

In light of the letter sent to the Senate by other Federation University Councillors, I wish to clarify aspects of the evidence I gave on March 12.

The submission from other Councillors suggests that an “amicable resolution” was reached through the meeting referred to in point 2a, between myself, the Chancellor, and the Deputy Chancellor. In my evidence, I referred to an incident in which the Chancellor sent a letter to Councillors and Federation University staff to which I was not given a right of reply. That incident was briefly discussed in the meeting with the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor. In my Senate appearance I also gave evidence of an incident in which the Chancellor instructed me to “quieten down” in relation to my role as National Tertiary Education Union Branch President. That incident took place in the very same meeting. I also referred in my evidence to incidents of shouting. The most serious of these incidents took place in a Council meeting months after the meeting referred to in point 2a. I canvassed all these incidents in an email raising concerns to the Council Secretary on September 5, 2024.

The account and timeline of events in the submission from other Federation University Councillors are therefore not accurate, according to my written and email records, and appear to betray an attitude that the Chancellor’s actions were acceptable.