



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Emma welcomed all Councillors, directors and proxies and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Nyoongar land. She paid her respects to Nyoongar elders past and present, and acknowledged the Nyoongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land and that they continue to practice their beliefs, languages, values and knowledge.

1.1 Attendance

Lizzy O'Shea (Guild President), Lucy Moyle (Vice-President), Jesse Martino (Secretary), Ashleigh Kotula (Treasurer), Tom Beyer (Ed Council President), Charlie Viska (PAC President), Nevin Jayawardena (SOC President), Emma Boogaerdt (Women's Officer & Chair), Rida Malik (Welfare Officer), Jessica Cockerill (Environment Officer), Sean Matjeraie (ISS & OGC), Aiden Depiazzi (OGC), Alex Hamilton (OGC), Rida Ahmed (OGC), Liam Staltari (OGC), Cameron Payne (OGC) Maddie Mulholland (Senate Representative), Vikraman Selvaraja (PSA President), Torey Rickerby (WASAC Chair), Cale Black (OGC), Kieran Natawala (OGC).

1.2 Apologies

Ellen Cohen (Queer Officer), Ruby Blakeway (Queer Officer), Emma Norton (OGC), Cassandra Greenwell (Sports Council President), Kelly Dunn (RSD President).

1.3 Proxies

Ben Martin (for Aiden Depiazzi), Rida Malik (for Carlo Guaia), Hannah Matthews (for Olivia Jo), Michael Heydon (for Sofie O'Mara), Jessica Cockerill (for Vikraman Selvaraja).

1.4 Observers

None.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Guild Council Meeting 7th October 2015

3.2 Governance Guild Committee Minutes

- 5th October 15

3.3 Volunteering & Community Engagement Guild Committee Minutes

- 26th September 2015

- 7th October 2015

- 16th September 2015

3.4 Welfare & Advocacy Guild Committee Minutes

- 16th September 2015

Approved.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Emma moved a procedural motion that Tom Nock (the General Secretary of the National Union of Students) speaks first. Motion carried.

Tom thanked Guild Council for having him. He said that NUS is coming up to the business end of the year, we have our national conference in December. We've been trying to meet Guild Council's across campuses in Australia. NUS are the national representative body for students. UWA is a member of NUS. We have been trying to make an effort to reach out to members to ask what they wanted from their national union and speak about the structural and financial reforms of NUS that have taken place in the past few years. We have had a successful year surrounding policy, which was decided by the delegates that attended the National Conference last year. We have had a rigorous campaign against fee deregulation this year. We have ensured the government has shelved the plan for the deregulation of university fees for at least the few years. We lobbied the cross bench Senators to tell them that students didn't want this change. We ensured the proposed waiting period of 6 months for the New Start Payments was not introduced, which significantly benefitted students. During the submission stage of the bill, we were the only student organisation in the country that made a submission and NUS was referenced widely in the report to the Senate Committee outlining why this bill should not be introduced.

Tom said that with regard to state based wins – in Victoria the government is looking to reintroduce student representatives on their councils. NUS was involved in negotiations surrounding this. NUS is releasing a SSAF implementation report. That is, early in the year we sent a SSAF survey around asking universities how they deal with their SSAF. We have investigated what is working for students and what is not, and have determined that students should receive a greater amount of SSAF than what is currently being distributed and students should control more money.

With regard to the Structural Reform Program – when VSU came in, the funding for NUS dried up significantly. We are taking steps to ensure our structures work more efficiently. A number of reforms went through the conference last year that made some structural savings in the NUS budget and this year we will be making the state branches of NUS more efficient. The budget of NUS has improved in recent years, and this year we will be making a surplus of approximately \$100,000. The UWA Guild has been extremely supportive and has communicated well with NUS. The KPIs NUS received from UWA was important feedback to NUS

Charlie asked what reforms Tom was referring to relating to the state branches?

Tom said that the state branches were funded in a similar way to the National Union - funded by affiliation fees by its members, a proportion of that used to go to state branches when NUS more adequately funded. Because of the decrease in funding, the structure remains but the money is not there anymore. Tom said that NUS have proposed a reform to change the purpose of the state branches. We would like them to be a more coordinating body within the state rather than a microcosm of the national body. We have proposed that the state branch be made up of reps from each campus as state branch Presidents. At the moment, the state branches are office bearer heavy and more often than not a lot of positions go unfilled, so hopefully this will address that problem and make them more effective in the way that they operate

Emma asked that in terms of having a surplus, what do you plan to use this for?

