



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Megan Lee, James Leipold, Yerim Won, Conrad Hogg, Roshni Kaila, Basundhara Dutta, Peter Watson, Kate Fletcher, Yanjia Song, Ben Perry, Jacob Colangelo, Su Sugandha, Bradan Sonnendecker, Ivan Roncevich, Anthea Lui, Dylan Perkins, Frasor Windsor, Jayne-Rae Whitby, Raaghav Raj.

1.2 Apologies

Jade Mawby, Molly Goldacre, Pheobe Ho, Desiree Tan, Maddie Hedderwick.

1.3 Proxies

Crista Santiago for Joseph Chan, Hannah Smith for Jacob Fowler, Michael Barblett for Kristel Li, Basundhara Dutta carrying Nevin Jayawardena's vote.

1.4 Observers

No Observers

1.5 Absent

No absentees

2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Megan declares that she is still a National executive member of the NUS until January 1st 2018.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Benjamin moves to confirm previous minutes.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5.1 Managing Director's End of Year Report

Tony says that there has been an overall decrease in the commercial activity on campus due to the lower number of students on campus which creates a lower number of transactions on campus.

Quobba-Gnarning Café has had a successful year, which has created a different commercial balance on the campus. Tony estimates a \$270,000 profit at the end of the year. However, the Guild will still be somewhat down.



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This year the University was incorrect in their projections for SSAF. This has meant that there is a slight difference in the number of students paying SSAF, which has impacted our budget projections for 2017.

Overall, we have had a successful year and the Guild still performs better than most Guilds around the country.

The Guild Audit & Risk Committee which has been established this year has been successful in providing oversight of the financial, risk and operational strategies of the Guild.

Deloitte and the UWA Senate have acknowledged that the Guild has met all its compliance and audited obligations. In 2018, internal audits of the Guild will be undertaken by EY, a move that Tony expects will have a positive impact.

Tony says that this year the Guild have had a very strong staff team that works to make the ideas of the Student Representatives become a reality.

The Guild Masterplan is underway and the main aspect of this plan is the redevelopment of the Refectory.

Overall, the year has been successful but revenue has been slightly lower than expected.

Ben moves to accept
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Treasurer's Budget Report

James says that there has only been one late change to the budget and this is for ISS. There has been no impact to the budget bottom line for ISS, only a redistribution of funds.

There are no questions.

Ben moves to accept
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Election of the Volunteering and Community Engagement Chair

Ben passes the Chair to Megan to explain how the election will take place. Megan moves a procedural motion to make Tony the Returning Officer, which carries.



Megan talks about how the VACE Chair is a position sourced from the 'community' and not Guild Council. Applications have been opened by Lana and she has narrowed it down to three final applicants for the Guild to elect one of them.

Megan briefly goes over the credentials of each candidate and explains that this election will have optional preferential voting.

NUR SABRINA BINTI BABE AZAMAN ELECTED

7.2 Jacob Colangelo discusses PROSH.

Jacob says the date for PROSH has been set for March 21st.

Layout weekend for PROSH is March 9th- 11th. This is when the newspaper is actually created. Jacob is expecting all of Guild Council to be actively present for PROSH to make a contribution.

When Semester One starts, that is when the theme for PROSH will be announced and when advertising campaigns will begin.

8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8.1 The Guild Council approves the 2018 Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee

Moved: Jim Leipold; Seconded: Megan Lee

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 The Guild Council approves the line items in the 2018 Preliminary Budget pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved Jim Leipold; Seconded: Megan Lee

Peter says that budget items labelled 'activities and functions' is somewhat vague, especially when some of these items are quite substantial. Peter points to the Residential Department having \$40,000 worth of 'activities and functions'.

Jim states that RSD has received a \$4,000 increase on the previous year. Most of the \$40,000 will be spent on ball.

Tony gives for clarification that 'Catering' as being negative and this is because the Refectory is being renewed. While at the same time we can't claim rent.



Conrad asks what kind of surplus does the Guild expect?

Tony says that in terms of 'Accounting Profit' we are expecting roughly \$72 000 for 2018 while in 2019 we are expecting roughly \$250 000. In 2018 there will be a deficit on the 'operating surplus' of roughly \$52 000. In 2019 there is an expected \$41 000 operating surplus. Overall, cash flow looks quite healthy going into 2019.

Yanjia asks for clarification about the Sports Department as to why it has experienced a large overall increase. Jacob Colangelo responds to the question as he was the Sports Officer for 2017. Jacob says that he wasn't on council when the original budget was approved, and thus had a very small budget when he was co-opted into the role by the Guild.

Jacob says that throughout the year the committee ran very successful sausage sizzles at the weekly Interfaculty Sport competitions. This led to an overall increase in student engagement with the event with the added incentive of free food.

