

April 2nd, 2021

Dear ASUM Board on Budget and Finance,

I am writing this Special Allocation funding request on behalf of the UM Philosophy Society. The request is to help fund a movie night and discussion event we are hosting Wednesday, April 7th at 7 pm in The Roxy Theater.

This event is part of our “Real Talk Round Table” series, which consists of hosts from various backgrounds collaborating in leading an interdisciplinary discussion on philosophical themes, current events, and pressing topics. Over the last year and a half, we have conducted several of these events, including collaborations with the Environmental Journalism department, Frankie College of Forestry, and Natural Resource Conflict Resolution program.

For this rendition of “Real Talk Round Table,” we will be viewing "Dirtbag, the Legend of Fred Beckey", a documentary film about the famous vagabond and climber who pioneered the lifestyle. The discussion will touch on a variety of topics related to rock climbing and our relationship to the great outdoors.

In the past, our events have been financed via traditional ASUM funding methods. However, due to the events surrounding COVID-19, we made the decision as a student group to re-orient this year’s funding towards socially distanced activities such as book clubs over zoom. This was done under the presumption that there would be no safe way to do live events. Thankfully, the landscape is changing and with the vaccine and proper social distancing, we believe a socially responsible movie night is possible.

For this reason, we are asking B&F and ASUM for financial assistance in the amount of \$250.00. This would go directly to subsidizing the venue fee we have already paid to the Roxy. All other costs associated with the event have already been taken care of by the Philosophy Society, including printing posters and providing refreshments.

In summary, engaging in public philosophy is a great way to put our formal training into practice. We hope that these events allow us to shed light on difficult subjects with others through the power of conversation.

Thank you for considering our needs.

Sincerely,
Kaden Harrison, Treasurer
UM Philosophy Society