Tom said that this would be up for next years national executive to decide. Tom will be recommending to next year that they invest this back into the organisation through a sustainability measure. They should use this money to hire more professional staff measures to allow NUS to continue to look for external sources of revenue outside affiliation fees, and to ensure NUS can better look after its resources. Employing full time staff members will also increase the base of institutional knowledge so the long-term interests of the organisation is

looked after.

Ruby said that she didn't hear from the Queer Office Bearers at all. Why was that?

Tom said that NUS has a very large office bearer team and it is hard to ensure all of them are looking after their campus office bearers too. He apologised that Ruby hasn't heard much from the queer Officer as of yet, but if you have a look on the NUS website, you will be able to read their reports.

Emma thanked Tom for coming to talk to Guild Council.

5.1 Managing Director's Report

Tony said that we have come off a very successful year of operations and the team has worked extremely hard to ensure we are in a positive position. Subway was meant to open today, but will be open tomorrow officially and Tony is very excited about that. Boost is scheduled to open on November 6 and a number of locational issues are still pending to be resolved. The Part A project downstairs is progressing well, however the project has experienced a number of delays regarding the poor floor structures. The SSAF negotiations are still well underway, however most of the information regarding the negotiating will be in camera and is confidential. Tony attended the TAG Conference (Tertiary Access Group), which was pretty successful and interesting. The Conference provided him information to investigate why the Guild receives significantly less SSADF than other universities. He also gained a number of important contacts, and road-tested the new POS system that Guild had now implemented

Lucy asked where the Guild is at with Sports?

Lizzy said that the old Sports board and Sports Association was external, and now all sports will be controlled by the university and all structures have been transferred over. We have had no progress relating to the service provision to clubs and sports council itself. They've hired a new General Manager and are attempting to set up the Stakeholder Consultation Group, which will include the Guild President and the Sports Council President. We will be working with them to determine where Sports Council sits within the structure of the university. However, we have experienced no progress regarding the negotiation of this change.

5.2 Finance Report

Mutya said that the monthly results for September were short from budget by around \$30k mainly from the Catering Division, which will be discussed by Ken later on in the meeting. The savings from the total expenditure has improved the budget position, however this saving has been recorded, as a timing saving due to Guild Ball, which was budgeted for September, but the expenses will flow in during October. This included a budgeted saving of approximately \$40k. In terms of the year to date positioning, the Guild is in a positive position, due to the sundry income of \$862k. We are at an accounting profit of \$876k, however if you remove this income the Guild is still above its budget by around \$100k.

Emma asked what the Accuma membership in the budget meant?

Tony said that this budgetary line accounted for the conference that he attended (TAG).

5.3 Catering Director's Report

Ken said that his report has been circulated and encouraged student representatives to read it. The Catering Division has yielded an accounting profit of \$302k after 9 months of trading, against a budget of \$300k. The income of Subway and Boost is not yet in the system, and as of September we have over budgeted \$30k for this line of income. Over the past 9 months operations have included the closure of Hackett for refurbishment, introduction of the \$5 welfare meals, extension of trading hours and increase mobile vending of food options. In semester 1 we had three food vendors, in semester 2 we now have 5 – however they have taken away about \$150k from our sales. We have recorded a cash surplus of \$425k

over the past nine months, with discounts to members in excess of \$525k. The October sales will be close to the budget of \$550k, and this is encouraging, as we would like to achieve the targeted budget for October. The end of semester begins this Friday, which will mark less students being on campus and less students purchasing food and drink from our services.

With regard to the Tavern – sales are lower than budgeted, at \$125 against a budget of \$138k. The Tavern has hosted 13 additional events after hours but this has not brought in any increased sales. The Tavern has exceeded its payroll budget by \$5k due to the increased number of events, as staff has to be employed after hours and for longer. Alcohol sales have significantly decreased as a general trend, which has significantly affected the Tavern as more people are purchasing food as opposed to alcohol. By the end of the year, the Tavern will finish on a deficit of approximately \$40k. Furthermore, the food and drink sales, as well as the general ambiance of the Tavern has been much more successful than last year

5.4 Associate Director of Student Services' Report

Chloe said that there has been an umber of events this year as well as a number of support initiatives to clubs. We are currently pushing the End of Semester Show event, which will occur this week, and Chloe encouraged people to share the Facebook event and the event has achieved significant traction. We are working on a different approach in the promotion of our activities. Chloe has attended a number of conferences to learn how to more effectively use social media as a strategy. Chloe is taking a lot at the Guild's creative Direction, such as the look and feel of the Guild.

