



# **May 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  
Environmental Sustainability Officer - Sam Martyn  
Postgraduate Officer - Vineet Chawla  
General Senator - Tim Natkanski  
General Senator - Thomas Freeman  
General Senator - Liam Dans

CEO - Brett Callender

### **1.2 Apologies**

Vice-President (Social Activity) - Trent Barron

### **1.3 Observers**

ECU Student Guild Member - Jason Duffin  
ECU Student Guild Member - Caitlyn Gibbs  
Conference Week Project Manager - Tom Dowle

### **1.4 Non-Attendance**

International Officer - Richard Javangwe  
General Senator - Lainie Anderson



## 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

- Conflict raised by the General Secretary on behalf of the Secretariat regarding item 3.6.

### 2.3 Announcements

### 2.4 Office Bearers Reports

#### 2.4.1 President

- Attended the tertiary advocacy forum and learnt about ways that staff can support a student who wishes to appeal and how the student may be offered an opportunity to be prompted to request Guild support;
- University act updates that will be covered in discussion items; and
- Beginning to consider the constitution.

#### 2.4.2 General Secretary

- Business as usual.

#### 2.4.3 Vice President (Academic)

- Conference week items will be discussed by the Project Manager in discussion items; and
- Have received requests to attend presentations.

#### 2.4.4 Vice President (Equity and Diversity)

- Spoke to UPC students;
- Attended reconciliation dinner at government house; and
- Has had a lot of success with the equity department room.

#### 2.4.5 Vice President (Social and Activities)

- Not Present (Apologies Provided)

#### 2.4.6 Environmental Sustainability Officer

- Had first Oporto Award after securing sponsorship with them for the ECU Jets.

#### 2.4.7 International Officer

- Taken meetings with City of Joondalup.



#### **2.4.8 Postgraduate Officer**

- Not Present.

#### **2.4.9 General Senator (L.D)**

- Has been continuing with project;
- Met with CEO to ensure that there is no doubling up; and
- Looking to get the VP(SA) to send out surveys with project.

#### **2.4.10 General Senator (T.F)**

- Spoke in lectures on behalf of the NUS campaign to prevent the changes to fees;
- Also spoke about the changes to the payment threshold for HECS-HELP; and
- Building campaigns against fee deregulation.

#### **2.4.11 General Senator (T.N)**

- Continuing with supporting the sporting teams; and
- The partnership with the Bailey is getting better and more people are attending.

#### **2.4.12 General Senator (L.A)**

- Not Present.

#### **2.4.13 CEO**

- Still looking at ICT elements and has had lines allocated at the South-West campus;
- Training for senators and staff will start on Monday that will include a range of changes to Outlook and information about filing;
- Working through lessons learnt for the Chart of Accounts and are working through getting Xero up and running. Has started to work with a consultant to support these efforts; and
- When holding events non-senators are allowed in the office, this is due to liability issues.



### 3.0 Priority Items

#### 3.1 Discipline Committee

**SM1605/01** – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate appoints the following people to the 2016 Discipline Committee:

- Caitlin Gibbs;
- Jessie Williams;
- Patrick McCusker Romo.

Moved: Lewis Price

Seconded: Dominic Lindsay

#### Strike from the Agenda

#### 3.2 Rescinding of Previous Policy Handbook

**SM1605/02** – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate rescinds its current policy handbook in its entirety with the exception of departmental handbooks.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

*We are entering an administrative period and are looking to rescind the previous policy handbook to allow us to create a new series without a requirement to consider them. We will be continuing to follow the existing policies in spirit as we have for the last year.*

#### Motion Passed Unanimously

#### 3.3 Closing of Banking Services (Bankwest)

**SM1605/03** – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate authorise the closure of all ECU Student Guild Bankwest Business Accounts, Business Credit Card facilities and related term deposit held for security of the card facility. This consists of the following;

- a) Society Cheque Account 056\*\*\*-0
- b) Special Term Deposit 076-05\*\*\*\*-8
- c) Business Extra Visa 4564 \*\*\*\* \*01 (VP Social)
- d) Business Extra Visa 4564 \*\*\*\* \*36 \*GSA BU
- e) Bankwest Corporate Mastercard 5586 \*\*\*\* \*61 (CEO)
- f) Bankwest Corporate Mastercard 5586 \*\*\*\* \*34 (Billing Account)

