

Ballarat and surrounds area Student Rep



Liam Crocker

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)
Mt Helen

The reason I have applied for the student senate is because I believe I can best represent students concerns to the University. I have already become a leader for student concerns in 2022 and 2023 campaigning for several causes such as for the University to increase study support for STEM classes, trying to save students money by having a 2nd hand textbook sales and many other accomplishments such as re-opening the bar on campus's, increasing the lighting in darker areas on campus so students feel safer.

Throughout 2023 I was the chair of the Student Senate recommending several changes to the University including the opening of Bars on each campus. A successful recommendation to the University was the creation of a Food Bank assisting students with the current cost of living crisis by giving out essential supplies. One of my goals for 2024 is increasing the level of service for the bars on campus that I opened last year, as well as improving the Infrastructure of the University to create a brighter more welcoming space. This includes the Student Residences at Ballarat, Gippsland and Berwick ensuring they are brought up to an adequate level of service and cost.

I am incredibly passionate about the concerns of students across all disciplines and campus's, from Nursing to Engineering, from Gippsland to Ballarat and students studying overseas. If elected to the student senate I will make sure all your concerns are heard, be they big or small.

If I am elected to the senate, you will be supported in your academic journeys to the best of the University's ability and nothing less.

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David Martin

Bachelor of IT, Professional Practice
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My name is David Martin, I'm a second-year student in the Bachelor of IT, Professional Practice about to start my internship at IBM. I'm also currently serving as the Vice-President of FedTech, a club at Federation University that aims to extend the skills of and connect IT students with each other as well with the outside professional community through workshops and events.

Having worked as an English teacher, leading classes of 10-20 students in Japan, I'm quite used to public speaking and have used this skill since then to lead club workshops. My main experience related to governance comes from leading meetings, helping to implement change from my time at FedTech, relying on my knowledge I've largely gained from the business component of my Diploma of Logistics that I studied at RMIT back in 2020.

Some issues and ideas related to the Ballarat campuses that I would like to bring forth largely focus on addressing the lack of sense of belonging that many students seem to feel at the university. I understand that, on the Mt Helen campus at least, student participation in classes that are not marked has become an issue, with some classes becoming non-existent late into the semester, and from my own experience, those who continue to attend tend to immediately return to their units or leave the campus between classes, leaving little opportunity for a sense of connection to develop between the students themselves but also towards the university. This sort of culture isn't ideal, aside from increasing attrition, it also reduces students' opportunities to learn and to create connections that could potentially last a lifetime.

From talking to many students, largely from the IT courses, I found many of them do have a strong desire to feel like they belong to something larger than themselves, and this was the main feedback I received when starting the club, with many students thanking me for giving them the space to connect to others.

If I'm accepted to the senate, I would like to address this issue from multiple aspects such as:

- Small modifications to the structural environment (paint exterior walls, lighting, small art installations, clustered seating) to improve the ambience of areas to make them more conducive to the formation of communities among the student body.
- Increase engagement and provide students more opportunities socially by providing students training in running and setting up clubs, a support I feel is sorely lacking from my own experience in operating a club at the university.
- Develop opportunities for students from the different Ballarat campuses to connect with each other, such as friendly inter-campus competitions to give students a stronger sense of community within the university and feel like they belong wherever they end up going in the local area as a Federation campus is always nearby.
- I would also like to, if given the opportunity to, strengthen the university's interactions with the wider Ballarat community as well by hosting events such as the farmer's market (I understand the man that hosts it has a hard time getting the council to allow it each time he hosts it as well as with seating and parking provided at the North Garden Reserves) and contacting local businesses to come setup pop-up stores, as well as outdoor games to give students more reasons to stay around the campus.

I will further support this change in the culture at the Ballarat Federation campuses as my role as Vice-President in my club through the hosting of events, conducting surveys and educating other students on how to form their own clubs of interest to promote curiosity and participation of students on the campuses.

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Tamim Hasan

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Hey everyone,

I'm Tamim Hasan, your fellow student here at North Western Victoria's Mount Helen Campus, studying for my Master of Technology. Currently in my second year, I call RES (FedUniLiving) my home away from home, and I also serve as a Residential Advisor in FedLiving.

I'm reaching out to you because I believe it's crucial that we all have a say in shaping our university experience. As students, our voices matter, and that's why I'm running for a position to advocate on behalf of all of us.

During my time here, I've had the opportunity to engage closely with student life and understand the challenges and opportunities we face. From academic concerns to campus facilities, I've seen firsthand what matters most to us as students.

If elected, I plan to champion issues like improving access to resources, enhancing campus life, and ensuring that our voices are heard in university decisions. Whether it's advocating for better study spaces, more support services, or fostering a stronger sense of community, I'm committed to making positive changes that benefit us all.

But I can't do it alone. I need your support and your vote to make our collective vision a reality. Together, we can make a difference and create a university experience that truly reflects our needs and aspirations.

So, let's come together, let's make our voices heard, and let's vote for a brighter future for all of us. Thank you for considering me as your advocate. Let's make this happen!

Best,
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