

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6th Meeting

25 May 2026

10:30AM

Burwood Corporate Centre (Lvl. 2)
and Via Zoom



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Procedural Matters

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, Noah Smith welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting formally open at 10:38am.

As we gather for this meeting physically dispersed and virtually constructed, let us take a moment to reflect on the meaning of place and in doing so recognise the various traditional lands on which we do our business today.

We acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging of all the lands we work and live on, and their Ancestral Spirits, with gratitude and respect.

Present

Noah Smith	President & Chair
Vi Vo	Vice President - Education
Supraja Srinivasan	General Secretary
Kaitlyn Handreck	Assistant General Secretary
Alex Gilders	Student Council Member
Emily Mao	Student Council Member
Abhinav Bhuyan	Student Council Member
Vishrut Goswami	Student Council Member (joined mtg at 11:45am)
Charlotte Cooper	Student Council Member

Present for Debate

None

By Invitation

Sue Rolland	General Manager
Robyn Barnden	Operations Manager
Fionna Cooper	Finance Manager
Gerard Turner	Student Engagement Manager
Mikayla Sotiriadis	Geelong Campus Coordinator
Aditi Mishra	Burwood Campus Coordinator

Observers

Rhylee Zoudlik	Deakin Student
Bayley Machie	Deakin Student
Coco Manning	Deakin Student
Em Stephens	Deakin /Student
Yasin Backes	Deakin /Student
Maya Bornstein	Geelong Clubs & Societies Representative
Katie Le	Deakin Student
Rem Randall	Geelong Disability & Carers Representative
Banuka Kumarasinghe	Burwood Clubs & Societies Representative
Ha Nguyen	Burwood International Representative

- 14.2 2026 Election dates calendar
- 14.3 MCWH Workshops project proposal
- 14.4 Midnight Munchies Project Proposal
- 14.5 Purchase of Dryer
- 14.6 Link between Rubrik and Salesforce
- 15.0 Next Meeting
- 16.0 Meeting Closed

Items Requiring Resolution

- 3.2 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion.

SC01/25052026:

The Student Council agrees that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion

Moved:	Noah Smith	Seconded:	Supraja Srinivasan
For:	8	Against:	0
		Abstain:	0

Carried

- 3.3 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion.

SC02/25052026:

The Student Council agrees that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion

Moved:	Noah Smith	Seconded:	Abhinav Bhuyan
For:	8	Against:	0
		Abstain:	0

Carried

4.1 Minutes of the Student Council Meeting

The Chair advised that if there were no questions regarding the minutes from the previous meeting, he would move a motion to accept these.

SC03/25052026:

That the Student Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 April 2026 as a true and accurate records of proceedings

Moved:	Noah Smith	Seconded:	Charlotte Cooper
For:	8	Against:	0
		Abstain:	0

Carried

4.2 Actions Arising from Minutes

The Chair advised there were no outstanding action items.

5.0 Endorse all Motions Approved by Circular Resolution

The Chair advised there were no motions moved by circular resolution since the last meeting.

6.0 Leave of Absence

The Chair advised that no requests for leave had been received.

7.0 Board Grant Applications

The Chair advised that several board grant applications had been received and he would refer to the first application from the Bangladeshi Club.

7.1 Board Grant application from Deakin University Bangladeshi Club

The General Secretary spoke to this application advising this was for \$600 for their upcoming Eid Festival. It is a collaboration between the Pakistani club, the Bangladeshi and Afghani Societies. This is a new club, so they don't have sufficient funds as yet to run this event and it would be a good use of DUSA funds to assist this new club with their event.

SC04/25052026:

That the Student Council approves the board grant application of \$600 for the Bangladeshi Club as submitted

Moved:	Noah Smith	Seconded:	Charlotte Cooper
For:	8	Against:	0
Carried		Abstain:	0

7.2 Board Grant application from Deakin Environment Club

Charlotte spoke to this application advising this was for the Enviro-Ball for 2026 which was being held at Sealife Aquarium Melbourne.

Rhylee advised they had considered all of the board grant criteria and confirmed that funding efforts had been made and some of the costs will be covered by the funds raised. Charlotte and Rhylee showed a detailed presentation on screen which outlined the budget for this application and the funding efforts that have been made to date. The application was asking for \$5,000 from DUSA. They talked further through the specific board grant criteria during the slide presentation noting that tickets will be available to all Deakin students plus the general public.

The General Secretary queried whether we could do this as a loan to be repaid to DUSA. Charlotte confirmed they would be happy to do a 50/50% split.

The Student Engagement Manager congratulated the team on their work on this application and how prepared they have been to submit this.

SC05/25052026:

That the Student Council approves the amended board grant application of \$5,000 for the Deakin Enviro Club to be split into a \$2,500 board grant application and \$2,500 loan to be repaid to DUSA

Moved:	Noah Smith	Seconded:	Kaitlyn Handreck
For:	7	Against:	0
Carried		Abstain:	1 *Charlotte



11:45am Vishrut Goswami joined the meeting

7.3 Board Grant application from Deakin Volunteering Hub

The Chair spoke to this application advising that this has now been amended to a \$3,000 loan and \$2,000 board grant application.

Student Representative, Ha Nguyen spoke to this application and showed a presentation on screen advising this was for a \$5 meal option for students during the exam period. Ha talked through the various slides providing details of the application. The sum of \$2,000 being requested is directly related to the event delivery costs, and the \$3,000 board grant loan would be used to pay the up-front payment to the catering company. This would then be repaid from the money raised through sales of the \$5 meals.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

The Student Engagement Manager congratulated Ha on his hard work on this application. He noted that 11 clubs were contributing to this initiative and that they are relying completely on the sales to be able to repay the loan.

The Chair advised he feels that they will get the ticket sales to be able to repay this, but even if they didn't it is a very good use of DUSA funds to provide these meals to students.

The Vice President Education noted that Ha has worked incredibly hard on this project and noted that the cost-of-living crisis this year is much worse than it was last year. Students are advising that these meals are a life saver for them. With 150 servings per day this will help a lot more students.

Ha further advised that the 150 meals per day will be split between 50% vegan and 50% meat-based meals.

Further discussion and questions ensued.

The Chair advised he would move a motion to approve the amended application

SC06/25052026:

That the Student Council approves the board grant application of \$2,000 plus a loan amount of \$3,000 for the Deakin Volunteering Hub as per the amended application

Moved: Noah Smith

Seconded: Kaitlyn Handreck

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 1*Vi Vo

Carried

8.0 Strategic Matters of Importance to Members

The Chair advised no items had been received and asked if anyone had anything to raise under strategic matters.

9.0 Regulations and Constitution

The Chair advised there were no items under regulations and constitution.

