



ECU-VSA Club Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the ECU Vietnamese Students Association (ECU-VSA).

Article II: Purpose

The ECU Vietnamese Students Association is established to:

- Promote Vietnamese culture and heritage within Edith Cowan University and the surrounding community.
- Provide a supportive network for Vietnamese students and those interested in Vietnamese culture.
- Organize cultural, social, and educational events that celebrate and explore Vietnamese traditions.

Article III: Objectives

The objectives of the ECU-VSA are to:

- **Foster a sense of community** among members through regular meetings and social gatherings.
- **Organize cultural events** such as Vietnamese New Year (Tet) celebrations, Mid-Autumn Festival, and cultural showcases.
- **Provide educational opportunities** to learn about Vietnamese history, language, and customs.
- **Collaborate with other student organizations** and community groups to promote cross-cultural understanding.
- **Support members' academic and personal success** through mentorship and resource sharing.

Article IV: Membership

Membership in the ECU-VSA is open to all enrolled students at Edith Cowan University, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. There are two types of membership:

- **Active Members:** Enrolled ECU students who regularly attend meetings and participate in club activities.
- **Associate Members:** Individuals who support the organization's purpose but may not be ECU students. Associate members may not vote or hold office.

To become an active member, an individual must attend at least two club meetings or events per semester and complete a membership form.

Article V: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

- **President:** Presides over meetings, oversees all club activities, and serves as the official representative of the ECU-VSA.
- **Vice-President:** Assists the President and assumes their responsibilities in their absence. Also responsible for membership recruitment and retention.
- **Secretary:** Records meeting minutes, manages club correspondence, and maintains club records.
- **Treasurer:** Manages club finances, prepares budgets, and handles fundraising activities.
- **Public Relations Officer:** Manages the club's social media presence, promotes club events, and communicates with the university community.

Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the active members.

Article VI: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least twice a month during the academic year. The President shall set the agenda for each meeting. A quorum of 50% of the active members must be present for any official business to be conducted. Meeting minutes shall be recorded by the Secretary and made available to all members.

Article VII: Finance and Funding

The ECU-VSA shall be funded through membership dues, fundraising activities, and grants from the university and other organizations. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing all club funds and preparing financial reports. All expenditures must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Article VIII: Code of Conduct

All members of the ECU-VSA are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner at all times. Members shall abide by all university policies and regulations, as well as all applicable laws. Any behavior that is disruptive, disrespectful, or harmful to the organization or its members will not be tolerated.

Article IX: Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy

The ECU-VSA is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all members. Bullying, harassment, and discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Any member who experiences or witnesses such behavior is encouraged to report it to the Executive Committee or the university's Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Article X: Safety and Inclusion Commitment

The ECU-VSA is committed to ensuring the safety and inclusion of all its members, regardless of background, identity, or beliefs. We strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. The organization will actively promote diversity, equity, and inclusion through its programs and activities.

Article XI: Amendment Process

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at a regular meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article XII: Dissolution

The ECU-VSA may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at a special meeting called for that purpose. In the event of dissolution, all remaining assets shall be donated to a charitable organization selected by the members.

Summary

This document outlines the constitution of the ECU Vietnamese Students Association (ECU-VSA). It details the club's name, purpose, objectives, membership guidelines, executive committee structure, meeting procedures, financial rules, code of conduct, anti-bullying and harassment policies, safety and inclusion commitment, amendment process, and dissolution procedure. This constitution serves as the guiding document for the ECU-VSA's operations and ensures a structured and inclusive environment for its members.