



Subject	Student Senate Meeting 4, 2026 (SS4)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Cindy Cash, Jennifer (Val) Slade, Charlotte (Charli) Walsh, Toni Waite, Yakun (Christina) Pei. Michael Smith
Absent	Georgia Matthews, Dusty Robins
Date and time	6.00 pm, Thursday 11 June
Venue	Microsoft Teams
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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 (SS3) – 6.05 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 12 May 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 – 6.10 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 – 6.25 pm

Leon/Cindy

5. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting – 6.30 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

University Response:

- SS2 P4: Clarity on priority messaging and communications between academics and students

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS2 P6: That the Student Senate advocate for the establishment of regular second-hand book fairs on campus, similar to the existing op shop for clothing on campus, to promote sustainability and help students access different book resources.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS3 P1: Enhancing Assignment Deadline Visibility in Moodle Calendar to Support Student Success

"The Senate is not satisfied with the university response and nominates a Representative to liaise with key contacts from the designated area."

- SS3 P2: Lack of placement and career opportunities

"The Senate is not satisfied with the university response and nominates a Representative to liaise with key contacts from the designated area."

- SS3 P3: Delays in Assignment Extension and Special Consideration Processing

"The Senate is not satisfied with the university response and nominates a Representative to liaise with key contacts from the designated area."

- SS3 P4: That the University review and reverse the reduction of OneDrive storage for HDR students from 200GB to 50GB, and in the interim provide adequate, secure, and accessible data storage solutions, accompanied by formal communication and targeted support to ensure HDR students are not disadvantaged in their research activities.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS3 P5: Review of connect classroom equipment, after F200 resolution and general audit of all classroom equipment for these and similar rooms

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS3 P7: Alternative arrangement for Science students who have not been provided with placement opportunity

"The Senate is not satisfied with the university response and nominates a Representative to liaise with key contacts from the designated area."

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

"Response not yet received, response will be reviewed next meeting."

6. New Items

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

6:45 pm Charli/Elizabeth

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends the introduction of an "Arts Academy Representative" position in the Student Senate.'

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

6:50 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a audit of course Unit Descriptions in relation to rubrics.'

- SS4 P3: Audit of process relating to extensions and communication to students

6:55 pm Jase

Motion: This motion was withheld until the next meeting.

- SS4 P4: 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.

7:00 pm Michael

Motion: [This motion was withheld until the next meeting.](#)

- SS4 P5: Change to Moodle icons for 2nd attempt on assessments

7:05 pm Dusty

Motion: [This motion was withheld until the next meeting.](#)

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

7:10 pm Kushal

Motion: [‘That the Senate recommends that the University improve transparency and accountability of student surveys/feedback outcomes.’](#)

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

7:15 pm Kushal

Motion: [‘That the Senate recommends the University review assessment deadline clustering and student workload management.’](#)

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

7:20 pm Kushal

Motion: [‘That the Senate recommends the University improve clarity and consistency of student-facing grade information.’](#)

- 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.

7:25 pm Saleha

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends 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'.

7. Other Business 7.35 pm

- Welcome New Member – Chair
 - Alvington Silvester (Chris)
- Acknowledgement of resignation – Chair
 - Toni Waite
- Update on forum - Equity, Diversity and Social inclusion Advocate
- Any other business

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 July 2026, 6 pm – 8 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 1 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 Dyers (Liz) Kushal Gohel
Ex-Officio Members	
Academic Board HE Student Representative	Alvington Silvester (Chris)
Learning and Teaching Quality Committee HE Student Representative	Jase Squires