

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2009

University Committees Election Broadsheet

Voting Dates:

Saturday 26 September – Saturday 10 October

Vote by logging in with you student number and
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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.

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

University Committees Nomination List

Positions are in order of ballot

Senate (2 students)

Raelene Clark
Brodie Lewis
Omary Juma Dawud
Basha Stasak
Talitha O'Conner
Ian Sampson

Academic Council

(1 u/g, 1p/g, 1 regional)

Celia Lim (u/g)
Ivana Troselj (u/g)
Zebedee Parkes (u/g)
Ellen Greenham (p/g)
Omary Juma Dawud (p/g)
Raelene Clark (p/g)
Emma Kingdon (regional)*

Faculty of Sustainability, Environmental and Life Sciences

Laura Williams
Michael Pilkington
Omary Juma Dawud

Faculty of Law and Business

Brodie Lewis*
Basha Stasak*

Faculty of Media

Zebedee Parkes*

School Board of Sustainability

Laura Williams*

School Board of Law

Brodie Lewis*
Basha Stasak *

School Board of Environmental Science

Omary Juma Dawud*

School Board of Education

David Bennett*

School Board of Biological Science and Biotechnology

Michael Pilkington*

School Board of Media

Zebedee Parkes*

**Occupational Health and Safety Policy
Committee**

Omary Juma Dawud*

Senate

Raelene Clark



"My name is Raelene Clark, a Master of Pharmacy student at Murdoch University. My life experiences so far has seen me working as a small business owner for the past 19 years in the field of health and therapies. I have worked with elite athletes and severely disabled children, from medical practitioners and the elderly and infirm, to the average Joe on the street. I have also worked as a sessional academic at ECU and Curtin University in the Schools of Human Biology. I completed my under-graduate degree at Curtin University in 1999 in Human Biology and Molecular Genetics. I'm a fully trained contemporary dancer, but wish I was an opera singer. I'm a Mum to 2 girls aged 6 and almost 5. I believe these life experiences give me a balanced outlook which I would like to bring to the Murdoch University committees. I believe it would be a great learning opportunity to be involved at the executive level of Murdoch University whilst at the same time being in a position to make a difference in a new and positive way."

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.

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 Divison. 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

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

I humbly submit my request for consideration, VOTE FOR CHANGE

Basha Stasak



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

1. creating new initiatives to support students in financial hardship so they may continue their studies;
2. advocating for change at the Student Village including amending the State Tenancy Act and;
3. 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!

Talitha O'Conner



We've all seen the emails from the guild, and signs around campus. The university administration is fast losing touch with the students, becoming increasingly indifferent toward what are the legitimate concerns of the majority of the student body. From the censorship of the Metior, to the monopoly the administration holds on distinctly overpriced lunch alternatives, it seems that the gap between the governing body of the university and its constituents is only continuing to grow. It is vital the students of the university maintain a strong voice amongst those that would continue to disregard and debase our ideas without premise.

As a 3rd year law and politics student, I am passionate about issues of governance and social justice. My fervour for all things political and a keen sense of right and wrong will translate strongly into my role as Student Representative to the Senate. I will bring to the attention of the senate all relevant issues held by my fellow students, regardless of how trivial they may appear in the eyes of many.

I will take with me my (some would say naive) idealism, and do my darndest to see the voice of the students upheld, respected, and most of all, acted upon.

Unlike the democracy our country is so proud of, we get very few chances to elect those that govern us. Make your choice count, vote for someone who will make a difference. Vote for me.

Ian Sampson



Hi, my name is Ian Sampson and I am a mature aged postgraduate student who has completed a Masters in Business Administration degree in 2008. In addition to my MBA qualifications, I am an accredited Arbitrator & Mediator and currently studying Criminal Investigation in Commercial Crime (C1073) in Biological Sciences due for completion this year. In 2010, I propose to study Law (Juris Doctor) at Murdoch's Law School.

I am seeking election to our University's Senate Committee. The Senate is the peak body responsible for overseeing Murdoch's overall well being and compliance. The *Murdoch University Act 1973* regulates the Senate Committee's composition; including representation by two elected students. I have nominated for one of the two student positions and respectfully seek your support in electing me to that position.

My experience in the operation of my own small business (www.alfrescostyle.com) and my elected position on the City of Fremantle Sports & Recreation Advisory Committee supported by my formal training in business; equip me with the necessary skills to perform effectively the duties required by this Senate position.

I sincerely believe that I can make a positive contribution to the well being and student experience at our University and to that end; I again request your vote. If you elect me to serve in this position, I will commit personal time and effort to assist you and the University diligently.