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

#### Motion Carried Unanimously on block with 3.4 and 3.5

*ANZ Business card facility is now in place and cardholders will receive their cards shortly. Bankwest will not close until new cards are received. ANZ facility does not require a term deposit for security so those funds can be returned to general accounts.*



### **3.4 Closing of Banking Services (Bendigo)**

**SM1605/04** – Motion to close Bendigo Bank banking facilities, including trading account, high interest account and term deposit. This consists of the following;

- a) CSB – Cash Management Trading Account 149\*\*\*\*06
- b) CSB – Social Investment Deposit Account 149\*\*\*\*23

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

**Motion Carried Unanimously on block with 3.3 and 3.5**

### **3.5 Opening of ANZ Term Deposit Accounts**

**SM1605/05** – Motion that two new term deposits are to be opened with ANZ, to represent the 2014 and 2015 surplus amounts that are required to be held in reserves.

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

*The term deposit terms are generally for 6 months at market rates of interest currently quoted at 2.7% (same rate regardless of amount and term when 6/12 months)*

**Motion Carried Unanimously on block with 3.3 and 3.4**

### **3.6 Spreading of Secretariat Hours**

**SM1605/06** – Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate modifies the amount of hours that a member of Secretariat can work so that they can work up to the equivalent of hours as allocated in their honoraria agreement per fortnight over the course of the year for the current term. This change would be made to the roles of:

- President;
- General Secretary;
- Vice-President (Academic);
- Vice-President (Equity and Diversity);
- Vice-President (Social Activity).

Moved: Dominic Lindsay

Seconded: Lewis Price

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

*The Intent of this motion is to allow members of the secretariat to exceed the previously allocated hours per fortnight if they have those hours available from other fortnights. This would allow members to work more during periods of high traffic (O-Week, Conference Week etc.) and less at other times and not being in contradiction of already existing Senate Motions.*



## 4.0 Discussion Items

### 4.1 Verbal Report/Introduction by the Conference Week Project Manager

Verbal report from the Conference Week Project Manager.

- Conference Week is in the process of being organised and schools are progressing with setting up the event.
- Merging several of the schools where there is not sufficient support from students in the that school.
- Received support from the Vice-Chancellor.
- Designed a Conference Week Logo.
- Considering the printing costs of Conference Week.

### 4.2 University Act Changes

The ECU Student Guild President will brief the Senate on the changes to the University Act.

- WA Parliament is in the process of considering a bill that would not guarantee the allocation of fifty percent of the SSAF.
- The other states do not have this requirement.
- The other element of the bill is to give Murdoch and Curtin additional freedom to manage their commercial interests on campus.
- Met with the Minister of Education and it will go ahead.
- The hope is that the bill will be split so that Curtin and Murdoch can address their commercial needs without impacting the funding of guilds.
- ECU has guaranteed the funding to the guild however this could be pulled or a future Vice-Chancellor may not make the same commitment.

International Officer left at 14:03

### 4.3 Verbal Report on the Tertiary Advocacy Conference

The ECU Student Guild President will present a verbal report on the Tertiary Advocacy Conference that they recently attended.

- Consider hosting a tertiary advocacy forum in the future could support the ECU Student Guild in the form of data regarding practices of different tertiary advocacy groups.

### 4.4 Review of the Tentative Policy Position Statements

The ECU Student Guild Policy and Accountability Committee that was established in the March Senate Meeting met for the first time on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May and would like to Senate to discuss the tentative statements as outlined in Appendix A.

- General Senator (T.F) questioned the point of supporting the higher ATAR.
- Academic Rights,
  - Right to have privacy of work
  - Receive quality feedback before census date
- Food on Campus
  - Would like to include note that we support a range of dietary requirements are met.





- Extend opening hours comment to include Study Weeks.
- Online lectures
  - Expectation of consistency and of quality of online units including clarity.
  - Online lectures should be updated on a regular basis.
- Membership
  - Adequate SSAF

## **5.0 Other Items**

### **5.1 Racism Pledge Video**

- The video is nearly finished.
- There needs to be more students from a range of ethnic backgrounds.
- Completed a first edit.

### **5.2 Network Teach**

- Has disaffiliated from the Guild.
- They have significant assets that were purchased with Guild funding.
- We believe that they should be returned to the Guild.
- The reasons for this is that the organisation is not being run by a student and that they have not been willing to learn from students.

### **5.3 Social Council Handbook**

- We need to make the Social Council Handbook is made available.

