks and information are effectively passed on to new club officers. Their goal is to make sure club members are aware of incentive points, registration forms, etc. The Meridian Campus is another challenge for next year because Val continuously receives calls from them regarding training and implementing Pocatello traditions on Meridian campus. She has been working with Ali Crane to overcome lack of communication. Student Organizations desires a budget increase for the purpose of marketing and helping students be aware of existing ISU clubs. Another goal she has is to increase the activity of the Greek Community on campus. President Schmidt asked what their one-time budget increase would be. Val- They would like to re-do a booklet containing information about all of the clubs on campus, which will cost \$3,000-\$4,000. Senator Bailey asked if it is a physical flyer. Val- This booklet would not only contain information about clubs, but it would also be colored and professionally bound. President Schmidt asked if Val has corresponded with Lyn Redington to enhance student experience. Val- No, she has not. President Schmidt asked if Student Organizations livestream trainings for Meridian. Val- Yes, they have live audio but Meridian can't interact in the same way that Pocatello can. Finance Officer Sapkota thanked Val for her time.
2. Student Activities Board, Tiffany Hatfield- There are three options for SAB's one-time expense with each of them being categorized as "Small Funding," "Medium Funding," or "Large Funding." For small funding, they could print physical event calendars for \$3,000-\$4,000. These calendars would advertise clubs, sporting events, and movies. For some reason, students love physical copies because they can actually see it and it serves as a good reminder. For medium funding, SAB would like to purchase a \$10,000-\$20,000 Kawasaki Mule. This would greatly help because they are constantly traveling to Reed Gym, Liberal Arts, and other campus locations to promote Bengal Wednesdays. A Kawasaki Mule would be much easier to maneuver on ice rather than a

- Go Kart. It would also be helpful with tailgating, paint parties, and transporting supplies for club events. The large funding option is extreme. They would like to pay major singers to come perform concerts at ISU. "We the Kings" are well known but are not mainstream and still cost \$25,000 just for travel expenses. A bigger band such as "Imagine Dragons" will cost \$400,000. President Schmidt asked which option would benefit ISU the most. Tiffany- It all depends on whether SAB wants to impact the students or help the students. To impact students, calendars would be the best option. To help students, the mule would be very useful to assist in transport that way clubs don't have to haul 20 loads. Senator Dhakal- The physical calendar idea is a good idea. When they had it in the past, it was easy for him to look at and invite his friends to go to events with him. Tiffany- She also had it during her freshman and sophomore year. Students don't realize they need the calendar but they do. Val- Funds for that calendar were allocated differently because the Student Union funded it. SAB never paid for it but they assist. Senator Kay asked if events will have to be planned a year in advance. Tiffany- Yes and because of that, they will need to know of events ahead of time. Val- A calendar will probably be printed each semester. Senator Kay- ISU is working on an app that includes BengalWeb, calendars, etc. It would be a good investment to go that route and eliminate printing costs. President Schmidt- Vice President Lyn Redington is working on that app. Tiffany- That would help everyone be on the same page. Finance Officer Sapkota thanked Tiffany for her time.
