

31 Mar 2025 - Senate Meeting 4 [In-person]

Date: 31/03/2025

Time: 09:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: JO.1.447

Group: Senate Channel

Present: [General Secretary](#), [Lisa Dwyer](#), [Michael Agostini](#), [Vice President - International](#), [Undergraduate Officer](#), [Sports Officer](#), [Vice President - Activities & South West](#), [Social Officer](#), [Postgraduate Officer](#)

Absent:

Agenda

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#	Topic	Files	Presenter	Minutes
1	Senate Meeting 4 Agenda (March 2025)	Files (0)	President	ECU Student Guild Senate Meeting 4 Agenda (March 2025) When: 31/03/2025 Where: JO.1.447 Chairperson: Sarah Rizwan Minute Taker: Joanne Lucks & Sarah Rizwan
2	Opening Address	Files (0)	President	Meeting starts: 9:39am With the President position now vacant, the Senate appoints a Chairperson. Motion SM2503/03: Senate appoints Sarah Rizwan as the Chairperson for the meeting. Moved: Syed Taqi Abbas Razvi Seconded: Cliaan Coenraad Results: Motion passed unanimously. Note: Sarah declares a COI and abstains from voting.
3	Acknowledgment of Country	Files (0)	President	The Guild acknowledges that we are meeting on Whadjuk Nyoongar land, and acknowledges their elders, both past and present. We recognise the land was stolen and never ceded, and always was and always will be Aboriginal land.
4	Attendance	Files (0)	President	President - Vacant General Secretary - Sarah Rizwan Vice President Social Responsibility - Joanne Lucks Vice President Academic - Syed Taqi Abbas Razvi Vice President International - Minhajul Arefin (via teams) Vice President Activities & South West - Vimal Hemnani Equity Officer - Gangamini Chandrasiri Undergraduate Officer - Sheharyar Sahi (joined 9:48am) Postgraduate Officer - Imtiaz Ali International Officer - Cliaan Coenraad Social Officer - Mohak Gakhreja Sports Officer - Austin George (joined at 10:00am) First Nations Officer - (Vacant) South West Officer 1 - (Vacant) South West Officer 2 - (Vacant) Accredited Observers: Operations Manager: Lisa Dwyer Financial Controller: Michael Agostini Apologies Environmental Officer - Alice Broadhead
5	Proxies	Files (0)	President	Gigi has Alice's proxy. Vimal has Austin's proxy until Austin arrives.
6	Conflict Of Interest	Files (0)	President	NIL
7	Circular Motion	Files (0)	President	

7.1	Club Affiliation	Files (0)	<div><p>Preamble: The following clubs have been able to satisfactorily meet the affiliation requirements. Senate to approve the affiliations of the clubs listed below under their respective Tiers, and the clubs are to maintain the necessary requirements as mentioned in the Club Affiliation Policy, Constitution, and Club Code of Conduct. The clubs are to attend mandatory induction which can affect their affiliation status with the guild if the induction is missed.</p><p>Tier 1 ECU Aviators Pakistani Student Association An-Nisa ECU Iranian club</p><p>MOTION SCM2503/02: The Guild endorses the successful affiliation of the above clubs under their respective tiers. Moved: Sarah Rizwan Seconded: Syed Taqi Abbas Razvi Results: Motion passed unanimously. Note: Absent (Austin George)</p></div>
7.2	Funding Allocation	Files (0)	<div><p>Preamble: The University has informed the Guild of additional SSAF Allocation for 2025. The following funding allocation is proposed for Senate approval.</p><div></div></div>

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8	SM2503/03: Approval of March 6 Senate Meeting Minutes		President	<p>MOTION</p> <p>SM2503/04: The ECU Student Guild Senate agrees that the attached minutes from the March 6 Senate Meeting are accurate and can be published on the Guild's website once redaction has occurred. Moved: Sarah Rizwan Seconded: Syed Taqi Abbas Razvi Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
9	Office Bearer Reports	Files (1)	All	<p>SENATE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> President General Secretary Vice President Social Responsibility Vice President Academic Vice President International Vice President Activities and South West Environmental Officer Equity Officer Undergraduate Officer Postgraduate Officer International Officer Social Officer Sports Officer <p>ACCREDITED OBSERVER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Operations Manager Financial Controller
10	Priority Items	Files (0)	President, Lisa Dwyer	
10.1	Club Affiliation	Files (0)		<p>Preamble: The following clubs have been able to satisfactorily meet the affiliation requirements. Senate to approve the affiliations of the clubs listed below under their respective Tiers, and the clubs are to maintain the necessary requirements as mentioned in the Club Affiliation Policy, Constitution, and Club Code of Conduct. The clubs are undertake the mandatory induction which can affect their affiliation status with the guild if the induction is missed.</p> <p>Tier 1 Nursing and Midwifery Union Communication Club ECU Social Events Club ECU Book Club</p> <p>MOTION SM2503/05: The Guild endorses the successful affiliation of the above clubs under their respective tiers. Moved: Sarah Rizwan Seconded: Sheharyar Sahi Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
10.2	Corporate Logo of the ECU Student Guild	Files (1)		<p>Preamble Following the updates to the ECU Branding, ECU Branding and Marketing enquired whether the Guild would like them to recolour the Guild Logo to match the ECU colour palette. Brand and Marketing have provided two options for consideration. It is the Operational recommendation that Option Two (Full Teal) is chosen so as to provide a professional look and ease of use in our own marketing collateral.</p> <p>The Senate holds a discussion and proceed to vote on the matter.</p> <p>MOTION SM2503/06: Senate approves Option 2 (full teal) as the recoloured Corporate Logo of the</p>

