CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Vice President Bastow.

ROLL CALL
ASISU Administrative Assistant, Eni Thompson, took roll. All Finance Committee Members were present except Finance Officer Bodily, Idaho Falls Vice President Hansen, and Senators Valencia, Mandal, and Pitcock.

CHAIR’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
1. Student Government, Taylor Tingey- Last year during the hearings, most of the cuts were taken from Student Government. Stipends were cut for every position. It would be good to keep those stipends stable. There are some places in the budget that could be cut or eliminated. These numbers may be adjusted with input from the Finance Committee. The areas President Tingey feels could be decreased include promotions. The money could be used but hasn’t been used historically. They used about $7,000 for T-shirts this year. Another area to cut back on is the lobbyist position. It’s a good experience for a student in that position, but doesn’t seem to benefit students as a whole. Another area that could be cut would be the retreat. This year, they left campus and paid for lodging, meals, and transportation. Staying on campus would be less expensive. Travel, catering, and postage could also be decreased. President Tingey would like the committee’s feedback. Senator Kemmerer asked about the percentage of those cuts. President Tingey replied that decreasing the lobbyist position expenses would be a large portion of the cuts at 2%. Senator Kemmerer asked if $2,800 is needed for the awards banquet. President Tingey responded that last year President Bloxham spent $3,900. Historically, the banquet would cost more than that. He’s willing to talk about it more as a committee. Senator Thayer asked about the $500 for elections. Vice President Bastow explained that, in the future, new banners could be ordered. The student government budget has room to move funds around if cuts aren’t made.

2. Theatre ISU, Julie Hillebrandt and Chad Gross. Julie stated that they appreciated ASISU’s support of a fee. With this initiative events would be offered to students at no cost. Until then, they will continue to work with the model that exists. Since 2006, their budget has been cut 26%. In 2010, a $2 parking fee was added. They’ve had to cut one production. Revenue is significantly less than last year. Cutting their budget would hurt them. They’ve brought in high school students and elementary students to perform to try to increase patronage. They feature a one-act competition for high school students. It’s grown to include the Treasure Valley and Utah. They are producing quality shows and educational experiences for ISU students. Chad noted that James and the Giant Peach didn’t cost them much last year, because they had a faculty connection with someone in Utah that put on the show. They already put on shows with little to no budget, but that production was more unusual. Senator Kemmerer asked about student employees. They employ the students to build 90% of what the audience sees. The performers aren’t paid. They don’t pay the crew that works the production, light crew, etc. Anyone taking a class only gets credit.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

MOVE TO ADJOURN. McConnell/Tingey. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.