



February 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
General Senator - Tim Natkanski
General Senator - Thomas Freeman
General Senator - Liam Dans

Managing Director - Brett Calander

Non-Speaking Observer – Lainie Anderson

1.2 Apologies

International Officer - Richard Javangwe



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 Vice-President (Social Activity) is declaring a conflict of interest due to his disagreement with Perth Social Club and will abstain from any vote derived from item 4.5.

The Environmental Sustainability Officer and one General Senator (TN) have declared their conflict of interest with item 4.3 and will be present in the room but will not participate in the discussion as they are currently employed by Campus Living Villages.

A General Senator (LD) stated a conflict of interest with item 3.1 as they are a club President.

2.3 Announcements

2.3.1 Voting on attendance of people not listed in the Agenda

SM1602/01 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate allows Lainie Anderson to attend as an observer to the February Senate Meeting and be given speaking rights for the duration of the meeting.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

Motion Moved Unanimously

2.3.2 Update on the MD recruitment

- The President and the Vice-President (Social Activity) are currently reviewing applications.

2.3.3 Update on the information surrounding PIBT Students

- PIBT Students cannot benefit from SSAF funding services as they do not contribute to the fee; and
- PIBT is also a for profit organisation that is affiliated with ECU but are not considered ECU Students and cannot be granted ECU Student Guild Membership until they are ECU Students.

2.3.4 Update on UPC Students

- The Secretariat has voted to allow UPC students financial membership for the semester that they participate in the program at no cost; and



- This is considered an investment to ensure that they will have a positive experience while in the UPC and then a positive experience as an ECU Student when engaged in a reward program.

2.4 Office Bearers Reports

2.4.1 President

- Managing Director Recruitment;
- Helping Senators to get their department up and running; and
- Supported in particular the VP(A) with meeting the Deans of Schools.

2.4.2 General Secretary

- Developed the non-Secretariat Honoraria Project Development Guide;
- Helping Senators to get their department up and running; and
- Supported in particular the VP(A) with meeting the Deans of Schools.

2.4.3 Vice President (Academic)

- Completed the student involvement pitches to Deans of School's;
- Spoke to School Reps about their goals; and
- Started to work on conference week and requested room bookings.

2.4.4 Vice President (Equity and Diversity)

- Collaborated with Kumbii;
- Started to work on Harmony Day; and
- General Department Maintenance.

2.4.5 Vice President (Social and Activities)

- Heavily involved in the organisation of the Woodstock event;
- Expressed gratitude to the team for their hard work throughout O-Week despite the lack of organisation throughout the event as a whole; and
- Has been organising the ECU Jets and Social Sports.

2.4.6 Environmental Sustainability Officer

- Organised the O-Day Stall for the Environmental Department;
- Started the Enviro Club; and
- Seeking sponsors for the ECU Jets AFL Team.

2.4.7 International Officer (Delivered on behalf of the IO by the VP (A))

- VP(A) and VP(ED) presented at My International Day.

2.4.8 Postgraduate Officer

- Was away for most of the Summer for work; and
- Has worked on organising their department and by the end of the week expects it to be up and running.



2.4.9 General Senator (L.D)

- Supported the O-Day work.

2.4.10 General Senator (T.F)

- Planning for the next National Day of Action;
- Wrote an article for Dirksey; and
- Has been organising a rally in support of the Stop Cutting Us.

2.4.11 General Senator (T.N)

- Been working to get sports clubs up and running; and
- Supporting the organisation of Woodstock.

2.4.12 Managing Director

- Continued supporting the ICT Upgrade;
- The last major step started last night which is transitioning to the new shared environment and is targeted for go-live on Monday;
- The naming for drives will be a lot more obvious and the directories will be easily navigated;
- There will be a transitional migration drive that will be read only;
- The MD will organise one on one training after completion of the upgrade;
- To support the EDRMS there will be shared mailboxes to make the transition to Recfind as easy as possible;
- There will be a number of aesthetic changes such a folder structure etc;
- There will be a master reference file that will make accessing templates very easy;
- New computers will arrive shortly (desktops on Monday and laptops within a couple of days);
- The Club Space will need to be defined and there are insufficient data connections currently and so it may not be viable to move down right away;
- Final budget preparations for the next SSAF committee;
- If there are any specific queries with the budget these should be brought to Brett; and
- There has been a significantly larger amount of the budget being attributed to direct costs.



