

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2009

Student Organisations Election Broadsheet

Voting Dates:

Saturday 26 September – Saturday 10 October

Vote by logging in with you student number and
password at:

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Welcome to the 2009 Student Election Broadsheet

The Broadsheet allows candidates to voice their opinions and give you an idea of who they are, and how they intend to change your University and Guild. These students have been nominated to represent you during 2010.

By voting in the election, you will have a say in which candidates represent you.

On-line voting begins Saturday 26 September and ends Saturday 10 October.

Statements are supplied by candidate and do not represent the views or opinions of the Guild or the University.

This publication was compiled and edited by John Snobar.

[*] denotes that the position does not have sufficient candidates to require a ballot.

Student Organisations Nomination List

Positions are in order of ballot

National Union of Students Delegates (5 students)

Alexander Bellotti
Emma Kingdon
Daniel Earl
Basha Stasak
Zebedee Parkes
Alexander Snell
Michael Pilkington
Jean-Baptiste
Brent Fleeton
Rosina Milanovic
Brodie Lewis
Omary Juma Dawud
Braden Hill

Guild President

Oliver Godwin
Brendon Stewart
Brodie Lewis
Steve Kelly

Guild Education Vice President

Ben Bullock
Melissa Brave

Guild General Secretary

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Brendon Stewart
Michael Pilkington

Activities and Events Student Representative

Brent Fleeton
Janet Sorensen

Social Justice/Solidarity Student Representative

Rosina Milanovic
Zebedee Parkes
Sarah Meyerkort

Publications Student Representative	Daniel Earl*
Sustainability & Environment Student Representative	Rosina Milanovic Laura Williams
Clubs and Societies Student Representative	Ben Bullock Alexander Snell Harkrishan Kaur Sarah Meyerkort
General Student Representative	Rosina Milanovic Alexander Bellotti Janet Sorensen
Guild Disability Representative	Mia Turner*
Guild Indigenous Students' Representative	Djulain Taylor*
President, Murdoch International Students Association	Jean-Baptiste Omary Juma Dawud Milan Sadhwani
President Murdoch Post-Graduate Students Association	To be determined at AGM
Presidents, Peel Students' Association (PSA)	Vacant
Guild External Students' Representative	Morgan Wigley*
Guild Queer Representative	Celia Lim*
Guild Women's Representative	Sarah Ozanne Belinda Giles

National Union of Students Delegates

Alexander Bellotti

Refer to General Students Representative Statement

Emma Kingdon



Daniel Earl



Refer to Publications Student Representative Statement

Basha Stasak



Currently I am serving as Guild President and Student Senator. As GP I have been instrumental in;

- creating new initiatives to support students in financial hardship so they may continue their studies;
- advocating for change at the Student Village including amending the State Tenancy Act and;
- getting as many students as possible involved in various Guild project and collectives because the Guild should be open to all students!

The Bradley and Cutler reports have set a new agenda for Higher Education and over the next few years the Federal Government will be implementing many of the reports

recommendations. Murdoch University, like all Australian universities, will face tough choices on how it will move forward in this new Higher Education environment. The decisions Murdoch makes will impact on all our degrees. Having spent the last two years representing Murdoch students as Guild President and Education Vice President I have the knowledge and skill to provide a strong student voice and ensure students have a say in the future direction of Murdoch.

As a member of Active Left I am committed to students rights and ensuring student representation remains transparent. Being a student representative is a privilege and thank you to everyone who has supported me these past two years.

Vote Active Left! Vote Brodie Lewis for President!

Zebedee Parkes



Refer to Social Justice/Solidarity Student Representative Statement

Alexander Snell



Refer to Clubs and Societies Student Representative Statement

Michael Pilkington



Refer to Guild General Secretary Statement

Jean-Baptiste

Brent Fleeton



Refer to Activities and Events Student Representative Statement

Rosina Milanovic

I have been a Murdoch student since 2006, beginning a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Science. Prior to this I completed a Bachelor of Arts in English at Curtin University.

I have a strong interest in education issues and am passionate about social justice, equity, and inclusion.

Murdoch is a great university, and I would be very happy to represent students.

