



GENERAL ELECTION 2017

NP2_IMPORTANT NOMINATION INFORMATION

Eligible students who wish to nominate to stand for election to a position on the ECU Student Guild Senate need to fully understand the obligations and responsibilities of holding office they are committing to before nominating.

If you are elected to a position on the ECU Student Guild Senate, you will be required to sign engagement documentation before you can take office.

It is **your responsibility** to read all Election reference documentation available under Elections on the Guild's website: www.ecuguild.org.au in conjunction with the general information listed below:

Reference documents:

- ER1_University Statute 11 – Student Guild
- ER2_University Rules – Student Guild
- ER3_Guild Constitution
- ER4_Guild Election Procedures
- ER5_Code of Conduct
- ER6_Senator Contract of Engagement_General
- ER7_Senator Contract of Engagement_Secretariat
- ER8_Senator Duty Statements
- ER9_Office Bearer Declaration
- ER10_Office Bearer Consent to Disclose

General information for Candidates:

- Being a member of the Senate **is not a voluntary position**, Senators have clear obligations and responsibilities and are required to work a minimum number of hours each week.
- To hold office a Senator must be an enrolled student at all times during their term in office.
- The primary role of every Senator is to represent and further the interests of the Guild's membership made up of Edith Cowan University students.
- All Election related documentation you will need is located under Elections on the Guild's website at www.ecuguild.org.au
- Nominations for the 2017 General Elections open at 7:00 AM on Monday 11 September 2017.
- Your nomination must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Friday 29 September 2017.
- Candidates can submit a Candidate Statement and passport style photograph in support of their nomination; these must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Friday 29 September 2017.
- Nomination documents are available from the Guild's website at www.ecuguild.org.au
- For your nomination to be valid, the Nomination Form **must** be completed and signed **before** you submit.
- If you intend being part of a Group Ticket you need to ensure the Group's nominated Group Agent completes and submits the necessary, Group Registration documentation by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Friday 29 September 2017.

- The Returning Officer (RO) will conduct a draw for positions on the Ballot papers at 10:00 AM on Monday 2 October 2017.
- Any proposed campaign material you, or the group you are a member of, wishes to use must be approved by the RO **before** it is distributed; please ensure you **thoroughly read Clause 15 of the Guild Election Procedures** to ensure you understand your obligations in respect to campaign material.
- Candidates and support students will be required to wear RO issued identification at all times when campaigning and only those nominated by the Candidate (or Group Agent) on the Campaign Student Supporter List will be permitted to campaign.
- **Only** ECU students are permitted to campaign / canvas.
- Voting will be by ballot and polling days on all three campuses will be as follows:
 - Joondalup Campus: 10 & 12 October 2017: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - Joondalup Campus: 11 October 2017: 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 - Mt Lawley Campus: 10, 11 & 12 October 2017: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - South West Campus: 10, 11 & 12 October 2017: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Counting of votes will take place at the Guild's Offices on the Joondalup and South West campuses, following the close of polling at 4:00 PM on Thursday 12 October 2017.
- Independent Candidates, and a registered group, can nominate **one** scrutineer to observe the count as long as the scrutineer is nominated on the relevant nomination form and received by the RO no later than 1:00 PM on Thursday 12 October 2017.
- The result of the count will occur at 7.30 PM at the Guild's Offices on Joondalup Campus on Thursday 12 October 2017.
- The official Declaration of Poll will take place at the Guild's Offices on Joondalup campus at 1:00 PM on Friday 13 October 2017.
- Appeals regarding the outcome of the Election can be lodged with the Election Tribunal chair during the period 2:00 PM Friday 13 October 2017 and 2:00 PM Friday 20 October 2017.

All enquiries regarding any aspect of the election are to be made to the Returning Officer.

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