2.3 Approval of January Senate Meeting Minutes

SM1602/02 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the January Senate Meeting as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

See Appendix A

Motion Passed Unanimously

2.4 Approval of February Secretariat Meeting Minutes

SM1602/03 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the February Secretariat Meeting as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

See Appendix B

Motion Passed Unanimously

2.4 Approval of January Secretariat Meeting Minutes

SM1602/04 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the January Secretariat Meeting as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

See Appendix C

Motion Passed Unanimously

2.5 Approval of December Secretariat Meeting Minutes

SM1602/05 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the December Secretariat Meeting as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

See Appendix D

Motion Passed Unanimously



2.6 Approval of January Equity and Diversity Department Meeting Minutes
SM1602/06 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the January Equity and Diversity Department Meeting Minutes as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Kymberlee Finn

Seconded: Dominic Lindsay

See Appendices E1 and E2

- Passed the Department Handbook
- Discussed the processes involved with marketing ED Departments

Motion Passed Unanimously



3.0 Priority Items

3.1 School Club Policy Handbook

SM1602/07 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate ratifies the ECU Student Guild School Club Policy Handbook.

Moved: Kumbii Zvorwadza
Seconded: Dominic Lindsay

See Appendix F

Motion Passed Unanimously

Liam Dans abstained from this vote due a conflict of interest

- Updated the School Clubs Policy Handbook.
- This will allow clubs to apply directly to the VP(A) for funding.
- School based clubs will also be allocated a \$400 float.
- Clubs will be given a certain number of chances to correctly administer their float before the right is rescinded.
- Question raised by a General Senator (LD) about the clause regarding gifting and it was reassured by the President that this was to prevent club members requesting payment for personal gain.

3.2 Separation of South-West Clubs

SM1602/08 - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approve clubs based at the ECU South-West campus to be managed by the supervising staff member at the South-West campus and where appropriate the South-West Officer.

Moved: Lewis Price
Seconded: Dominic Lindsay

The purpose of this is to encourage the South-West campus to operate more independently and react on a more as needed basis.

Motion Passed Unanimously

- This would give South-West clubs the freedom to operate more independently.
- This would allow these clubs more rapid response from the team based in the South-West office.



4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Non-Secretariat Senator Honoraria

The Secretariat has decided to manage the Senators' honoraria differently this year and will not be attaching a required number of hours to the roles and will instead award the fortnightly honoraria on a merit basis. Each non-Secretariat Senator will be required to submit a project business case using the template provided on Formstack.

Each fortnight, every Senator will need to provide a brief report that details their demonstrated outcomes. Once the fortnightly log is received, the President and General Secretary shall evaluate the achievements and issue a scorecard from which the honoraria will be paid.

Discussion

- Comment was made explaining that this is to focus on offering more direction and will generate better documentation.
- This will be a significant reduction in paperwork for non-Secretariat Senators.
- There will be an increase in overall accountability.

4.2 "Racism. It Stops With Me." Campaign

The Vice-President (Equity and Diversity) has launched the "Racism. It Stops With Me." Campaign for 2016 with the hashtag #racismstopsatECU. The photo frame has arrived and all Senators are encouraged to participate in this campaign. The Vice-President (Equity and Diversity) will expand on this point.

Discussion

- The pledge video will focus more on club involvement.
- Photo frames are at all three ECU campuses and Senators are encouraged to access them at any time and encourage students to tag themselves in the campaign.
- Noted that a lot of the wristbands were distributed throughout O-Week and acknowledged the General Senator (TN) for facilitating this.
- In response to a question by an observer who was previously granted speaking rights the goal is to complete the video by the end of the Semester.

4.3 ECU Student Guild's Relationship with the ECU Student Village

The ECU Student Village is operated by a private for-profit company called Campus Living Villages. The Guild is to not financially support any event which is held at the Village as they have a budget for events.

Discussion

- President highlighted that Campus Living Villages are a for profit company that falls under Transfield the prison and offshore detention operator.



- The Senate would encourage the Editor of Dircksey magazine to write an exposé on Campus Living Villages and their parent company Transfield.
- The ECU Student Guild will also be promoting the Village Audit via social media and will be encouraging students to take photos of bad things in the village.
- The General Secretary noted that two Senators had written letters to the Secretariat stating that as employees of CLV they are to be exempt from any actions taken against them.

4.4 ECU Student Guild Accreditation with the National Union of Students

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the peak representative body for Australian undergraduate university students. They seek to protect and advance the rights and interests of undergraduate students by working with campus-based student organisations, running actions and campaigns, and making sure the voices of students are heard by parliamentarians.

