

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 28, 2015
TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room C310
MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Bair, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

CONVENED: Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION WEEK

PRESENTER: **President Tony Fernandez**
Lewis-Clark State College
President Fernandez presented on the Comprehensive 5 Year Strategic Plan. This plan outlines four specific goals with which to measure performance; excellence in teaching and learning, student enrollment and student success, expansion through collaborative partnerships, and leveraging resources to maximize institutional strength. President Fernandez continued with an illustration of fall enrollment trends, a precollege head-count, and college retention rates for the last 5 years. President Fernandez further discussed the statistical trend line with regards to LCSC Certificates and Degrees Awarded, Professional Licenses and Certification Exam Passing Rates, and Post-Graduate Placement in the Division of Natural Sciences. President Fernandez concluded the presentation, summarizing LCSC's Key Requests for the FY 2016 budget recommendation and testimonial support by a particular student's story of success through Lewis-Clark State College.
[Lewis-Clark State College](#)

PRESENTER: **President Arthur Vailas**
Idaho State College
President Vailas provided a comprehensive overview of Idaho State University. His presentation included brief statistical analysis and trend lines regarding student enrollment, student growth, and degrees awarded FY 2009 to FY 2014. He further discussed Advancing Health Care programs, Student Employment, and the developing Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED). President Arthur also spoke on the University's need for Compensation Competitiveness with the purpose of recruiting and retaining high quality faculty and staff. He continued his presentation with budget requests for the following; The Career Path Internship (CPI) Match, The eISU Online Access, The Idaho Museum of Natural History, and the Family Medicine Residency program. President Vailas Concluded with the Governor's Funding Recommendations. [Idaho State University](#)

**PRESENTER: President Robert Kustra
Boise State University**

President Kustra briefly spoke on budgets for individual departments at Boise State University. He provided an overview of the School of Public Service, The Bridge to Career Program, and the new College of Innovation and Design; a department of the Computer Science Workforce Initiative, created in effort to meet Idaho's growing demand for Computer Programmers and Computer Science Graduates. President Kustra concluded with the Governor's budget recommendation. [Boise State University](#)

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the committee at 10:48 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Christi Cox
Secretary