Academic Council – Undergraduate

Celia Lim

My name is Celia Lim and I am running for Murdoch Queer Representative under the Active Left ticket. I also wish to run for the undergraduate position in the Academic Council, the senior decision-making body on academic matters within the University. I am studying Law and Environmental Science and I've been studying at Murdoch for the last four years. In the last couple of years I have seen the Queer Collective at Murdoch expand enormously and I wish for this to continue. Murdoch has the most active Queer Collective compared to all the other universities and I wish for this to continue as well. As Queer Representative I want to represent and be a voice for Queer students at Murdoch. I believe it is important that Queer students get involved with their student guild as the guild helps and represents students in their times of need. I wish to run for the undergraduate position in the Academic Council to represent all students as the council deals with major educational issues affecting students. I am proud to be a part of the Active Left ticket as Active Left is a party that cares about the rights and needs for all students at Murdoch.

Ivana Troselj



Ivana would like to join the Academic Council as an Undergraduate Representative. As an External Student Representative during 2009, she helped to mediate positive outcomes for numerous external students, and supported a number of student initiated projects within the external community, while also placing a discussion for a National Framework for External study on the agenda of the National Union of Students. As the External students' community have no representation on the Academic Council as yet, Ivana is particularly interested in representing and supporting the projects of the External Student community on Council; ensuring that the concerns of students in external study, and those of staff attending their needs, are discussed among those of the remaining student population.

During 2009, Ivana also had the chance to co-operate with members of Murdoch's 'Active Left' while volunteering on Guild, an experience which left a positive impression. Ivana is supporting '2010 Active Left' because she's interested in continuing to support the team's community building vision for Murdoch and hopes to see many productive relationships between staff and students emerge from this.

Ivana is married, with three girls, aged nine, four and one. She has worked and volunteered in a variety of roles; from touring with orchestras to touring with combat medics. She is currently studying a double major in Securities and English.

Zebedee Parkes



This year I have been 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 been 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

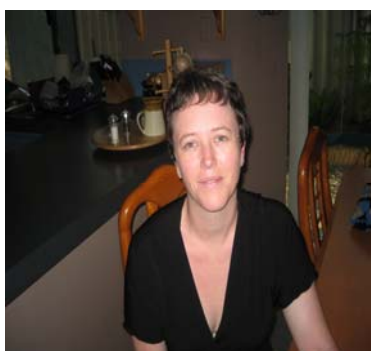
cheap food is available. Whilst also continuing SWB campaigns like the save the Orangutans campaign earlier this semester and the fair-trade chocolate fountain from last semester. With a strong national and international focus.

As a resident of the student village I am affected and aware of many of the problems with it. Recently there has been 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.

Academic Council – Postgraduate

Ellen Greenham



Hello, my name is Ellen Greenham and I am a research post-graduate student here at Murdoch University. Prior to enrolling at Murdoch, I have studied at the University of Tasmania, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 and Graduate Diploma with Honours in 1994. I then moved to Perth and focused on raising a family with my husband. In 2007 I returned to study, graduating with a Master of Arts from Edith Cowan University. Since commencing candidature at Murdoch in February of this year, I have very quickly come to understand that this is a university in possession of a reputation within the wider community for academic excellence, integrity, courage, and the foresight to support new and innovative ideas. This perception of the university translates into the degree of respect and value the wider community also has for every one of its graduates. I am offering my time and service as a member of the Academic Council because I believe this is an important body within the university, one that faces the challenge of not only maintaining Murdoch University's level of academic excellence but also continually exploring ways in which that standard can be raised even further. As a student who is benefiting on a daily basis from the input of many people who work within this University, I hope that you will allow me the opportunity to work not only for Murdoch University, but also the wonderful diversity of students, a diversity of which you are a member.

Omary Juma Dawud

Refer to Senate Statement

Raelene Clark



Refer to Senate Statement

Faculty of Sustainability, Environmental & Life Sciences

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:

1. Grown from an almost nonexistent collective to over 350 people.
2. Organised two Sustainability weeks on campus.
3. Fundraised enough money to significantly contribute to the cost of 9 people to attend conferences in Melbourne and/or Sydney.
4. Supported an anti bottled water campaign by selling reusable water bottles.
5. Started a community garden project at the Environmental Technology Centre on campus.
6. Created a presence and promoted awareness amongst staff, students and the community about Sustainability issues.
7. 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”

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 a 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.

Omary Juma Dawud

Refer to Senate Statement