



## **1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING**

Jack formally opened the meeting by acknowledging that the Guild Council was meeting on Noongar land and that the Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land and continue to practice their beliefs, languages and traditions.

### **1.1 Attendance**

Nevin Jaywardena (Guild President), Alex O'Brien (Treasurer), Owen Myles (PSA President), Michael Kabondo (SOC President), Lina El Rakhawy (Ed Council President), Megan Lee (Vice President), Sean O'Leary (Environmental Officer), Hannah Matthews (Women's Officer), Luke Andrews (OGC), Pheobe Ho (OGC), Reece Gherardi (Tenancy Chair), Tyson McEwan (Welfare Officer), Zee Ibrahim (OGC), Rigel Paciente (Pride Officer), Vinuri Gajanayake (Secretary), Michael McKenzie (OGC), Jack Looby (Chair)

### **1.2 Apologies**

Tonia Curby (Pride Officer), Sofia Kouznetsova (VACE Chair), Ben Martin (NUS Delegate), Michael Heydon (NUS Delegate)

### **1.3 Proxies**

Lewis Hong (Bryan Quah), Tiffany Lau (Darryl Loke), Elaine Ong (Dionel Desuzer), Kate Pryce (Justin Workman), Brendon Ng (Joseph Chan), Tyson McEwan (Sophie Coffin)

### **1.4 Observers**

Ruth Thomas (Pelican Editor), Peter Watson

### **1.5 Absent**

Matt Cransberg (RSD President)

**Accepted**

## **2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.



### **3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS**

#### **MINUTES**

##### **3.1 Guild Council Meeting- 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

**Accepted**

##### **3.2 103<sup>rd</sup> Guild Council Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Accepted**

#### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Managing Director's Report**

Report as tabled.

Tony said that we are making progression on the PSA Lounge. The Ref Project is kicking off and we just need our final bit of approval from the university regarding tenants. One of the key things to note regarding Orientation is that

we are pushing to have alcohol at O-Day Festival. We have a huge amount of safeguards (e.g. security, chill out zones etc.) in place to ensure the safe consumption of alcohol if the university approves of it. With regards to catering, there are some changes to menu and discount changes. We are requesting for the Guild Alumni Project- we have around 400 names of alumni but we would ideally like to get about double that. The Tavern turns 90 this year so we will try and organize a few festivities around that. Jack asked if there is any update on the solar panels. Tony said that campus management have gone through the phase of the Western Power switchover so we are now linking up cables. We are getting together a team to find out when they can switch them on.

##### **5.2 Associate Director Corporate Services & Finance Report**

Report as tabled.



Tony said that UWA has projected that we will be short of \$125 000 on SSAF projected figures for each particular area (Guild, Sports and Student Services) so we will need to follow that up as it is essentially saying that around 2000 students haven't paid their SSAF or the number of students has declined. Next month we will be going through our external review with Deloitte (our external financial advisors and auditors). We have Callista online now and we need to start illustrating the benefits and discounts that are available to Guild members. It is the first time our systems and the university systems are properly aligned. Regarding our servers, things like Netsuite and Microsoft office are essentially online and we moved those at the end of last year but we will probably do a hybrid model with servers inside as you realistically can't provide too much student data to an environment that could be hacked. We will be doing a review on that this year.

Michael M asked how the issue with the numbers of students declining will be made aware to the college institutions. Tony said that colleges, like the Guild, are separate to the university so we don't get much transparency regarding how many places they have. Tony said he hadn't been given any hard figures however from the conversations with the heads of colleges, quite a few of them have said that their numbers of declined. Like the Guild, they are also asking the university what marketing strategies they are using to promote UWA to both domestic and international students.

### **5.3 Associate Director of Student Services Report**

Report as tabled.

Jack moved a motion to accept all the Director's reports. **Motion carried.**



## **6.0 REPORTS**

### **6.1 Guild President**

Report as tabled.

Nevin mentioned that he attended the Presidents Summit and got back on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. It involved presidents training and networking with other presidents. He will be submitting a formal report regarding what happened for the February Guild Council.

Nevin said he is optimistic towards the Guild's relationship with our new Vice-Chancellor (Dawn Freshwater) as she has shown that she is willing to work with us and has the full support of Maddie and the rest of the interviewing panel.

### **6.2 Vice-President**

Report as tabled.

Megan said they have finished phase one and phase two for TASK and now they are onto the inventory phase. The Callista integration has been done, meaning students can get a visual of what they are getting out of their Guild membership in terms of catering sales.

Mutya would like us to review our payroll system.

Luke has been looking into hiring/owning a new Guild car.

### **6.3 Secretary**

Report as tabled.

Vinuri mentioned that there is a new Guild Volunteering app made by Ryan Oakley to allow people to gain an understanding of the volunteering opportunities we have.

Engagement are working on a blog on the facebook page to feature both informative and entertaining pieces from different student writers.

Plans for O-Week and O-Day fest are underway.

### **6.4 Treasurer**

Report as tabled.



Alex said that they are adjusting the pricing of coffee as it hasn't been adjusted in a while and with inflation we have to try and raise it. They are looking for a balance between keeping it affordable for students and making it profitable.

She said she will be organizing meetings with students to decide which vendors we want in the ref and asked anyone interested to contact her. They are also deciding on food vans as the ref will be closed for a year so we will have 6 food vans each day instead of 3. They would like student input on that as well.

The Tavern decorations are being revised.

#### **6.5 Education Council President**

Report as tabled.

Lina noted that she and Michael are working with colleges to get more training for them in terms of support for college students and to develop a stronger relationship between colleges and the Guild. She said they will invite them along to some Ed Council meetings.

Lina said she has been working on a program called Zenith with the Centre for Education Futures, which is about learning analytics. She noted that we've convinced them to include a student wellbeing aspect to provide welfare support for students. They have agreed to include Student Assist which will provide a link to UniAccess and StudySmarter. There will also be a 'General Announcements' page for important dates.