Brodie Lewis



Refer to Guild President Statement

Omary Juma Dawud

My full name is Omary David Al Zain Juma Issango

Current status: PhD Candidate –Environmental Science

I was born in 1974 at a small village in northern central Tanzania. In 1984 I commenced year 1 in primary school and finished in 1990. In 1991 I commenced form one and finished form four in 1994 with Division one.

In 1995 I commenced form five and I finished form six in 1997 scored Division One.

In 1998 I joined Sokoine University of Agriculture (Tanzania) and I finished in 2001 graduated with BSc. Forestry (Honours) Second Class Upper Division. In 2002 I commenced MSC Biodiversity (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia) and graduated in 2004 with MSC Dryland Biodiversity High Distinction.

In July 2005 I commenced PhD ENV. Science to date.

Achievements:

- Best students academics from yr 1 to Masters level.
- School Prefect yr 3 to yr 14 (Defence prefect, academic prefect)
- Debate and drama Region Chairman , Dodoma and Singida joint Region
- President International Students Association in Addis Ababa University 2003/2004.

I humbly submit my request for consideration, VOTE FOR CHANGE

Braden Hill

Guild President

Oliver Godwin

G'day all, I'm Oliver Godwin and I am contesting the position as Guild President for 2010. As a consequence of voting for me you'll be electing a smart, capable and responsible leader. Before commencing my studies in Politics and Economics I worked for several years in a variety of industries; farming, construction, mines and factory work, all honest, blue-collar work. I opted out of that for two reasons; firstly, my back started playing up, and secondly I have a natural yearning for knowledge. I spend most of my free time when I am not out socialising or exercising, at home reading, learning. I am well-versed in Nietzsche and Freud, I love the fiction of Hemingway and Steinbeck and have a particular curiosity for the works of Engels and Marx.

I believe strongly in unions, having been employed by exploitative bosses I know just how impotent one person feels on their own, but it must be remembered that many fingers make up a fist. There is no point in complaining about a situation, be it the abysmal allowance paid to students by the Federal Government, the crass individualism promoted by voluntary student unionism, the pathetic pay tutors and lecturers receive (compared to the Vice—Chancellor's six-digit salary), or international issues, the genocides occurring in Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine and the subtle movement toward fascism across Europe. United, and with strong leadership we can make a difference.

The Murdoch Student Guild needs someone who is smart and passionate, someone who knows what the real world is like and is thus capable of providing real leadership and affecting *actual* change. Whilst many people ask what the Guild can do for them I believe this is the wrong question to ask. This kind of selfishness leads us nowhere, and life, as Jean-Paul Sartre commented, is a matter of discovering "how the free individual... may commit himself meaningfully in the world", *viz* it is not a matter of what the world can do for you, but what you can do for the world. You won't be doing me, but *yourselves* a favour by electing me as your President.

Brendon Stewart



For those who don't know me or haven't seen me around campus, my name is Brendon Stewart also known by my mates as "Stumpy". I come from Esperance which is on the south coast around 750 km's from Perth. I am 23 years old and before I started university I spent time working as a labourer and enjoyed my time working on crayfish and shark boats. Now I am currently studying Primary Education at Murdoch University which I am really enjoying. I have spent my spare time at Murdoch representing the uni in a number of different sports including cricket, football (player and coach) and lawn bowls. I am currently the president of the Murdoch guild sports council which over the last few years has grown quite dramatically. The reason for me applying for the guild president's position is because I believe the current guild should and could be doing a lot more for students at Murdoch. I believe the current guild is focusing on the politics too much and not seeing what students actually want. I believe the current guild is focusing on the negatives of Murdoch and haven't remotely touched on some of the positives which students get out of studying here. This is making the name Murdoch University look very average in the public's eyes. I believe we are at Uni for a good time not a long time and students who come to Murdoch should be here to work in a positive environment where studying and student enjoyment is high on the priority list. I believe a lot of people have been put off by the current guild and I want to personally work with guild employees along with the Murdoch University to get the guild back on track of supporting students. Everyone that has gone off the guild needs to get behind me to work towards fixing the reasons why you left the guild in the first place. Don't vote another guild employee into the president's role as we can see what happens from previous experiences. Let's get a new face with new ideas into the guild so that the next year's guild can work towards getting student support and services back to where it should be. Really, with the current guild's success and position how could we possibly go wrong with voting in someone new?

