2017-18 Overall Allocation Recommendations

This year’s requests reflected on overall potential increase of 4.3% to the student services fee (SSF). The Committee was not able to recommend a fee increase of that magnitude, but rather worked diligently to find ways to keep the fee as reasonable as possible, while also providing the programs and services required by UMD students.

As recommended here, the SSF for 2017-18 academic year will be an increase of 3.0%, resulting in a total fee of $358.59 per student per semester. To put this in perspective, fee increases over the previous four years have been 5.1%, 2.8%, 1.8%, and 6.8%. Each year the Committee uses an anticipated enrollment figure when determining the recommended fee. For the 2017-18 academic year, the Committee is using 17,300 as the total number of SSF-paying students over both the fall and spring semesters. This is a very modest increase from 17,200 last year.

The student voice on the the SSF Committee was clear this year that students do not want a decline in services and programs, especially during this time of tightened budgets in the areas supported by state and tuition dollars. The Committee’s recommendations were sent to organizations and Vice Chancellor Lisa Erwin on March 3, 2017. Any fee-paying student or organization wishing to appeal one or more recommendations contained herein must do so in writing no later than Thursday, March 16th. All appeals should come in writing and follow the established Appeals Process. Submissions should be directed to Lisa Erwin, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Dean of Students: Office of Student Life - KPlz 245.

Overall recommendations for all fee-requesting organizations are as follows:

1. Organizations should keep detailed financial records, and be sure to fully complete budget documents before submitting future requests. A detailed breakdown of major events (dinners, concerts, lectures, etc.) should be provided in future proposals.
2. Organizations should continue to seek alternative funding sources beyond student service fees to support their programs and services.
3. Organizations should give careful consideration to recommendations, and provide clear evidence in the future as to how the recommendations have been incorporated into their practices.
4. Organizations who offer professional development and/or travel to members should provide evidence how those opportunities serve the greater student population.
5. Organizations should attend the SSF Workshop - which will be offered early in the fall semester.
6. Organizations should give strong consideration to enhancing collaborations with student organizations, campus departments and/or community organizations; as well as show evidence of how their programs and services contribute to campus cultural diversity.

Individual organization recommendations follow on subsequent pages.
Individual Organization Recommendations

Access for All - $4,000
AFA is strongly encouraged to work on fundraising efforts. A more thorough and accurate budget submission and more details about events will assist the committee in future years.

Asian Pacific American Association - $16,000
The Committee recognizes APAA for their excellent work in serving the campus community through its programs, as well as their continued efforts in successful fundraising.

Black Student Association – $17,000
The Committee appreciates the excellent work of BSA and commends BSA for their outstanding fundraising efforts, and contribution to major campus events.

Bulldog Taxi - $30,000
Bulldog Taxi is commended for following previous recommendations and developing a committee. The committee encourages Bulldog Taxi to continue working on improving its branding and marketing efforts and looks forward to seeing specific evidence of such in the future.

Cru – $3,200
The Committee recommends that Cru better illustrates the ways in which their organization contributes to cultural diversity on campus. Cru is encouraged to continue its positive work on outreach and programs to reach a broad range of students through collaborations with other students organizations.

Chinese Student and Scholar Association - $8,000
At this time the Committee is not able to recommend another significant increase to the CSSA allocation. The Committee strongly recommends CSSA to seek additional outside funding (fundraising, co-sponsorship, etc) and to consider raising ticket prices of events.

Facilities Capital Improvement - $155,700
The Committee recognizes the ongoing need for small capital projects across the campus. Therefore, the capital improvement fee is created to fund needs that will have an immediate impact on students. Because of pressure to keep fee increases as low as possible, the Committee recommends only a modest increase for next year.

Glensheen - $15,000
Glensheen is to be commended for continuing its efforts to provide unlimited free basic tours for UMD students. In the future the Committee would like to see evidence of Glensheen’s contribution to diversity and diverse outreach efforts (recruiting diverse student staff, reaching out to diverse student organizations, etc). The Committee also recommends that additional marketing efforts continue to be employed to better inform the student body of this opportunity.
Greek Life - $0
The committee appreciates receiving a report from Greek Life this year, even without a request for funding. Greek Life is commended for their fiscal responsibility and the committee realizes that the organization may likely return next year with a request for funding.

Green Fund - $44,700
The Committee supports the ongoing efforts of the Office of Sustainability in outreach to incoming students regarding green initiatives - this should continue to be a focus. The committee also supports the creation of a new position: Sustainability Coordinator for Student Activities. However, the committee asks the Office of Sustainability, and UMD as a whole, to dedicate funds to support 25% of this position. Next year’s Green Fund proposal should include documented evidence of how this new position has created new opportunities for student engagement around sustainability.

Health Services Operations - $1,452,300
Health Services is encouraged to continue its outreach efforts, and consider expanding some opportunities to the collegiate units (for student interns, shadowing, etc.). In future presentations, the committee recommends more alignment with the very thorough written proposal.

Health Services Capital Improvement - $115,000
The Committee recognizes the significant capital needs faced by Health Services, especially in facility infrastructure, and supports funding and the current level.

