

2022 STUDENT SENATE

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

GURMAAN KAUR

I couldn't even imagine how amazing is senate until I joined it myself. I had no idea what senate is and being a senate member I've helped solving all the issues ranging from nursing department to cafe food. I've seen senate being part of every university function, meetings etc. I really loved that I step into it and did some amazing work for my fellow students. I would really encourage all the students of Federation to come to us with their issues to make senate more approachable and meaningful. Thanks to all the university students and university staff for their support to senate.



STUDENT SENATE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHAIR CHLOE BETHUNE**

This year senate has made themselves known that they are back in full swing since Covid by running a leadership retreat as well as identifying themselves with new hoodies. Senate have passed many motions this year that will benefit future and current students. Not many people on campus know who the senate is but we are slowly getting out there. 2023 has some exciting things planned and senate can't wait to continue on with creating positive and meaningful change to make our university more enjoyable.



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Performing arts representative Tristan Sciari

Achievements

The Senate stepped up as a key conduit for student issues and feedback relating to the outbreak and transition online. The Senate representatives worked tirelessly during periods of great personal stress and anxiety to consistently champion and advocate for the needs of students most affected by the outbreak.



Berwick Senate Member Thaniya Nesakumar

Representative proposals

Senate representatives developed and submitted seventeen proposals to the University. A new proposal process ensured the students were supported to workshop and plan implementation of their proposals with senior University leadership. See next page for the proposal highlights.



Ballarat Representatives Gurmaan kaur, Liam Crocker and Anshul Goel



Gippsland Representatives Chloe Bethune and Kaylan Drzycimski

STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

THE SENATE RECOMMENDED THAT

THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDE A WIDER RANGE OF FOOD ITEMS TO MEET ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OFFER ADDITIONAL STUDY SUPPORT FOR 2ND AND 3RD YEAR STEM COURSES

THE UNIVERSITY ALLOW THE USE OF HAZE EFFECTS IN THE THEATRES AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PRODUCTION TEAM TO ORGANISE IT

The University expand the number of majors in the Bachelor of Business BI5 Program

THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDE COMPULSORY EDUCATION RELATING TO LGBTQIA+ AND FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE TO SENATE MEMBERS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - GEORGIA FONT

THE UNIVERSITY EXPLORE THE IDEA OF A SECOND-HAND BOOKSHOP ON CAMPUS

THE UNIVERSITY MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR LECTURES TO BE RECORDED

THE SENATE CHANGE THE NAME OF ITS ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER REPRESENTATIVE TO "FIRST NATIONS" REPRESENTATIVE - FUTURA FONT

THE UNIVERSITY FORMALLY RESPOND TO CONCERNS OF NURSING STUDENTS TABLED IN THE STUDENT SENATE FEEDBACK REPORT PRESENTED AT THE IHW L&T COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2022

AND THE UNIVERSITY

HAS UNDERTAKEN A MAJOR MENU EVALUATION AND GREATLY ENHANCED DIETARY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

THE UNIVERSITY RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR STEM BASED SUPPORT AND WILL RUN PASS COURSES FOR A VARIETY OF STEM CLASSES IN 2023

SENATE RAISED THIS WITH FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND THE USE OF HAZE WAS IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY

ADVISED THAT THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED AND REIMAGINED TO ENSURE QUALITY TEACHING.

HAS PROVIDED AN INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARENESS MODULE ON MOODLE AND LGBTQIA+ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

DUE TO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS IT IS UNABLE TO SELL 2ND HAND TEXTBOOKS BUT WILL PROVIDE A SPACE FOR A STUDENT RUN BOOK FAIR TO SELL TEXTBOOKS

ADVISED THAT THE DECISION TO RECORD LECTURES IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LECTURER

CONTINUES TO USE ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOR GOVERNANCE PURPOSES, BUT FOR STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL THE TERM FIRST NATIONS WILL BE USED.

INTENDS TO RESPOND WITH A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN 2023 INCLUDING STUDENT REPS FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL AND CAMPUS, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING AND ADDRESSING STUDENT CONCERNS

STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

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THE SENATE RECOMMENDED THAT

THE UNIVERSITY INCLUDES BOTH SMB AND CAMP STREET CAMPUSES SEPARATELY FROM MT HELEN CAMPUSES WHEN RUNNING EVENTS IN BALLARAT

THE UNIVERSITY IMPROVE THE QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF LIGHTING AROUND ALL UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION AREAS AS REQUIRED

THE UNIVERSITY EXTEND CAFÉ OPENING TIMES AT THE GIPPSLAND CAMPUS IN CHURCHILL

THE UNIVERSITY TO REOPEN THE BAR AT ALL CAMPUSES

THE UNIVERSITY CORRECT ENROLMENT ISSUES IMPACTING ARTS STUDENTS

AND THE UNIVERSITY

HAS RECRUITED A SUPPORT OFFICER WITH TO HELP RUN EVENTS AT THE CBD CAMPUSES. THESE EVENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATE FROM MT HELEN.

UNDERTOOK AN ASSESSMENT ON LIGHTNING CONDITIONS OF VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND HAVE BEGUN THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPROVE THE LIGHTNING

HAS EXTENDED THE CHURCHILL CAFÉ CLOSING TIMES TO 3:30PM FROM JANUARY 2023, BUT NOTES THAT THERE IS NOT A DEMAND TO INCREASE OPENING TIME AT OTHER CAMPUS'S

WILL OPEN BAR'S ACROSS ALL CAMPUS'S IN 2023 AND HAS UPDATED THE LIQUEUR LICENCE TO FACILITATE THIS

CONFIRMED THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED AND FIXED.

OTHER STUDENT SENATE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2022

- Collaboration with International Student Committee to brainstorm ideas for events, promoting greater integration and friendships between internationals and domestic students
- Kaylan Drzycimski Hosted a 'thrift stall' at the Gippsland Campus
- Guurman Kaur, Chair of Student Senate spoke about the problems youth face on the Menzies Oration Panel
- Senate members, Guurman Kaur and Liam Crocker in Mt Helen and Chloe Bethune and Kaylan Drzycimski in Gippsland, met with the Vice Chancellor and Director in Vice Chancellor's office for strategy to discuss possible improvements to the University, as well as getting students back on campus, challenges and barriers
- Active involvement in sick pay guarantee press conference and raised a global issue by our chair
- Senate Member Liam Crocker created a survey about the student accommodation for Residential Students receiving 60+ responses. A report will be created and presented in 2023.
- A national leadership conference in Canberra attended by Chloe Bethune, the Vice Chair, representing the University.
- Gurmaan Kaur, Chloe Bethune and Thaniya Nesakumar presented awards at the Fed Awards at Mt Helen, Gippsland and Berwick respectively