

STUDENT SENATE	
Subject	Student Senate Meeting 1, 2023 (SS1)
Attended	Chloe Bethune (Chair), Liam Cocker, David Ferguson, Jason Squires, Thaniya Nesakumar, Anthony Manahan, Max Ryan, Anna To, Casey Geaghan, Liana Finlayson
Apologies	Sean Cowen, Song Lam Tran, Abhishek Roy, Aimen Choudhary
Date and Time	6.00pm, Tuesday 7 March, 2023
Venue	Microsoft Teams
From	Liana Finlayson, Executive Officer
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1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome- 6pm

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters wherever we are located. For Ballarat this is the Wada-wurrung people of the Kulin nation. 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. Introductions

Chair

3. Ratification of prior minutes (SS6)

Deferred until next meeting as minutes have not been distributed.

Chair

Motion: that the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held October 25, 2022, as an accurate record.

Chair

4. Senate Advisor Update

Paper has been distributed, members to come back to the Anthony if they have any feedback or questions.

Anthony

5. New Items

- **Gurmaan has resigned from Senate**

Nominations and elections for the Chair position will occur following the announcement of the current ballot period for Senate members.

Anthony

- **Students as partners framework and starting the process this year**

Deferred until next meeting.

Max/ Casey

- **Brainstorm number and type of positions**

Deferred until next meeting.

Max/ Casey

- **Student Senate 2022 Summary**

Liam to convert into a PDF once approved by Senate, document will then be added to the website and promoted on social media.

Liam

- **The University's response to recent OneDrive incident in 2022** Liam
 Jason and Liam to jointly write a statement or proposal regarding the One Drive Incident and contact the students who raised the concern.
 A response to be provided at next meeting.
- **Why the University has changed the mid semester break from 2 weeks to 1** Liam
 Anthony to confirm if email was sent to students regarding change of Lecture break.
- **Nursing student Flexi - mandatory attendance** Thaniya
 Thaniya to contact student who raised the matter and develop a proposal around mandatory attendance in flexible learning.

Jason to provide further content from his perspective.
- Introducing a Women's room on to campus** Thaniya
 Thaniya to contact the campus head around acquiring a space at Berwick for the Women's room and use this campus as a trial to then potentially introduce at other campuses down the track.

Also look at finding a space for the Senate at Berwick campus.
- **Introducing AIME Mentoring Program for our students** Thaniya
 Chloe to discuss with her Co-President Georgia at Gippsland about promoting AIME to Education students. If students are interested in mentoring for AIME let them know they can get involved in Churchill program (if they are happy to travel). and Chloe will follow up to see if AIME programs are ran at Berwick and Mt Helen.
- **Campus Wellbeing and Safety (Break-ins, security staff/ professionalism, security cameras, monitoring traffic in and around campus living areas)** David
 Senate will wait until results from survey are received and then develop a plan going forward. David will provide students who approved him with these concerns with an update.
- **Nominations and Elections** Liana
 With the terms of reference under review, the senate will discuss and review the number and types of positions in the Senate at the next meeting.
- **FedLiving Survey Update** Max
 Survey report will be sent out to the Senate in the next couple of weeks.

6. Priorities 7.50pm

7. Other Business 8.10pm

- Liam and Max to discuss student advocacy attending a future meeting.
- If Senate Members are interested in more details regarding how Advocacy can assist, members can reach out to Student Advocacy for more information.
- Look at whether to include Mental Health First Aid in Senate training verses training to focus on how senate members can assist students by referral or by contacting 1800 FED SEC and 000 etc.
- Jason to provide response to student inquiry regarding payment structure for international students.

8. Next Meeting Tuesday 4 April 2023 6pm- 8.30pm

APPENDIX I: SENATE MEMBERSHIP

As of March 7, 2023: 27 roles, 9 occupied + 1 Co-opted, 18 vacant.

Name (Pronouns)	Representatives for
Vacant	FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	BALLARAT RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Thaniya Neskumar and Aimen Choudhary	BERWICK CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	BERWICK RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	BRISBANE CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	CAMP ST CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Performing Arts (1 position):
Vacant	CAMP ST CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Visual Arts (1 position):
David Ferguson	CHURCHILL RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	CLUBS & SOCIETIES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Jason Squires, 1 position vacant	DISTANCE EDUCATION/OFF CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION ADVOCATE (1 position):
Vacant	FEDCOLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Chloe Bethune, 1 position vacant	GIPPSLAND CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Higher Education (1 position):
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE/VET/VCAL (1 position):
Roy Abhishek	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Higher Education (2 positions):
Vacant	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE (1 position):
Song Lam Tran	POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	SMB CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Sachin Baniya	SPORTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Sean Cowen	SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Liam Crocker	Co-opted Membership