In terms of Student Assist – we have had a decreased number of cases in September, however the number of academic cases has increased as well as the severity. We are applying for a small grant with Rida Malik for the expansion of the Mental Health Mind Map. In addition, Danielle in Student Assist will be leaving the Guild, and Patrice will be moved into the role of Student Assist Manager. Kate Hoolan is also leaving to move to Sydney, she has been very important in constructing the personality of the creative department and her position will need to be replaced.

Volunteering is progressing very well, and were out today completing a Homeless Connect Workshop, Micro volunteering is dropping off as the semester ends, but overall the hub has achieved significant progress this year.

Nevin asked how many people attended EOSS2 last year?

Chloe said that it was approximately 1100 people.

5.5 Associate Director of Corporate Services Report

Mutya said that the Guild has been very busy with the implementation of NetSuite but it has been progressing well.

Emma asked where there has been a launch with MyGuild?

Tony said that the key is to build a road map to link the introduction of the program with other initiatives to engage as any students as possible.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Guild President

Report as tabled. Lizzy went to a workshop day at UTS yesterday. The Office of Learning and Teaching began a project of student representation in university decision-making. It looks at the best ways of making student representation embedded and non-tokenistic. The project is looking at using UWA as an

example. It involved a lot of informative ideas, and Lizzy found out that the student representatives who sit on lower level faculty committees are more influential in changing the way the university is structured.

6.2 Vice-President

Report as tabled.

6.3 Secretary

Report as tabled.

6.4 Treasurer

Report as tabled. Ashleigh said that her and Chloe planned to run some catering forums to discuss what they enjoy and dislike about catering on campus. This has proven to be not very effective, so Ashleigh encouraged all student representatives to attend.

6.5 Education Council President

No report submitted.

6.6 Public Affairs Council President

Report as tabled.

6.7 Societies Council President

Report as tabled.

6.8 Women's Department

Report as tabled. Emma attended the University Inclusion and Diversity Committee, which met for the first time. The committee will guide the university about data analysis and collection within faculties with regard to staff and students, audits with regard to access issues, and advising the university on equity and inclusion issues. They have just drafted a policy on gender diverse students, which is a very positive thing. The university is being very proactive about including students in this process.

6.9 Welfare Department

Report as tabled.

6.10 Environment Department

Report as tabled.

6.11 International Student Services

Report as tabled.

6.12 Queer Department

Report as tabled.

6.13 Guild Sports Representative

No report submitted.

6.14 Postgraduate Students' Association

Report as tabled.

6.15 Residential Students' Department

No report submitted.

6.16 WASAC Chair

No report submitted. Torey said he had the WASAC AGM today, which was a very positive thing

6.17 UWA Sports Council

No report submitted.

7.0 QUESTION TIME

Sean asked what was the problem regarding the Masters of Strategic Communication degree in Vik's report?

Lizzy said that Vik received a complaint that the staff member running the course has been out of the country; the teaching staffs have been unprepared and haven't prepared students for internships. The course included internships. The course content was useless, and the degree won't improve their chances of attaining an occupation. Vik had a productive meeting with the Head of School, and was willing to meet with the students in order to resolve this issue. The course has not been managed at all thus far, but now that it has been flagged as an issue, the faculty will deal with it.

8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- 8.1 That Guild Council approves the recommendation from the Strategic Resources Committee as attached.
Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Ashleigh Kotula.

Emma moved a procedural motion that Guild Council move into camera. Motion carried.

Emma moved a procedural motion that we move out of camera. Motion carried.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.1 passed unanimously.**

- 8.2 That Guild Council condemns Guild Education Council President Thomas Beyer for deliberately tampering with ballots cast by faculty societies during the 2015 Faculty Society Choice Award vote.
Moved: Liam Staltari; Seconded: Cameron Payne

Emma said that given Guild Council is not a disciplinary body, and it is not our role to conduct any formal investigation into an individual, Emma said that in Liam's speech he must explain why he is moving this motion, why this forum is relevant and what the purpose of the motion is.

Liam proposed an amendment to his motion and re-words it to say:

"That Guild Council condemns Guild Education Council President Thomas Beyer for deliberately tampering with ballots cast by faculty societies during the 2015 Faculty Choice Award vote and calls on Tom Beyer to issue a written public apology for failing to execute his role in value of democratic values and fair process."
Moved: Liam Staltari; Seconded: Cameron Payne.