I cannot promise that everybody's problems will be fixed at the drop of the hat but I do believe that working together with guild employers and Murdoch University staff, we will be able to make student life much easier and much more successful. If you see me around campus please feel free to come and have a chat with me about what exactly are my plans and how I would lead the guild to brighter and bigger places. Without a change at the top, the guild's activities will remain the same. This is why we should get a new face into the position so Murdoch students become better off.

Brodie Lewis



This year, I served on the Guild Council, and have been witness to the dramatic pace of changes within the Student Movement across the country. Through this rapid pace of changes nationally, Murdoch Guild has stood as one of the few independent student organizations, willing to critique and hold accountable both Murdoch University, and the Government, to the needs of students present and future.

In the face of pressures such as the Student Services Fee changes, Deregulation and laughable attempts by both sides of politics to really address the core issue, education, we're left in a vacuum of misinformation and sleight of hand tricks from every tier of government.

Students need to know that their education will be worth something when we graduate. Students deserve quality in their education, not just to be a part of a government quest for quantity of degrees. Active Left, over the last 2 years, has been an integral part of sustaining the independence of the Murdoch Guild. Help us to continue to build strength within your Guild by voting for Active Left, and myself, in these elections.

Over the last two years, Active Left has been integral in achieving a range of outcomes for students. In 2008 we won the common room for all students, we engaged the university to secure the future of the Rockingham campus, we won an additional student position on Academic Council (the highest education board at Murdoch) and started a whole lot of new events on campus, like theme weeks, assassin, movie screenings and events on regional campuses.

In 2009, we won Common Free Time on Thursdays, won the fight with the University on 2010 and had them include students in the discussions, Reinvented Metior, Started a Food Bank program, brought more food to Walters, got students involved like never before through our various collectives, engaged nationally with the Student Services fee to ensure it benefits students and most of all, continued to secure the independence of Your Guild!

In 2010, Active Left will continue to fight the good fight – we believe students should control student affairs, and will continue to fight for the Services Fee to be controlled by students – to allow us to deliver more services at less cost to students. As well as that, we have plans to bring more music to the Tav, as well as FOOD! This has long been a sticking point, but Active Left will continue to push for it, and deliver it in 2010. We also want to bring the Guild to you, and are working to run Student Forums in common time twice a semester. We hope this provides more opportunity for students to get involved and interact with Our Guild!

All in all, 2010 is an important year for Your Guild. Independent representation is what Murdoch Guild is all about. We will not sell out your Guild for a few short lived benefits. Vote Active Left, Vote Independence.

Steve Kelly



G'day My name is Steve Kelly. Vote for me for Guild president. With your support I hope to increase student representation in the university senate.

Guild Education Vice President

Ben Bullock

I'm sure that many of you don't know me. And that is precisely the platform from which I urge you to elect me to the position of Education Vice President for 2010. Next year will be my fourth year of study at Murdoch as a Law/Commerce student and, to be honest, I couldn't tell you that I have taken all that many memorable experiences from my time here. I put this down to poor Guild leadership and urge you all to inject some much needed fresh air into the deflated tire of student representation that is the Murdoch Guild. This is an issue that I and fellow student Brendon 'Stumpy' Stewart wish to correct. As leaders of the Guild, Brendon and I intend to initiate Murdoch upon a much needed transition – taking your University experience from monotonous and mundane to memorable.

From what I can see, Murdoch spirit is dwindling, if it be apparent at all. Involvement in sports clubs and societies is limited, guild membership is down and apart from the traditional end of semester gathering, social events are obsolete. This is not the way I envisaged my University and not the way I want to remember my University experience, so Brendon and I wish to make a change. As an educational institution, Murdoch is great, but in terms of offering a full University experience, Murdoch leaves much to be desired. And who is responsible for this? The Guild.