#### **6.6 Societies Council President**

Report as tabled.

We have three new clubs who have applied for affiliation. Michael said that he and Brendon went to Taylor's College as ambassadors of the Guild and talked to them about club involvement and O-Day. He has completed the layout for the SOC section for the website.

#### **6.7 Women's Department**

Report as tabled.



Hannah added that we now have a provider

for the self-defense lessons which will be provided weekly free to students. We have negotiated it so that we can get double the number of lessons for the same price, which means we can provide one lesson on Oak lawn and one on college campuses a week.

#### **6.8 Welfare Department**

Report as tabled.

Tyson added that he had a meeting with the Head of Student Life at UWA and discussed potential collaboration.

#### **6.9 Environmental Department**

Report as tabled.

Sean added that he received a grant to run Enviro-Week which will be in conjunction with Bike Week like last year.

#### **6.10 International Student Services**

Report as tabled.

They are working on the ISS magazine which will be sent to the Guild for approval. International Student Welcome will be held in week one.

#### **6.11 Pride Department**

Report as tabled.

#### **6.12 Postgraduate Student's Association**

Reports as tabled.

#### **6.13 Pelican Editors**

Ruth said that Pelican is working on their first edition which will be out on O-Day.

#### **6.14 Volunteering and Community Engagement Committee Chair**

Report as tabled.

#### **6.15 OGC Reports**

##### **6.15.1 Tenancy Chair**

Reece said that the main thing in focus was the reallocation process.

The regulations state that every three years, beginning the Guild's 104<sup>th</sup> year, all clubroom, Departmental and FacSoc tenancies



controlled by the Guild will go up for allocation. The Tenancy committee met to allocate the rooms and are now handling the appeals period.

He noted that other members of the Tenancy committee as well as himself have met with rejected applicants who have questions as to why they were rejected. After this, all finalised tenants will have a two week period in which to sign the Clubroom Ten Tenancy Agreement. If they do not manage to do this, their offer for a room will be rescinded and the room reallocated. The committee will begin reallocation of storage tenancies once reallocation of room tenancies has been completed.

Reece also mentioned that he is also updating the Tenancy page on the Guild Website.

#### **6.15.2 Ethnocultural & Access Collective Chair**

Pheobe said that they have been working on further developing the collective by getting perspectives from people involved in those collective from other universities over East. They will also be doing an audit around the universal access toilets

#### **6.15.3 Governance Committee Chair**

Jack reported that Governance has met twice. They will be updating the Guild regulations and will ask Council for their input on some of the discussion items

Jack moved a motion to accept the OB and OGC reports. **Motion carried.**

## **7.0 QUESTION TIME**

Michael asked Sean what his KPI was for Enviro-week. Sean replied that he was considering have themed days (e.g. No Waste Mondays, Travel light Tuesdays etc.). Michael asked if Sean was looking on spending more money on new areas. Sean responded that if there is a surplus in funds half way through the year he can use them for carbon-offsetting the flights for NUS etc.



Jack asked Nevin to explain the new SLA.

Nevin explained that previously there used to be an emphasis on the Guild's responsibility on the Guild's expenditure of the SSAF for students, but after the discussion on securing 50% of the SSAF we questioned why such an emphasis was not put on Student Services and Sports. As UWA hasn't been compliant in the past, they are suggesting moving to something more similar to Curtin as the SLA is quite Guild focused. At Curtin they have a system where all the bodies receiving the SSAF report back on the projects that they have used SSAF money for. We have proposed having quarterly meetings with SS and Sports for updates on activities so that the same reporting back system is required of SS and Sports.

Jack asked if the new museum will be built on a new site or on a demolished area. Nevin said they are looking to take a space on campus that is currently occupied by some other activity and build a museum there.

Jack asked Tyson if he is considering continuing the stickers from last year's Welfare Week. Tyson said that he is.

Jack asked Michael K and Reece if there has been any progress on the Cameron Hall works as it would be good to get the signage up and running for O-Day and Campus Quest. Brendon said that he has spoken to Jack and it has been handed off to Design who are handling the signage. Jack asked Michael about any progress of the Publication Policy that they worked on. Michael said that he finalized the changes with Maddie and Chelsea and now they are talking about the poster boy before it comes to Governance.

Michael M asked if the PSA Lounge was still going to be called the 'PSA Lounge'. Owen said that the PSA Lounge has been carpeted, the windows of been frosted and they have an IKEA trip planned. As for the name, they still need to discuss that as a committee.





## 8.0 NUS Reports

Megan said that this was her first NUS and it was insightful. It was great to see that the recommendations from the 2015 reports were implemented. She said that some great things were passed this year, particularly in constitutional reform and making the organization more transparent. She noted that there is a scope for it to improve in terms of how the conference is run, although unlike last year there were reasonable end times which was good. Megan noted that she doesn't think there was enough time left for autonomous chapters such as Queer and Women's and too much time spent on Unionism and Admin. Megan announced that she has been elected to the national executive.

Hannah said that her report is as tabled. She had a few issues with the conference such as the fact that it was held on a stage which hindered projection however, she appreciated that instead of a small crowded room where people with anxiety issues would struggle, they moved it into a gym hall which is much more accessible. She said she personally got a lot out of it through collaboration with other Women's officers around the county. She said that, like Megan, she would like more time spent on things like Queer and Women's.

Laura said that conduct and behavior was very respectful to her as the secretary at all times.

Emma said that as the person from UWA who had been to the most conferences, she was really proud about how the UWA delegates behaved themselves on the conference floor.

Emma noted that she would like to comment on and clear up some 'misleading' information in Ben Martin and Michael Heydon's NUS report as they were not present to address it themselves. The first thing was that they made a comment about not having received information other than from people they know on the



national executive. Emma said that this wasn't true- the NUS campus presidents and the national executive information on registration was passed to them by her, along with Maddie and Chloe Keller. She said that it was distributed as soon as they received it and was willing to show proof through emails and group chats if people wanted. She then addressed some comments regarding liberal motions failing, noting that the liberal motions about indigenous students and mothers/parents on campus both passed.

