



## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Lucy welcomed everyone 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

Maddie Mulholland (Guild President), Tom Burke (Treasure), Michael Kabondo (Secretary), Peter Derbyshire (PSA President), Lucy Moyle (Chair), Emma Boogaardt (Ed Council President), Megan Lee (PAC President), Jack Looby (SOC President), Laura Mwiragua (Women's Officer), Emily Law (Welfare Officer), Ben Martin (OGC), Brad Forbes (OGC), Chad Bensky (OGC), Jacky Chiang (OGC), Jess Porter-Langson (OGC), Jesse Martino (OGC), Steph Munro (OGC), Shyaam Patel (RSD President), Fraser Windsor (Queer Officer), Reece Gherardi (Queer Officer)

### 1.2 Apologies

Kenneth Foo (ISS), Nick Brown (OGC), Julian Coleman (OGC and Senate Representative)

### 1.3 Proxies

Antonio Lumley (For Dennis Venning), James Prefumo (for Charlie Viska), Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim)

### 1.4 Observers

None

### 1.5 Absent

Torey Rickerby (Sports Representative), Tyson McEwan (WASAC Chair), Lizzy O'Shea (Immediate Past President), Cass Greenwell (UWA Sports Council President)

## 2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 Guild Council Meeting – 1 December 2015

Approved via circular.

## 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### 5.1 Managing Director's End of Year Report

The MD Tony said it has been a stable year and overall there has been a transformation in what we've been doing. Going into 2016, he feels we are in very good shape as an organisation. He said what we are facing now is really fundamental as a business. He added that all the departments have performed exceptionally well. He ended by saying he was happy to take any questions.

Lucy asked how the process of working towards a complete Guild relationship agreement was coming along.

Tony responded by saying we have a fair long way to going terms of trying to nail it down and making sure we come to an agreement with the University. He noted that a lot of our budget in 2016 is actually gearing us into a position to make sure we are in the position to negotiate even better with the University; to make sure we both understand what our respectful jobs are. He added that, overall, we will try and have something complete by the end of next year, but also try not to rush it.

Maddie added that it is something she's already speaking about and once we start to formalise things there will be a little bit of give and take. This will occur once it is formalised and we stabilise our operations, but she doesn't want to rush it.

Jack Looby asked Tony for an update on the solar panel project at Business school.

Tony said the University is currently doing electrical maintenance and upgrades and that the view was that the solar panels were to be installed before Christmas. It has now since been delayed, but it should be operational by mid next year.

Lucy moved a motion to accept the Managing directors report. **Passed unanimously**

## 6.0 REPORTS

### 6.1 Treasurer Budget Report

Tom started off by thanking Tony Goodman and Mutya Maraginot-Joseph in particular, for their patience and responsiveness to SRC's budget change requests. He said he would go through the report and then move to the two motions, and also noted an amendment to the motions.

Maddie said the current budget listed Pelicans printing budget at just over \$11,000 for 2015 and we had no actual context on how much was actually spent. She explained that, when it was looked into, the actual spend was \$21,000 for Pelican expenditure. She noted we now have the option to cut what they do in half or allow them to continue what they are doing now, by adding an extra \$10,000 to the deficit. She said we would like to propose that Pelican continue to have life and approve a further \$10,000 on the budgeted deficit and adding it to the Pelican line item.

Jesse asked where the additional \$10,000 was originally received from.

Maddie said it was budgeted but showed up as unspent money in their account, which could be a timing variance or something else.

Tom then presented the Treasurer Report as tabled.

Jess Porter-Langson asked why there was a budgeted 20 cent increase for coffee prices at the Refectory and the Refresh coffee shop, when only the Refresh sells coffee.

Tom said that was an error and he'll make an amendment to the Refectory section of the report.

Jesse asked if the budgeted deficit in the Refectory was solely based on the competition from Subway and Boost, and if so why the difference from last year is only \$30,000 more.

Tom said, it is the combined effect of the expected decrease of profit from Subway and Boost taking sales away. Then the effective increase of prices of food should balance that.

Steph asked why there is an increase in projected surplus for the Refresh café and an increase in the deficit of the Refectory. She went on to say, it was obviously because of Boost and Subway, but they

are so closely interested.

