



September ECU Student Guild Senate Meeting Minutes

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1.0 Attendance

1.1 In Attendance

President - Lewis Price

General Secretary - Dominic Lindsay

Vice-President (Academic) - Kumbii Zvorwadza

Vice-President (Equity & Diversity) - Kymberlee Finn

Vice-President (Social Activity) - Trent Barron

Environmental Sustainability Officer - Sam Martyn

Postgraduate Officer - Vineet Chawla (First part of meeting)

General Senator - Tim Natkanski

General Senator - Lainie Anderson

CEO - Brett Callender

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Non-Attendance

General Senator - Thomas Freeman

1.3 Observers

Patrick Romo

General Member - Vineet Chawla (Second part of meeting)



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

- The Senate has determined that they feel the conflict is sufficient that Lewis Price, Kimberlee Finn, Samuel Martyn and Vineet Chawla sit out of item 3.1 as they are all running in the elections.

2.3 Announcements

2.4 Office Bearers Reports

2.4.1 President

- The Guild Elections are currently underway.
- The recommendation is that Senators encourage students to vote regardless of which way they vote it is important that we encourage students to participate in the democratic process.
- Conference Week is next week, all conferences except WAAPA are filling up, if anybody knows any WAAPA students please encourage them to attend.
- Brett is on leave and Mel is the current acting CEO.

2.4.2 General Secretary

- Minuted lots of meetings including an SGM and Discipline Committee.
- Has also been working towards Jets Sponsorship.
- Attended the NSLF in Canberra which was very inspiring.
- Also worth a note that the Secretariat approved attendance to TEDX Perth so if any Senators wish to attend please let Dom know.

2.4.3 Vice President (Academic)

- Has been working on Conference Week and is looking forward to next week.

2.4.4 Vice President (Equity and Diversity)

- RUOK Day was a huge success with more students than ever participating.
- Mental Health Week planning is well underway and all payments have been made.
- Looking forward to Mental Health Week.
- The Equity Room is fully equipped and the last few furniture items have been purchased.

2.4.5 Vice President (Social and Activities)

- Planning is underway for several major upcoming events.
- Has been working with the Social Activity assistant to establish best practise for a successful handover to the next VP (SA).



2.4.6 Environmental Sustainability Officer

- Attended and supported RUOK day.
- Has also attended the NSLF forum in Canberra.
- Helped to organise a Gardening Day with the Equity Committee.

2.4.7 Postgraduate Officer

- Attended several meetings
- Met students at the Bunbury campus.

2.4.10 General Senator (T.N)

- Has been planning for upcoming events.
- Has successfully wrapped up the 2016 Jets Season.

2.4.11 General Senator (L.A)

- Guild ball planning is well underway
- Started the process of communicating about the event with attendees.

2.4.12 CEO

- Handover from Brett
- Finalised the mid-year budget review and has not had to make reallocations between SSAF categories
- Received third installment from university, the feedback about the Q2 report was positive



3.0 Priority Items

3.1 Tabling of the Discipline Committee Chairs Report and Discipline Committee Meeting

The General Secretary as the Executive Officer of the Discipline Committee would like to submit the report from the Chair of the Discipline Committee and the Minutes from the meeting for the convenience of the Senate.

3.1 Acceptance of the Discipline Committee decision regarding Vineet Chawla

As per the conflict raised Lewis Price, Kymberlee Finn, Samual Martyn and Vineet Chawla left the meeting.

The remainder of the body decided to move in camera for this item.

SM1609/01: Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate endorses the Discipline Committee finding that Vineet Chawla committed the following offences:

- Misrepresentation of facts when speaking to Guild Officers, Guild Members and ECU Staff;
- Speaking to Guild Members and Guild Officers in a disrespectful manner; and
- Not performing required duties such as attending meetings with the University.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lainie Anderson

Motion Carried Unanimously

SM1609/02: Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate issues a repercussion upon Vineet Chawla of:

- Removing them from their current position as Postgraduate Officer; and
- Suspending them from holding a Senate Officer position for a period of six months.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lainie Anderson

Motion Carried Unanimously

Lewis Price, Kymberlee Finn, Samual Martyn and Vineet Chawla return to the room and are briefed on the outcome of the conversation had.

SM1609/03: Procedural motion that Vineet Chawla is assigned the role of observer/participant for the remainder of the September Senate Meeting.

Moved: Lewis Price



Motion Carried Unanimously;

3.2 Notification of the Discipline Committee decision regarding Sanjay Sividass

The Discipline Committee decided to take the action of removing his ECU Student Guild membership and the rights that it conveys for four months. This includes accessing Guild services that are limited to members and also acting towards the membership count of a Guild affiliated club.

3.3 IOOF Reserves

SM1609/04 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approve Brett Callender, Melissa Johnston, Helen Cooper and Lewis Price to be authorised signatories on IOOF Pursuit Investment.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

Motion Carried Unanimously

- This is currently used to invest our reserves and has no current authorised person to allow access.
- We do not intend to make any investment changes at this stage but will allow online access to monitor our returns and costs.

3.4 Bankwest

SM1609/05 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approve closing of Bankwest credit card facilities (Visa – Dianne & Trent, MasterCard business card – Brett) and related term deposit security to be returned to working account held with Bendigo Bank.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

Motion Carried Unanimously

- This will complete all our Bankwest dealings.

3.5 ANZ

SM1609/06 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approve closing of all bank accounts and Business Credit Card facility after poor customer service and negative experiences before we commenced operating through the accounts.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay



Seconded: Lewis Price

Motion Carried Unanimously

- This will complete our ANZ dealings

3.6 Bendigo Bank

SM1609/07 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approve the following:

- Open 2 new bank accounts with high interest and online access, to allow allocation of funds for:
 - Long Service Leave future commitments – current obligations are approximately \$93,000 which we want to separate from our working capital and ensure is not part of reserves held aside each year.
 - Guild income unrelated to SSAF income – also to separate from our working capital and ensure is not part of reserves held aside each year.
- Signatories on both accounts to be aligned with current accounts being any 2 to sign of:
 - Brett Callender
 - Lewis Price
 - Melissa Johnston
 - Helen Cooper

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

Motion Carried Unanimously



4.0 Other Items

4.1 Response to the repercussion upon Vineet Chawla by Vineet Chawla

- Vineet indicated that they felt that they had not misrepresented their colleagues
- Indicated that they had chosen to operate in their role as a volunteer.
- The General Secretary raised a Point of Order that they Senators are not volunteers and cannot be considered as such, they sign an agreement with the Guild to receive an honoraria in exchange for fair work. The use of the word volunteer when describing the role is not appropriate.
- The Senate indicated their agreement to the point of order as raised by the General Secretary.
- Vineet also indicated that they felt an undergraduate student could not act in the capacity of Vice-President (Academic) as they had not completed an undergraduate degree.
- The President and General Secretary indicated that they would provide notice to Vineet of the decision made as well as information regarding the appeals process.

Meeting Closed at 19:23



6.0 Appendices

6.1 Appendix A - Minutes from the recent Discipline Committee

Attached to the calendar invite

6.1 Appendix B - Letter from the Chair of the Discipline Committee

Attached to the calendar invite