Emma said that its important to note that in terms of the comments regarding liberal delegates not being allowed to speak, that the independent delegates who ran from UWA (including herself) went to Ben and said that regardless of ideologies and ticket, they were willing to waive speaking rights to them if they wanted to speak as they were fairly elected by the UWA demographic. She said that she was never approached by Ben about taking up that opportunity, but its important to note that the offer was made as a symbol of good faith between the delegates. Emma said that as a member of the national executive, there are a lot of concerns in this report and its disappointing to not see anything positive about NUS or any proactive effort to make changes. She explained how this year she worked hard to ensure that there was a trained grievance officer to support delegates who weren't aligned with major factions and it was disappointing to see that Ben and Michael didn't make efforts to do similar things.

Lina said that autonomous discussion was definitely something that needed to be improved however she was very impressed to see the improvements that have happened and the diplomatic nature of the conference. Whilst it was quite politicized, she realized after going to the Presidents summit with Nevin that NUS is taking a lot more steps this year to be more open and accessible. She said that by being elected as the campus rep for UWA, in her role as Ed Council President she can work with the EAN to run a lot of the good campaigns that they have surrounding the rights of students, centrelink etc.



## 9.0 NUS Questions

**9.1** Reece asked if ALSF is binding or not, as Ben and Michael's report stated it was non binding, whilst the other reports said it was.

Emma replied that her understanding is that the ALSF is bound by the policies of the liberal party and that is why they are affiliated to that.

Reece said that a lot of the NUS OB positions were elected unopposed and he asked why no other faction put up nominations.

Hannah replied that none of the positions were unopposed, but generally at the point that it becomes clear one candidate has enough support to easily win then the others will withdraw, generally to save the secretariat from counting all the votes. This means the the position is technically elected unopposed.

Reece asked why the LGBTQ policy was only debated for 15 minutes and noted that given the cookbook was debated for longer, he believes that this is unacceptable. He asked if any UWA delegates made any attempt to get this policy debated on for longer or to move onto other autonomous chapter policies to make sure they got their time.

Megan said that during the discussion with other factions regarding how conference is run, they pushed for those issues to be given adequate time and to be run at an appropriate time of day. She said that unfortunately our delegates only have a limited number of votes and they can only discuss whatever majority of people wish to discuss.



Emma added that the conference had a strict end time and this was enforced by the university so they were physically not allowed to discuss it for longer (it wasn't that any faction wanted the discussion cut short). She said it was unfortunate that LGBTQ policy was not discussed as much as possible this year, but there was a good discussion on Ethno-cultural and Disabilities which meant that Women's and LGBTQ was cut short.

She noted that whilst she personally was disappointed in the smaller discussion on women's issues, she was happy that Ethno-cultural and Disabilities got a larger time as they have been more traditionally ignored.

Laura said that as secretary, she saw a lot of people push for no midnight deadline by trying to talk with the university however they were not successful.

Michael M asked that his questions and the responses be minuted word for word.

Michael M asked Megan to explain the the disproportionate number of votes that she had compared to the other six NUS delegates. He asked that she explain the process to him and why that's the case.

Megan said that it is calculated on FTLS. It is like a math equation where you get a set amount of votes for the FTLS that you have and they are allocated to the maximum amount of delegates that you have. We cap at 7 because that is how many people we have and they get redistributed down. She said that because she was elected first on the ballot, anything that gets left over gets distributed to her.



Michael asked what the purpose of that was. Why not just have equal votes for every NUS delegate?

Megan said that it is to proportionally represent the amount of students that go to UWA and that's not always going to be a nice number so some people get more votes than others.

Michael asked if Megan thinks that's fair.

Hannah said that you can't have half a vote in this system and the number of votes that UWA has based on FTLS is not divisible by seven.

Megan said that considering the way that the math is done to ensure that all students get represented by the amount of delegates that we are given, she does believe that is fair.

Zee said that as someone who is completely removed from NUS she believes that personally having sat on different committees in different places, you can't have full representation if you don't have the capacity to scale to that representation so unfortunately someone, in this case Megan, gets the benefit from that. She said that she doubts anyone would have a problem if it was someone else from another faction or another university who benefitted from that. That is what we are essentially doing on things like Guild Council and NUS- we are trying to get fair and equal representation for everyone from very background.

Michael asked someone to explain why in Ben's report there are comments of people literally eating ballots as a sign of not wanting to participate.

Emma said that no one ate ballots.



Michael asked if she was absolutely sure on that.

Other NUS delegates confirmed that no one ate ballots.

Kate reworded ballots to 'pieces of paper to prevent debate'.

Emma said that if you went to the conference you would know that it wasn't voting ballots, it was policy motions that were passed. She said that as far as she is aware, no one from UWA has ever eaten a piece of paper on conference floor- we leave consumption of items to food and drinks. She said that it was the same for Ben and Michael- they did not participate in paper eating which was great. She said she thinks some people feel the need to eat paper as a way to prevent a motion from being passed to the chair of Business committee.

Michael asked if that means it does happen.

Emma said it does but she does not participate in it so she cannot comment on it, but can give Michael the phone numbers of some people who do.

Michael asked Hannah to explain a physical concern that occurred during a motion that she was speaking on. He clarified whether it was between her and a socialist.

Hannah corrected that the socialist was defending her from a right wing faction person. She explained that someone tried to take a piece of paper from her. In the interest of democracy she thought that all motions passed to her as the chair of the committee should be discussed so she refused to give her the piece of paper.



Michael asked what the result of that was.

Hannah replied that she continued trying to take the piece of paper from her.

Michael asked whether they ended up on the ground as he had been hearing in Ben's report.