The National Union of Students highest decision making body is NUS National Conference held in December each year. Each affiliated campus elect's delegates from the student body at their annual elections to attend and help determine the policy of NUS, as well as elect the National and State Office Bearers for the coming year.

The ECU Student Guild Senate has chosen not to affiliate with the NUS for the past three years.

The Environmental Sustainability Officer has proposed that the ECU Student Guild Senate discuss the value of affiliating with the NUS.

- ESO stated that the NUS are essentially the Guild of Australia and we should have a discussion about accreditation, the ESO also stated that the ECU Student Guild would have the right to choose their level of accreditation.
- GS(TF) discussed about how the Liberals are in government and they are making cuts to student living standards and cuts to HECS-HELP and cuts to SSAF.
- GS(TF) also discussed that the campaign against fee deregulation run last year was the most successful campaign that it has ever done. The guild has no right to deny students who voted for NUS delegates from being part of the organisation that fights for their rights.
- GS(TF) discussed how ECU had the lowest involvement at the NDA's (National Days of Action) last year.
- GS(TF) also suggested that ECU was "scabbing" off of other universities by not paying accreditation fees and the President rebutted with a statement that the word "scabbing" was highly charged to which the GS(TF) stated that it is the case.
- GS(TF) discussed how that by accrediting to the NUS ECU Students will gain the rights to have their voice heard at the NUS conference.
- GS(TF) discussed that because ECU has a diverse constituency their voices deserve to be heard.



- GS(TF) discussed that the NUS has a wide range of campaigns planned around issues that impact students.
- GS(TF) noted that Malcolm Turnbull has supported fee deregulation but states that it is too unpopular.
- GS(TF) discussed that as a result of a weak campaign against mandatory student unionism most university Guilds and Unions across Australia were crippled.
- The President noted that the guild does have a right not to accredit as this was voted upon by students several years ago.
- The President also discussed how the ECU Student Guild could hold a referendum to disaffiliate.
- The President also noted that the campaign was very successful.
- The President also discussed that the idea of trying to change the NUS from within is a poor idea as changing an organisation from within is not a viable approach.
- The President also noted that there are a lot of students who are not attracted to the NUS.
- The President discussed how individuals and students within ECU have had a strong connection with the NUS in that students and collective members have joined national roles within the NUS.
- The President read a statement from a document that shall be forwarded to the General Secretary and will be attached as Appendix G.
- GS(TF) reiterated that point that if the ECU Student Guild does not respect the rights of students vote with regards to the accreditation is essentially the ECU Student Guild calling students stupid.
- GS(TF) repeated of the point that not paying fees is refusing students their rights to have their voices heard
- GS(LD) makes a point that intense factionalism is not something that the guild should support and that an organisation that has punch ups is not a beneficial organisation and should not be supported
- ESO feels that punch ups shows dedication and the decision to Accreditation should be based on the support that they can offer us here in WA.
- VP (SA) suggested that the ECU Student Guild should back a process where we give KPI's and reasons for not accrediting. The ECU Student Guild cannot trust the NUS with money.
- The President adjourned this item till the next meeting reminding the ECU Student Guild Senate that they should caucus and build support for this between now and the next meeting.

4.5 Update on the ECU Student Guilds relationship with Perth Social Club

The ECU Student Guild has had several issues regarding its relationship with Perth Social Club, the owners of Bar of Choice and Bar Central, the respective taverns at ECU Joondalup and ECU Mount Lawley.

The President will lead this discussion and will explain the issue in detail.



It is likely that as part of this discussion there will be a need to create a resolution dictating the ECU Student Guild's formal response to this issue.

