Student Senate Minutes

Subject	Student Senate Meeting 7, 2026 (SS7)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Leon Kerr, Kim Curwood
Date and time	6.00 pm, Tuesday 8 September
Venue	Microsoft Teams
From	Lee Hogervorst
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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 (SS6) - 6.05 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 4 August 2026, as an accurate record.

3. Student Senate Update – New Members and Roles – 5.10pm

Chair

- Welcome to new Senate Members
    - Miliya Celin Joseph – International Student Representative
    - Alexander (Alex) Pugsley – IHW Student Representative

- New Deputy Chair
    - Elizabeth (Liz) Dyer

4. Guest Speakers – 6.15 pm

Chair

- Nina Fotinatos – Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching

Work is underway with the University Digital Content team to build a new improved L&T

Landing Website page that provides clear information specific to:

- The university position around generative artificial intelligence
- Describes how staff are being supported to build their knowledge, skills and application in their learning and teaching practice.
- Provide access to the university Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) ASSURE Learning and Teaching Framework.
- Request that a member of Student Senate considers joining the GenAI Learning and Teaching

- Casey Geaghan – Strategic Lead, Student Access and Retention
  - Student Led Organisation (SLO) Update

5. Senate Advisor Update - 6.35 pm

Leon/Cindy

6. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting - 6.40 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

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

  "Response not yet received."

- 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.

  "The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- 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

  "The Senate is satisfied with university response."

7. New Items

- SS7 P1: Review and Upgrade of Pre-Recorded Lectures and Lecture Materials Across IISS

  7.00pm Kushal

  Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a review and Upgrade of Pre-Recorded Lectures and Lecture Materials Across IISS

- SS7 P2: Improving the Quality, Structure, and Engagement of Online Teaching in IISS Units

  7:05pm Kushal

  Motion: 'That the Senate recommends improving the Quality, Structure, and Engagement of Online Teaching in IISS Units

- SS7 P3: Consideration given to creating a new working group, process or even forum between academic staff and students where collaboration can take place on the usage of AI as a learning tool for classroom-based learning

  7:10pm Jase

  Motion: 'That the Senate recommends consideration given to creating a new working group, process or even forum between academic staff and students where collaboration can take place on the usage of AI as a learning tool for classroom-based learning

- SS7 P4: Improving Unit Availability, Course Progression Certainty, and Fair Support for Affected Students

  7:15pm Kushal

  Motion: 'That the Senate recommends improving Unit Availability, Course Progression Certainty, and Fair Support for Affected Students

8. Other Business 7.20 pm

- Resignations – Chair
  - Michael Smith
  - Danielle Sinadinovic
- Upcoming forums
- Drop-in sessions at Mt Helen
- Any other business

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 October 2026, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 31 August 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)	Vacant
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)	Vacant
International (1 position)	Miliya Celin Joseph
Metro Area Student Representative (1 position):	Vacant
Postgraduate (1 position)	Saleha Nadeem (Sally)
Institute of Health and Wellbeing (2 positions)	Alexander Pugsley (Alex) Vacant
Institute of Education, Arts and the Community (2 positions)	Vacant Vacant
Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability (2 positions)	Elizabeth Dyer (Liz) Kushal Gohel
Ex-Officio Members	
Academic Board HE Student Representative	Jase Squires
Learning and Teaching Quality Committee HE Student Representative	Vacant