Hannah said that she had actually mentioned that in her report.

Michael said that he thought she would voice it during her actual time here as a concern.

Hannah said that as she mentioned before, she did put it in her report which she assumes everyone on Council would have read.

Kate asked about why so much time was spent on the cookbook and anti-terrorism and what relevance the anti-terrorism issue had at an NUS conference.

Lina said that just like in Guild Council where we might pass a motion to 'be in solidarity with a group of people' or 'condemn' something etc. they do similar things at NUS. However certain factions, particularly Socialist Alternative, tend to pass a lot of those motions as they are primarily activists. She understands that these motions are more sentimental than pragmatic and take away time from more pragmatic discussions but that is essentially the anti-terrorism motion was put up.



Kate asked how much time was spent on the anti-terrorism issue.

The delegates agreed that it wasn't that long.

Emma said that whilst she would rather we stick to more student targeted issues, she believes the people who voted for Socialist Alternative delegates probably care about those things and want it discussed and they deserve to

have their views represented. She thought some motions put up by other factions weren't worthy of time and/or she didn't agree with them but that is why the delegates at NUS are proportionally represented based on the number of votes you have and the number of students on campus.

Tyson congratulated the NUS delegates for the opportunity for Joseph Bin Oma for being the ATSI Officer as it was the first time an indigenous UWA student has been on the national level. He said that as he read both reports about some incidences regarding indigenous policies and motions, hopefully Joey will be able to network around and collaborate with the exec to ensure there is more discussion time for indigenous issues.

Michael M asked if that was in reference to the liberal party indigenous speaker who was not able to speak on indigenous policies.

Tyson confirmed that it was.

Jack asked Hannah if she would recommend changing the structure of the business committee.

Hannah said she would as one of the biggest issues she had with the business committee was that its not accessible for students with disabilities.





Jack asked what the logic was for not recording the proceedings.

Emma said she's not in a place to comment on restricting that because the National Executive have always been for recording the proceedings.

Michael asked each delegate to explain how they voted on motion 11.13-  
"Australia: A Racist Disgrace" as he would imagine it was quite a contentious

motion.

Lina mentioned that the names of the motions were not truly indicative of the motions a lot of the time.

Emma read out the motion:

The preamble is that "Islamophobia has intensified. The Turnbull government has provided much of the fertile ground for Islamophobia. E.g. Federal MP George Christensen attended and spoke at a Reclaim Australia rally, Liberal and Labour maintaining policy on refugees maintaining national security." The platform is that "NUS condemns and opposes Islamophobia and racism of both Liberal and Labour parties. NUS stands in solidarity with Muslims against the racism of the Australian state and mainstream media. NUS opposes any measures that infringe upon the rights and freedoms of Muslims in Australia".

The actions are:

- 1) NUS will campaign against racism in Australia in all its forms
- 2) NUS will support all campaigns against far right and racist groups including groups such as Reclaim Australia and Pauline Hanson's One Nation.



- 3) The NUS Ethnocultural Officer will write a public statement condemning the Libearl party and the ALP in line with the conflict of the motion.
- 4) The Ethnocultural Officer will subsequently provide a press release condemning the racist proposal of the government and the opposition in 2017.

Michael asked that it be minuted that all NUS delegates present at the meeting voted for this motion.

The present delegates challenged Michael by telling him that they never said in the meeting how they voted.

Emma said she couldn't recall how she voted on that motion as potentially she was on the COG table and was distracted but reading over the platform, "condemning Islamophobia" and "standing in solidarity with Muslims in Australia" seems like something that is in line with the Guild values opposing racism. She said she wasn't really sure as to what Michael wanted to get out of the question- whether he doesn't oppose racism or want the NUS or the Guild to oppose racism. She noted that she was confused as to why he was picking at that policy and said that if he could provide a list of every single way that Ben and Michael H voted or if they could be at Council in person she would feel more comfortable disclosing how she voted. She said she believes its unfair that Michael was targeting people who bothered to come to the meeting, which she got work off to come to, but likewise haven't provided similar documentation about how delegates from his faction voted.

Jack asked the delegates to state how they voted one by one if they remember.



Hannah said she didn't remember as it was two months ago.

Megan said she hates racism so she probably voted for it.

Lina said she didn't remember.

Laura said she didn't vote as she was secretary.

Emma asked Michael how he would've voted if he were at the conference or how he would've directed Michael H to vote. Michael said that the circumstance was that he was proxied by Michael H who gave no inclination of how he would vote on anything so he left it up to his discretion to make those decisions. He said that he would need more time to consider whether or not he would approve, go against it or forget to vote. He said that after hearing the clause that Emma read out, he'd need time to think about it and make a rational decision on it. He said he doesn't think its fair for him to force an answer out of this when it is an actual request for interviewing NUS delegates as opposed to Councilors.

Emma asked why he picked out that particular motion to quiz them on and if he hadn't read it enough to think about how he feels about it, why was he asking them how they felt about it?

Michael said he was looking for simple clarification and wanted to hear what they had to say on it.

Emma again asked why this specific motion as there are a lot of them.



Michael responded that he had a list of many other ones and said he felt like we were getting stuck down on this point however, he would be asking questions about many other motions.

Zee said that the statement 'Australia: A Racist Disgrace' might be contentious to Michael as he stated earlier, but it is not contentious to her. She said that as someone who has experienced racism almost every week on our campus at the hands of multiple people, especially during Guild elections, it isn't contentious to put something in there about Islamophobia. She said that this is the case especially when she has people approaching her and

telling her that she doesn't 'look like a Muslim', calling her a 'Muslim pig' and telling her that she and her family who have been here for generations should go back to their home country. She said that if that had been happening to Jewish students we would never be hearing the end of it with anti-Semitic claims being thrown around the room. She concluded that she believes it was a very very fair thing to be put forward and suggested that Michael speak to other people who have different backgrounds to him to understand why it is not contentious to them.

