



UWA STUDENT GUILD

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Guild Council Meeting Minutes

July 27th 2016

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 **Attendance:** Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Laura Mwiragua, Charlie Viska, Jacky Chiang, Michael Kabondo, Tyson McEwan, Jack Looby, Jess Porter-Langson, Nick Brown, Lucy Moyle, Julian Coleman, Ben Martin, Dennis Venning, Fraser Windsor, Reece Gherardi.
- 1.2 **Apologies:** Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim.
- 1.3 **Proxies:** Michael Heydon (for Brad Forbes), Lianne Leung (for Chad Bensky), Pia Fucile (for Jesse Martino), Cory Harding (for Steph Munro).
- 1.4 **Absent:** Emily Law, Torey Rickerby, Lizzy O'Shea, Cass Greenwell.
- 1.5 **Observers:** None.

Accepted.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Guild Council Minutes May 25th 2016
- 3.2 Guild Council Minutes June 26th 2016

Approved.

4.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 4.1 Corporate Services June 2016
- 4.2 Corporate Services May 2016
- 4.3 Equity & Diversity June 2016
- 4.4 Governance June 2016
- 4.5 Student Services June 2016
- 4.6 VACE June 2016

Accepted.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

SECTION 1: OPERATIONS

6.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director's Report

Report as tabled. Tony thanked the Director team for their work so far this semester. Upcoming we have a financial audit and the first notice about elections. We will be working with the WAEC and this year we are going to try to get candidate material online.

6.2 Associate Director of Commercial Report

Report as tabled. Jack noted that the Tavern should be complete soon and the Reid Library Project is in full swing.

6.3 Finance Director Report

Report as tabled.

6.4 Associate Director of Student Services Report

Report as tabled.

Accepted.

7.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

7.1 That Guild Council approves the line items in the Revised Budget Pack, which maintain the Deficit-Surplus figure passed in December 2015, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee, as attached.

Moved: Tom Burke; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland

Tom said if we continued as we planned at the start of this year the deficit would have been more than budgeted for. As a result, we have tried to cut as much as we can to remain with the original deficit figure. He then discussed with what was saved in each line.

Maddie said the original motion was when we were still working to meet the deficit figure passed in December 2015. As you can see from the mid-year budget review we are not going to meet that figure and as part of this, SRC are recommending a change to that deficit figure to (\$428,161). We will do our absolute best to stay below that figure. We are recommending an amendment to the motion. **The Motion was amended:**

“That Guild Council approves the line items in the Revised Budget Pack, and Deficit-Surplus figure as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee, as attached.

Moved: Tom Burke; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland”

The motion was put. **Passed as amended.**

For: Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Laura Mwiragua, Charlie Viska, Jacky Chiang, Pia Fucile, Michael Kabondo, Tyson McEwan, Jack Looby, Jess Porter-Langson, Lucy Moyle, Julian Coleman, Lianne Leung.

Against: None.

Abstain: Ben Martin, Michael Heydon, Cory Harding, Nick Brown.

7.2 That Guild Council endorse the UWA Student Guild Risk Mitigation Plan and Risk Appetite.

Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Michael Kabondo

Maddie said the plan and appetite are as tabled in the spreadsheet, and she hopes everyone understands the reason for requiring this document. The document was broken down at into of the broad areas of the Guild and we have gone through and identified the risks and risk controls. This will be used by SRC and EMC, and the Audit and Risk Committee will be reviewing this on an annual basis.

Dennis asked what the consequence of us not having one is?

Maddie said we previously haven't had one and the consequences are just continuing not to have one, but we've been working with the University developing this document and it is general good governance practice for organisations to have one.

Ben asked how pressing is it that it be moved at this Council?

Tony said we could defer it to next month or do it via circular.

Maddie said she would like it approved before her Senate presentation on 22 August.
Procedural motion to defer to a circular. **Motion passed.**

7.3 That Guild Council endorses the UWA Student Guild Deloitte Business Review Implementation Plan.

Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Michael Kabondo

A procedural motion to go in camera was moved. Motion carried.

The motion was put in camera. **Passed in Camera.**

7.4 That Guild Council approves the expenditure of \$69,000 (works plus contingency) for the first round of maintenance works as passed by the Tenancy Committee and the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Jack Looby Seconded: Michael Kabondo

Jack said this motion was without notice because the Tenancy Committee was under the impression that just SRC had to sign off on this, but then SRC said that it also had to come to Council. This is urgent because if we don't approve this now the works won't move on as scheduled and it would also be good to go back to tenants at the Tenancy meeting and let them know that Council has approved this.

A procedural motion was moved to hear the motion. Motion carried.

Jack said essentially the money is going toward refurbishment of the 2nd Floor (Central wing) and Cameron Hall which clubs would appreciate.

