



# GENERAL ELECTION 2019

## NP2\_IMPORTANT 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 they are committing to **before** nominating.

It is **your responsibility** to read the relevant reference documentation available under Elections on the Guild's website: [www.ecuguild.org.au](http://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
- Guild Department Policies
- Senator Contracts of Engagement
- Senator Duty Statements

### 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 [ecuguild.org.au](http://ecuguild.org.au).
- Nominations for the 2019 General Elections open at 8:00 AM on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- Your nomination must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.
- 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 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.
- Nomination Packs are available from the Guild's website at [www.ecuguild.org.au](http://www.ecuguild.org.au)
- For your nomination to be eligible, all nominated documents in the Guild Nomination Pack **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 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.
- The Returning Officer (RO) will conduct a draw for positions on the Ballot papers at 10:00 AM on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- 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) on the Campaign Student Supporter List will be permitted to campaign.
- **Only** ECU students are permitted to campaign / canvas.
- Voting will be ONLINE and polling days will be as follows:
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 00:01-24:00
  - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 00:00-24:00
  - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 00:00-24:00
- Counting of votes will take place at the Guild's Offices on the Joondalup campus, following the close of polling at 8:00 AM on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- 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 4:00 PM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- The result of the count will occur at 10:00 AM at the Guild's Offices on Joondalup Campus on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- The official Declaration of Poll will take place at the Guild's Offices on Joondalup campus at 10:00 AM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.
- Appeals regarding the outcome of the Election can be lodged with the Election Tribunal chair during the period 2:00 PM Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and 2:00 PM Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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

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