Michael asked Megan why the NUS spends its finite amount of time to talk about UWA Arts Union.

Megan said that they did a COG on a motion that was initially put up so that was not discussed. The only motion on UWA Arts Union was seconded by

Emma said it was a motion to recognize that the tribunal had come back and said that Emma Norton was the rightful President of the UWA Arts Union. She said she believes the discussion went for about 5-10 minutes maximum.

Michael asked whether that was the job of the NUS.



Lina said that the people who put up that motion were Socialist Alternative and it is very clear that their prerogative for it was that it was their candidate who ran. She said she doesn't think it's fair for Michael to start asking them why that was spoken about and why it was a motion that went up because it would've gone up anyway. She said it was fair that the motion went up as it was simply recognizing that the tribunal had gone up but it wasn't fair that Michael was asking that question when it was simply the members of another faction who chose to discuss it.

Michael said that this wasn't his line of questioning at all but whether that was the role of the NUS.

Jack said that he believed Lina answered that.

A procedural was moved to allow 15 more minutes for NUS questions.

**Carried.**

Michael asked if any delegates spoke on the motion to allow conference filming, given all delegates are in support of it. Emma clarified that it was procedural motion.

Emma asked if any of the questions could be addressed to Michael H and Ben as they were also against filming and could have given a similar answer. She asked if Michael could ask Michael H and Ben for clarification on any general 'what happened at conference' questions.

Michael responded that he was taking the opportunity to ask the other delegates and said that he didn't see any difference in asking them something and asking the other delegates something.



Hannah mentioned that one of them is

Michael's proxy.

Emma added that he should probably know what he voted on considering it was his vote.

Michael said that he was well acquainted with that fact.

Michael asked if anyone had any comments on inappropriate behavior of various factions as far as aggressiveness, demeanor and rhetoric throughout the conference. If so, what were they doing?

Lina said she went to speak on a motion in the Ethnocultural chapter and got yelled at by a white woman from Socialist Alternative but the rest of conference happily backed her and the woman was told to quieten down so that Lina could continue. She said that we are all aware that Socialist Alternative tend to hijack debate often so she doesn't think that is new to anyone.

Megan said they have outlined these things in the reports.

Michael concluded his questions for the meeting and asked who he should send questions on notice to as he had more.

Emma asked if he could just ask her during the meeting as her term has ended.

Michael said he is well acquainted with that fact but after hearing the responses he would like to ask some follow up questions and hence would like some time to draft that.



Jack said that Michael has had the reports for a week and he would've expected that Michael come to Council prepared with all questions. He said it would be fair to send any substantial questions to the Chair and it would be up to the delegates to get back to him whenever they are able to but it would not be a binding requirement to respond.

Michael said he actually had one final question and apologized to Council for taking up time. He asked the present delegates if they are absolutely against disaffiliation with the NUS in all ways or if they even consider it as an option at the moment.

Megan said that if the NUS fails to meet the KPI that the Council has set then we should disaffiliate. She said that if they do however manage to fulfil all the expectations that we have set for them, she does 110% support the affiliation NUS.

Hannah said the Women's Department at the NUS has done an amazing job on the Sexual Assault Policy which she believes will provide some tangible outcomes for survivors. She said it would be a shame for us to not forego any opportunity to help those people just because we think that a few delegates from other universities were behaving childishly.

Lina said she was just going to echo what Hannah and Megan said.

Emma said yes, she is against disaffiliation- if you read her report it would say the same.

## **10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

A procedural motion was moved to consider 8.3-8.7 first. **Motion carried.**

Outlined below.



**10.1** That Guild Council thank Ryan Oakley's contribution to the Guild  
Volunteering for investing over 200 hours of his time to develop a mobile app  
so students can easily access volunteering roles.

*Moved: Luke Andrews, Seconded: Megan Lee*

Luke said that Ryan has contributed his time to make volunteering roles more accessible. If we hired a developer it would've cost us nearly \$5000. This is currently an Android App and we're looking to push it to an IOS App in time for O-Day.

Megan said that it's a great app that allows people to have volunteering opportunities at their fingertips.

Jack said that recognizing people who contribute this much time to our community is amazing and asked whether there is anything other than this motion that we're doing to recognize Ryan's contribution.

Megan and Luke said these hours will be transcript recognized.

Jack asked if this is something we would like to promote on social media.

Luke said that's a great idea.

Reece spoke for the motion. He said he knows Ryan and thinks it is excellent that we are acknowledging the work of someone who dedicated that much time to something without expecting anything back.

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





10.2 That the Guild supports the

National Day of Action, organised by the National Union of Students for March 29th 2017 and strongly encourages all members of Guild Council to attend this event.

*Moved: Lina EL Rakhawy, Seconded: Megan Lee*

Lina deferred her speaking rights to Megan.

Megan said that as an activist body this is a regular thing we support. She believes we should encourage all people to get behind this campaign to make education free again. This campaign will carry a proactive message.

Lina said they want to make it less of a protest in the city and more something that is done on campus to engage students. They will have lead up events to do with the 'make education free again' theme. There will be a small barbeque to talk about the EAN and what its about. From there they will have a free bus into the city.

Jack passed the chair over to Owen. Owen asked if there were any questions of clarification.

Jack said that while he thinks its great to get students involved and engaged with the issue, he personally doesn't think marching in the city for free education is what the Guild is meant to do. He thinks having discussions and free barbeques on campus is what matters, but doesn't think students like seeing other students protesting in the city as free education is something we probably will not get again. He said while he respects and commends what Lina and Megan are doing, he cannot vote for a motion that he knows he will not be participating in so he will be abstaining.



Michael M spoke against the motion. He said it is not the responsibility of the Student Council to encourage students to engage in activities and protests they might not believe in. He does not believe that the demand for free education is reflective of all UWA students.

Megan said that these kinds of motions strongly encourage students to get involved in these issues. She believes that we, as students in representative roles, should be encouraging people to get to know more about what impacts them at federal levels.

