

Cinema Contingency Claim

A note by George Goldberg, Cinema Chair

ICU Cinema's 35mm projector (which we rely on to screen feature films) developed an unexpected fault which required a trained professional to repair and an expensive replacement part. This fault rendered the projector unusable until it was repaired. This fault was completely unexpected and the service engineer was unable to establish any cause for it. Since the projector is only 7 years old and is expected to have a usable life span of several decades, it would not be expected to be wearing out or near end of life at this point in time.

Unfortunately, another unexpected event took place this year in March, when the bulb for the projector failed. Replacing this, including the cost of new protective equipment for the person replacing it due to recent increases in health and safety requirements cost ~£750 and eliminated the Cinema's profits for this academic year. Since we have an SGI balance of roughly negative £2,000 we are not in a position to fund the recent emergency repairs ourselves easily. We have not yet received an invoice for the work carried out, but we were quoted a likely cost range of between £500 - £1,400 for the repairs and parts.

The engineer who carried out the repairs subsequently estimated that it would most likely be towards the middle of that range, but we will not know precisely until we receive an invoice.

In light of the circumstances outlined above, we'd like to request contingency funding of up to £1,400 to cover the cost of these emergency repairs.