



December ECU Student Guild Senate Meeting Minutes

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1.0 Attendance

1.1 In Attendance

President – Sam Martyn
General Secretary – Caitlin Gibbs
Vice-President (Academic) – Lewis Todman
Vice-President (Equity & Diversity) – Aqila Burhani
Vice-President (Social Activity) – Robert Callan
Environmental Sustainability Officer – Kelsey Field
International Officer – Jason D’souza
Postgraduate Officer – Diane Smith
General Senator – Lauren Thomas
General Senator – Simon Waddilove

CEO - Brett Callender

Accredited Observer – Lewis Price (Immediate Past President)

Observers

Thomas Freeman
Vineet Chawla

1.2 Apologies

General Senator – Adnan Akram
Southwest Officer – Rebecca Joyce



2.0 Preliminary Matters

2.1 Acknowledgement of Country

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Wadjuk Nyoongar land, and I would also like to acknowledge their elders, both past and present. We recognise that the land was stolen and never ceded, and it always was and always will be Aboriginal land."

2.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2.3 Announcements

CEO Brett Callender –

Vineet Chawla was referred to Discipline Committee in August 2016. He was found guilty of one of the allegations. The resolution imposed upon him was later appealed by Vineet. Due to the potential that due process may not have been observed, a new Discipline Committee was convened who also found him guilty of an offence. This was appealed under an independent Interim Appeals Committee appointed by the Senate. The Appeals Committee upheld the appeal and suspended him from holding office for 12 months. Due to his ineligibility to hold office, the Presidency was passed to Sam Martyn who held the next highest number of votes in the election.

The Guild is seeking legal advice regarding the matter.

The Senate discussed the matter which culminated in the following motions:

2.3.1 Procedural Motion

SM1612/01 - Motion that the ECU Guild Senate adjourn the discussion regarding the Presidential dispute until the Guild has received formal legal advice.

Moved: Caitlin Gibbs
Seconded: Simon Waddilove

Motion failed.
Three for; seven against

2.3.2 Procedural Motion

SM1612/02 - Motion that the Chairperson lacks the confidence of the meeting.

Moved: Lewis Todman
Seconded: Diane Smith

Motion Carried.
Seven for; two against; one abstention

2.3.2 Procedural Motion

SM1612/03 - Motion that Caitlin Gibbs be appointed as the substitute Chairperson



Moved: Sam Martyn
Seconded: Simon Waddilove

Motion failed.
Three for; seven against

2.3.3 Procedural Motion

SM1612/04 - Motion that Lewis Todman be appointed as the substitute Chairperson.

Moved: Lewis Todman
Seconded: Diane Smith

Motion carried.
Seven for; three against

During the discussion regarding Motion SM1612/04 Senator Callan alleged the CEO was out of order in respect to comments made to the Senate.
The CEO requested the minutes reflect that he did not appreciate the suggestion that he was overly vocal or that his advice prejudiced.

2.3.4 Procedural Motion

SM1612/05 - Motion that the Senate does not recognise the decision of the interim appeals Committee on November 29th due to the decision being outside their jurisdiction.

Moved: Lewis Todman
Seconded: Robert Callan

Motion carried
Seven for; two against; one abstention
*Simon Waddilove and Caitlin Gibbs would like their dissent noted.

The Chairperson (LT) noted that should the legal advice find that the correct processes were followed and that the Appeals Committee's findings were valid, this motion will be null and void.

2.4 Office Bearers Reports

None to report.

3.0 Priority Items

3.1 Annual General Meeting

SM1612/06 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild hold its 2017 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 19th of April 2017 at 11AM across all three campuses through video conferencing and allowing proxy votes.



Moved: Caitlin Gibbs
Seconded: Sam Martyn

Motion carried unanimously.

3.2 Discipline Committee

SM1612/07 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild forms a Discipline Committee for 2017.

Moved: Caitlin Gibbs
Seconded: Sam Martyn

Motion carried unanimously.

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 NUS Presentation and Accreditation

4.1.1 NUS Accreditation

SM1612/08 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Accredit with the NUS.

Moved: Lewis Todman
Seconded: Lauren Thomas

Motion carried.
Nine for; one against

4.1.2 NUS Accreditation Funding

SM1612/09 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild pay \$50k to the NUS for Accreditation.

Moved: Lewis Todman
Seconded: Lauren Thomas

Motion failed.
Seven for; three against

4.1.2.1 Amendment

SM1612/10 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild pay \$16k to the NUS with the possibility of increasing this amount to be discussed at a meeting, the date of which will be determined upon successful resolution.

Motion failed.
Two for; nine against

4.2 2017 Senate Meetings

All Senators to look at their timetable and email Caitlin their availability for the coming year before Thursday the 8th of December.



5.0 Action items

Who:	All Senators
Action	Provide 2017 availability to General Secretary
Due:	Thursday 8 th December 2016

Subsequent Note:

That, **SM1612/09** - Motion that the ECU Student Guild pay \$50k to the NUS for Accreditation is rescinded on the grounds that this motion required a Special Majority, which was not met with the seven (7) for / three (3) against vote.

Meeting closed 3:41pm