Michael asked if by passing this motion, it is reflecting that Guild Council has a desire for free education for all UWA students.

Megan replied that education is a right, not a privilege.

Hannah said that it is already stated that the Guild is in support of free education and this is just reaffirming our stance.

Reece spoke for the motion and said that while it is unlikely to get free education again, it is worth fighting for.

Lina said that she personally doesn't think we would complain if we had free education. She also clarified that it is a National Day of Action, not a protest, and that the EAN hosts many proactive things others than protests for students. She said we will not be forcing people into it but rather giving them the option to attend.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

**For:** Nevin Jaywardena , Alex O'Brien, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Lina El Rakhawy, Megan Lee, Hannah Matthews, Luke Andrews, Pheobe Ho, Reece



Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Vinuri Gajanayake, Brendon Ng (for Joseph), Lewis Hong (for Bryan), Tiffany Lay (for Darryl), Elaine Ong (for Dionel)

**Against:** Michael McKenzie, Kate Pryce (for Justin)

**Abstentions:** Jack Looby

Owen handed the chair back to Jack.

10.3 That Council accept the resignation from:

- \* Macy Cota from her position as the Public Affairs Council President.
- \* Mackenzie Huggins from her position as the Sports Representative.
- \* Zikun Huang from his position as Ordinary Guild Councillor.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Michael McKenzie*

Nevin explained the resignations.

Macy had been pending her decision for a while. McKenzie moved to Notre Dame for a new course. Zi Kun is moving to Sydney. He said that in terms of reappointment for OGC, it will just be the next person on the ballot after the votes have been redistributed.

Tony said that regarding the reappointment of the Office Bearer positions, our regulations don't allow for a scenario where someone who didn't win to get the second position as there is not enough representation in OB elections for that to happen, unlike the OGC election. He said the WAEC have suggested appointing someone in an acting role for 12 months. If we were to choose to do a bi-election, it would take between \$15 000- \$20 000 so it is probably better to take the WAEC's advice.

Jack asked if, considering the Guild regulations have a very specific order of how to deal with a causal vacancy, our going against those regulations raise any issues. Tony said that the resigning officers are not "ineligible candidates" as specified in the regulations, and since that is the case it's not fair to go back to the pool of candidates. In order to get full representation, it needs to be either decided by the Council or through a bi-election. The provision that



we have in the regulations is not enforceable in this situation as it is not a 'casual vacancy' but rather a resignation.

The Motion was put. **Motion passed.**

**For:** Nevin Jaywardena, Alex O'Brien, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Lina El Rakhawy, Megan Lee, Hannah Matthews, Luke Andrews, Pheobe Ho, Zee Ibrahim, Vinuri Gajanayake, Brendon Ng (for Joseph), Lewis Hong (for Bryan), Tiffany Lay (for Darryl), Elaine Ong (for Dionel), Michael Mckenzie, Kate Pryce (for Justin), Jack Looby

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** Reece Gherardi

- 10.4 That Guild Council approves the creation of a Guild Occupational Health & Safety Officer for a 12 month contract as endorsed by the Strategic Resources Committee.

*Moved: Nevin Jaywardena; Seconded: Owen Myles*

Nevin deferred his speaking rights to Tony.

Tony said that this had come out of an external review of the Guild and have concluded that the Guild needs a Health and Safety review. Tony said that he has made it clear that we expect Sports, Uni Club and any other affiliates to have the same review done. One recommendation was that the Guild appoint a Health and Safety Officer to oversee all our aspects (e.g. events, catering, ccz facilities). This has already been budgeted for.

Owen added that this has been endorsed by the SRC. The officer will also be doing some admin work for us as well, so they are more like an admin officer with a large OHS component.



The Motion was put. **Passed Unanimously.**

- 10.5 That Guild Council appoints Harriet Calverley and Matthew Schild as Co-chairs of Relay@UWA for 2017, as recommended by the Relay for Life Interviewing Panel.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Owen Myles*

Nevin said that over the past month, they have put together a Relay for Life interviewing panel which consists of him, a member from Relay for Life, Guild Volunteering and the ex Relay for Life chairs. They interviewed two applications. Both have been involved in EMAS with a lot of event experience and have assured us that they will be able to work well with each other. Nevin noted that as Curtin has pulled out support for a Curtin Relay for Life, Harriet and Matt have suggested doing a joint university Relay for Life where it circulates amongst the campuses.

Michael M asked how many applications they received. Nevin replied that it was just those two.

Reece asked why there are two chairs this year instead of one. Nevin replied that he believes it was mostly workload

The Motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

- 10.6 That Guild Council appoint Hayden Greenham, Andrew Callander and Barbara Buxmann, Rodney Taylor, and Jack Spagnuolo as standing invitees of the Catering and Tavern Committee.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Alexandra O'Brien*



Nevin said that this is a regulatory process and as this is the Catering and Tavern Committee it is appropriate to invite the Tav Manager, the Executive Chef, the Quobba Gnarning and Hackett Manager, Catering and Retail Manager and the Commercial Director as standing invitees of the committee.

Alex said that since they work so closely with the Tavern and the Catering outlets it is important to get feedback from them.

The Motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

- 10.7 That Guild Council appoint Jack Spagnuolo as a standing invitee of the Corporate Services Committee.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Megan Lee*

Nevin said that as Jack is the director of all our commercial activity, it is important to have his input in the Corporate Services Committee.

Megan said that Jack's knowledge of various things such as Task and Payroll are why she would like him as a standing invitee of the committee.

The Motion was put. **Passed Unanimously**

## 11.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

The Motion was put. **Passed Unanimously.**

- 11.2 That the UWA Student Guild affiliates to the GO8 Student Advocacy Group and approves of the Terms of References as attached.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Jack Looby*



Jack moved the chair to Owen.