Emma moved a procedural motion to accept the amendment. Motion failed.

Liam said that it is important that the peak student representative body deals with this issue of alleged misconduct, in order to come to a resolution. He said that he would lay out the timeline of the matter in order to prevent any confusion amongst members of Guild Council. Liam said that he had met with Tom prior to the meeting.

On October 6th 2015 Education Council met and cast a ballot for the Faculty society Choice Award for 2015. Each faculty society had 3 votes each. 10 ballots were cast. On October 16th it was announced that Blackstone had won the award at Guild Ball, and they were given the award. On the Monday following, faculty society leaders were invited to view the ballots cast as there was no scrutineer allowed during the vote. Liam presented a photo of the ballots presented, there are 9 ballots and no explanation was given as to where the ballot had gone. In addition, the arts ballot had very obviously been tampered with according to him. Liam can confirm that both Harriet Calverley and Katy Morrison who were present at that October 6th meeting did not vote the same way as their ballot indicated. Thus, at some point between Arts Union submitting their ballot and October 19th when the ballots were viewed, Liam alleges that the ballot was changed in some way.

Liam said that for Guild Council's reference, an initial vote for ALVA, Arts Union and Science Union had been cast by Arts Union, Science Union was crossed out at some point and Blackstone was ticked instead. Moreover, given what every other faculty society had said they'd voted for, the ballot that was missing was Blackstone's. The faculty societies sought it fit to bring this up at Education Council too, which indicates that this is a very pressing issue.

Liam asked Tom whether he had altered the ballot?

Tom said yes and he also said that he initialed the ballot to indicate that it had been altered and he indicated this to faculty societies.

Liam said that he has secured the signatures of Luke Ellery, Reece Tucker, Daniel Bell, Leticia Clark, Harriet Calverley and Ashleigh Kotula to confirm that these events occurred. He said that if you look at the numbers, the alteration of the ballot clearly resulted in one faculty society losing the award when they otherwise would have received it, and another faculty society receiving it, when they otherwise wouldn't have. Liam said that Tom told him Maddie Mulholland approached him after the meeting and asked if Blackstone could change their vote because they were unaware they could vote for themselves.

Liam said that it is clear there were 4 votes for Blackstone and 4 votes for UEC. If you take into account the Arts Union ballot change, Blackstone's vote goes up to 5. Blackstone clearly didn't vote for themselves if that was the case and thus couldn't have won the award. Liam said that UEC was shown the Blackstone ballot because Blackstone wanted to signal to them that they had voted for UEC.

Liam's suspicion is that this alteration has resulted in UEC losing the award. He said that it is unacceptable to dip your hand back into ballots after an anonymous vote had been cast and pick out a ballot and alter it. Even on the instruction on a representative from Blackstone (although the only representatives who had the right to alter the ballot was the President or the Education Vice-President) to change the ballot, this should not have been done.

As a result of this, an error has occurred – because it wasn't the Blackstone ballot that was changed, it was the Arts Union ballot. Liam's concern is that the role of Education Council President is a very important and that consistency is needed in areas that may seem small.

Liam said that it's safe to say that a lot of faculty societies have lost faith in the Education Council as a body to act in the best interests of students because of this matter.

Liam believes that a written apology is important to say that misconduct has occurred and that a major member of Guild Council exercised it – which is an important step in moving forward from this matter.

Cameron said that this is a serious matter and it's within the purview of Guild Council to draw a conclusion on it and investigate this.

Lizzy said that she wanted to flag there are a number allegations outlined this evening, with no preamble or document provided, no chance for views to be heard equally, and this is not to say that she endorses the behaviour – that in the interests of fair process, the Guild does have a Discipline Committee for a reason. In any grievance procedure it is incredibly unprofessional to bring this up without any form of investigation or assessment of both sides of the argument.

Gina Barron (the head of the Complaints Resolution Unit) will tell you that the most important thing in discipline and grievance is fair process and having all the information in place. We all just heard a 10 minute assessment of what Liam believes has happened and Lizzy is not saying that they're all wrong but Lizzy acknowledged that we have now all heard that and have to also listen to Tom refute the claims which is unfair positioning. The right process is to defer this matter to the Discipline Committee for investigation. The Discipline Committee will be able to look at all the evidence and work out an unbiased and impartial decision and resolution.

Tom said that until about 8pm the previous night, no one had communicated to him any issues arising with the faculty society ballot, he has since realised that a lot of rumours have been circulated behind closed doors, but none of that had been communicated to him.