3. Department of Theatre, Paul Yates & Julie Hillebrant- Julie is the business and promotions manager and Paul is lighting and set design professor. Julie- She did not upload her proposal in time so she hopes everyone received it. They are grateful for ASISU in keeping them afloat. The Department of Theatre is funded as a club but they are working towards being funded by student fees. Until then, they must rely on ASISU and ticket sales. Last year, ASISU funded them \$50,000. Their ticket sales budget is \$29,000 but it largely depends on the play and promotions, some plays being harder to promote than others. Last year the department performed Narnia, which brought in \$14,000. The lowest amount of money received from ticket sales for another play was \$3,500 and in the Black Box Theater, which seats a maximum of 200. They employ students to build sets, costumes, etc. which means that a huge part of their budget goes to student wages. They get a lot of support from their college; they have had surprise expenses involving traveling to Hailey, Idaho, to do a show and paying for interpreters. Moving forward, they will not be required to pay for interpreters again. No student wants a fee increase, but an increase in fees would allow students to attend plays for free. Employee wages are the biggest challenge but the price of wood is also going up. They increased their costume and scenery budget but they need more for lighting and promotions. President Schmidt asked if they partner with any businesses in the community. Julie- They have a few donors who are great participants. Josh Tolman, the CEO of an Idaho Falls hospital, has helped them with several expenses. The Department of Theatre sells season tickets in order to increase revenue and they are also trying to partner with ICCU as well. President Schmidt asked if there is any student fundraising involved. Julie- Alpha Psi Omega does outreach for them but it is mostly to benefit their fraternity. Student fundraising is something that she could explore. President Schmidt asked what they would like their one-time expense to be. Julie- It will be grouped into technology expenses but it would be hard not to put it towards lighting and costumes as well. Paul- Accreditation has informed them that they need an eye washing station. They have also discussed the possibility of having a computer lab. The University portrays the Department of Theatre with state of the art facilities but they are in desperate need of upgraded equipment, sewing machines, new tools, and other technology. Julie- The department just spent \$1,200 for a sewing machine and they struggle with storage. Finance Officer Sapkota thanked them for their time.
 4. Student Activities-Twin Falls, Maria Beltran- Twin Falls Student Activities is grateful for all of ASISU's support. Each year, their entire budget goes towards the graduation ceremony. Finance Officer Sapkota asked if they are in need a budget increase. Maria- No, they are content with their current budget. Finance Officer Sapkota thanked Maria for her time.
 5. Idaho State-Civic Symphony, Heather Clarke- She is the executive director of the Idaho State Civic Symphony. This is a hybrid organization, meaning that they include community members. The

symphony has 90 members with a third being paid faculty members, another third are mostly music major students, and the last third are community members. There is \$10,000 of scholarship money set aside for every student who participates in the symphony. Students receive anywhere from \$300-\$1,200 each semester. This year they have five concerts that correspond with the ISU schedule. The Pops Concert is on March 15. In addition to the symphony, they also run a Youth Orchestra and run in junction with the piano department. Their entire budget depends on ticket sales, which number cannot be increased due to the number of seats and they are price sensitive to what the community can afford. Portneuf Medical Center and Mountain View Hospital provide concert support and they also receive grants. Only 40% of their budget is met through ticket sales. Students are benefited by the world class setting, class credit, and professional artists brought in from all over the world. They are in the process of having Jessica Jones, a Grammy award recipient, perform with the symphony next year and they just barely had a jazz group come from Chicago. Music faculty and scholarships are what recruits student players. 100 tickets are set aside each concert to enable students free entrance as long as they show their Bengal ID. Students are treated as regular paying customers and are not usually turned away. Between 80 and 90 students take advantage of these free tickets each concert, which otherwise would have cost \$38 each. President Schmidt noted that Heather did not provide a budget. Heather- She apologizes for that. She feels as though students are not interested in the details of their budget and the money received from ASISU is so small that it is only treated like a grant. ASISU's fund does not compare to the money received from ticket sales. President Schmidt asked if the symphony is in need of a one-time expense or additional help. Heather- Each year they perform a Carnegie Hall program called Link Up for local schools that elevates kids' learning of music. This year, Link Up will be on March 13 during the day and since students are not paid to play in this concert, she would like any extra funding to go towards paying them for their service. President Schmidt asked what amount she is thinking. Heather- \$1,000 so she can pay each student \$30. However since the concert is just around the corner, she would prefer to defer the fund until next year. Rewards and benefits feed the symphony and this concert also serves as a recruiting method. They are also taking the Youth Orchestra to perform at Disneyland. Finance Officer Sapkota thanked Heather for her time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVE TO ADJOURN. Kay/Alvarez. Unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** ASISU Secretary, Hannah Livermont, took roll. All Finance Committee Members were present except Vice President Sargeant and Senator Kinzel. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.