Nevin explained that the other members of the GO8 student advocacy group are able to immediately be a part of this group and perform functions and operations as the representative body of the GO8 unions of Guilds and he would like the UWA Guild to be a part of this in the same way. He said this was a motion without notice because it was discussed at the Presidents Summit two days ago.

A procedural was moved to consider the motion. **Carried.**

Nevin said the GO8 was incorporated in 1999 and the current GO8 board is made up of the eight Vice-Chancellors of all the universities in the GO8. Up until now there has not been a student body to mirror this Vice-Chancellor GO8 board. The presidents believe this would be a good opportunity to provide student feedback to the GO8 board because otherwise it will just be the Vice-Chancellors making decisions on policy without student advice.

Michael M asked what the estimated costs were for the board to meet e.g. flights.

Nevin said that the board will only convene as needed over teleconference and there are no affiliation costs. The Chair of the Board will rotate between the universities in alphabetical order.

Michael M asked what this board can provide that the Presidents Conference cannot.



Nevin explained that it the Presidents Summit is more for workshops where you learn how to be better presidents, rather than a platform to embody the GO8 board.

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

11.3 That the UWA Student Guild:

- a. Does not support Australia Day being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January as it is the day of dispossession of Indigenous culture as is a commemoration of a deep loss.
- b. That Australia Day should be moved to a more inclusive day and thereby supports the #ChangeTheDate campaign.
- c. Recommends to future Guild Council's to not celebrate Australia Day held on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Moved: Tyson McEwan; Seconded: Nevin Jayawardena*

Tyson explained that this motion was without notice because Sophie Coffin, the new WASAC Chair, hasn't had access to her Guild e-mails and was unable to send her report and motion.

A procedural was moved to consider the motion. **Carried.**

Tyson said that the motion outlines that the Guild Council does not support Australia Day being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January as it reflects the beginning of the dispossession of Indigenous Australia including the language, values and beliefs of the Indigenous people. He said there are two sides to the story and we should support the #ChangeTheDate campaign so that Australia Day can

be moved to a day when all parties can come together for the right reasons and not have to mourn. By reaffirming our stance that Guild Council does not





support this particular date, it creates a flow on effect towards the rest of the community and adds pressure to eventually change the date.

Nevin added that this motion has been brought to Council through the consultation of WASAC and Sophie. He said that it is important, as Guild Council, to show our support towards WASAC and the people it represents. He noted that the campaign has a large following and believes that it would be extremely disrespectful to ignore the movement. Whilst there is a difference in opinion, Nevin said he believes we have a duty to consider the reasons behind so many marginalized students are upset by this date and support them. He clarified that this does not mean staff and students will be forced to work on that day.

Jack moved the Chair to Owen.

Michael M asked Tyson if this is the universal attitude taken by majority of Indigenous students on campus.

Tyson said he is speaking on behalf of all the Indigenous students of WASAC- that is who they represent.

Jack said that while Australia Day is one of his favourite public holidays, he has to acknowledge that as a white person he is privileged and does not suffer from the injustices of the past. His personal view is that we should celebrate Australia Day but celebrate it correctly by acknowledging the dispossession, the violence and the diseases etc. that the colonizers brought to this country. Equally, he thinks that when this is brought by the former WASAC Chair, Tyson, it is a legitimate thing that represents their group and it would be wrong of us to vote down something that is so clearly felt in their particular group. Just like the Pride Department and the Women's



Department, we have WASAC as a representative body for a reason. He said whilst he is personally conflicted, he would have to vote for the motion because voting against it would suggest that he does not recognize the pain and the injustice that is felt by a group that we claim to represent.

Lina said she believes it is a little bit disrespectful to ask the former WASAC Chair if all Indigenous students agree with changing a holiday that is famed 'Invasion Day'. She said its fair to have a public holiday that celebrates our country but changing the date doesn't mean you can't celebrate a national holiday. She acknowledged that this date is so significant to Indigenous people and all of us need to put our privilege away and listen to the Indigenous students.

Michael questioned whether this comes under the role of the Student Guild as we are a cross representation of UWA students and he does not believe that this represents UWA students as a whole. He noted that he was disappointed that these were the kinds of 'unpatriotic' motions we were trying to push through Council. He explained that this opinion is not universal as far as Indigenous culture is concerned and pointed out that there are Indigenous leaders from Alice Springs such as Jacinta Price who have written about their stance against changing the date. Jacinta Price has written an article where she states that Australia Day is a day of 'inclusivity', which Michael agrees with. He said he believes Australia Day is a very special day and it is right to have it on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January as it represents much more in this current age than the atrocities of the past.



Reece said that as someone who has been the Chair of a department he understands exactly where Sophie is coming from and stated that he is for the motion. He reminded Council that WASAC is the peak representative body of Indigenous students at UWA and if the WASAC Chair felt it necessary to put this motion forward, we should consider that this is what the Indigenous community (as represented by WASAC) want. He said that regardless of what anyone outside of UWA says, WASAC is to represent the students of UWA and it is the opinions of those students' that are being reflected in this motion.

Tyson said it was appropriate for the Guild to vote in favour of this motion as a sign of respect for the Whadjuk Nyungar people and the land we are on.

Megan stated that anyone who wants to keep it on that day is essentially endorsing decades of genocide and whitewashing and ignoring years of dispossession and pain that Indigenous people are still paying for today. She said she thinks it is disgusting that we have to have this discussion when WASAC is saying that this date is hurting their people. She said it doesn't matter what date it is as we could've been celebrating Australia a couple days later. What matters is that we have a national holiday that celebrates decades of eradication of people's cultures, whitewashing and other awful things. She said that anyone against this needs to recognise that this land was not given to white people by the Indigenous people and in order to respect their suffering, we should change the date.

