



Subject	Student Senate Meeting 2, 2026 (SS2)
To	All Student Senate representatives, officers, observers, and guests
Apologies	Duncan Bentley, Toni Waite, Cindy Cash, Leon Kerr
Date and time	6.00 pm, Tuesday 14 April 2026
Venue	Microsoft Teams
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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 (SS2) - 6.05 pm

Deputy Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2025, as an accurate record.

3. Guest Speakers – 6.10 pm

Acting Chair

- Dr Philip Freier – Chancellor, University Council

4. Senate Advisor Update - 6.40 pm

Leon/Cindy

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

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

- SS8 P1: extend the opening hours at SMB library for a later closing time

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS8 P3: Safety in the Federation University Campus and Student Residences Charter.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS8 P4: Consideration given to a system surrounding academic breach of code of ethics when academics do not return assessment feedback in a timely manner without appropriate communication(s) to students highlighting reasons for delays or other issues affecting timely release of feedback.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS8 P5: Consideration given to a system that does not penalise students when late submitting assessment tasks.

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

- SS8 P6: Consideration given for a process/motion to students not risking losing marks gained during an appeal, where moderation can return on review/appeal a reduced mark

"The Senate is satisfied with university response."

6. New Items

- SS2 P1: To revise the booking process for student room bookings on camp street.
7:00 pm Charli

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend To revise the booking process for student room bookings on camp street'.

- SS2 P2: To replace the couches in the Student Lounge.
7:05 pm Charli

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend To replace the couches in the Student Lounge'.

- SS2 P3: Review of grade appeal decision process for better clarity.
7:10 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend Review of grade appeal decision process for better clarity'.

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

7:15 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend Clarity on priority messaging and communications between academics and students'.

- SS2 P5: Review on moderation of marking and returned to students in a timely manner.

7:20 pm Jase

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend Review on moderation of marking and returned to students in a timely manner'.

- 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.

7:25 pm Yakun

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7. Other Business 7.30 pm

- 2026 Student Senate Dates
- Chair and Deputy Chair nominations
- IISS Institute Board and/or Learning and Teaching committee
- Any other business

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2026, 6 pm - 8.30 pm

Appendix I: Senate membership as of 14th 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	
Learning and Teaching Quality Committee HE Student Representative	Karuna Pandey
Academic Board HE Student Representative	Danielle Sinadinovic