			<p>ECU Student Guild. Moved: Sheharyar Sahi Seconded: Cliaan Coenraad Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
10.3	Guild Term Deposits	Files (0)	<p>Preamble At the November 2024 Senate meeting, Senate approved the reinvestment of \$500K term deposit for 4 months at 4% p.a. commencing 2 December 2024. In addition a second term deposit at \$250K with the save investment terms was approved. These term deposits are rapidly approaching their maturity date of 2 April 2025. It's the Financial Controller's recommendation to reinvest the \$500K term deposit for 6 months at the current bonus rate of 4.30% p.a. The \$250K term deposit to be left to mature and these funds to be used for day to day cash flow needs until the Q4 2024 SSAF funding instalment is released by the university, estimated to be sometime in April 2025.</p> <p>MOTION SM2503/07: Senate to approve the reinvestment of \$500,000 from Bendigo Bank term deposit account [REDACTED] into a 6 month term deposit at 4.3%p.a. commencing 2 April 2025. Moved: Mohak Gakhreja Seconded: Cliaan Coenraad Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION Senate to approve the maturity of the \$250,000 Bendigo Bank term deposit account [REDACTED] for withdrawal (not-reinvestment) as at 4 April 2025. Moved: Mohak Gakhreja Seconded: Imtiaz Ali Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motions raised on the floor Michael acknowledged an oversight on his part, where the University had allocated an additional \$250,000 in funding, but only \$225,000 was accounted for in the additional budget allocation. As a result, Senate approval is required to allocate the remaining \$25,000. It is proposed that these funds be used to facilitate the by-election.</p> <p>SM2503/09: Senate to approve the use of \$25,000 to facilitate by-election. Moved: Sheharyar Sahi Seconded: Joanne Lucks Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>SM2503/10: Senate to approve removal of Pema Chentsho as a bank signatory from all Bendigo Bank accounts effective 31 March 2025. Moved: Sheharyar Sahi Seconded: Joanne Lucks Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>SM2503/11: Senate to approve removal of Pema Chentsho as a credit card holder (account [REDACTED]) accounts effective 31 March 2025. Moved: Joanne Lucks Seconded: Austin George Results: Motion passed unanimously.</p>
11	Discussion Items	Files (0)	
11.1	City Campus Update	Files (0)	<p>Lisa informs the Senate that a meeting was held with the City Campus team, and regular updates are being provided. All necessary items have been packed, and preparations for relocation are complete.</p> <p>Additionally, the University has agreed to provide data on the number of students who will be studying at the City Campus, along with details of their respective schools.</p> <p>While no site visits have been scheduled yet, assurances have been given that these will be prioritized as soon as arrangements are finalized.</p>

11.2	WHS Update	Files (0)		<p>Another incident has occurred at the Club Space in Building 9, where Security immediately locked the room after finding it left unsecured.</p> <p>Additionally, there are ongoing issues with the incident reporting form on Teams, which are expected to be resolved by the end of this week or early next week.</p> <p>To enhance communication and collaboration, a group chat on Teams will be set up for clubs to report issues and connect with other clubs for potential collaborations.</p>
11.3	Tiered Ticketing for events	Files (0)		<p>Taqi previously proposed to the Secretariat the implementation of a tiered ticketing system for events, utilizing platforms like Humanitix, which offer multiple ticketing options.</p> <p>This system would help minimize food waste, prevent underutilized buses, and allow for better allocation of funds to other areas. Additionally, it would provide flexibility for students who may not wish to pay for services they do not intend to use.</p> <p>Lisa highlighted the need for a ticket management strategy to address potential issues, such as students purchasing a standard entry ticket but expecting additional inclusions like meals.</p> <p>Sarah suggested that all departments and officers reflect on whether they are hosting a sufficient number of events, given that the semester is now at its midpoint.</p>
11.4	Guild Activations	Files (0)		<p>The Senate discussed the timing conflict between International Café and Guild activations, as the café runs from 1:30 pm onwards, overlapping with the activation sessions. After consideration, it was decided to maintain the current activation schedule.</p> <p>A key concern raised was that some students attend activations primarily for the free food without engaging in activities. To address this, it was suggested to shift the focus away from food and ensure clubs play an active role in the events. Additional proposals included inviting ECU services such as Counselling, Health, the Living Room, or Academic Integrity to set up stalls. It was also emphasized that Guild Stickers should be checked before distributing food and that clear signage should be placed to inform students of this requirement. Another recommendation was to inform students about the Guild Sticker requirement as soon as they join the queue.</p> <p>For the next activation, a barbecue will be hosted alongside sports activities, where students will be required to participate in a sports game before receiving a free meal. It was also agreed that checking the weather forecast in advance would help ensure smooth execution of events.</p> <p>Regarding Mount Lawley activations, it was decided to hold them fortnightly on Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm outside Grindhouse Café, beginning on April 17th. These activations will not be department-specific. To enhance student engagement, proposed food options include cinnamon buns, cinnamon rolls, cupcakes, donuts, muffins, or the use of a popcorn machine.</p>
11.5	Information about a letter received	Files (0)		<p>During the meeting, it was noted that an anonymous letter had been received. The details of the letter were shared and discussed among the attendees.</p>
11.6	Senate In-Camera Discussion	Files (0)		<p>The referral of a case to the Disciplinary Committee (DC) was reported to the Senate. A report upon the conclusion of the investigation will be provided to the Senate.</p>

12	Other Items	Files (0)		
13	Meeting Ends	Files (0)	President	Meeting Ends: 11:06AM

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