Jacob says that the Sports Department needs to change it's direction so that it isn't overly reliant on UWA Sports but instead self-reliant. This will allow it to be more successful and provide more results for students. The increase was thus allowed because it means that the Sports Department can be self-reliant and more proactive in providing more opportunities for student engagement.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8.3** That the UWA Student Guild:
- Does not support Australia Day being held on the 26th of January as it is the day of dispossession of Indigenous culture and a day that marks a deep loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
 - Reinforces it's stance that Australia Day should be moved to a more inclusive day and thereby supports the #ChangeTheDate campaign.
 - Will work closely with WASAC and the NUS ATSI Officer to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Moved: Jayne-Rae Whitby; Seconded: Megan Lee

Jayne says that the motion effectively speaks for itself, and the same stance was taken by the Guild earlier this year. This motion reinforces the Guild's support for Indigenous students on campus.



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Megan says that this motion is different to the motion passed by the 104th Guild Council due to the addition of 'part C' which calls for an action item for Megan to work with Jayne and Tyson McEwan (the 2018 NUS ATSI Officer) to implement a Reconciliation Action Plan.

Jacob Colangelo proposes an amendment to 'part A' for the motion to say that the Guild 'recognises the impact' instead of 'does not support'.

Jayne responds to the amendment by arguing that anyone can 'recognise' what has happened. Therefore, the Guild should be taking a stronger stance in order to actually make a difference. Jayne states that if the Guild uses the wording of 'does not support' this will mean a lot more to herself and other Indigenous students at UWA.

Jacob still wishes to proceed and Michael Barblett offers to second the amendment.

Jacob speaks and argues that using the word 'recognising' still supports WASAC and means that it will not be the stance of the Guild. Jacob isn't comfortable with the Guild taking a political stance for all students on campus. He argues that it wouldn't be representative of all students on campus, while at the same time he still thinks that the Guild should support WASAC. 'Recognising' allows the guild to be both apolitical and support WASAC.

Michael says that changing wording makes it non-political, instead 'recognising' makes it we are standing with students.

Conrad doesn't understand why there needs to be a change to the motion. He says that as WASAC are an incorporated body of the Guild we should listen to what they have to say on issues that directly impact them. Conrad asks for more clarification as to why there needs to be a distinction.

Jacob responds saying we still need to represent all students and not only having one stance for the Guild. He argues that everyone is allowed their own opinion on an issue and the Guild should recognise that. The amendment allows all students to have a view on the issue rather than a stance that overarches what their opinions are

Ben moves the discussion into debate and asks if there are anyone would like to speak for or against the amendment. As there are no speakers for the amendment, Megan speaks against the amendment.



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Megan states the Guild already has a stance of not supporting Australia Day being held on the 26th of January. She says that if someone has an issue with that they should have moved a motion to remove this from the Guild Policy Book. Megan says that as Jayne is the peak representative for Indigenous students at UWA, it is well within her capacity to put forward such a motion and that it is disrespectful to go against Jayne on this topic.

Ben moves to a vote on the amendment.

For: Jacob Colangelo, Michael Barblett (proxy for Kristel Li), Kate Fletcher, Bradan Sonnendecker. Anthea Lui.

Abstaining: Benjamin Perry, Yanjia Song

Against: Megan Lee, James Leipold, Yerim Won, Conrad Hogg, Crista Santiago (proxy for Joseph Chan), Roshni Kaila, Peter Watson, Adhish Kastha, Hannah Smith (Proxy for Jacob Fowler), Raaghav Raj, Basundhara Dutta (carrying Nevin Jayawardena's vote), Ivan Roncevich, Su Sugandha, Jayne-Rae Whitby,

AMENDMENT FAILS

Megan moves a Procedural motion to limit the speaking list to two speakers for and against the motion.

For: Megan Lee, James Leipold, Yerim Won, Conrad Hogg, Crista Santiago (proxy for Joseph Chan), Roshni Kaila, Peter Watson, Adhish Kastha, Hannah Smith (Proxy for Jacob Fowler), Raaghav Raj, Basundhara Dutta (carrying Nevin Jayawardena's vote), Ivan Roncevich, Yanjia Song, Su Sugandha, Jayne-Rae Whitby, Benjamin Perry, Anthea Lui.

Abstaining: No Abstentions

Against: Kate Fletcher, Bradan Sonnendecker, Jacob Colangelo, Michael Barblett (proxy for Kristel Li).

Bradán asks what would be included in the Reconciliation Action Plan?
Jayne says nothing is set in concrete however she would like to discuss with her committee and see what they believe would be the best path forward. Jayne wants as many Indigenous students as possible to have a say on the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Peter propose amendment to Part C to include NATSIPA (which is the PSA equivalent of WASAC).



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AMENDMENT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael asks what exactly 'working closely' entails, and what assistance can the Guild actually give to WASAC?

Megan says that this means as the Guild President she would consult directly with WASAC, the NUS ATSI Officer and NATSIPA in order for the Guild to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan.

There are no more questions so Ben moves the discussion into substantive debate.

Conrad as a speaker for the motion, echoes Jayne's original statement and reasons for moving the motion. Conrad thinks that it is really important that as a Guild we do take a stance on issues like this because it is important that we recognize the way Indigenous students we represent on this Guild Council feel. Conrad says it is an important step towards having a Guild that more adequately represents Indigenous students.