Emma noted she would like to appreciate and acknowledge the work that Jack and Jesse put into the Business Case.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously.**

7.5 That Guild Council endorses the updated Event Management Policy, as attached.

Moved: Michael Kabondo; Seconded: Jack Looby

Michael said because we've moved from the City of Subiaco to the City of Perth, there have been changes in the Event policy. We passed this at Student Services Committee and after motions were due we found out it had to be endorsed by Council. It's urgent because the

semester starts next week and clubs will want to start running events before next Council, so it's important that we endorse the few changes.

A procedural was moved to hear the motion. Motion carried.

Michael said Kasey and the Events Team had updated a few things, in that the policy now references to the City of Perth and also Pub-crawl approval has been changed to go through the Events Department.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously.**

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1** Maddie outlined the key areas she would focus on in the UWA Student Guild Presentation to Senate.
- 8.2** Election Timetable: Move ballot draw to Wednesday 31st August as the Hunting Ground screening will be occurring Tuesday 30th August.

SECTION 2: REPRESENTATION/POLICY

9.0 STUDENT REP REPORTS

- 9.1 Guild President**
Report as tabled.
- 9.2 Vice-President**
Report as tabled. One thing Charlie forgot to add was starting Friday we will start running the Grill the Guild Series. He hopes people can commit to two or three of these.
- 9.3 Secretary**
Report as tabled.
- 9.4 Treasurer**
Report as tabled.
- 9.5 Education Council President**
Report as tabled.
- 9.6 Public Affairs Council President**
Report as tabled. Meg wanted to amend that the actual amount of Grant applications was \$200, which EMAS won for their participation in the Social Justice competition to be donated to a charity of their choice.
- 9.7 Societies Council President**
Report as Tabled. Jack added that Campus Quest was run and commencing students enjoyed it, he also gave a shout out to Sarah Lewis who organised this with Kasey. He thinks it went really well.

9.8 Women's Department

Report as Tabled.

9.9 Welfare Department

Did Not Submit.

9.10 Environment Department

Report as Tabled.

9.11 International Student Services

Did Not Submit.

9.12 Pride Department

Report as Tabled.

9.13 Guild Sports Representative

Did Not Submit.

9.14 WASAC Chair

Report as Tabled.

9.15 Postgraduate Student's Association President

Report as Tabled.

9.16 Residential Student's Department President

Report as Tabled.

9.17 Pelican Editors

Report as Tabled.

9.18 PROSH Directors

Did Not Submit.

9.19 Relay For Life Chair

Did Not Submit.

9.20 Volunteering & Community Engagement Committee Chair

Did Not Submit.

Nick had a comment for Charlie saying the Grill the Guild might be also a great way to promote the NDA.

Maddie had a comment that the current VACE Chair got a cool overseas opportunity and she's had to leave us. This means we are recruiting for a VACE Chair and at the next meeting we will consider applications for the role.

Accepted.

10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

10.1 That Council requires all UWA student delegates and Guild student representatives pay their own way to conferences and conventions, and prohibits the use of Guild funds for such purposes.

Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Brad Forbes.

Ben said the basis of this motion is to say that people who have popped up their hand to run and be a student representative shouldn't have their trips subsidised by the regular student through their SSAF money at these conferences. The students who attend these conferences interstate on the student dollar are doing so because they want to better themselves, and a student who is attending University to obtain a degree and is forced to pay their SSAF dollars shouldn't have to be subsidising these trips. For Ben, this is about equity and equality and the student representatives shouldn't be spending these dollars to attend conferences. With respect to the Guild's budget position, in terms of cutting down the expenditure this is a very reasonable and satisfactory way that we can do that, because it takes up a reasonable chunk. Students who take up these opportunities should be able to fund their own trips, or seek alternate funding for them.

Michael Heydon added that he really doesn't think that it is appropriate that the Guild subsidises these trips. He gave an example about the NUS and said as we can all see not much value comes out of that for the everyday student, and it looks like a holiday.

The motion was put to debate.

Kate said every year for the past few years there is a conference in January for all the Student Editors who've been elected and these are really valuable jam-packed days of workshops where they get to learn from experts. Apart from the valuable and incredible learning opportunities, it was a great time to increase the presence and brand of Pelican and network as well.

Heydon added that it is worth noting that that is the only training they got and this will need to be in consideration if the motion gets passed.

Emma had a few things to say in response to the mover and seconder. The first thing to note is the money spent is not necessarily SSAF because that is a portion of the Guild's income and the Guild is not only reliant on SSAF. Secondly, these were already passed in the Guild budget so everyone on Guild Council has had a say on where the money should be spent. She also added that only sending delegates that can afford these trips is unfair to those who have been elected but can't afford to attend. The fact that these students are volunteers who don't get paid should be considered. Emma also thinks this should be treated in the same way staff are allowed to go on conferences for professional development - we should look at students the same.