The Guild is the student representative body, and the Guild co-ordinates activities, clubs and societies. The Guild directly determines the level of social interaction on campus and to date, this has not been achieved. The Guild has become bogged down by the same regular faces over too many years. It has become self fulfilling and needs fresh blood. Brendon and I have not been involved in the Murdoch Guild before this year, though have represented the student voice as President and Secretary, respectively, of the Murdoch Sports Council. Accordingly, we have accumulated the necessary skills to provide admirable student representation.

How do we encourage greater involvement in University life? How can we make that claim? Brendon and I intend to devote less time to picking trivial and quarrelsome arguments that the Guild has found to be embroiling itself in and focus more of our resources at home – on the students. Please believe that this is not pork-barrelling when we say that we promise to reduce drinks prices at the tavern, encourage involvement in sporting teams and dramatic performance – all these promote some much needed esprit de corps at Murdoch.

Its time for the Guild to stop involving itself in unnecessary disputes with Chancellery and political motives and start focussing on the students that it represents. If you want your University experience at Murdoch to be memorable for something more than the Katsu chicken, then vote for Ben Bullock and Brendon Stewart.

Don't regret it.

Melissa Brave

The responsibility of any Guild Representative is to fairly represent student needs and perspectives. Adequate representation cannot occur without substantial engagement from students. This is something the Guild needs to work hard to engender. Over the coming months the Active Left will be working together in an attempt to establish a strong flow of communication such that your needs are reflected in the work we do. This communication process is vital to the role of the Education Vice President. The chief responsibility of the EVP is to facilitate, as far as possible, every student's (and potential student's) access to an equitable and satisfactory educational experience. I'm passionate about equitable representation and social justice. If elected EVP I won't be satisfied I'm fulfilling my responsibilities unless there is adequate feedback between myself and other students.

Currently I'm the Guild Acting Women's Rep., undertaking a B.A in Sustainable Development. Over the past 20 years I've been involved in a number of grass-roots (and some government) community development projects. I'm accustomed to engaging with people from a broad variety of backgrounds in a range of contexts. I'm not afraid of speaking up; asking "the difficult (or "stupid") questions" or making "unfashionable statements" when there's a need. This will come in handy if I'm elected to EVP: there are a range of immediate issues facing specific groups of students requiring critical attention. There are too many to go into here but I am more than happy to speak about those that have been brought to my attention and any others you want dealt with.

Dealing with individual student concerns is of course central to the EVP role. At the same time, it is my understanding that the EVP needs to facilitate students' engagement with "big picture" education issues. The very nature of education is currently being shaped by specific economic imperatives. Since the mid-nineties universities have come increasingly under pressure to corporatise. Accordingly, the core role of "education" seems to have become simply to facilitate students' engagement with the global neoliberal economy. In other words, education is simply about making money. The 2010 Program devised by Murdoch administration is a direct response to this corporate push. If we let all the reforms it involves pass by without question, we are in effect accepting a socio-economic ordering of reality which has proven to be inherently inequitable and detrimental to the health of the planet. It's now crunch time to engage administration in a serious discussion about this. If university is not the place to seriously explore all ways of knowing and being in the world, with the aim of engendering well-being for all, then where is? Collectively we have an enormous amount of power to inform the discussion about the core principles of education as they are presented at Murdoch.

I look forward to working with all students to ensure all have access to an education premised on the well being of individuals and the world.

Guild General Secretary

Ben Bullock

Refer to Guild Education Vice President Statement

Brendon Stewart



Refer to Guild President Statement

Michael Pilkington



My name is Michael Pilkington and I will be running for Guild General Secretary in 2010. I believe I can successfully fill this position for a number of reasons.

Firstly, I have a wealth of previous experience at the Murdoch Guild of Students since becoming elected for as Queer Representative in October 2008. This is position I have held for nearly 14 months with a strong focus on increasing collective membership and providing effective, autonomous representation for marginalized individuals both on and off campus. I believe that during this time, I've provided the Queer Collective with quality leadership, an array of well-planned and inclusive events and a true sense of collective organization. My achievements have not only has earned me praise and respect from members within the Murdoch Queer Collective, but from fellow Guild Councilors at Murdoch and numerous student representatives from Western Australia's three other major public universities. During this time, I've also learnt numerous valuable skills including events planning and organization, effective leadership, quality student representation and the ability to work well in a team environment. Such skills are integral to the position of General Secretary and I thus feel it is a role I could fill successfully.