Roshni as a speaker for the motion that it may be easy not to recognize culturally insensitive situations. Roshni thinks it is really important for recognition and to demonstrate that we are taking affirmative action on these issues.

MOTION PASSES WITH PART C AMENDMENT TO READ

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Moved: Jayne-Rae Whitby; Seconded: Megan Lee

For: Megan Lee, James Leipold, Yerim Won, Conrad Hogg, Crista Santiago (proxy for Joseph Chan), Roshni Kaila, Peter Watson, Adhish Kastha, Hannah Smith (Proxy for Jacob Fowler), Raaghav Raj, Basundhara Dutta (carrying Nevin Jayawardena's vote), Ivan Roncevich, Su Sugandha, Jayne-Rae Whitby.



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Abstaining: Kate Fletcher, Bradan Sonnendecker, Benjamin Perry, Anthea Lui, Michael Barblett (Proxy for Ying Jie Li), Jacob Colangelo, Yanjia Song.

Against: No one

9.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

In light of the Federal Government's announcement of cuts to the higher education sector; including capping university funding, reducing the HECS repayment threshold and capping student debts, the 105th Guild Council:

- a) Affirms its position as 'anti-cuts' and firmly opposes the government's plan
- b) Directs the Guild President to write a press release explaining the Guild's opposition to this plan
- c) Supports the Education Action Network building opposition to these cuts in the lead up to the National Day of Action in March

Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Megan Lee

Conrad explains that because this only happened on the day before Council met (19th December 2017, Tuesday). Therefore, Conrad didn't have time to get the motion in before the deadline.

TO HEAR THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Conrad states that a 'funding freeze' has been proposed by the Federal Government. This is essentially a cut to University funding. Conrad explains that the Federal Government funds universities depending on how many students a university accepts. Conrad says that regardless of how many students UWA enrolls in 2018 and 2019, the funding will remain the same. This means that the higher education sector will be roughly \$2.1 billion worse off. This could result in a number of outcomes depending on how universities decide to react. For example, less 'Commonwealth Supported Places' might be offered to students or universities might accept less students. There is also a reduced cap of the HECS repayment threshold and a proposed change to the cap of the amount of money you can put on your HECS. Conrad opposes any move that makes higher education less equitable.

Meg says that this move by the Government is quite undemocratic. 'Universities Australia' which is the peak representative body for all Universities have come out against this move by the



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Federal Government. This move could potentially result in an overall decrease of services provided by Universities and other student bodies like the UWA Student Guild.

Bradán asks what aspect of this 'funding freeze' is sneaky?

Conrad says that this move hasn't actually been passed through Parliament and that the Government are using an external organization to undertake the 'funding freeze'.

Bradán asks Megan as to why this is considered undemocratic?

Meg says that this represents a 'false plateau' of university funding, as student numbers go up the funding from the Federal Government won't increase in similar proportions.

Jacob questions as to why "In light of the Federal Government's" is included in the motion?

Megan says that as the motion instructs the Guild President to make a 'press release' she needs to be able to demonstrate her opposition to the move by the Federal Government. Thus, 'In light of the Federal Government's' needs to remain in the motion.

Jacob then asks why the press release needs to be done by the Guild, and instead why it can't come from the NUS.

Conrad says that outwardly the Guild can take a stance on an issue and in this circumstance, a press release is most appropriate.

Megan says that the NUS is able to bring their press release to any potential lobbying opportunity that the UWA Guild wouldn't have the power to undertake.

Michael B asks if the President needs to get permission from the Council to initiate a press release?

Megan says that in the interests of representative democracy it is appropriate that she has a direct order from Guild Council to make the press release. It gives more weight and legitimacy to the release.

Ivan asks what forms of media would be used for the press release?

Megan says that a statement will be put onto the Guild website which will then be picked up by media outlets that the Guild has contacts with.



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Kate asks if Part C “Supports the Education Action Network” is a ‘sign of good will’ or if the Guild is putting extra resources behind the EAN?

Conrad says that the EAN has a budget line of \$2000 and that normally about half of this budget is spent on each National Day of Action.

Kate asks if this expenditure has to be passed by Guild Council?

Conrad says that by approving the budget at this meeting, the expenditure is already approved.

Ben moves the discussion into substantive debate.

Peter says that from 2020, the Federal Government wants to base funding off university performance which could lead to quite detrimental outcomes. ‘Performance’ could then be assessed very vaguely. Growing and regional universities will be impacted most heavily.

Dylan says that in the UK a similar system is being rolled out where the top 5 universities will receive funding, while the other 75% of universities will be hit with decreases.

Conrad echoes the words of Peter and Dylan as he fears that a two-tiered system in Australia could be created within the higher education sector. The proposed changes are deplorable and it would be illogical for the Guild to do nothing.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 6:00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. All office bearers and department officers will be available at 5:30pm immediate prior to the meeting. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule, if a quorum cannot be met.

Meeting closed 6:56pm