

STUDENT SENATE	
Subject	Student Senate Meeting 5, 2023 (SS5)
To	Liam Crocker (Chair), Chloe Bethune (Vice Chair), Darsha Buddhini Caldera Hollu Pathirage, Jase Squires, Karishma Hanwellage Don, Mahalia Bossom, Kaylan Drzycimski, Leon Kerr, Casey Geaghan
Apologies	Anna To, Lee Reid, Samuel Crane
Date and Time	6.00pm, Tuesday 15 August, 2023
Venue	Microsoft Teams
From	Lee Reid
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1. Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome 6.00 pm Vice Chair / 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 (SS4) 6.05 pm Chair

Motion: That the Senate ratify the minutes of the meeting held July 4, 2023, as an accurate record. Chair

[The Senate reviewed the prior minutes and voted to ratify them.](#)

3. Guest Speakers Chair

Andrew Evans, Director, Academic Services and Support and
Georgina Willetts, Professor, Nursing and Practice Development 6.10 pm

Sahar Oujil, Director, Information Technology Services and
Keith Caldwell, Director, Property and Infrastructure 6.20 pm

4. Senate Advisor Update 6.30 pm Leon

5. Updates/ Actions from last Meeting

- **University Response: SS4 P1 Align Lunch Break for Performing Arts and Visual Art** Chair
6.40 pm

Motion: 'That the Senate is satisfied with the University response.'

- **Terms of Reference Under Review** 6.45 pm Chair
Update on small working groups to consider changes.
- **Nominations** 7.00 pm Lee
Update on campaign.
Applications: 12am July 31st to 11:59pm August 13th, 2023
Elections: 12am August 22nd to 11:59pm August 24th, 2023 (if required)

6. New Items

- **SS5 P1 Reinstatement of a Separate Unit for Research Students at FedLiving** Karishma
7.10 pm

Residents conducting research studies are requesting the reinstatement of a separate unit exclusively dedicated to research students, as it was before the first semester of 2023.

Motion: 'That the Senate recommend the University reinstate a Separate Unit for Research Students at FedLiving'.

[The Senate voted and approved motion.](#)
- **Student Senate Resignations** 7.15 pm Chair
Anshul Goel, Mt Helen Campus Student Representative Higher Education (studies completed)
Hewa Karathotage Sachini Sandareka, Equity, Diversity and Social Inclusion Advocate

Student Senate Leave of Absence
David Ferguson, Churchill Residential Representative (three months)

7. Other Business 7.20 pm

Students as Partners

[Students as Partners project team to share information with Senate members, seeking feedback as part of the initial consultation phase.](#)

Student Placements

[Senate will investigate the possibility of reviewing placements. Chair to work with executive to determine best approach.](#)

8. Next Meeting Tuesday 10 October 2023 6 pm - 8.30 pm

[Meeting closed at 7.52 pm](#)

APPENDIX I: SENATE MEMBERSHIP

As of May 30, 2023: 27 roles, 11 occupied, 16 vacant.

Name (Pronouns)	Representatives for
Sam Crane	FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Karishma Hanwellage Don	BALLARAT RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Thaniya Neskumar (she/her) and Vacant	BERWICK CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	BERWICK RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Darsha Buddhini Caldera Hollu Pathirage	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):
Mahalia Bossom	CLUBS & SOCIETIES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Jason Squires (he/him) and Shreyas Shankaraiah Mohan	DISTANCE EDUCATION/OFF CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION ADVOCATE (1 position):
Vacant	FEDCOLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Chloe Bethune (she/her) and Kaylan Drzycimski	GIPPSLAND CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Higher Education (1 position):
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE/VET/VCAL (1 position):
Vacant	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Liam Crocker (he/him) and Vacant	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Higher Education (2 positions):
Vacant	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE (1 position):
Vacant	POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant x 2	SMB CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions):
Vacant	SPORTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):
Vacant	SUSTAINBILITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (1 position):