Secondly, I have spent a number of months working as Undergraduate Representative on the Murdoch Academic Council, allowing me to learn more about how the University functions behind the scenes and making valuable contacts in various sectors of University management. As General Secretary, I would be able to utilize such contacts to a great extent in working towards affirmative action on issues that matter to students while also knowing the correct channels and procedures through which to go. I also understand how to effectively liaise with the University on various matters while always keeping the student perspective in mind.

Lastly, I am running for this position as a part of the Active Left ticket. By running on this ticket, I am working with a core group of individuals dedicated to achieving the same goals and helping one another along the way. This not only means students are electing a group of people who already know how to best work with one another but they

are electing a cohesive team of people who believe in student control of student affairs, who will voice their concerns and will fight for their rights as students.

I believe my strong focus on collectivization, representation of marginalized groups and organizational abilities will allow me to fulfill the role of General Secretary skillfully and effectively with a strong focus on the student voice and getting real results.

Activities and Events Student Representative

Brent Fleeton



I believe that there is a severe lack of cultural and social events at Murdoch University.

All faculties should have the opportunity to host formal events that are subsidised by the Guild. Our students currently are not actively involved socially because there is no pride in the culture at our university. Realistically, it is events such as Balls, sporting and great Tav events that make university a memorable experience.

Why is our Tav so severely under used? It's not just the crazy prices (Who pays \$15 for a jug) Imagine having one awesome band playing each month, or on campus bands who have the opportunity to be seen and heard!

I have had experience with event management with the social clubs of Telstra and St George Bank, and I have contacts in the events management industry who have the ability to get some great acts here! I believe I am capable of changing Murdoch into a place where students can take pride in the social events organised by our Guild.

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- Save \$49,000 per year by ceasing Murdoch's affiliation with the National Union of Students, and use the money to reduce Tav prices and redburse to needy areas
- Replacing the cumbersome ticket master building (has anyone seriously ever seen it being used?) with a SUBWAY outlet

For an alternative to the current Guild, vote Alternate Blue.

Janet Sorensen

Hi my name is Janet Sorensen, you probably don't remember me from such films as the Terminator, that's because I'm not an actor – I'm a third year law student. However my story is the most amazing true story ever told. Conceived by the Holy Spirit within a virgin woman named Mary, I was born in a barn. I heard a far cry from South Street and the people at Murdoch were hoping I could save them from their Roman conquerors, the current Guild, and fight for better student rights. Since my birth and early childhood, my

life has gone almost unnoticed until this year. Now it is my time to shine. Vote for me then sit back and watch the miracles unfold at the guild. Murdoch University has had the same guild members for over the past three years now... and not much exciting change has occurred. But let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my fellow students. I feel it in my waters that it is time for a change. Revolution is in the air.

I live my life to the extremes; it's either spectacular unbelievable success or crushing, hopeless defeat. There is no middle ground! And this is exactly the kind of energy and commitment I will give to the Guild, as Activities and Events Representative. I have a dream – where I see Murdoch University events *actually* become popular, legendary and memorable, where people *actually* want to get involved! Vote for me, and all your wildest social, sporting and cultural event dreams will come true. Seriously.

Social Justice/Solidarity Student Representative

Rosina Milanovic

I have been a Murdoch student since 2006, beginning a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Science. Prior to this I completed a Bachelor of Arts in English at Curtin University.

I have a strong interest in education issues and am passionate about social justice, equity, and inclusion.

Murdoch is a great university, and I would be very happy to represent students.

Zebedee Parkes



This year I have being heavily involved with many Murdoch student groups including METIOR, Students Without Borders action group and Bedlam theatre.

As social justice representative I will bring together my experience and involvement from these diverse groups. Aiming to deliver campaigns with results that engages many different students.

As part of next year's Guild I will take stronger action against censorship than has being displayed this year. Bring the university management to account for censoring METIOR and any similar actions they commit. Including campaigning to get the unofficial poster policy overturned.

