



UWA STUDENT GUILD

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Guild Council Meeting Minutes

October 26th 2016

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Lucy welcomed everyone and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Noongar land. She paid her respects to Noongar elders past and present, and acknowledged the Noongar 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, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Dennis Venning, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerdt, Reece Gherardi, Fraser Windsor, Torey Rickerby, Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim, Tom Burke, Jess Porter-Langson.

1.2 Apologies

None.

1.3 Proxies

Dennis Venning (for Brad Forbes).

1.4 Absent

Emily Law.

1.5 Observers

Robby Magyar (NUS Welfare), Max Murphy (NUS Education).

Accepted

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

2.1 Nick Brown for Motion 10.1

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 August Guild Council Minutes

The minutes will be circulated for approval.

4.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

None.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Poster & Publications Policy.

SECTION 1: OPERATIONS

6.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director's Report

6.2 Associate Director of Commercial Report

6.3 Finance Director Report

6.4 Associate Director of Student Services Report

7.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

7.1 That Guild Council approves the updated Rules of the Societies Council as approved by the Governance committee and the Societies Council.

Moved: Jack Looby; Seconded: Chad Bensky

Jack said, essentially the SOC Rules need to be updated because we no longer have office bearer forms and Guild finance forms, they needed to be looked at. While he was at it he made some changes to Tenancy committees and wording changes.

Chad added that these are such fantastic rules and clubs should be excited to receive them.

The motion was put. **Passed**

For: Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerdt, Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim, Tom Burke, Jess Porter-Langson.

Against: Nick Brown.

Abstain: None.

7.2 That Guild Council strongly recommend the creation of backdated Welfare Officer and Environment Officer honour boards, as per the Guild Policy book, to be funded out of the 2017 Guild Council special projects budget.

Moved: Dennis Venning, Seconded: Maddie Mulholland

Dennis said, honour boards are a way that people's work gets recognised and it sucks to work for a year and not get your name on the board. We've had the role since 1993 and it's about recognising a whole bunch of people. It does cost a bit of money but after a while it averages out. We haven't budgeted it for this year which is why we are recommending they do so next year

Maddie added, the reason we looked at these two positions specifically, apart from them being included in the Policy Book, they are elected formally through Guild elections and that's the criteria we looked at. A briefing document has been put together for viewing by Council.

Reece asked, why Pride department don't get an honour board?

Dennis replied. He is open to it, but he thinks because of the criteria of being elected through elections. Except for PSA, Pelican, VP and Secretary.

Emma said her feeling is that everyone gets one or we leave it as is. She understands that it might be a bit sad not having honour boards and in theory if she could go back we should all have none. No one uses the room but us, to her the measure of her work is what she's achieved. Given the cost of the two honour boards alone, is essentially the budget she had to work from as Women's Officer last year. That money could be put to other use.

Peter wanted to disagree with Emma. While honour boards are a small cost over the year, it should not be something that should be taken lightly. Honour boards are there to show the work that has been done. He thinks it keeps the historical aspect there, and it's good to know who the past presidents or officers were. He thinks as departments we should all be treated equally, why should we have Women's Officers and not Pride Officers? He agrees with Emma that we should have all yes or no. But he thinks all yes.

Ben added, from his observation he thinks the line has been drawn to only voting members of Guild Council. He does concur with Emma however, it's an additional cost when we have just been through a budgeting process.

Chad said he doesn't agree with this motion. When you think of the honour boards that must be bought over time it does add up. In the end, it's only self-congratulations in a room that is only used by Council. It's totally unnecessary and the money could be used elsewhere.

Steph proposed using unspent money from the specific departments each year and that could go towards that expenditure.

Dennis had his right of reply. He said we are talking about a cost that is very small when we literally just approved more. He understands for the rest of you that have one it might not be meaningful. But it is deeply upsetting for him and he thinks for other departments not to have it. It is in the Policy Book, we as a Council should vote for this.

The motion was put. **Failed**

For: Maddie Mulholland, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim

Against: Nick Brown, Jess Porter-Langson, Jesse Martino, Laura Mwiragua, Emma Boogaardt, Tom Burke, Chad Bensky, Ben Martin, Megan Lee, Julian Coleman.

Abstain: Lucy Moyle, Steph Munro.

7.3 That Guild Council endorses the attached procedures for election of representatives to the UWA Sports Stakeholder Reference Group, subject to acceptance by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Torey Rickerby

Maddie said this was developed between Torey, Cass and UWA Sports. Effectively it is a reference group that has the different demographic / representative groups. We just ran through procedures for elections for these students.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

7.4 That Guild Council approves the attached Business Case for development of the Refectory.

Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Tom Burke

A procedural was moved to discuss the motion in camera. **Carried**

The motion was put. **Passed**

For: Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaardt, Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim, Tom Burke, Jess Porter-Langson.

Against: Nick Brown.

Abstain: None.

7.5 That Guild Council requests that SRC follows up on the debt owed to the Guild by NUS West.

Moved: Jack Looby; Seconded: Ben Martin

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

Jack said essentially, it's a small debt owed but it's annoying him because he had to chase up club debt.

Ben said, he couldn't agree more. It's a debt.

Robby asked the period when the phone bill was not paid?

Maddie replied. It commenced on the 10th of January 2009 – 29th June 2014

Robby replied, that's basically when the NUS office was used as a campaign office for STAR.

Maddie said, she believes certainly between the years 2009 and 2014 it was used as a proper NUS office, since 2014 we haven't had very active NUS West Presidents.

