



Subject	Student Senate Meeting 3, 2026 (SS3)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Duncan Bentley, Leon Kerr, Yakun Pei
Absent	Georgia Matthews
Date and time	6.00 pm, Tuesday 12 May 2026
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 (SS2) – 6.05 pm

Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 14 April 2026, as an accurate record.

3. Guest Speakers – 6.10 pm

Chair

- Nina Fotinatos – Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching
- Claire Curtain – Senior Student Advocate, Student Advocacy

4. Senate Advisor Update – 6.40 pm

Leon/Cindy

- Upcoming event

5. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting – 6.50 pm

Chair / Deputy Chair

University Response:

- SS8 P2: A review into submission boxes not consistently generating emails to advise students they have received assessment feedback. Consideration given to making all submission boxes being consistent, as currently this isn't the case. Consideration given to turnitin practice submission boxes being returned to moodle, so students can test their work prior to actual submission and can book appointments with LSAs etc to address any concerns/issues
- SS2 P2: To replace the couches in the Student Lounge
- SS2 P3: Review of grade appeal decision process for better clarity
- SS2 P5: Review on moderation of marking and returned to students in a timely manner

6. New Items

- SS3 P1: Enhancing Assignment Deadline Visibility in Moodle Calendar to Support Student Success
7:00 pm Kushal

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends enhancing assignment deadline visibility in the moodle calendar to support student success'.

- SS3 P2: Lack of placement and career opportunities
7:05 pm Kushal

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends addressing the lack of placement and career opportunities'.

- SS3 P3: Delays in Assignment Extension and Special Consideration Processing
7:10 pm Kushal

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends addressing delays in assignment extension and special consideration processing'.

- 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.
7:15 pm Saleha

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends 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'.

- SS3 P5: Review of connect classroom equipment, after F200 resolution and general audit of all classroom equipment for these and similar rooms
7:20 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommends a review of connect classroom equipment, after F200 resolution and general audit of all classroom equipment for these and similar rooms'.

- SS3 P6: Access for Muslim Students to Prayer Space after hours
7:25 pm Elizabeth

Motion: 'Withdrawn by the proposer'.

- SS3 P7: Alternative arrangement for Science students who have not been provided with placement opportunity
7:30 pm Elizabeth

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend addressing alternative arrangement for Science students who have not been provided with placement opportunity'.

7. Other Business 7.35 pm

- Mt Helen Forum - Jase
- Any other business

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 June 2026, 6 pm - 8.30 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 30 April 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)	Toni Waite 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	