Tom said that there is still 10 ballots in the Guild and he said he doesn't know why there wouldn't be 10 ballots. Tom said that he initialed the ballot to ensure everyone knew that he had made that alteration and did so to uphold the spirit of the award. Tom is more than happy to go through the issues through a formal process. He is confident that he has done nothing inconsistent with fair process and the spirit of the award. Tom said that if it were such an important issue, surely someone would have said something to him first.

Emma said that we have no investigative powers as Guild Council; a lot of relevant people aren't here. Its very inappropriate that a group of people who heard information from Liam only 5 minutes ago are now forced to make a decision concerning someone in this room without any formal process or proper grievance procedure.

Lizzy moves an amendment that the motion is changed to:

“That Guild Council directs the Guild Discipline Committee, with the assistance of the Student Assist Officers, to investigate the matter surrounding the Faculty Society Choice Award 2015.”

Emma moved a procedural motion to limit speaking time to two minutes. Motion carried.

Lizzy said that it is unprofessional to discuss this matter in a Guild Council meeting. All of the information in place at a committee level is the only way this issue will be resolved adequately. Deferring this motion to the Discipline Committee will ensure procedural fairness.

Liam said that he disagrees with the amendment. If the Education Council President does something that brings their role and Guild Council into disrepute, the Guild Council should be responsible to discuss it and come to a ruling on it. Liam said that he has strong evidence, such as a photograph of the 9 nine ballots Education Council were invited to view after the meeting.

Emma said that as a governing body, we cannot condemn someone unless we have a ruling from an independent body whilst implementing fair and democratic processes.

Lizzy said that this is not a political matter, which is why we would defer this motion to a non-political body where evidence can be collated and investigated.

Emma moved a procedural to accept the amended motion. Motion carried.

Tom said that no one has raised any issues with him until 8pm last night. He is more than happy to undergo any investigative or Discipline process and is confident that he has done nothing wrong. He is offended by some of the assertions that have been cast by Councillors tonight.

Ruby said that as someone who is apolitical she finds it inappropriate for Councillors to vote on something without being provided with information or evidence well in advance. This will result in a biased decision.

Cameron said that Tom has admitted to alter the ballot. It is inappropriate that this amendment has passed. Cameron said that he has signed statements from faculty society Presidents that can be used as evidence. The Guild Council is well placed in making a decision or call now with regard to this issue. He also added that he hopes referring this matter to Discipline will provide a sufficient outcome.

Alex said that she had heard nothing about this issue until she came to the meeting tonight. Every time someone speaks they are raising new evidence that Guild Council hasn't been presented with in any way. She said that Liam outlined that Guild Council has a mandate to serve students democratically, but said how are we meant to do that when everyone is providing evidence at different times. She said that Liam is putting councillors in a position to decide who they believe is telling the truth as opposed to conducting a fair and unbiased investigation into the matter. If it then comes back to this council that a councillor did something on purpose and with malicious intent, then Guild Council can have that information presented by people who have had the time to evaluate it rather than receiving it unannounced. Councillors, as a result will be able to react to this information more accurately if this is provided and determine an appropriate way to deal with it.

Cameron said that he has the evidence, but he hasn't been provided an opportunity to present any evidence to Guild Council.

Liam said that he is disappointed that this motion has changed, but he will be voting in favour of it as he would like to see an investigation into this issue.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.2 passed as amended.**

For: Lizzy O'Shea, Emma Boogaerdt, Hannah Matthews (for Olivia Jo), Nevin Jayawardena, Tom Beyer, Alex Hamilton, Jesse Martino, Charlie Viska, Kieran Natawala, Sean Matjeraie, Rida Malik (for Carlo Guaia), Liam Staltari, Jessica Cockerill (for Vikraman Selvaraja).

Abstaining: Lucy Moyle, Torey Rickerby, Cale Black.

Against: Ashleigh Kotula, Ben Martin (for Aiden Depiazzi), Cameron Payne, Michael Heydon (for Sofie O'Mara),

8.3 That Guild Council approves the 2015 Annual Report as attached.

Moved: Jesse Martino; Seconded: Lizzy O'Shea.

Jesse moved a procedural motion to defer motion 8.2 to circular. Motion passed.

Jessica Cockerill moved two motions without notice.

Emma moved a procedural motion that both motions be heard. Motion carried.

Emma moved a procedural motion to move both motions on block. Motion carried.