### **5.4 Potential co-option of Rebecca Buck**

- Potentially will be co-opting Rebecca for next semester as a General Senator
- Across many different equity areas
- Also has a strong stance on Academic Issues

### **5.5 Overview of Squad Party**

- Well planned and prepared
- There was a noise complaint that included a threat from a member of the public
- Event was considered very successful with 700 attendees exceeding our previous maximum of 500.

**Meeting closed at 14:59**



## 6.0 Appendices

### 6.1 Appendix A – Tentative Policy Position Statements

#### **Dominic Lindsay**

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**From:** Lewis Price  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 May 2016 1:12 PM  
**To:** Dominic Lindsay  
**Cc:** Brett Callender; Caity Terhorst; Melissa Johnston  
**Subject:** Tentative Policy Position Statements

Hi all,

Here is what Dom and I have drawn up so far.

We'd like to present it to the Senate and get their general heads up to start creating drafts based on these principles.

We didn't want to create any without knowing roughly where they sat on things as otherwise it would render what we create potentially useless.

#### **Admission to University**

- Standard entry pathway of an ATAR of 70 (or equivalent)
- Support bridging courses & portfolio entry
- Realistic chance of success & support to attain success
- Proficient English standard (IELTS)

#### **Advocacy & Representation**

- The right to have a support person in all University meetings (not legal practitioner)
- The right to be represented by a fellow student in University decision making bodies

#### **Ancillary Fees**

- HECS-HELP is to cover cost of tuition
- No consumable fees charged additionally
- All "illegal" fees investigated and published to students

#### **Campus Activity**

- All campuses
- Varied purposes (e.g. social, academic, equity etc.)
- Occur on a regular basis

#### **Common Lunch Hour**

#### **Academic Rights**

- Right to input & evaluate course content
- Formal study week prior to exam period
- Right to have work assessed without discrimination
- High quality feedback returned within a reasonable time
- Right to appeal a grade

#### **Food on Campus**

- Reasonably priced food and drinks on campus
- Variety of cuisines
- Healthy options

- Open hours– accessibility during exam periods

#### **Student Conference Attendance**

- Only relevant to subsidies provided by the Guild
- Only for the purpose(s) of the Guild
- Must benefit the wider student community

#### **Independent Student Media**

- Freedom of expression

#### **Student Services and Amenities Fee**

- Support there being a fee that funds Guild activities for students
- Support students having input on where the funds
- Support students having input on how much is charged

#### **Healthy Lifestyle**

- Access to sport and fitness facilities
- Access to medical practitioners and counsellors
- Bike racks
- A culture of wellbeing

#### **Online Learning**

- Support all course content being made available online
- Support the notion that students can study solely online if they choose
- Should not be used as a complete replacement for on-campus contact

#### **Smoke Free Campus**

- No designated smoking areas – no smoking at all on campus

#### **Right to Peaceful Protest**

- Should not obstruct access to studies

#### **Student Security**

- Feel safe on campus
- Escort by security after hours if desired
- Professional security on campus

#### **Student Accommodation**

- Affordable
- Quality of living
- Non-discriminatory of housing
- No fraternities/sororities

#### **Student Parking**

- Affordable
- Available
- Reasonable walking distance to classrooms

#### **Public Transportation**

- Frequent

- Accessible

#### **Transparency**

- Non-confidential documentation available upon request
- Forthcoming about policy positions, meeting schedules

#### **Performance & Accountability**

- The use of KPIs to encourage high level of performance and accountability on individuals in all capacities

#### **Membership**

- Open to all ECU students
- Membership benefits
- Automatic membership with voluntary opt-out
- Only membership-fees in absence of public funding (i.e. SSAF)

#### **Equity & Diversity**

- No discrimination based on sex, sexuality, gender, ethnicity, race, culture, language, disability etc.
- Offer opportunities to learn, engage with and be competent in this space
- Equity space(s)

#### **Rural & Regional**

- Additional support being made available to students from rural/regional communities
- No disadvantage for being enrolled at a rural/regional campus

#### **No Hazing**

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

- Recycling
- Paper-free
- Environmentally friendly materials

#### **National Student Representation**

- Support the presence of representative bodies for student organisations in the country (e.g. one for undergrads, one for postgrads, one for international students etc.)

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Regards,

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**Semester 1 Availability:**  
**MON:** ML, 12:30PM – 5:30PM  
**TUE:** JO, 8:30AM – 5:30PM  
**WED:** STUDY DAY, EMAIL ONLY  
**THU:** JO, 8:30AM – 5:30PM