To the Finance Board and Senate:

I’m putting in a request for a reallocation of the Procrastinator Theater’s funds. In the FY 2017-18 Budget, it was noted that three work study students should be hired. However, one of the employees lost her work study mid-year, resulting in the need for more labor funds. Since the work study pays for 70% of an employee’s salary, this has set us back a significant amount.

The amount we would like to reallocate is $2,050, which will cover employee wages for the entire fall and spring semesters, including extra hours for events at the Procrastinator. This number was calculated using the average number of hours worked each week (52.5 hours total), and the amount in wages allocated for each employee ($8.15 per hour). We are expecting to go over budget this semester by $1,025, and we will presumably be in the same spot next semester, resulting in a request for $2,050.

We have $10,000 in the budget for Theater Attendant wages, which amounts to $5,000 each semester. This semester, we are projected to go over the $5,000 by approximately $1,025. This will not be an issue until March, but at that time the funds for employee salaries will be almost completely depleted.

The funds would come from the Procrastinator’s budget for buying the films we play. Each film is $1429, and we will spend $40,482 to have a full schedule for both semesters by the end of the year. The budget has funds for 34 films over the course of the year, but it takes only 30 films to have a full schedule. So, by the end of the year we will have $9,514 leftover in the budget. We could reallocate the $2,050 and still have plenty leftover to show additional films.

The impact of these funds is significant. Without them we may have to cut hours or even close the theater entirely on certain days to ensure staff are being paid. I, the Student Films Director, will be personally responsible for overseeing the use of these funds.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bridgett Zahniser
Student Films Director

The reallocation of $2,050 from line item “Films” to line item “Labor” passed the ASMSU Finance Board unanimously, 7-0.

The board saw no reason not to reallocate the funds and request that the line item “films” reflect the number of films (30) for a full schedule and no more.

The reallocation request passed the ASMSU Senate unanimously, 19-0.