Hmong Living in Unity and Balance - $5,200
As a new fee-requesting organization, HLUB is commended for a thorough proposal and detailed presentation. HLUB is encouraged to collect evidence throughout the upcoming year of ways they are engaging and serving students, and should present their results to the Committee next year.

Intercollegiate Athletics - $1,010,000
The Committee thanks Athletics for a very detailed and informative presentation again this year, and is commended for its ongoing efforts to recruit and support diverse student athletes. The community involvement of UMD athletes is well known and greatly supported by the Committee. A modest increase is recommended.

International Club - $14,000
International Club is recognized for their efforts at getting the community engaged not only with their organization, but with the campus as well. The Committee encourages International Club to work on more co-sponsorships and strengthening the attendance of UMD students at events.

Intervarsity - $5,000
Intervarsity is strongly encouraged to work towards continued inclusivity beyond ethnicity, and showing evidence of this at next year’s presentation. The Ethnic Minority Ministry Investment is therefore supported, as well as continued support for operating expenses.
Kirby Program Board - $190,000
To enhance overall planning efforts, KPB is encouraged to look into historical data of large events and concerts held on campus. The Committee recognizes and commends KPB for its efforts in providing diverse programs, keeping costs down for students, and developing strong partnerships with other student groups.

Kirby Student Center Operations - $960,000
The Committee supports full funding again for Kirby for next year, and recognizes the significant contributions Kirby provides for UMD students. Additional evidence of efforts regarding student organization support, including fundraising training, should be provided in next year’s proposal/presentation.

Kirby Student Center Capital Improvement - $415,000
The Committee recognizes the increased capital needs and funding challenges Kirby is facing, especially given the changing UMD philosophy regarding infrastructure for auxiliary and fee-supported spaces. Therefore, a modest increase in funding for next year is recommended.

KUMD The Basement - $85,000
The Committee would like to see more student centered content/programming from KUMD, especially considering the large amount of SSF support they are receiving. The Committee continues to encourage KUMD to connect with the Journalism major to provide more practical student opportunities.

Latino Chicano Student Association - $16,000
The Committee commends LCSA for its external funding and encourages this to continue.

Library Communication and Events Team - $3,000
The Library is recognized for its very efficient use of SSF funds to support a broad range of programs that reach a very large population of students. The Committee is very impressed with the programming from the Library and encourages the continued expansion of programming and services for students.

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group - $45,000
MPIRG is commended for following last year’s recommendation of connecting with organizations within the Multicultural Center. The Committee is impressed with MPIRG’s outreach programs and co-sponsorships and encourages this to continue. MPIRG should strongly consider enhancing their funding support beyond SSF.

Music Organizations - $55,000
Music organizations are open to all majors, and are recognized for including approximately 50% of their members as non-majors. Participation by a broad range of students allows for a wide range of excellent programming made available to UMD students and the community. The Committee would like to see more detailed information on how non-majors benefit from the SSF funds in the future.
Queer and Allied Student Union – $14,000
The committee commends QASU for its great work and is pleased to see their work with the campus climate survey.

RSOP Operations – $1,135,000
The committee supports the additional funding required for fully compensating the Aquatic Director. Evidence of the additional programming/services created by this position should be shared in next year’s proposal. RSOP is recognized as serving nearly the entire student body via one or more of their programs and services, and should continue offering a breadth of recreational and outdoor programs.

RSOP Capital Improvement - $197,000
The Committee understands the capital needs in RSOP and the increasing pressures to fund projects that previously may have been supported from different funding sources. A modest increase in funding is therefore recommended.

SERVE - $4,500
SERVE is recognized for its continued support of students seeking volunteer engagement opportunities. The Committee commends SERVE for following last year's recommendation.

Statesman - $35,000
The Committee appreciates the Statesman’s follow-up regarding last year’s recommendations. The Statesman has a good plan moving forward and the Committee hopes to see evidence of improved fiscal responsibility next year.

Student Association - $120,000
The Committee greatly appreciates the professionalism shown in the presentation. SA is commended for its great work and fiscal responsibility. SA is encouraged to form a mentorship program to assist in training for other SSF requesting groups. The committee also recommends enhancing the SOG committee, as well as supports an increase in funding to better serve student organizations.

Theatre - $55,000
The Committee would like to see better documentation on how Theatre reaches non-major students. Based on the presentation the Committee did not see the need to support an increase for this year. In future years, clearer evidence of the specific need for funding should be provided if an increase is proposed.

Tweed Museum - $18,000
For future requests, the Committee recommends that Tweed provide more specific information regarding the eight funding criteria.

Women’s Resource and Action Center - $12,000
The Committee is in full support of this organization. WRAC is commended for their fiscal responsibility and following past recommendations. A more detailed account of visits and demographics (students vs.
non students) will assist the Committee in the following years.

Allocations from SSF Facility Capital Reserves

Cru - $2,800
The Committee supports up to $2,800 for band equipment as detailed in Cru’s proposal. Documentation of the equipment purchased should be provided in next year’s proposal.

Ward Wells Field House Floor - $75,000
The Committee supports up to $75,000 for the design/development costs for the field house floor, but strongly encourages Athletics and RSOP to seek additional funding sources. Any unused funds will be returned to SSF Capital Reserves. The Committee recognizes that a capital request for a flooring project may be forthcoming.