



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

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## **1.0 Attendance**

### **1.1 In Attendance**

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

CEO – Brett Callender (Accredited Observer)

### **1.2 Apologies**

General Senator – Adnan Akram (Proxy Aqila Burhani)  
South West Officer – Rebecca Joyce (Proxy Simon Waddilove)



## **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**

Brett Callender acknowledges a conflict with item **3.3**

### **2.3 Announcements**

[Caitlin asks that the first item on the Agenda be Item 3.1 as it affects the subsequent items. Item 3.1 is voted on before returning to Item 2.4]

### **2.4 Office Bearers Reports**

#### **2.4.1 President**

#### **2.4.2 General Secretary**

Has been working on O'Day preparations

#### **2.4.3 Vice-President (Academic)**

Lewis reports he has been focusing on the Make Education Free material mainly at the Mount Lawley Campus. He has been campaigning against penalty rates as this affects many students who are within the retail and hospitality.

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

Aqila reports she had a number of events for Equity Clubs, as well as Departmental Meetings with Office Bearers.

#### **2.4.5 Vice-President (Social Activity)**

Jason reports that he recently organised the Start of Semester party during Week 1, which over 700 students attended. He is in the process of organising monthly Quiz Nights at the Joondalup Tavern and in collaboration with Caitlin is planning a Clubs Carnival for Wednesday of Week 5 and will liaise with other Vice-Presidents to get their Department's Clubs down there.

#### **2.4.6 Environmental Sustainability Officer**

Kelsey reports she has been advocating for the Beeliiar Wetlands and engaging with students off campus and at Mount Lawley. She has been acting in her capacity as an NUS delegate and promoting the National Day of Action which is coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. It is a student rally that is held in the CBD of Perth.



#### **2.4.7 International Officer**

Jason reports he is organising a meeting with ECU's International Officer regarding the International Food Festival. He will be attending the Council of International Students Australia Conference to discuss everything related to international students (grievances etc).

#### **2.4.8 Postgraduate Officer**

Di Attended JO, ML, and SW O'Days, and also attended UWA's O'Day as a CAPA Representative to network with other Postgraduate Representatives. She has 60 Postgraduate students from ECU who want to be involved with the Postgraduate Department and has been working with the Graduate Research School. ECU's previous Postgraduate Students' Association have money (~\$20 - \$30k) in an abandoned account which she is working with the University to gain access to. She has also been regularly sitting on Academic Appeals Committees, three of which occurred last week; she has another three today. She states that she is willing to share the workload if Senators express their interest.

#### **2.4.9 General Senator (Simon)**

Simon reports that he represented the Guild at ECU's My International Day on behalf of Jason during Orientation Week. He organised a debate between Seat of Joondalup State Election Candidates, a Community Garden Day, and has been attending a number of Clubs' events. He also represented the Guild at a Business and Law Careers Fair with Caitlin.

#### **2.4.10 General Senator (Lauren)**

Lauren reports that she attended Mount Lawley O'Day and has started the planning for a panel discussion regarding cuts to Penalty Rates. She has also been working on the National Day of Action in her capacity as Delegate of the NUS

#### **2.4.13 CEO**

##### **By-Election**

Close of nominations cannot be within three weeks of when the election is called. Contacting Returning Officers from the WAEC to see if they will do the election independently as using the WAEC directly is not viable as they don't agree with our Election Procedures and request that they be changed before going ahead. Once we have a Returning Officer we recommend them to the Vice-Chancellor who will appoint one.

##### **Revised Constitution**

Kathryn Clarke has stated that she will have that completed and sent to the Guild by the end of today.

##### **Policy and Accountability Committee.**

The CEO and General Secretary are permanent members on this Committee. The other two positions are to be filled by one Staff Member and one other Senator.

##### **IT**

Progress is being made on the new website and Intranet structure for the Guild. It is being built using WordPress which will save the Guild money, as the only costs will be various



plugins. Once the website is up and running the Guild will be able to get rid of Formstack/Eventbrite etc.