As social justice rep. I will continue and expand on different food programs on bush court like the poverty breakfast. With the aim that on every day of the week free or very cheap food is available. Whilst also continuing SWB campaigns like the save the Orangutans campaign earlier this semester and the fair-trade chocolate fountain from last semester. With a strong national and international focus.

As a resident of the student village I am affected and aware of many of the problems with it. Recently there has being some action taken to start to make improvements conditions, I intend to continue this campaign.

I would also like others to decide what they want out of their university life. I will listen to what students want and help you campaign for what you want added or changed. Rather than just what I feel is most important.

Sarah Meyerkort



Born in a cave in France in 13987 BC, Sarah quickly rose to power as the just leader of a tribe of warrior nomads.

Seriously, I'm Sarah, next year will be my fourth year as a Law/Arts student. I have had some great experiences at Murdoch, but wish to be more involved and have an effect on the evolution of the Guild. I believe that Murdoch is a great uni, but it has the potential to be so much more and provide a multitude of other services to Murdoch students. I have a keen interest in human rights and want to improve and raise awareness of social justice issues at our uni. Studying is stressful enough, life on campus should be as comfortable and welcoming as possible.

Sustainability & Environment Student Representative

Rosina Milanovic

Refer to National Union of Students Statement

Laura Williams



My name is Laura Williams and I am the current Sustainability Representative for the Murdoch Guild of Students. I am running for Sustainability Representative with the

active left ticket for 2010. I have experience in the position and therefore feel I can use it to continue to make positive change at Murdoch University.

This year the collective and I have:

- Grown from an almost nonexistent collective to over 350 people.
- Organised two Sustainability weeks on campus.
- Fundraised enough money to significantly contribute to the cost of 9 people to attend conferences in Melbourne and/or Sydney.
- Supported an anti bottled water campaign by selling reusable water bottles.
- Started a community garden project at the Environmental Technology Centre on campus.
- Created a presence and promoted awareness amongst staff, students and the community about Sustainability issues.
- Promoted and supported local organisations and campaigns.

Next year I plan to continue to:

- Sell reusable water bottles.
- Create awareness about sustainability issues on and off campus.
- Recruit members to the collective.

I also plan to:

- Expand and move the Community Garden to a more central and accessible location for students to enjoy.
- Fundraise to send people to the Students of Sustainability conference again.
- Organise and improve the two Sustainability weeks.
- Consult the collective on ideas for future goals.

If you agree with what we are about please vote for active left, Brodie Lewis for president and for me, Laura Williams, as Sustainability Representative.

“Student control of student affairs”.

“Education for life, not profit”

Clubs and Societies Student Representative

Ben Bullock

Refer to Guild Education Vice President Statement

Alexander Snell



My name is Alex Snell and I am the Alternate Blue Candidate for the Clubs and Societies Guild Councilor. I have had extensive experience with Clubs and co-curricular activities through my involvement with Cricket, Golf, Debating, Drama, Chess, Music and Political Societies and Clubs. I understand the way clubs operate and what they need to be successful. A vote for Alternate Blue is a vote for a more vibrant and active campus life.

In recent years the campus life at Murdoch has slipped considerably. Many people that I have spoken to are uninvolved with or unaware of the clubs and societies available at the University. If elected, I will aim to enact an overhaul of the current system whereby more funding will be provided for the clubs based on their membership levels and campus activities.

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Harkrishan Kaur



I strongly believe that university life is so much more than simply receiving a degree. I feel that one of the main reasons why university life is considered so much fun is because of the number of clubs and societies that Murdoch has to offer.

I believe that I have a voice encouraging students to join as many clubs as possible, but it is a small voice. Currently, my voice is unable to reach as many students as I would like. As the head of Clubs and Societies at Murdoch, it would be my microphone to call for students to truly experience the fun and excitement of being a Murdoch University student.

Since contributing to *Metior* magazine, *The Singapore Link* and *Students without Borders*, I am continuously enjoying myself as a student and am also growing as a person. I have discovered my skills and abilities. I am also meeting new people and learning to interact with others who hold different views as compared to mine.

Above all, I want others to experience the fun and excitement that I am currently experiencing. As head of clubs and societies, I would fully promote all the clubs and societies that the Guild oversees. I want to allow all students, regardless of their courses or year of study, to feel being a part of a group of people who hold similar interests as themselves. Without a doubt, I believe that their Murdoch experience would be more face-paced and exciting.

