



## INTRODUCING THE NEW STUDENT AMENITIES FEE

At the St. Augustine Campus, we are tasked with continuously enhancing and developing the amenities and services offered to and indeed expected by today's students.

The Student Amenities Fee was introduced at the start of the 2016/2017 academic year and will provide the funding needed to enhance and develop the amenities on the Campus. All fees will be paid into a Student Amenities Fund.

The introduction of this fee is supported by the Guild of Students which has made demands for improvements in the specific areas which this fund would support.

### *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

#### **1. What is the Student Amenities Fee?**

The Student Amenities Fee is a new student fee that was introduced to the St. Augustine Campus 2016/2017 academic year. It is a compulsory fee that must be paid at the start of each academic year. All fees will be paid into a Student Amenities Fund and this fund will be used solely for the development and enhancement of student amenities on the Campus.

#### **2. Is this fee only for new students?**

All new and returning students will be required to pay this compulsory fee. Specially admitted students and exchange students are exempted from this fee.

### **3. How much is the fee?**

The fee is TT\$500.

### **4. When does this fee need to be paid?**

Each student is required to pay this fee at the start of each academic year.

### **5. When I collect my bank slip for the payment of all my fees, under which category does the Student Amenities Fee fall?**

This fee should be included under the 'Other' category on the slip.

### **6. Is this fee the same as the Caution Fee?**

The Student Amenities Fee is not the same as the Caution fee (a one-time fee that each student pays upon entry to the University that is refundable upon graduation). The Student Amenities Fee must be paid at the start of each academic year, however both fees are compulsory.

### **7. Is this new fee covered by Government Assistance for Tuition Expenses (GATE)?**

This fee is not covered by GATE.

### **8. Is the payment of this fee compulsory?**

The payment of this fee is compulsory beginning from the 2016/2017 academic year.

### **9. What happens if this fee is not paid?**

If this fee is not paid a financial hold will be placed on the student's account, as is done with the non-payment of any other mandatory fee.

**10. Can a waiver be granted for the payment of this fee?**

No waivers will be granted for the payment of this fee. The only students exempted from paying this fee are specially admitted students and exchange students.

**11. What amenities will this fee be used for?**

In the near future the fund will be used to enhance and develop the wireless internet services (WiFi) on the Campus; the student shuttle service and the Campus' sports facilities.

**12. When will these changes/upgrades be done?**

The process will begin in the 2016/2017 academic year and projects will be taken up as the fund is renewed.

**13. How are the amenities chosen?**

The initial projects have been selected based on recommendations from the Guild of Students and the wider student body. Other projects will also be chosen based on the guidelines provided in the SAF policy.

**14. Can I suggest how these funds are used?**

Students can make their recommendations/suggestions through the Guild of Students for projects that can be developed/upgraded using the Student Amenities Fund.