

Subject	Student Senate Meeting 6, 2026 (SS6)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Cindy Cash, Michael Smith, Max Ryan
Absent	Georgia Matthews
Date and time	6.00 pm, Tuesday 4 August
Venue	Microsoft Teams
From	Lee Hogervorst
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A member of the Senate who has a pecuniary (relating to money) or other conflict of interest in a matter being considered by the Senate must, as soon as practicable after the relevant facts have come to his or her knowledge, declare the nature of the interest, in writing, to the Chair of the Senate prior to the meeting.

1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome – 6.00 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters wherever we are located. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations Peoples.

2. Ratification of prior minutes/ Actions (SS5) – 6.03 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 7 July 2026, as an accurate record.

3. Proposed motion under section 3.8(c) of the Student Senate Charter – 6.05 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: That, having considered the written particulars provided to Michael Smith, and having given him a reasonable opportunity to make written submissions, attend and be heard at this meeting, the Student Senate resolves, by a majority four-fifths vote, that Michael Smith has:

- impeded the Student Senate's ability to conduct its business; and/or
- engaged in conduct that is disruptive and disrespectful to other members; and/or
- impeded the ability of the Chair to direct Student Senate business, within the meaning of section 3.8(c) of the Student Senate Charter.

Accordingly, the Student Senate resolves to remove Michael Smith from office as a member of the Student Senate with immediate effect.

This motion is brought under section 3.8(c) of the Student Senate Charter. The Student Senate notes that, before the motion is considered:

- Michael Smith has been provided with written particulars of the alleged conduct at least one week before the meeting; and
- Michael Smith has been given a reasonable opportunity to make written submissions, attend the meeting and be heard before the vote is taken.

This motion has been postponed to the next meeting due to student being medically unable to attend and, in the interest of procedural fairness it will be rescheduled to the next meeting.

4. Proposed motion under section 3.8(a) of the Student Senate Charter – 6.20 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: The removal of Georgia Matthew the IHW representative from the Student Senate due to non-attendance.

- The member has been absent for three consecutive meetings without providing a leave of absence to the Chair.

The motion was passed to have Georgia Matthews the IHW Representative removed from the Student Senate.

5. Senate Advisor Update – 6.35 pm

Leon/Cindy

6. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting – 6.40 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

University Response:

- SS4 P6: Improving Transparency and Accountability of Student Surveys/Feedback Outcomes

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS5 P1: The development of clear, discipline-specific Artificial Intelligence guidelines for both students and academics, as well as a single University AI resource that is consistently applied across all courses and institutes

"Response not yet received."

- SS5 P2: Change to Moodle icons for 2nd attempt on assessments

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS5 P5: Review of Timetable to maximise class learning and effort to reduce classes lost to public holidays where possible

"Response not yet received."

7. New Items

- SS6 P1: That the University allocate a study/conference room at the Melbourne City Campus, accommodating up to 10 people, each Wednesday from 8:30am to 3:30pm, to the final-semester Master of Psychology (Clinical) cohort for the remainder of Semester 2, and that the University confirm directly with the students that their brief visit to the campus on 1 July was not, and is not being treated as, an unauthorised request for Level 7 or staff office space.

6:55pm

Saleha

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends that the University allocate a study/conference room at the Melbourne City Campus, accommodating up to 10 people, each Wednesday from 8:30am to 3:30pm, to the final-semester Master of Psychology (Clinical) cohort for the remainder of Semester 2, and that the University confirm directly with the students that their brief visit to the campus on 1 July was not, and is not being treated as, an unauthorised request for Level 7 or staff office space.'

- SS6 P2: That the Student Senate request the University repair and restore the Gippsland campus clock as a general University maintenance item, not as a Student Services and Amenities Fee item, and provide transparent maintenance reporting for the clock and related Gippsland campus maintenance issues.

7:00pm

Michael

Motion: 'This motion will be withheld until the next meeting due to apology received.'

- SS6 P3: That the Student Senate request one SSAF consultation definitions reform so SSAF papers, budget papers, reports and decisions clearly distinguish genuine consultation, feedback, notification and operational advice, and so senators receive the timing, allocation, purpose, affected students, service owner, funding source, expected benefit, available alternatives, survey basis where used, response record and cost information needed to advise on SSAF matters before decisions are finalised.

7:05 pm

Michael

Motion: 'This motion will be withheld until the next meeting due to apology received.'

- SS6 P4: Review of wording and consideration given to making this more explicit in terms of evidence or proof needed in dot form in the UD and perhaps flow chart or mind map in PDF on the website

7:10 pm

Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a review of wording and consideration given to making this more explicit in terms of evidence or proof needed in dot form in the UD and perhaps flow chart or mind map in PDF on the website

8. Other Business 7.10 pm

- Orientation forums - Dani & Kim
- Charter review update – Jase & Charli
- Merchandise update – Lee
- Confirmation of resignation
 - Charlotte Walsh
- Any other business

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 September 2026, 6 pm – 8:00 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 27 July 2026:

Elected Members	
Position Name and Number of Position	Representative
Ballarat and surrounds area (2 positions)	Kim Curwood Jennifer Slade (Val)
Berwick area (1 position)	Danielle Sinadinovic (Dani)
Distance education/off campus (1 position)	Jase Squires
Equity, diversity and social inclusion advocate (1 position)	Foluke Brown Olorunlose
Federation TAFE (1 position)	Dusty Robins
First Nations (1 position)	Vacant
Gippsland area (1 position)	Michael Smith
International (1 position)	Vacant
Metro Area Student Representative (1 position):	Vacant
Postgraduate (1 position)	Saleha Nadeem (Sally)
Institute of Health and Wellbeing (2 positions)	Vacant Georgia Matthews
Institute of Education, Arts and the Community (2 positions)	Vacant Charlotte Walsh (Charli)
Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability (2 positions)	Elizabeth Dyer (Liz) Kushal Gohel
Ex-Officio Members	
Academic Board HE Student Representative	Vacant
Learning and Teaching Quality Committee HE Student Representative	Jase Squires