CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Finance Officer Bodily.

ROLL CALL
ASISU Secretary, Zara Sivertsen, took roll. All Finance Committee Members were present except Senators Valencia, Mandal, and Thayer. MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Bastow/McConnell. Unanimous called. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIR’S REPORT
ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
1. SAB-Twin Falls, Maggi Seipel- The average age of their students is 40. They host a graduation celebration with the money given by ASISU. Last year they had 195 people in attendance. They take pictures at the event to promote the Twin Falls programs. They anticipate a higher turnout this year. President Tingey asked about other sources of funding for the graduation celebration. Maggi noted that they get as much donated as possible. They use the ASISU money to pay for whatever they can’t get donated. Many of the students in Twin Falls don’t go to Pocatello for commencement, so this is their main event. President Tingey asked if there is anything else that student government can do to help the Twin Falls campus. Maggi noted that the T-shirts they receive from ASISU helps their students feel connected to the main campus.

2. SAB-Meridian, Ali Crane- Their campus has primarily graduate programs in the health sciences. One of their biggest challenges is finding people to work with student activities. This year they did a Bengal Spirit Week. They do lunches and breakfasts during that week. They bought tickets to a Steelheads game and promoted ISU at the event. 100 students went to the game and they filled almost a full section of the arena. If they got a cut, they would reduce the number of programs that they put on. ISU is playing Boise State in football next year, so she would like to buy tickets for students to go. She noted that the students appreciate getting the ASISU T-shirts. President Tingey asked if there was anything else that the student government can do to help the Meridian campus. Ali noted that it is hard because their demographics change yearly. Some students are only there for a year or two. Pharmacy students are there for three years, which is the longest. Nighttime programs don’t do very well, because students don’t want to come back to campus after they have left. Ali noted that some students want a separate fitness facility for the college. They share a facility with the high school students, but that means that they can’t use it during the school day. Ali feels that the T-shirts help a lot with school pride. She thinks it would be nice for an ASISU representative to be present during their orientation and other campus events.

3. KISU-FM, Jerry Miller- The station started in 1999. This is a relatively new radio station. They have a few transmitters in the area, which has expanded their coverage to roughly 250,000 people. They have 13 locally produced programs. They also broadcast women’s athletics. Listeners can also hear the programs online. They are the most popular public radio station in the area. For every dollar that ASISU gives to KISU-FM, they get an additional two dollars in donations and grants. Jerry noted that they recently remodeled the station, and they hope to work with more students in the future. They lease a radio tower locally. The owner of the tower didn’t submit invoices for the monthly lease, until a few months ago when they asked for back payments of approximately $34,000. That was an unexpected cost this year, but they still hope to finish in the black. Vice President Bastow asked about student workers. Jerry noted that they
have students that approach the radio station often asking to host their own program. They have to train the students before they can work for the station, and many students lose interest in having their own programs when they realize the work associated with it.

4. Bengal Newspaper, Samantha Chaffin and Jerry Miller- One of her goals this year was to branch out from the College of Arts and Letters, which is where most of their employees are from. They struggled with advertising this year. They lost quite a few ad managers this year, so she has lowered her ad sales estimate for next year. They employ approximately 20 students per year. This gives their students a valuable real world experience. They have 800-1,400 print readers each week and over 16,000 story views on Facebook. Idaho Falls Vice President Hansen asked about their plans to reach out to the other campuses. Samantha noted they are going to redesign their distribution plans next year. Idaho Falls Vice President Hansen asked how they determine what stories to write. Samantha explained that they talk to students and look at press releases to choose stories each week.

5. International Affairs Council, Morgan Pitcock and Samantha Simpson- Students can take a class or simply volunteer to help. This gives students leadership opportunities. They try to bring in speakers from different backgrounds. This year they had less delegates due to some scheduling conflicts. They had 500 attendees this year. Their largest panel had 105 people and their smallest had only 23 attendees. They have videos from the event on YouTube. This allows students to take part in the event, even if they couldn’t make it due to a class conflict. If they had a budget cut, they wouldn’t be able to have as many speakers come. This year they were under-budget because they didn’t bring in as many delegates from out of town. Morgan noted that they have a separate account to save up for the fiftieth anniversary. They could also use this money if they are over-budget one year. The advisor has access to the account.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT
MOVE TO ADJOURN. Bastow/McConnell. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 4:17pm.