

**SENATE**  
**30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Establishment of ERASMUS+ FRIENDS Teahouse**

**A Aims and objectives**

1. The ERASMUS+ FRIENDS Teahouse is part of APU's commitment to the ERASMUS+ funded project entitled "Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture Campus Diversity and to Support Internationalisation at Home", or FRIENDS, each consortium member is expected to set up a Teahouse to function as a student-friendly multicultural hub that welcomes diversity, and which supports the welfare of students with diverse cultural backgrounds.

**B Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that Senate should:
  - a. Approve the Establishment of ERASMUS+ FRIENDS Teahouse
  - b. Update the organisation structure of APU to incorporate the ERASMUS+ FRIENDS Teahouse in the Student Affairs/Experience department overseen by Dr Sarvinder.

**C Background**

3. The ERASMUS+ FRIENDS Teahouse is part of APU's commitment to the ERASMUS+ funded project entitled "Furthering International Relations Capacities and Intercultural Engagement to Nurture Campus Diversity and to Support Internationalisation at Home", or FRIENDS.
4. Each consortium member is expected to set up a Teahouse to function as a student-friendly multicultural hub that welcomes diversity, and which supports the welfare of students with diverse cultural backgrounds
5. The newly restructured Student Representative Council (SRC) within the Student Affairs/Experience department liaises with students across academic, social and recreational areas and is focussed on ensuring that all students are represented at APU.

**D Actions, timeframe and follow-up**

6. The Student Representative Council (SRC) within the Student Affairs/Experience department will maintain the Teahouse as a multicultural hub and social space where students from different cultural backgrounds will meet, gather, create, share, interact, and learn from each other.
7. The Teahouse will also be used as the base for the SRC to organise social activities and events promoting the diverse backgrounds of APU students, which culminates in a yearly Multicultural Night.
8. The Teahouse has been strategically located at the heart of the student environment on Level 5 of APU's Centre Court.

**E Risk assessment and opportunities**

9. If the proposal is not approved there is a risk that APU will not meet the requirements of the project deliverables in a timely manner.

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**Appendices** (if appropriate):