Nick said, we don't pay enough to NUS let this be a donation. It's not just collecting a debt from any club. The main thing is we should be paying fully accreditation to the union.

Maddie said she received a message from Lizzy saying SRC wrote the debt off last year. So Maddie, suggested she follow this up.

The motion was put. **Passed**

For: Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaardt, Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim, Tom Burke, Jess Porter-Langson.

Against: Nick Brown.

Abstain: Maddie Mulholland, Brad Forbes.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 NUS Debt

Jack wanted to follow up the phone line debt NUS owe the Guild.

Maddie said she had contacted them.

Jack wanted to know whether we move a motion or whether we should take it out of accreditation. We are harder on clubs and he thinks we should do something about it.

Maddie provided some background. There was a phone line in the NUS West Room that didn't get paid for about a year.

Robby asked if an invoice had been sent?

Maddie said she will follow it up but she sent it to Alex.

Jack said his question to Council was if we wanted to move a motion.

Council agreed to move a motion.

Motion without notice 7.5.

SECTION 2: REPRESENTATION/POLICY

9.0 STUDENT REP REPORTS

9.1 Guild President

Maddie apologised for a not submitting a report this month. Biggest thing is we have a new acting Vice Chancellor until 4th January.

- 9.2 Vice-President
- 9.3 Secretary
- 9.4 Treasurer
- 9.5 Education Council President
- 9.6 Public Affairs Council President
- 9.7 Societies Council President
- 9.8 Women's Department
- 9.9 Welfare Department
- 9.10 Environment Department
- 9.11 International Student Services
- 9.12 Pride Department
- 9.13 Guild Sports Representative
- 9.14 WASAC Chair
- 9.15 Postgraduate Student's Association President
- 9.16 Residential Student's Department President
- 9.17 Pelican Editors
- 9.18 PROSH Directors
- 9.19 Relay For Life Chair
- 9.20 Volunteering & Community Engagement Committee Chair
- 9.21 Councillor Reports
Reports as Tabled.

Ben asked Maddie to provide an update on the review of the use of the NUS Room?

Maddie said, all the rooms will be reviewed by Tenancy in December.

Ben noted his disappointment that this was not considered earlier as requested.

Reports Accepted.

10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- 10.1 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that the Societies Council immediately disaffiliates Socialist Alternative.
Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Jess Porter-Langson

Ben said, essentially the motion has been a long time coming. Socialist Alternative, are no longer and have not been a force for good on this campus. Consistently harassing and bothering students. No one wants to join them. A prime example has been with the Arts union election this week where the disregard for election regulation was demonstrated. It's about time they are disaffiliated.

Nick said, as a member of Socialist Alternative this is an attack on freedom of speech, the Student Guild should affiliate them. Socialist Alternative have been involved in several positive campaigns throughout the year and he thinks Council should not vote for this.

Ben asked if Nick being a member would be a conflict of interest binds the vote from him for this motion.

Lucy said not, and he declared it at the beginning of his speech.

Jack wanted to raise a few points in Camera. Motion was moved to go in Camera. **Carried.**

A motion to move out of camera – **Carried**

Following discussion, Maddie said, formal warnings on Socialist Alternative have been given by Societies Council Presidents since 2014. She agrees that this matter needs to be taken through the Societies Council Procedures before it comes to Council, and when it comes to council we need more than just a motion, but we require evidence. This would enable us to come up with an informed decision.

This motion was withdrawn due to a consensus decision for procedural fairness and lack of evidence.

Withdrawn

10.2 That Guild Council names the East-facing Pod in the Club Collaborative Zone 'Emily's Pod' to honour Emily Kelly, former Mathematics Union President.

Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Tom Burke

Maddie had provided a briefing document. This is to honour Emily's contribution to student life on campus.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

10.3 That the 103rd Guild Council commemorates the fateful 19/10 UWA Power Outage.

Moved: Jess Porter-Langson; Seconded: Michael Kabondo

Withdrawn

10.4 That Guild Council recognises the effort of the MCW (Multicultural Week) and ISS (International Student Services) team for organising a successful Multicultural Week and Spring Feast 2016.

Moved: Jacky Chiang; Seconded: Jack Looby

Jacky apologised that this was late. He urged we hear it and pass it at his meeting.

A procedural was moved to hear the motion. Passed.

Jacky said MCW has been run to bring multicultural awareness to the wider community This year was successful, and we had over a thousand students, family and other people come through. As a Guild, it is important we recognise the importance of cultural inclusivity.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Presentation from NUS Education and Welfare Officers.

The NUS Officers presented on what the NUS was and their portfolio initiatives.

Ben asked if the executive had determined the dates and location for National Conference?

Robby said the dates had been selected 12th-16th December, at Deakin University.

Jack asked if there were any changes planned for their website to keep it up to date?

Robby said, the Welfare and Women's are kept updated, because the office bearers submit material, however the rest is still being worked on.

Ben had a question. Accessing of financial documents is difficult, are there any plans to make it easy for us to find these?

Robby said, he would have a chat to the Treasurer to get back to Ben.

Ben asked if there were any plans in place to ensure discussions at Nat Con remained student focused.

Robby said, with discussion of non-student motions, it depends on if the motions are moved on the floor. However there is a grievance officer for the sessions and it's one thing done to rectify what happened last year.

11.2 Annual Report

Maddie said the annual reports had been edited and she would send the final copy out to Council for approval.

11.3 Handover

Maddie asked people who submit reports to write their reports for next month as a bit of an overview report.

12.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30th November 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.

