



## Tamim Hasan

Master of Technology  
Mt Helen

Hey everyone,

I'm Tamim Hasan, a computer science engineer currently pursuing my Master of Technology, and I'm in my second year of studies. You can usually find me around the RES (FedUniLiving) at Mount Helen Campus, where I also serve as a Residential Advisor in FedLiving.

As a student who's deeply invested in our campus community, I'm reaching out to urge you all to get involved in the upcoming elections. Your voice matters, and this is your chance to make a difference in shaping our university experience.

During my time here, I've had the privilege of working closely with students from diverse backgrounds, understanding their needs, and advocating for positive changes. Now, I'm eager to take that advocacy to the next level by representing you all at the university level.

One of the key issues I'm passionate about is enhancing student support services. From academic resources to mental health initiatives, I believe in ensuring that every student has the necessary tools and assistance to thrive during their time at our university.

Additionally, I'm committed to fostering a more inclusive campus environment where everyone feels valued and respected. By promoting diversity and equity, we can create a stronger and more vibrant community for all.

But I can't do this alone. I need your support and your vote to make these ideas a reality. Together, we can work towards a university experience that empowers every student to reach their full potential.

So, mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make our voices heard in the upcoming elections. Together, we can build a better future for all of us.

Thank you for your support!

Best,  
Tamim Hasan

# Institute of Innovation, Science, and Sustainability 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.

Liam Crocker

# Institute of Innovation, Science, and Sustainability Student Rep



## Abdul Kareem

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Dear Student Senate Selection Committee,

Hey All fellow students! My name is Abdul Kareem and I am thrilled to be running for the Student Senate representing the Institute for Innovation, Science, and Sustainability. As a passionate advocate for sustainability and innovation, I bring a diverse set of skills and experiences to the table, including leadership roles in environmental clubs and research projects focused on sustainable technologies. During my term, I aim to address issues such as campus waste reduction, promoting renewable energy initiatives, and fostering a culture of innovation across disciplines. Together, let's make our campus a model for sustainability and innovation. Thank you for your support!

If elected, I am committed to bringing meaningful changes to our campus community. I will prioritize enhancing sustainability initiatives by advocating for the implementation of composting programs, expanding recycling efforts, and promoting eco-friendly practices campus-wide. Additionally, I will work towards fostering a culture of innovation by organizing interdisciplinary events, promoting collaboration between different departments, and advocating for resources to support student-led research projects. Together, we can create a more sustainable, innovative, and inclusive environment for all students. Thank you for your trust and support!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Abdul



## Ashutosh Parajuli

Masters of Data Science  
Mt Helen

Dear Fellow Students,

I am Ashutosh Parajuli, a candidate for the Student Senate at the Institute of Innovation of Science and Sustainability. With a Master of Data Science from Federation University and experience in teaching and community service, I offer a diverse skill set to represent our student body effectively.

My expertise in data analysis, machine learning, and statistical modelling enables me to address complex challenges. Projects like predictive modelling for cognitive health assessment and analysing government education spending demonstrate my ability to apply data-driven solutions. My professional roles, including a Teaching Fellowship and Academic Success Manager, have honed my leadership and communication skills. I've implemented data-driven initiatives to improve student performance and fostered collaboration among stakeholders.

Beyond academics, I'm deeply involved in community service, from improving school sanitation to facilitating radio programs for student learning during lockdowns. If elected, I'll focus on:

- Sustainability: Implementing eco-friendly practices and advocating for renewable energy sources.
- Student Well-being: Enhancing mental health support services for all students.
- Diversity and Inclusion: Promoting awareness and advocating for equitable access to resources.
- Academic Excellence: Improving curriculum offerings and the overall learning experience.

I'm committed to serving as a dedicated advocate for our student community and championing initiatives that enrich our institute's culture. I seek your support and vote in the upcoming election.

Thank you,  
Ashutosh Parajuli



## Prapti Bista

Biomedical Science  
Berwick

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the student senate for 2024. I am a third-year biomedical science student, currently studying at the Berwick campus. I believe my diverse skill sets and experiences align with the vision of student senate, making me a good candidate for this role.

I have been involved in various academic and leadership roles throughout my studies. These include becoming a student academic leader (SAL), a peer mentor and student academic disability service worker. These roles have provided me with various opportunities to examine the university both as a student and an employee.

I am interested in becoming a member of student senate as it provides me with additional opportunities to represent all the students and advocate for our needs. Furthermore, I can identify areas of concern within the institute and suggest solutions which could benefit future students. At this stage, I would specifically like to focus on developing sustainability for the science labs.

In the last 2 years, I have performed numerous laboratory experiments for various subjects. One of the recurring links between these labs is their potential harm to the environment. An example is using disposable plastic pipettes (long slender tubes that transfer small volumes of liquid). Whether it is chemistry or biology labs, pipettes are ubiquitous. Unfortunately, plastic pipettes are designed for single use, which leads to increased environmental waste. Furthermore, science labs require a lot of lab equipment and chemicals. Sustainability in these labs can be enhanced by opting for refurbished equipment.

These are a few examples of how labs can develop sustainable supply chains. Given that there are many other opportunities for improvement, I believe starting small is the most effective approach. If chosen as a member for student senate, this would be my primary focus.

Prapti Bista

## Zachary Tan

Bachelor of Accounting



Hello, my name is Zachary Tan, and I am a second-year student studying Bachelor of Accounting.

I have experience leading small group projects and productive meetings throughout my studies. I am familiar with financial concepts and understand what makes viable decisions. But I always appreciate opportunities to grow into a better leader and service to others.

When I first started at Federation University, I did not make many friends. Some of which also move on soon after. I had also felt anxious whether I am prepared for my future career.

Then I join student clubs where I made new friends. They introduced me to new experiences that I would have missed out otherwise. I also had the opportunity to use the knowledge and skills I learned in class. Thanks to them, I became more confident in my abilities and future.

From these experiences, I learned that my capabilities are as strong as the connections I have with others. The community I became a part of gave me strength and confidence in what I can do.

For this reason, I recommend that we become more involved with our local cities and communities as a part of our studies. An opportunity to gain experience out of what we learn, build confidence in what we know, and expand our skillset above what we have.

This will be a real-world opportunity to put into practice what we studied from our books, as well as a glimpse into the career we prepare ourselves for. We can also meet and collaborate with new people from different disciplines and our community, building much needed soft skills including interpersonal skills.

My strength and confidence came from the community I join, I aim to build closer ties to the local communities and create new opportunities to develop useful skills.

Zachary Tan



# Institute of Innovation, Science, and Sustainability Student Rep



## Smridhi Bhakri

Bachelor's of IT  
Mt Helen

I'm Smridhi, and I'm a first year student in Bachelor's of IT! My genuine love for IT field coupled with my knack for taking challenges has prompted me to throw my hat in the ring for the position of IISS Student Rep.

While I may not be the wisest person in my department, I believe that I can bring about a shift in perspective and make the field of IT and science more accessible and fun. I'm a very communication person and I don't ever shy away from confrontation and advocacy. Being an international student, I come from a pretty diverse background. I've collaborated with all sorts of people and enjoyed it very much! I hope to do the same in this role.

One of my main intentions for this position is to build a reliable network between students of this institute and increase peer support. Science can be an isolating field sometimes but it really doesn't have to be. With my experience as the Social Welfare secretary during high school, I can assure you that for me students and their well-being will always be at the forefront of my priorities.

Hope to see you soon in my new role!

Smridhi Bhakri