

	Comment	Response
1	I propose the Student Services Amenities fee should be either refunded to students, or spent providing free lunch to students once a week in Union court (without having to sign a petition or sign up for a club filled with annoying wanna-be leaders)	ANU charges SSAF under the SSAF legislation. SSAF is the primary source of funding for the student associations, clubs and societies (through grants via GAC), and student led initiatives (SEEF: student extracurricular and enrichment fund). In addition to free meals, the associations are able to provide advocacy of student issues, student services (including free legal advice and emergency grants) as well as provide other student events and activities. These services in many instances provide assistance to students which enriches their student experience and may allow continued engagement with the University despite unfavourable circumstance. Other examples include 'Woroni Talks' series and the student newspaper.
2	I feel very strongly that enforcing the amenities fee on students is unfair. I do not take part in anything that the money goes towards and struggle to pay it every semester, to the point that my wattle account got cancelled the week of exams and stopped my ability to access my lectures when I needed them most. Please consider making it easier to avoid paying the fee if it cannot easily be paid, especially to people who don't benefit from its outcome.	<p>The SSAF charged at \$286 per fulltime student can be difficult for students to pay as a one off charge. The Student Associations appreciate this and supports the continued option of adding the fee to an individual's HECS account as is the present situation for domestic students. The mentioned situation shows that students remain particularly affected by financial obligations and more information and training is required so that students are aware of all of the options available to them. For international students, not covered by HECS, the fee, as the Associations understand, is charged in a similar manor to the University's course fees.</p> <p>Students experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to get in touch with the ANUSA or PARSAs Student Assistance Officers at sa.assistance@anu.edu.au or drop in to the Offices in Union Court.</p>
3	I Just thought I would let you know that I think it is really unfair that I am required to pay the services and amenities fee when I only attend the ANU 2 times a year for 3 days each time. I have no time to partake in any services offered by the ANU.	The SSAF is used to provide services to both students on campus and those off campus. The option of accessing PARSAs resources concerning welfare, legal, and advocacy are equally available for all students regardless of their location. PARSAs will continue to advertise what services are especially useful for satellite students and the easiest way that they can be accessed.
4	Fee is too large, does not benefit students; I do not use the services providing through the fee. Fee makes life financially harder for students. Fee should be significantly lower and a user paid system introduced.	PARSAs understands the financial complications encountered by students, especially those pursuing HDR programs. PARSAs continues to provide services that are not easily recognisable at a glance. This includes PARSAs members on various academic committees on campus, as well as fighting for students' rights under potential changes to service provider agreements. PARSAs will continue to get the message out that as the peak advocacy body for Postgraduate students on campus, we do a

		lot of behind the scenes advocacy for students, especially those who operate largely autonomously from other major student groups.
5	Some SSAF money should be set aside to provide a drop in crèche where students and staff could leave their children while attending class. Child care hard to find and expensive. It can lock mature age students out of University.	The Associations continue to investigate ways to encourage access to university for students with children. PARSAs & ANUSAs are looking into the provision of children friendly items for the BKSS and continues to advocate within and outside the university for greater access to childcare services for those studying.
6	ANU Sport should spend more money on mobility challenged students	<p>ANU Sport has undertaken the following steps in 2014 to address this matter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done preliminary scoping work of possible improvement work to the building entry foyer and gym to better accommodate all visitors (subject to the outcomes of the University's scoping of the Union Court Precinct project) • Done preliminary scoping work of possible improvement work to the change room facilities at Building 19 (subject to the outcomes of the University's scoping of the Union Court Precinct project) • Met with ANU's Access & Inclusion section to determine ways to better engage with the students with a disability • Discussed with ACT Special Olympics organisation to discuss possible sporting opportunities • Introduced an award to recognise sporting achievement by students with a disability • Maintain a policy of purchasing gym equipment which takes account of the needs of students with a disability
7	Student bodies performing their duties satisfactorily. PARSAs should spend more to help students find accommodation.	PARSAs views accommodating Postgraduate students as a core responsibility, especially, but not limited to, international students. PARSAs employs two staff in the welfare space who amongst other things investigate accommodation crises incurred by students and can provide emergency assistance grants to help students.
8	As an international student, we are paying a lot of fees and this time the fees are going to increase by 10%. So in	ANUSAs and PARSAs continue to advocate for international students and will continue to try to

	<p>my opinion, it doesn't matter if the service and amenities fees increases or not because it's just a small amount. The main tuition fees should not be increasing by 10%. 5% increase would be fine.</p>	<p>increase the access to the university for all students, including international students.</p> <p>Students experiencing financial hardship they are encouraged to get in touch with the ANUSA or PARSA Student Assistance Officers at sa.assistance@anu.edu.au or drop in to the Offices in Union Court.</p>
9	<p>Have you considered abolishing the SA fee? It is quite exorbitant, and most of these services should by all rights be covered by student tuition fees. Student union membership could cover the rest, which itself should be opt-in. These thoughts would be no doubt echoed by the majority of the student community, and I am sure you will agree that these recommendations are more than reasonable.</p>	<p>ANU charges SSAF under the SSAF legislation. SSAF is the primary source of funding for the student associations, clubs and societies (through grants via GAC), and student led initiatives (SEEF: student extracurricular and enrichment fund). As a result of this, the Associations are able to provide advocacy on student issues, provide student services (including free legal advice and emergency grants) as well as provide other student events and activities. Having students being responsible in a small way for delivering services to students allows for services to be better targeted and allows a student voice to be heard through representation. The Associations continue to strengthen their processes and student engagement such that all money allocated is spent in ways supported, and needed, by students within the ANU.</p> <p>Additionally, there is absolutely no guarantee that the University would fund the services provided through SSAF if it were to be abolished. Abolishing the fee creates no incentive for the University to do so, and it would likely disadvantage a great number of students who partake in these services. In terms of being an opt-in fee, the Associations disagree with the premise that students would voluntarily pay the fee.</p>

Note: Responses developed collaboratively by PARSA, ANUSM, ANUSA and ANU Sport.