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General Student Representative

Rosina Milanovic

Refer to National Union of Students Statement

Alexander Bellotti

Throughout my 3 years as a Murdoch University student, I have noticed a pattern emerging within the Guild. It does not matter what the outcome is in Guild election we end up with a guild which has the same ideas, views, attitudes and opinions as the last.

Having been involved in a number of political groups and running as candidate for Kwinana in the last state election, I have come to appreciate the importance of having differing views and opinions within our representative bodies, as nothing can be truly representative or democratic unless all views points are heard.

That is why that if elected general student representative, I will not only bring a fresh new voice to the guild but will also represent the views and opinions of Murdoch students irrespective of there political beliefs. As only through robust debate involving diverse views and opinions can we create the policies needed for this Guild to move forward.

Furthermore if enough Alternate Blue candidates get elected we will endeavor to:

Ensure that all our Guild councilors are accessible to the students

Get an Subway outlet in the Refectory

And save \$49,000 per year by ceasing Murdoch's affiliation with the National Union of Students, and use the money to reduce Tav prices and reimburse to needy areas.

For an alternative to the current Guild, vote Alternate Blue.

Janet Sorensen

Refer to Guild Education Vice President Statement

[President, Murdoch International Students' Representative](#)

Jean-Baptiste

Omary Juma Dawud

Refer to National Union of Students Delegate Statement

Milan Sadhwani



I have been in Australia for nearly two years now and this will be my fourth semester as a Murdoch student. Aside from majoring in English and Creative Arts, I am taking a minor in Journalism. The Guild ran a meeting for the residents of Murdoch University Village in June this year and ever since then I have been passionate about the rights of international students in Australia. I am part of the committee that gathers information from the residents of Murdoch University Village. We work together with the Guild and are working towards getting on-campus accommodation to be covered by the Tenancy Act. Recently, we put together case studies that were tabled at Parliament for this purpose. I also worked on the Food Bank Collective during the winter break to create a substantial amount of food to fight student poverty. We ran a competition between schools to motivate staff members to donate non-perishable food and other daily essentials. In the future I would like to see this become an on-going project. As International Student Representative, I would like to work on building the Financial Bursary project to a bigger level to raise funds for international students. As an international student myself, I understand issues that impact international students, such as the restriction on working hours per week. Aside from this, I would like to see students from different countries brought together through social events, as opposed to joining the student clubs of their respective countries.

Guild Women's Representative

Sarah Ozanne

Hi, my name is Sarah. I'm in my second year at university, studying a double degree of law arts. The main thing I feel people should know about me is that I'm normal. I am not a raging feminist. I am a law student, and I understand the issues that women have in a world that is dominated by men.

However, I do not believe that things are as unequal as the current women's representative would have everyone believe. If elected, I would strive to maintain the equality that is already in place on campus, as opposed to trying to make women into something special. It is not necessary and is a waste of guild resources. In short, I intend to give a viewpoint that is representative of most of the women on campus, and not simply that of the minority as happens at the moment.

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For an alternative to the current Guild, vote Alternate Blue.

Belinda Giles



My name is Belinda Giles and I am nominating myself to become the Murdoch University Guild Women's Representative. I am currently halfway through a double degree of Law and Mass Communication. I have noticed that this position is not currently filled by anyone, so to begin with, I figure any women's representative is better than none.

Furthermore, I have worked briefly in the corporate world where most of the important businesspeople are male. This experience showed me that to be a woman in the workplace is not only difficult and can be met with prejudice, but to be a woman on top of the workplace is even harder. I have experienced men asking me to 'put my puppies away' which I think is unacceptable. I aim to ensure that this kind of behaviour does not make its way into Murdoch University, and the women on campus can rely on me to be an advocate for their rights.

I have no intention of wasting limited resources on useless projects, such as transgender toilets (a current guild project). There is no beating around the bush with me, I get done what I want done, regardless of whether I am dealing with male or females.

So if there is something going on with women's rights at Murdoch University, I will work my hardest to ensure nobody suffers injustice.