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Subject: RE: SSAF fee enquirers

Dear Minran,

The University passes most of the SSAF funds to student organisations (and in 2020, it will indeed be close to 100% of the SSAF funding). With the decline in student enrolments in 2020, the SSAF is just able to cover the base funding of those organisations and, as you know, we cancelled projects funded by the contestable part of the budget some months ago.

In 2020, the SSAF funding has been used for:

- The operations and services of student organisations (USU, SUSF, SEC, SUPRA and CSG)
- The brief period of student organisation-led on-campus activity in Semester 1, especially Welcome Week and following, and the activity that will accompany a return to campus in Semester 2
- An increased advocacy, casework and support effort in a period of rapid change and hardship for a number of students
- Creative and well-utilised online activities and opportunities for fitness and connection

I understand that this is not the usual form of student life that SSAF supports, but I do think students have valued what has been on offer (and indeed the recent Student Life survey supports this). So, on balance, we think we should proceed with the current SSAF in Semester 2 to support as fast and safe a return to campus activity as public health orders allow and ongoing access to the supports that student organisations provide.

With best wishes,
Pip