ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-BUDGET HEARINGS
CLEARWATER ROOM, PSU
4:00PM
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Finance Officer Johnson.

ROLL CALL
ASISU Administrative Assistant, Eni Thompson, took roll. Finance Committee Members Makayla Muir, Nealand Johnson, Sam D’Amico, Hughie Gale, and Krystoff Kissoon were present.

CHAIR’S REPORT
Finance Officer Johnson has reached out to some of the line items. He will work out meeting times soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

LINE ITEM BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1. KISU-FM Radio, Jerry Miller. Budget sheets were mailed to Finance Officer Johnson. KISU FM has been on air since 1997. They are on the air 24/7 and can get over 15,000 listeners every day. The radio station serves as a tool for two academic classes in Communications and Media; twice a year it serves as a tool to dietetics. They are working on reviving the Really Big Show, an all-day music festival, bringing in 5-6 different groups to perform. They broadcast more women’s events than the commercial stations. 20-30 hours of local programming each week are hosted by students, staff, public affairs, and ASISU. They co-sponsored the summer concert series. They were contacted about working with NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory for the coming solar eclipse in Idaho. The station brings in nearly $2 for every $1 ASISU gives them. A major funding cut will jeopardize the CPB grant funding. KISU is likely the most underappreciated, yet effective promotional tool at ISU. They would have to cut paid programming if their budget was cut. If the cut is significant, they may have to consider doing away with the local news and two part time employees. The most expensive programs are the ones people listen to the most; cutting them would affect listenership too. The tech equipment operating costs never go down, as do the programming costs. Senator Gale inquired about their reserve fund. Jerry noted that it’s for unforeseen expenses. Finance Officer Johnson inquired as to the specific amount of cuts that would put their funding in danger. Jerry was unsure. Their contract says they must maintain consistent funding levels for the station, but no specifics are given. He works on getting local funding, but there is only so much available.

2. International Affairs Council, Morgan Pitcock is the current VP. The symposium has been around 46-47 years. This year’s two-day event will be in March. It brings in people from around the world and supports both ASISU and ISU goals to provide social and service activities. A credit is earned through International Studies. Morgan noted that keynote speaker will be in Bistline Theater. The lowest attended event last year was the panel discussion. They are looking into live streaming the event to the Bennion Student Union. This year the keynote speaker will be more expensive at $3,000. Everything is planned for this year, and the schedule should be out soon. They send out a survey after the event. Senator D’Amico asked about their fundraising. Morgan noted that it wasn’t as much this year, only $500.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT
MOVE TO ADJOURN. Muir/Kissoon. Unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. ASISU Administrative Assistant, Eni Thompson, took roll. All Finance Committee Members were present. Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.