**THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE**

**SUMMARY OF SSAF SERVICES AND PROJECTS 2018**

**What will the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) be used for in 2018?**

The University consults annually with internal student service areas, student associations, elected student representatives, individual students and on-campus providers of services to students, to identify priorities for use of SSAF revenue. In 2017, the University conducted an extensive survey for all students to provide comment and feedback on priorities for SSAF expenditure in 2018. A total of 4109 students responded to the Survey and the priorities and feedback received informed the priorities and projects outlined in this document.

For 2018, UON Finance have estimated SSAF revenue at $6.60 million and this amount has been allocated to the projects and support services for students as outlined further below.

SSAF fee revenue is directly related to student enrolments. Therefore revenue and expenditure reported at end of year will always vary slightly from the amounts estimated and approved at the commencement of the year. The ‘unallocated’ contingency of $0.38m provides some buffer if fee revenue falls short of budget estimates, but is distributed against services during the year as the income is identified and against bad debts.

The estimated SSAF 2018 revenue of $6.60m has been allocated against major expense categories as follows:

* Capital works $1.10m
* Minor amenity (ie. Building) works $0.10m
* Student Support and Services $4.77m
* SSAF administration $0.25m
* Contingency \* $0.38m
* **Total $6.60m**

\* Includes provision for bad debts

**STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES**

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| **Service for Students:** | **2018 funding** |
| Providing Food and Drink | $103,623 |
| Sporting and Recreational Activity | $873,557 |
| Support for Student Clubs, including Club events and activities | $565,350 |
| Legal, Financial and Insurance Services for Students | $55,000 |
| Health and Welfare Services for Students | $661,830 |
| Accommodation Services | $75,000 |
| Employment and Careers Services | $420,000 |
| Financial affairs | $53,400 |
| Student Debating activity | $20,000 |
| Student Artistic activities and events | $69,140 |
| Student Media | $53,450 |
| Skills for Study | $775,500 |
| Student Associations’ advisory services | $87,469 |
| Student Associations’ advocacy services and Office of Student Advocacy | $615,288 |
| Student Orientation activities and Information | $203,557 |
| Specific needs of Overseas Students regarding their Welfare, Accommodation and Employment | $137,836 |
| **Total Student Support and Services funds** | **$4,770,000** |

**NEW INITIATIVES**

* A small pool of funds is set aside for the Newcastle CBD, Sydney, Port Macquarie campuses and UONDRH (Tamworth and other) to support direct student activities and social events at those locations
* A total of $30,000 in minor works funding is proposed for an upgrade, furniture and wireless access at the John Hunter Hospital Student Common Room, to improve the quality of that facility for UON students on clinical placements at JHH. This follows key comments identified in the SSAF Survey and meetings with the Medical Students Society
* The UON Legal Clinic will further develop the “Know the Law” app for students
* The Newcastle Law School will be supported for students to participate in national ‘moot’ court debates
* Student engagement activities through the NUSA International and Indigenous student collectives will be directly funded to support agreed events identified in consultation with relevant, internal UON areas (Wollotuka, UON Global, Student Central)
* A range of initiatives through the office of the PVC (Learning and Teaching) will be supported (eg. ‘Respect Now Always’ campaign, health initiative for international students, media training for elected student representatives and other)

**CAPITAL WORKS**

The SSAF Survey identified nine Campus Amenity Projects from which students could select their single preference. The top preference identified by students for 2018 capital works is the Shortland Union Bakehouse seating area upgrade (Callaghan campus). Infrastructure and Facilities Services will proceed with the Shortland Union Bakehouse project as a priority in 2018. Some smaller amenity works will also be addressed through the year.

**SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ORGANISATIONS**

Of the $4.77m in Student Support and Services funding budgeted in 2018, a total of $1.88m has been allocated to support services and activities delivered through student associations or campus-based sporting organisations.

Consistent with the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines 2013, the University also provides student associations with facilities and other support, including access to space, provision of computers, IT and telecommunications.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any queries regarding the 2018 priorities as above, please contact [ssaffeedback@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:ssaffeedback@newcastle.edu.au)

**For Further Information about the fee:**

Background and information on the legislation can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/student-services-and-amenities-fee>