Lina said that there have been too many times in her experience when a conversation has come up about privilege and acknowledging the experiences of people less privileged than ourselves, and for the the people speaking against it to be white privileged males. She said she was sick of it



because all it says to her is 'check your privilege'. She said it makes no sense for us to question whether Guild Council, as a peak representative body for students, needs to be acknowledging the experiences of a certain group of people, considering we have done it before when we stood in solidarity with Pride Department after the Orlando shootings. She said it's ridiculous to question this motion that WASAC put up considering we passed a motion last year recognizing WASAC as the peak representative body for Indigenous students of UWA.

Michael M said that he really has put a lot of thought into this and has a lot of care for Indigenous students. He said it isn't the date that matters in any sense, but rather learning and accepting from the mistakes made in the past by having a dialogue about it and an exchange of ideas. He said it is a day for remembering and respect, but also for celebration of how Australia is one the most beautiful countries in the world.

Lina explained an analogy relating to the situation. She said if your housemates wanted to have a housewarming party on Friday but someone said they didn't want to have a party on that day as it is the anniversary of their dad's death. Out of respect, you would change the date because to you it doesn't make a difference but to that person it does.

Nevin said that, in response to Michael's statement about this not being the role of the Guild, it is important that the UWA Student Guild show support for WASAC and their belief that the day should be changed. He said that as a non-Indigenous student, he doesn't think he has a place to say we should disregard their opinion just because he believes we can come together.

Kate said that she doesn't know anyone who celebrates Australia Day as a day of genocide but rather a day of celebrating being Australian and



inclusivity. She stated that she would be abstaining because it doesn't make a difference to her, but she wanted to point out that she doesn't know anyone who celebrates it as a day of genocide.

Hannah said it's very easy for people to say that it's a day of coming together and accepting past mistakes, but we are still in a time when a white person is five times more likely to get into university than an Indigenous person. These are current mistakes that are not happening to non-Indigenous people, so it is not up to non-Indigenous people to decide when we should accept them. She said that the Indigenous students had a chance to have their say when they voted for Sophie Coffin as WASAC Chair so it is disrespectful for Michael to suggest that his opinion on Indigenous matters is more relevant than hers.

A procedural was moved to close the speaking list after Michael. **Carried.**

Michael acknowledged that the 26<sup>th</sup> of January is a day of hurt and grieving, but changing the date would be a step in the wrong direction and it would be much better to have dialogue about the issue.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

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**Against:** Michael McKenzie

**Abstentions:** Kate Pryce (for Justin)

Owen moved the Chair back to Jack.



- 11.4 The 104th Guild Council gives its heartfelt condolences to the father and partner that lost their lives in Yesterdays Australia day tragedy on the Swan River. The Council extends condolences to the family and friends affected by this tragedy and hopes that all Australians had a safe and happy Australia Day  
*Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Justin Workman*

Michael said that the motion was without notice because the tragedy occurred the day prior to the meeting.

A procedural was moved to consider the motion. **Carried.**

Michael expressed his sadness towards the tragedy and said that as representatives of the student body, it is important to show our respects to the families of the people who lost their lives.

Nevin proposed to amend the motion such that it reads: "The 104th Guild Council gives its heartfelt condolences to the father and partner that lost their lives in yesterdays tragedy on the Swan River. The Council extends condolences to the family and friends affected by this tragedy."

Nevin said that he is definitely for the motion, but based on the discussion in the previous motion, it would be contradictory to say that we "hope all Australians had a safe and happy Australia Day".

Nevin asked Michael why he thinks this motion is one that should be brought to Guild Council as opposed to the motion before.

Michael said that the fact that this motion was put forward at the same time as the previous motion was co-incidental but he does not think they lie on



the same issue. He said that the latter section of the motion was placed with regards to the families who were celebrating Australia day and that if we are too afraid as a council to wish people a safe and happy 'Australia Day' it is a severe concern.

Jack asked Michael if he doesn't see an issue with moving a motion saying we do not support the 26<sup>th</sup> of January being Australia Day and then wishing people a safe and happy Australia Day in another motion.

Michael said he is happy to split the motion up into two parts, one being about the tragedy and one wishing people a safe and happy Australia Day.

Owen said he agreed with Nevin simply because it's obvious that someone didn't have a safe and happy Australia Day.

Nevin said that in the same way that Michael wanted to respect the family, it is also important to respect the Indigenous community and the motion that we just passed. He said that to move a motion separately wishing people a safe and happy Australia Day is quite indicative of Michael's intentions.

Reece said he agreed with Nevin because not amending that statement would result in us directly contradicting ourselves.

Michael said that the motion sincerely wasn't malicious.

The motion was amended.

**The 104th Guild Council gives its heartfelt condolences to the father and partner that lost their lives in yesterday's tragedy on the Swan River. The**



**Council extends condolences to the family and friends affected by this tragedy.**

**For:** Nevin Jaywardena, Alex O'Brien, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Lina El Rakhawy, Megan Lee, Hannah Matthews, Luke Andrews, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Vinuri Gajanayake, Brendon Ng (for Joseph), Lewis Hong (for Bryan), Tiffany Lay (for Darryl), Elaine Ong (for Dionel), Jack Looby, Kate Pryce (for Justin)

**Against:** Michael McKenzie

**Abstentions:** None

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

- 11.5 That the Guild Council welcomes the new vice-chancellor Dawn Freshwater to her role, and we look forward to working with her in the future.

*Moved: Nevin Jaywardena; Seconded: Owen Myles*

Nevin said that it is important to show our support for the new Vice-Chancellor who has shown a willingness to work with us next year.

A procedural was moved to consider the motion. **Carried.**

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

## **12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 12.1** Jack asked that Council mind their behavior in the office, and that we respect everyone working there so that they feel comfortable and safe.

- 12.2** Guild Council photos will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February

## **13.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**





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Next meeting will be held on Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00pm. Please contact the  
Guild Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with any apologies or proxies. All  
office bearers and department officers will be available at 5.30pm immediately prior  
to the meeting. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to  
reschedule, if a quorum cannot be met.