

2023 STUDENT SENATE ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR LIAM CROCKER



It's been a great year for the Student Senate. We've set forth a number of proposals that Federation University has actioned on. It's been my pleasure this year to be a leader in The Student Senate and a student leader. Connecting with professionals in Federation University and collaborating with fellow student leaders to improve the student experience has been a joy. The work The Student Senate has done will continue to enhance the student experience in big and small ways!

I would like to continue to encourage Students to reach out to The Student Senate to ensure their voice is heard!



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHAIR CHLOE BETHUNE



THIS YEAR SENATE HAS MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN THAT THEY ARE 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. 2024 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.

Student Leadership Retreat



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Thaniya Nesakumar speaking at the National Leadership Forum

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

Two of the Student Senate members had the privilege of attending the National Leadership Forum in Canberra. Karishma Hanwellage Don and Thaniya Nesakumar as part of the Forum had the chance to meet and listen to several important figures including; the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, Emily Scott from GiveOUT and, former Captain of the Australian Diamonds, Courtney Basset. Additionally Thaniya and Karishma also took part in a fundraiser that raised \$15,000 towards work of Paediatric doctor Dr. Dinesh who is saving lives in Nepal.

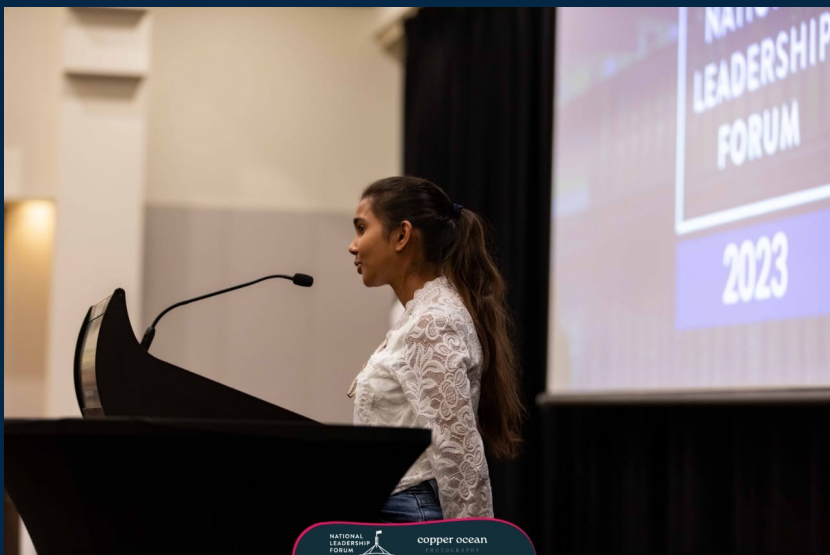
NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

This year the Student Senate Terms of Reference came under review. During this process new Student Senate Terms of Reference were drafted and approved by representatives and were submitted to Federation University. These Terms of Reference have been approved by Federation University and is now active. The new Terms of Reference has renewed and reduced the quantity the positions available.

REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSALS

Student Senate representatives developed 20 motions, of which 17 were submitted to Federation University. For a highlight summary of the motions and Federation University's responses please refer to the next pages.

Karishma Hanwellage Don speaking at the National Leadership Forum



Kaylan Drzycimski at Open Day



STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE MOTION HIGHLIGHTS

THE STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDED THAT

Federation University introduce of First Nations curriculum into Bachelor of Arts degree

Federation University invest in and increase the number of electives in the Arts program

Federation University offer/expand the number of classes offered over the summer

Federation University to relax the new update on the mandatory 80% attendance for the conducting flexi learning nursing students

Federation University provide information and guidelines they will abide by on when students who are promised compensation will receive said compensation

Federation University provide weekend contact for Fedliving Mt Helen

Federation University provide more effective pest control on all residences

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The Bachelor of Arts degree was formally reviewed for Federation University Council, with a report being recently presented by Professor Andrew Reeves and Professor Barry Judd. As a result of this review, the degree has been revised and rejuvenated for delivery from 2024 onward. The new BOA has been formally announced by the Vice Chancellor in a media release 03 November 2023

Advise that learning opportunities are tailored to student's needs. There should be sufficient courses for all enrolled students to complete a major in any sub-discipline that is currently offered in the BOA. If this is not the case, it is important that students specifically raise this with their program coordinator

Confirmed a discussion with the Institutes would be held and Increasing course offerings will also be considered for 2024

Advised there is no room for relaxation of this requirement because it is vital in ensuring that nursing students are well-equipped and prepared to register as professional nurses and practice safely.

Provided a statement outlining the guidelines around compensation for Student Employees, Senate Representatives and prize winners.

Advised is available to Fedliving residents 24/7 including weekends. Afterhours support is provided for emergency purposes including issues with bookings, maintenance and security. There is also a Mental Health Crisis line available 24/7

Organised a new contract which included increased Pest Control measures for common pests such as rodents, ants, cockroaches and spiders

STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

CONT...

THE STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDED THAT

Federation University revert the Mid Semester Break back to two weeks

Federation University aligns the Performing Arts and Visual Arts students lunch breaks

Federation University reinstate a Separate Unit for Research Students at FedLiving

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Confirmed the 2024 calendar which includes the same breaks and when a full academic calendar cycle has been completed a review will be completed

Advise that as classes for 2023 had already been confirm this matter was referred onto 2024. Due to the complex nature of the performing arts timetable, and some visual arts courses being online it will be difficult to make this work for everyone.

Stated that Fedliving have never provided exclusive research only housing and space is not available to have research only housing ongoing

OTHER STUDENT SENATE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2023

- Hosted Student Leadership Retreat for all student leaders - networking, training and development
- Held 4 Student Forums over the course of the year
- The National Leadership Forum in Canberra attended by Karishma Hanwellage Don and Thaniya Nesakumar, representing Federation University.
- Liam Crocker presented awards at the Fed Awards at Mt Helen.

MEETING DATES FOR 2023

Student Senate Meeting 1	07 March 2023
Student Senate Meeting 2	04 April 2023
Student Senate Meeting 3	16 May 2023
Student Senate Meeting 4	04 July 2023
Student Senate Meeting 5	15 August 2023
Student Senate Meeting 6	10 October 2023

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2023

Name	Representatives for
Sam Crane	FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Karishma Hanwellage Don	BALLARAT RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Thaniya Neskumar and Nazgul Haidari	BERWICK CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 POSITIONS):
Vacant	BERWICK RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Darsha Buddhini	BRISBANE CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Vacant	CAMP ST CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PERFORMING ARTS (1 POSITION):
Vacant	CAMP ST CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE VISUAL ARTS
David Ferguson	CHURCHILL RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Mahalia Bossom	CLUBS & SOCIETIES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Jason Squires and Shreyas Shankarai-ah Mohan	DISTANCE EDUCATION/OFF CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE (2 POSITIONS):
Rory Bulmer	EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION ADVOCATE (1 POSITION):
Vacant	FEDCOLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Chloe Bethune and Kaylan Drzycimski	GIPPSLAND CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 POSITIONS):
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION
Vacant	HORSHAM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE/VET/VCAL (1 POSITION):
Abdul Kareem Baassahwan	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Liam Crocker and Huihui Cao	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION (2 POSITIONS):
Michael Soccio	MT HELEN CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TAFE (1 POSITION):
Tanya Mittal	POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Vacant x 2	SMB CAMPUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (2 POSITIONS):
Ashutosh Parajuli	SPORTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):
Vacant	SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (1 POSITION):