Tony said, it was their product offerings that varied. The Refectory offers things more closely related to Subway, the Refresh has been treading quite well alongside its main competitor Rocketfuel. There is a lot of work happening at the moment planning to add diversity to the Refectory.

He then thanked everyone for their input on the 2016 Budget. He's recommendation is that Guild Council approve of the 2016 Budget as proposed by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Lucy moved a moved a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. **Passed unanimously**

## 7.0 QUESTION TIME

## 8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- 8.1** That Guild Council approves the 2016 Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

*Moved: Tom Burke; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland*

Tom and Maddie proposed an amendment to the motion that reflected the additional Pelican expenditure. "That Guild Council approves the Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure, with an additional \$10,000 as recommended by Strategic Resources Committee"

Lucy moved a motion to speak on the amendment. **Motion carried.**

Jack said he thinks we should wait once we sort out line items and finance can advise us on what to do. So we should wait until mid-year review.

Reece asked how often Pelican goes to print.

Maddie responded by saying there are 8 editions a year.

Ben said he thinks it is more appropriate to go with the budget as set and re-evaluate mid-year review.

Emma firstly explained that the first motion is where we approve the deficit, and second motion is where the line items are changed but the overall deficit remains as approved. She then went to say, as a publication how much money you have at the beginning helps them better plan for the year in terms of how much they print. Emma suggested that it is important to approve of the amendment so we don't leave them in a position to print half as many copies as they can in first semester and four times as many in second semester.

Chad agreed with Emma, saying it definitely is a question of certainty. He also said with the increase in the budget he would like to see measures put into place to see what strategies Pelican has to engage more with the wider community and readership.

Maddie said this year Pelican will be reporting back to Guild Council monthly, as will PROSH and Relay.

The amendment was put. **Passed**

**For:** Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Michael Kabondo, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Brad Forbes, James Prefumo (for Charlie Viska), Jacky Chiang, Jess Porter-Langson, Jesse Martino, Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim).

**Against:** Jack Looby, Ben Martin, Steph Munro

**Abstain:** Lucy Moyle

Lucy invited speakers on motion 8.1. Seeing non, Lucy gave Tom the right of reply.

Tom thanked everyone and said the figure is something he's comfortable with for 2016.

Motion 8.1 was put as amended. **Passed Unanimously**

**8.2** That Guild Council approves the line items in the 2016 Preliminary Budget Pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee, as attached.

*Moved: Tom Burke; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland*

Ben Martin proposed an amendment.

"That \$22,000 be removed from affiliation fees"

*Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded; Steph Munro*

Ben said he would be more than happy to reallocate it to a service which is better served to students. He doesn't think NUS provides benefits to students and believes the money would be better used in another area.

Steph said that obviously students don't have a say as to the Guild's association with NUS and that it is important that students get these services on the ground every day. She noted she personally hasn't seen anything that NUS has done as a student and would like to see the money on the ground where it is needed most.

Emma said NUS plays an important role in National representation in terms of activism. She added she believes everyone on council was voted in from a ticket that supported NUS affiliation, and it would be disingenuous to students to turn on that. She added it is also in the interest of the Guild to be represented at a national level.

Jack said the NSU do achieve things and that if we're going to disaffiliate from NUS it would be better to look into the KPIs, and that the budget process isn't a good way of doing this.

Lucy moved a motion to vote on the amendment. **Passed unanimously.**

Lucy moved a motion to accept the proposed amendment to motion 8.2. **Failed**

**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro

**Against:** Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Michael Kabondo, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Brad Forbes, James Prefumo (for Charlie Viska), Jacky Chiang, Jess Porter-Langson, Jesse Martino, Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim), Jack Looby, Lucy Moyle.

Lucy re-opened the floor to debate on motion 8.2.

Mitchell (For Joanne Lim) proposed an amendment

"That Guild Council approves the line items in the 2016 Preliminary Budget Pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee, with an extra \$10,000 allocated to Pelican Publications".