Peter wanted to echo what Emma said. Some students can't afford to go and the discussion was about equity. He thinks it would be damaging if we only sent delegates that can afford these conferences to them and it wouldn't be fair.

Laura added it is not a selfish choice in that people could be spending their holidays doing

stuff like making more money, and instead volunteer their time to attend these conferences, to learn skills that they learn to bring back to their roles they do for the Guild, for students.

Ben had his right of reply. He recognises that in conferences outside the NUS there might be value for the individual that attends the conference, he still doesn't believe that value warrants the expenditure by every other student. As a student union that is a non-for-profit body, every dollar this Guild spends is a student dollar. With respect to Pelican's conference, this is the reason you have handovers and he doesn't think it's necessary to spend this money to send your editors to conferences annually when the information can be passed on from person to person, like every other candidate. With respect to the budget, every single line item is small, so when you take them all together, the core of it is that the individual value obtained from this shouldn't require student funds. He hopes that this motion passes.

The motion was put. Motion Failed

For: Ben Martin, Michael Heydon, Cory Harding.

Against: Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaerdt, Jack Looby, Laura Mwiragua, Charlie Viska, Jacky Chiang, Jess Porter-Langson, Pia Fucile, Julian Coleman, Lucy Moyle, Michael Kabondo, Tyson McEwan.

Abstain: Lianne Leung.

10.2 That the UWA Student Guild endorses the National Day of Action, organised by the National Union of Students, for August 24th 2016 and strongly encourages all members of Guild Council to attend, and help promote, this event.

Moved: Emma Boogaerdt, **Seconded:** Maddie Mulholland

Ben asked moved a procedural motion to suspend the standing orders and debate the motion should be heard. Motion Failed.

Emma said the reason this is late is that she was away at the time motions were delivered. The reason it is urgent is that the date of the NDA is in one month and if we debate it at the next Council it would have passed. Without Guild Council endorsing it we can't build the rally.

A procedural was moved to hear the motion. Motion Passed.

Emma said we know that NUS runs protests on issues that are important for students. We have a new government who is in favor of full or partial fee deregulation. It is important that students have this NDA to show that students aren't in favor of these cuts and the Guild always support this. In terms of voting for this motion, if the Guild endorses this, it's saying that we encourage students to attend.

Ben said this is pathetic, the fact that we are hearing this motion. Motion and reports are due at exactly the same time and Emma in her Report was quite capable of saying that the NUS had called a National Day of Action for August 24th and wasn't able to submit the motion, so she simply forgot, and they shouldn't be any grounds for this motion. Irrespective of that he won't be supporting this motion. There is no government policy on fee deregulation, so this ongoing protest for nothing is a waste of time. Like he said before, he will encourage students to stay in class and get their education. He urged Council that even they supported the idea of a National Day of Action to abstain from the motion, because we have to have some respect

for the Standing Orders.

Nick said he thinks deregulation is still part of the agenda. He added the best way to combat the cuts to education is a protest.

Michael Heydon said, these NDA's never seem to do much, but if people feel the need to wave signs feel free to do it. We don't need to endorse it for it to happen, so he thinks there is no reason for us to endorse it.

Jack wanted to say why he would be abstaining from the motion. He worries about this NDA because the aims haven't changed since the last one. For Guild Council to be endorsing this when he doesn't see there has been significant change to get students involved. In saying that he understands why people need to protest and respects their right to protest but he doesn't think it is the right time to protest.

Laura asked us to remember that we are here representing students and it is in the best interest of these students that we stand up and oppose any changes to fees.

Nick added, in terms of engagement as Jack said, it is important that we as the Guild are out there talking to students and getting them involved.

Charlie said this NDA has a lot of positive messages that a lot of students would get around.

Michael Heydon said he doesn't think it is appropriate for the Guild to be lending its name to protest that can tend to get out of hand.

Emma had her right of reply. The question to ask when considering the motion is "does the Guild support the demands of the NDA?" which we do both in policy and motions previously moved.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Maddie Mulholland, Tom Burke, Peter Derbyshire, Emma Boogaardt, Laura Mwiragua, Charlie Viska, Jacky Chiang, Pia Fucile, Michael Kabondo, Tyson McEwan, Nick Brown.

Against: Ben Martin, Michael Heydon, Cory Harding, Lianne Leung.

Abstain: Jack Looby, Jess Porter-Langson, Lucy Moyle, Julian Coleman.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Councillors to fill in Event Helpers Google Docs.

11.2 Councilors to RSVP to Senate Dinner.

12.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 31st August 2016 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.