



# **October ECU Student Guild Senate Meeting Minutes**

**Location: JO 1.447**

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**Time: 4:30pm**



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## 1.0 Attendance

### 1.1 In Attendance

<b>President –</b>	Sam Martyn
<b>Vice-President (Academic) –</b>	Stewart Lee
<b>Vice-President (Equity &amp; Diversity) –</b>	Aqila Burhani
<b>Vice-President (Social Activity) –</b>	Jason Duffin
<b>International Officer –</b>	Rakhi Mahbuba
<b>South West Officer –</b>	Rebecca Joyce
<b>General Senator –</b>	Simon Waddilove
<b>CEO –</b>	Brett Callender

### 1.1 Observers

## 1.2 Apologies

<b>General Secretary –</b>	Caitlin Gibbs
<b>Environmental Sustainability Officer –</b>	Oliver Kung
<b>General Senator –</b>	Adnan Akram
<b>General Senator –</b>	Shariq Ahmed

## 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

### 2.4 Office Bearers Reports

#### 2.4.1 President

- Meeting with Sue Ellery to discuss SSAF legislation changes;
- Meeting with other WA Guild Presidents;
- One day of new senate training to be done with other WA Guilds.



## 2.4.2 General Secretary

(Apologies)

## 2.4.3 Vice-President (Academic)

- Linked in workshop. Very successful. Run more of them before the end of the year
- Working with Women in Business

## 2.4.4 Vice-President (Equity and Diversity)

- Multicultural Festival
- Mental Health Week was last week and went well.

## 2.4.5 Vice-President (Social Activity)

- Oktoberfest
- Meeting with Clubs
- Cancelled quiz night due to lack of interest
- Planning Halloween
- Social Council Meeting only had three clubs in attendance. Very disappointing.

## 2.4.6 Environmental Sustainability Officer

Absent however submitted the following report:

### **Environmental Sustainability Department – Report (Oliver Kung)**

Over the last month I initiated the following project, these beings:

- Automatic Water Taps (To reduce the run time of push button water taps)
- ECU Garden Farmbot (automated garden)
- ECU Guild Solar offset Proposal

### **Automatic water taps**

Basically I called up a pile of companies who sold sensor activated taps and was quoted between \$120 - \$160 per sensor tap making the implementation of this project unfeasible for the quantity of taps that I intended to change (20).

### **ECU Garden Farmbot**

The plan was to utilise open source software from FARMBOT to create an autonomous watering system that would care for the ECU Student Garden. However, this would take away the need to have volunteers to water and care for the garden. While this sounds good in theory, after having facilitated the “How to Farm” event I realised that having an autonomous garden robot would detract from the social aspect of caring for the garden. For this reason I have rejected the notion of an autonomous FARMBOT.

### **ECU Guild Solar Offset Proposal**

To initiate this project, I needed to find out how much energy ECU Guild uses. To do this I contacted and met with Paul Wyatt (Manager Electrical Services. Buildings and Services). He stated that I mount a kwh meter to the side of the building to accurately measure the power used by the guild. This would cost \$3000, yet again way outside the \$600 I initially thought it would cost.



An alternate option would be to manually calculate the power consumption of the guild which is possible but would take some time. However, as this process is not as accurate as installing a meter. A project of this nature needs proper evaluation, if it intends to be successful and a proof of concept for other solar projects.

This is the only project from the initial set of projects that is still active.

### **ES EVENTS**

My final proposed event is a David Attenborough Planet Earth documentary night, to be hosted November 1<sup>st</sup>. 6pm to 8pm with catering and reusable coffee cups provided. Approximate attendance will be 20-30 people.

#### **2.4.7 International Officer**

- VISA and Immigration event – had to cutoff because too many people applied
- 100 students attended
- Next project is movie night

#### **2.4.8 Postgraduate Officer** *(vacant)*

#### **2.4.9 South West Officer**

- Movie dinner night
- PD Program for Social Work
- Taco Making
- Sold 1/3 of tickets for ball
- BBQ for Healthy Minds
- Halloween
- Planning for sem 1
- Suggestions box

#### **2.4.10 General Senator (Simon)**

- Because of election, stuff gone by the wayside
- Guild Survey is ready to be submitted by Tuesday afternoon
- Watering can being used as hose has gone missing

#### **2.4.14 CEO**

- Working through election
- Formal declaration of poll tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct)
- 7 day grace period for appeals

## **3.0 Discussion Items**

### **3.1 Southwest Officer Honoraria**

Rebecca essentially does the job of an entire senate in Bunbury.



ECU SW has cut down the hours of their Activities staff member after the Guild started putting on so many events.  
Concern over a future SW Senator claiming full hours without doing the work.  
A possible remedy for this would be to make a very detailed duty statement to hold potential senators to account.  
Needs to be decided before the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.  
Will be drafted into motion for the next Senate meeting.

### **3.2 Fossil Fuel Divestment**

- Concern over fossil fuel companies threatening the internships of students because of this campaign
- Campaign is only to get Uni to withdraw investments in fossil fuel companies
- Uni doesn't invest directly into these companies
- Therefore wouldn't impact pracs or internships

Motion from the floor:

**SM1710/01** - Motion that the ECU Student Guild declare its support for the fossil fuel divestment movement and will campaign to that end.

5 for; 1 against; 1 abstention

**Motion Carried**