



Subject	Student Senate Meeting 5, 2026 (SS5)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Leon Kerr, Michael Smith, Elizabeth Dyer, Foluke Brown Olorunlose
Absent	Georgia Matthews
Date and time	6.00 pm, Tuesday 7 July
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 (SS4) – 6.03 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 11 June 2026, as an accurate record.

The Senate reviewed the prior minutes and voted to ratify them.

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. Senate Advisor Update – 6.20 pm

Leon/Cindy

5. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting – 6.25 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

University Response:

- SS2 P1: To revise the booking process for student room bookings on camp street.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS4 P1: To Introduce an, "Arts Academy Representative" position in the Student Senate

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS4 P2: Audit of course Unit Descriptions in relation to rubrics

"The Senate is not satisfied with the university response and suggests a written reply from Senate."

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

"Response not yet received."

- SS4 P7: Reviewing Assessment Deadline Clustering and Student Workload Management

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS4 P8: Improving Clarity and Consistency of Student-Facing Grade Information

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS4 P9: That the University conduct an urgent review of the workspace and seating arrangements available to PhD candidates at the Berwick campus, and implement dedicated, appropriately partitioned workspaces that are equivalent in standard to those provided at other Federation University campuses, including Mount Helen, SMB, and Churchill, with immediate interim measures introduced to reduce disruption to HDR students while permanent improvements are planned and delivered.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

6. New Items

- 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

6:45 pm Danielle

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends the introduction of an A 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.'

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

6:50 pm Dusty

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a change to Moodle icons for 2nd attempt on assessments.'

- SS5 P3: 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.

6:55pm Michael

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

- SS5 P4: 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.

7:00 pm Michael

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

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

7:05 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a review of timetables to maximise class learning and effort to reduce classes lost to public holidays where possible.'

7. Other Business 7.10 pm

- Senate Member Departure – Chair/Deputy Chair
 - Thien Thanh Tran (Tristan)
 - Yakun Pei (Christina)
- Post meeting wrap up recording – Chair/Deputy Chair
- Upcoming round 2 elections - Lee
- Any other business

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 August 2026, 6 pm – 8:00 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 29 June 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)	Thien Thanh Tran (Tristan)
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)	Yakun Pei (Christina) Charlotte Walsh (Charli)
Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability (2 positions)	Elizabeth Dyer (Liz) Kushal Gohel
Ex-Officio Members	
Academic Board HE Student Representative	Alvington Silvester (Chris)
Learning and Teaching Quality Committee HE Student Representative	Jase Squires