



ECU Christian Union Constitution (2022 Edition)

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1.0 Object

Section A: Name The full name of the club shall be ECU Christian Union hereinafter called CU.

Section B: The aims and objectives of this club are:

- 1.1 The object of CU is to be a Christian club on campus devoted to public bible teaching for the benefit of interested ECU students.
- 1.2 To uphold and teach the basic truths of Christianity as contained in the bible, specifically those the Doctrinal Basis of the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) (see Appendix 1).
- 1.3 To present students with the Christian gospel and lead them to a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1.4 To strengthen Christians in their faith and witness, and to encourage them to continually submit every aspect of their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

2.0 Membership

- 2.1 Membership in CU is open to all enrolled Edith Cowan University students, both full and part-time.
- 2.2 An ECU student may obtain membership to CU by agreeing in writing with the Aims/Objectives and Doctrinal Basis (Appendix 1) as set out in 1.0 and paying membership fees (if any) each year.
- 2.3 Membership rights, including the right to vote in meetings, may only be exercised when the member is a full member pursuant to 1.0.
- 2.4 Membership may be conferred on persons other than students of the university at the discretion of the committee, provided that a minimum of 70% of the membership are current ECU students.
- 2.5 The activities of CU are all-inclusive; the group will not discriminate against age, gender, ethnicity or orientation.
- 2.6 CU does not permit members to engage in harassment, bullying, humiliation, or other degrading membership initiation conditions or practices.

3.0 Meetings

- 3.1 The committee of CU shall meet at least 3 times each semester to plan future activities.
- 3.2 Minutes may be taken for CU committee meetings and an attendance record.
- 3.3 CU will hold an annual general meeting (AGM) each year.
- 3.4 The executive committee may call a special general meeting in order for club members to vote on important unforeseen events or changes to the Constitution.

- 3.5 When a vote is required, a quorum for the annual or special general meeting shall be at least three committee members and 4 general members. A quorum for committee meetings shall include 3 of 4 committee members.

4.0 Annual general meeting

- 4.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CU shall be held annually at a time determined by the Committee.
- 4.2 The AGM shall elect the committee for the following year, receive reports by the outgoing President and 2 other committee members (secretary and treasurer) and transact any other business as the club sees fit.

5.0 Club Positions

- 5.1 The officers of CU are elected yearly by the process of votes.
- 5.2 Officers of CU must affirm in writing the Objects (see 1.0), including the Doctrinal Basis (Appendix 1).
- 5.3 The club positions are:
 - 5.3.1 President
 - 5.3.2 Vice President
 - 5.3.3 Secretary
 - 5.3.4 Treasurer
 - 5.3.5 One or more General Members
- 5.4 The club positions for CU hold the position for one Academic year and can be renewed for the following year/s.
- 5.5 The committee are responsible for:
 - 5.5.1 Being a public figure of CU.
 - 5.5.2 Organizing events for the Christian Union.
 - 5.5.3 Attending committee meetings and the annual general meeting (see 3.0).
 - 5.5.4 Attending a weekly Bible study of the Christian Union.
- 5.6 A vacant position may be filled by the committee and president through majority vote of the committee.

6.0 Affiliations

- 6.1 CU is affiliated with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students, hereafter referred to as the AFES.

7.0 Suspension or expulsion of members

- 7.1 Any member of the club who renounces the Objects or Doctrinal Basis, fails to observe the Constitution of CU, or whose conduct does not observe the objectives of the club may be suspended or expelled from membership of the club.
- 7.2 The committee must communicate in writing OR orally to the member notice of the suspension and of the conduct that resulted in the suspension.
- 7.3 Any member who is suspended or expelled shall not be entitled to voting privileges or any refund of subscription or membership fees.
- 7.4 If a club member believes any member is acting in contravention of the Constitution they will:
 - 1. Raise the issue with the club executive committee or their ECU Guild Vice President and/or the ECU Guild General Secretary.
 - 2. The behaviour must be investigated within a week of complaint and subsequently addressed in a timely manner.
 - 3. If the club committee cannot mediate the issue to a resolution, the matter will be directed to the ECU Guild Senate to investigate and determine a course of action.

8.0 Register of club members

- 8.1 The committee, on behalf of CU, will keep and maintain a register of the members of the association, which may be made available upon the request of an ECU Student Guild Senator.

9.0 Finance

- 9.1 The committee and president shall ensure true accounts are kept of any monies received and expended.
- 9.2 A balance sheet containing a summary of assets and liabilities of the club, together with a statement of income and expenditure for the preceding year shall be made out and submitted to the next AGM.
- 9.3 The authority to access any bank accounts of CU shall rest with at least two (2) committee members.
- 9.4 Change of titles on any bank accounts must be maintained with the change of committee member/s.

10.0 Changing the constitution

- 10.1 No alteration, addition or amendment of this constitution shall be made unless and until carried by a resolution at any general meeting called for such a purpose. Alternation, addition, or adjustment of the constitution may be made by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present.
- 10.2 Written or oral notice of the proposed alternation, addition or amendment shall be given at least one week prior to the general meeting.

Appendix 1

Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) Doctrinal Basis

The AFES upholds the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, including:

- The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of humanity since the fall, rendering men and women subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit and his birth by the virgin Mary.
- Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death, as our representative and substitute, of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God.
- The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective in the individual sinner, granting him or her repentance towards God, and faith in Jesus Christ.
- The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
- The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.