*Moved: Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim); Seconded: Maddie Mulholland*

Lucy moved a motion to accept the proposed amendment. **Passed unanimously.**

Motion 8.2 was put as amended. **Passed.**

**For:** Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Michael Kabondo, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Megan Lee,

Laura Mwiragua, Brad Forbes, James Prefumo (for Charlie Viska), Jacky Chiang, Jess Porter-Langson, Jesse Martino, Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim), Jack Looby, Lucy Moyle

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro

- 8.3** That in accordance with the Statute 19 (1)(s) requirement for two students nominated by the Postgraduate Students' Association to sit on Academic Board, Guild Council approves the PSA's nomination of Nikki Mann (Vice President - Research) and Nevin Jayawardena (Vice President - Coursework).  
*Moved: Peter Derbyshire; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland*

Peter said two people were needed for the Academic Board and the two best candidates were picked.

Motion 8.3 was put. **Passed unanimously.**

- 8.4** That Guild Council appoints Matthew Clark-Massera and Emilie Fitzgerald as PROSH Directors, and Rachel Twiss as PROSH Editor, for 2016.”  
*Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Michael Kabondo*

Maddie said it could not be put on the agenda because the meeting only happened on Friday. The reason it is urgent was that if we wait until January they cannot start talking to charities and getting it ready and it does set them back significantly.

Lucy judged the motion as one that because of its nature could not be placed on the agenda and moved a procedural motion that the motion be considered. **Motion carried.**  
Lucy allowed Maddie to speak on the motion.

Maddie apologised that the motion was put without notice and explain that they were interviewing all last week and had three applications for director and three for editor. Maddie explained each candidate put through a grilling interview process and that she was impressed that everyone had the right intentions for wanting to direct and edit PROSH. She added that everyone understood the situation and workload required for the role. We are confident in the choices we have made and that they will make PROSH a goodie in 2016.

Motion 8.4 was put. Motion **8.4 Passed unanimously.**

- 8.5** The UWA Student Guild:
- (a) condemns the University's decision to sack 300 staff before June 2016 and the announcement of this news by Paul Johnson last week, just before the Christmas holidays;
  - (b) recognises the value of professional and academic staff in ensuring students have a positive educational experience;
  - (c) stands in solidarity with the NTEU and their actions to support staff; and
  - (d) encourages students to attend future actions by the NETU, including the one scheduled for the morning of Thursday 17th December.
- Moved: Emma Boogaardt, Seconded: Peter Derbyshire*

Emma explained the motion could not be put on the agenda because she found out about it after the close of business requirements, and she would have tried to get it in as soon as possible but she has been away and ill since she got back. In terms of urgency, Emma explained the motion is endorsing an action for tomorrow morning and it would no longer be relevant if it was looked at in a month.

Lucy moved a procedural motion that the motion be considered. **Motion carried.**

Lucy allowed Emma to speak on the motion.

Emma said she had recently found out about the cuts to staff by the end of mid-year next year. She explained that there are couple of reasons of why this is bad – first because there will be less staff which

directly impacts the student experience and this impacts on teaching qualities. Secondly, the way this has been done in an underhand way, proposing cuts to what looks to be 1/12 staff right before Christmas and people not knowing whether their job is theirs until February will keep them stressing due to the job uncertainty, Emma explained. She thinks it shows very poorly on the university and that the value they place on staff is little. Emma believes that as a Guild we should be standing in support of staff.

Peter said, from a postgraduate side of things, there are a couple of issues. First, a lot of postgraduate students are staff and we have no idea how the cuts will affect these students. In 2010, when the school of Chemical Engineering went through staff cuts, there were at least 5 postgraduate students who were left out in the cold with no supervisors, Peter noted. He is concerned that students would be left in the cold and not able to complete their projects.

Motion 8.5 was put. **Motion 8.5 Passed.**

**For:** Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Michael Kabondo, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Brad Forbes, James Prefumo (for Charlie Viska), Jacky Chiang, Jess Porter-Langson, Jesse Martino, Mitchell Pomery (for Joanne Lim), Jack Looby, Lucy Moyle

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro

## 9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Jesse Martino updated the Council on the 2015 Guild Disciplinary Committee Decision, He said it was emailed out to councillors with the report.

Maddie informed the Council that Emilie Fitzgerald has been selected as Chair of Relay.

Maddie said everyone should have received meeting requests for the rest of the council meetings, but there have been two dates that the Council may want to change: 29<sup>th</sup> of June – which falls during mid-year rotto – and 28<sup>th</sup> September – during Uni games. She advised Councillors should go away and figure out our plans and provide Michael with their other available dates.

## 10.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto: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.