8.4 That Guild Council approves the rules of the Environment Department.

Moved from the floor. *Moved: Jessica Cockerill; Seconded: Emma Boogaerdt.*

8.5 That Guild Council approves the rules of the Environment Council.

Moved from the floor. *Moved: Jessica Cockerill; Seconded: Emma Boogaerdt.*

Jess said that the environment department has been functioning for three years without any outlined or established rules. The student positions within the Environment Department are not outlined and are not included in Guild rules, and thus have less credibility than other recognised positions. The Environment

Council has essentially been a voluntary meet up of department that relate to the environment. We need to have a more structured, defined rules set to improve representation for environmental issues on campus.

The motions were put. **Motion 8.4 & 8.5 passed unanimously.**

Lizzy moved two motions without notice.

- 8.6** That Guild Council directs Managing Director Tony Goodman to enter into negotiations with Westpac with regard to rent and location for their outlet and their ATM.

Moved from the floor. *Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Lucy Moyle.*

Lizzy said that Westpac currently exists on the top floor; they would like a ground floor space. The bookshop is receiving less traction, and thus Lizzy is seeking endorsement for Tony to seek an agreement that Westpac can take that ground floor space.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.10 passed unanimously.**

- 8.7** That Guild Council allocate an additional \$2000 to accreditation to the National Union of Students (NUS) to a total of \$22 000 from already budgeted, but unallocated fund in the 'Affiliations Other' budget line of the UWA Student Guild Budget.

Moved from the floor. *Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Emma Boogaerdt.*

Lizzy has been in discussions with the NUS Executive regarding our affiliation fees and would like to move an urgent motion in relation to this. Our affiliation fee last year was \$20 000 and the Guild was conformable with this figure.

Lizzy said that the Guild has \$4500 budgeted in the 'affiliations other' category of the budget. This was a contingency for additional CISA and NUS funding if they performed well to their KPIs. Lizzy made it clear at the beginning of the year that the Guild had only budgeted \$20 000 in affiliation fees to NUS but if they had performed well in their KPIs we could look at increasing it. We also hadn't factored in the CPI increase at all.

Lizzy said that she went through the NUS KIPs, which had performed very well. They have been very proactive in engaging with her and the Guild this year. An additional \$2000 of affiliation funding will show to NUS that we are accounting for a CPI increase, but are also showing that our affiliation reflects the performance of NUS. This is the funding for the year of 2015.

Emma moved a procedural motion to limit speaking time to 2 minutes. Motion carried.

Emma said that Governance Committee (oh which half is made up of apolitical students) assessed the KPIs of the reports of the NUS National Office Bearers. All of that information was circulated to council so if anyone had any questions or concerns, they would have had several months to ask Emma as Chair to clarify any issues.

Given the KPIs were very positive this year, it makes sense to make a minor increase to the affiliation fee to NUS.

Michael Heydon said that it is disgraceful to increase the funding to NUS as a token of goodwill. They've agreed to accept our accreditation of \$22 000 already. If they are performing at an acceptable level, that is the bare minimum. This will not provide any tangible benefits to students.

Lizzy said that NUS has done everything she has asked of them this year. They have investigated solutions to issues she'd raised with National Conference. They haven't agreed to this amount yet as Lizzy hasn't submitted a fee waiver, but they were not particularly pleased with the affiliation fee of \$20 000 last year. In addition, they have performed above an acceptable level.

Liam said that apparently NUS are running at a surplus of over \$100 000. Is this correct?

Lizzy said yes.

Liam asked why would we provide NUS with more funding if they are currently running at a surplus?

Lizzy said that if we are supportive of the mechanisms they have put in place to achieve a surplus, and to allow them to continue to do that, we should be providing them with more funding.

Tom said that NUS has done a very good job this year, and a number of member campuses have reallocated their budgets to provide more funding to NUS to prevent what happened last year – whereby NUS were forced to cut funding to important departments.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.7 passed.**

For: Alex Hamilton, Cale Black, Jesse Martino, Charlie Viska, Lizzy O’Shea, Emma Boogaerdt, Kieran Natawala, Lucy Moyle, Nevin Jayawardena, Tom Beyer, Jessica Cockerill (for Vikraman Selvaraja).

Abstaining: None.

Against: Liam Staltari, Cameron Payne, Ben Martin (for Aiden Depiazzi), Michael Heydon (for Sofie O’Mara). Ashleigh Kotula, Sean Matjeraie.

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Maddie said thank you to all those Councillors who got involved in discussions regarding the Orientation process for 2016.

3.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with apologies or proxies. All office bearers will be available from 5.30pm. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.