A Guild intranet is in development and will be able to offer every club their own email and website.

### **Mount Lawley**

There are renovations taking place at Mount Lawley to fix the boards on the ceiling so that debris does not get into the Building. It will also be re-painted and has been re-furnished lately to make it a lot more welcoming. We are also getting quotes to have a Zip Tap installed for filtered hot and cold water.

### **Filing Protocols**

Brett will set up meetings with individuals to go over the filing protocol for the Shared Folders etc. He requests that Senators contact him to arrange a time that is convenient for them.

## **2.3 Approval of Previous Senate Meeting Minutes**

**SM1703/01** - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate approves the minutes from the February Emergency Senate Meeting, as formal, accurate and read.

Moved: Caitlin Gibbs

Seconded: Simon Waddilove

**Motion Carried Unanimously**



### **3.0 Priority Items**

#### **3.1 Appointment of Vice-President (Social Activity)**

**SM1703/02** - Motion that Jason Duffin be appointed as Vice-President (Social Activity) of the ECU Student Guild to fill the vacancy as a result of a formal written resignation. (Special Majority required)

Moved: Caitlin Gibbs

Seconded: Simon Waddilove

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

#### **3.2 Free Printing**

Please see Appendix B for a breakdown of costs.

**SM1703/03** - Motion that the ECU Student Guild Senate will implement a model of free printing in 2017.

Moved: Aqila Burhani

Seconded: Kelsey Field

**Motion Carried; one dissent.**

#### **3.3 Reimbursement of Costs**

**SM1703/03** – Motion that pending submission of receipts, the ECU Student Guild Senate approve the reimbursement of legal costs to the Guilds CEO, Brett Callender, currently amounting to \$4,029.60, which were incurred as a result of the CEO having to defend his workplace rights against an attempt by Senate members to terminate his employment for allegations of serious misconduct.

Moved: Caitlin Gibbs

Seconded: Simon Waddilove

#### **Substantiation:**

- The Senate acted outside its authority, breached due process defined in the Guilds Enterprise Agreement and denied Brett the principles of fairness and natural justice when they supposedly terminating him while he was on sick leave for Worker's Compensation due to workplace stress.
- Because of the Senate's actions he was forced into a situation where he had no choice but to seek legal support to protect his livelihood.
- The reasons for the supposed termination; were baseless and unsubstantiated.
- In their formal response to the Fair Work General Protections claim, the Guild acknowledged and accepted all statements of defence; as well as, the listed remedies, confirmed the claims against Brett were unfounded.

Please note, if the Senate choose not to ratify this motion the cost to the Guild will be much higher should Brett be forced to take the matter to the next level.



**Motion Adjourned until the next meeting.**

### **3.4 Affiliated Bodies**

**SM1703/04** – Motion that the ECU Student Guild recognises the following clubs as Affiliated Bodies:

#### **Social:**

Socialist Alternative ECU  
WASTV ECU  
ECU eSports Society  
ECU Quidditch Club  
The Gospel Stand  
ECU Liberal Club  
ECU Badminton Club  
Computer and Security Student Association  
Women in Engineering at ECU  
Youth Movement

#### **Academic:**

ECU Nursing & Midwifery Collective  
Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Student Association (ICSA)  
Finance and Accounting Society  
Arts Management Student Organisation  
West Australian Student Paramedics

#### **Equity:**

ECU Queer Collective  
ECU Women's Community

**Motion Carried Unanimously**



## **4.0 Discussion Items**

### **4.1 Non-Secretariat Senators Honoraria and Departmental/Project Proposals**

**Adjourned**

### **4.2 Secretariat Honoraria**

**Adjourned**

### **4.3 Budget**

Please see Appendix C for the 2017 Draft Budget.

**Adjourned**

### **4.4 Senate Meetings**

First Friday of every month 8:30am – 11:30



## **5.0 Appendices**

**5.1 Appendix A – February ECU Student Guild Senate Meeting Minutes**

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