- The president discussed how PSC has allowed Police Academy Staff to hold events during Guild events. As a venue of choice the service offered has been unsatisfactory. The VP(SA) has tried to hold PSC to account. PSC sent the ECU Student Guild an email stating that they will not work with the ECU Student Guild in the future. The Guild has honoured the position of PSC in the form of a letter to ECU. ECU would like the Guild to work with the on campus tavern.
- The President stated that the ECU Guild operates a commercial outlet they don't want to show that they "spit the dummy" and wants to show themselves to be a professional organisation.
- VP(SA) has a document that he will forward to the GS for inclusion in the minutes as an additional appendix to the minutes. This is attached as Appendix J)
- GS (TN) has made a comment that Perth Social Club is running a conflicting event to the ECU Student Guild and it is bad that the Guild has to compete with an on campus business.
- The Speaking Observer mentioned that several events have had a below standard level of support and P&E members have been forced to work harder. Mentioned that the Guild should work with Perth Social Club for ease and to reduce the risk associated with running our own events.
- GS(TF) asked why the Guild doesn't operate commercial outlets like other campuses. On campus businesses have a facility to alleviate student poverty. The response was provided that ECU Student Guild has previously tendered for on-campus businesses and the tenders have failed to win in the past.
- In addition to other complaints a sundowner after the O-Day event by MASN has run for the last few years and the tavern was informed about an event and they did not support the event once it ran.
- VP(SA) has stated that P&E has a such a following that they could direct students to attend their events over Perth Social Club events. The main issue is that police academy staff are being prioritised over students. PSC has stated that they are making a lot of money from the Guild and that they are dictating conditions to the hand that feeds them.
- The General Secretary stated that regulations regarding fines for serving intoxicated patrons are to protect people and are not to stifle businesses from being established. Thousands of businesses across Perth operate at a profit within the confines of these laws and it should not be a reason for the Guild not to commercialise.
- Some recurring events may need to be run at the Taverns with Perth Social Club as logistically this is more viable, this was to be discussed at a later date.

SM1602/09 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild take the following action with regards to its management of headline event going forwards:

1. Note and relay a message of gratitude to the University for its proposal to provide in-kind support to the ECU Student Guild in the form of their Campus Life Manager liaising with both the Guild and Perth Social Club on matters relating to its business relationship;



2. Take headline Guild events to tender so that the tender process allows for Perth Social Club, as well as other providers, to apply to work with the Guild on events for students;
3. Direct the Managing Director to create a formal process for the Guild to take events to tender for approval at the next Secretariat meeting;
4. Direct the Managing Director to stipulate in the formal process, as mentioned above, that the Officer(s) responsible for reviewing applicants are the Managing Director and the President (or nominee);
5. Invite the University's Campus Life Manager (or nominee) to be present at formal consideration of applicants.

Motion Passed Unanimously

4.6 ECU Student Guild President's 2016 Federal Election Debate

The ECU Student Guild President would like to host the federal election candidates from each campus respective electorate for a debate. The run-sheet detailing the debate topics for this event should be developed beforehand and candidates should be invited at the earliest opportunity to negate the potential for an unbalanced debate panel. This would also mitigate any issues should there be a call for an early election.

- Note made that the ECU Student Guild should ensure that this is a call for expressions of interest so that in the eventuality that an unbalanced panel agrees to attend the event can be cancelled to ensure that the Guild is unbiased.

5.0 Other Items

SM1602/10 – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate Co-opts Lainie Anderson as a General Senator for the remainder of the 2016 term.

Moved: Trent Barron

Seconded: Dominic Lindsay

Motion Carried by Special Majority

Thomas Freeman Dissented and requested that his dissention be minuted

- VP(SA) Stated that the co-option nominee should be co-opted on the grounds that they ran a very successful ball last year
- VP(SA) also stated that they offered valuable additions to Senate discussions last year as a General Senator.
- GS(TF) stated that this would be allowing a Guild to stack votes in Senate by increasing the size of the Senate and that this could be particularly hazardous in future contentious votes.
- The President suggested that a grandfather clause could prevent the co-opted nominee from participating in certain votes, particularly the one that refers to ECU Student Guild Accreditation with the NUS.



- GS(TF) stated that they would like to see this extended to a vote regarding the affiliation of political clubs.
- VP(SA) stated that they would be amenable to this addition to the motion.
- The General Secretary noted that to reduce the voting powers of a guild officer set a bad precedent and was an unfair position to take.
- The Managing Director reaffirmed the position of the General Secretary stating that to add the suggested clause would be against the ECU Student Guild Constitution.
- GS(TF) reaffirmed their point that co-opting senators detracted from the rights of students to vote for their officers.
- The President stated that the ECU Student Guild Constitution allows for the co-option of Senators and this was voted upon recently.

Meeting Closed at 21:05

6.0 Appendices

6.1 Appendix A - 160116 Senate Minutes

6.2 Appendix B - 230216 Secretariat Minutes (Awaiting Meeting to Occur)

6.2 Appendix C - 160128 Secretariat Minutes

6.3 Appendix D - 160110 Secretariat Minutes

6.4 Appendix E1 - 160128 Equity Diversity Department Meeting

6.5 Appendix E2 - Equity Diversity Department Handbook

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