



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

Jack formally opened the meeting by acknowledging that the Guild 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. Attendance

Nevin Jayawardena (Guild President), Alex O'Brien (Treasurer), Megan Lee (VP), Owen Myles (PSA President), Lina El Rakhawy (Ed Council President), Jack Looby (Chair), Sean O'Leary (Environment Officer), Bryan Quah (OGC), Hannah Matthews (Womens Officer), Luke Andrews (OGC), Pheobe Ho (OGC), Reece Gherardi (OGC), Zee Ibrahim (OGC), Lewis Hutton (OGC), Alexander Robinson (Sports Council President), Jayne Rae Whitby (WASAC Chair), Sean Matjeraie (OGC)

2. Apologies

Audrey Tascon (PAC President), Tonia Curby (Pride Officer), Rigel Paciente (Pride Officer), Sofia Kouznetsova (VACE Chair), Danni Carol (RSD President), Tyson McEwan (Welfare Officer)

3. Proxies

Leanne Jiang (Vinuri Gajanayake), Brendon Ng (Michael Kabondo), Ian Tan (Jacob Colangelo), Sean O'Leary (Joseph Chan), Jacob Kerspian (Justin Workman), Matthew Kolomyjec (Michael McKenzie)

4. Observers

Taylor Home, Mara Papauassiliou

5. Absent

ACCEPTED.

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Owen Myles will be abstaining from voting on the PSA Honorary Motion, due to his employment as the PSA President.



3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. May Council minutes will be confirmed at the July Council

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Managing Director's Report

Report as tabled.

Mary is the RO for the elections and the WAEC have agreed to do the elections and the referendum at the same time. Work has commenced on the strategy document.

There is a new Executive Director of campus management. There will be an Italian pop up next semester until the end of the year.

2. Associate Director Corporate Services & Finance Report

Report as tabled.

3. Associate Director of Student Services Report

Report as tabled.

4. Associate Director (Commercial) Report

Report as tabled.

ACCEPTED.

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

There was a proposal to consider motion 7.1 and 7.2 en bloc. **Carried.**

1. That Council accept the resignation of Dionel Ramachandran from his position as Ordinary Guild Councillor.

Moved: Jack Looby; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake



Jack said that Dionel had graduated so was resigning and asked that Guild Council thank Dionel for the work that he has done.

2. That Council co-opt Sean Matjeraie to the position of Ordinary Guild Council and assumes all committee positions left vacant by Dionel.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake

Nevin said that as Dionel was an international student, he recommended co-opting Sean so as to uphold that international representation.

Lewis asked when the resignation was sent.

Jack said it was after the last day for Semester 1 and under the regulations, Council has the option to either not fill the position or co-opt someone.

Lewis asked why there was no paragraph or CV attached to the resignation.

Jack said that the intent was to fulfil Dionel's role from a representational perspective, which is what Sean does.

Lewis said it would be better to have a nominations process where other candidates can apply.

Jack said that this is substantive as he has seen the same thing happen on previous Councils where a position has been left vacant halfway into the year, and they have coopted a person to fulfil that representative role.

The motions were put. **Passed en bloc.**

In Favour: 16



Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

3. That Council permits the Guild President to pursue a Liquor License for Hackett Café.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Megan Lee

Nevin said that this motion would allow him to investigate the viability of having a liquor license at Hackett.

Megan said it's a good way to diversify that space and allow for it to become a place for both clubs and external people.

Owen spoke in favour of the motion, as he has had experience hosting an event every month that is starting to grow beyond their liquor licensing exemption.

Sean O spoke in favour of the motion as it would be great for UWA campus culture to have another outlet that allows clubs to run events that serve alcohol.

Zee asked what the liquor license adds to us beyond the current exemptions that we currently have.

Nevin said that you need to apply on a temporary basis to get a liquor permit but the liquor license means you can serve alcohol without having to do that.

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

4. That Council congratulate and welcome Dr Robert French AC in his appointment as the next Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.



Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded:

Megan Lee

Nevin noted that Dr French seemed like a great person who spoke positively about the Guild and served time as Guild Treasurer.

Megan echoed Nevin's comments.

Dr French will take affect on December 12th.

Lewis congratulated the university for coming to a great decision and wished Dr French all the best for his time as Chancellor.

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

5. That Guild Council accept the attached Welfare Rules as approved by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Hannah Matthews

Nevin said that most of the work was done last year so it is a matter of Council ratifying the rules.

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

6. That Guild Council accept the Terms of Reference for the Referendum committee as approved by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Jack Looby; Seconded: Nevin Jayawardena

Jack passed the Chair to Owen.



Jack said that this follows on from last months meeting. The terms of reference will be kept basic. The voting membership is the Guild President, three Councilors, and a voting member of Governance Committee as this is ultimately a governance matter. Tony is a standing invitee as the returning officer. The electoral regulations are to be applied where applicable and practical so we need a committee to make decisions on the logistics, but it doesn't undercut the power of the returning officer.

Brendon asked if Guild Council would be ratifying the process decided by the committee.

Jack said he would expect so, as Guild Council has the power to decide all details regarding the referendum.

Lewis asked why the wording needed to be discussed by the committee, as the regulations had said that the petition would include the referendum question.

Jack said that the regulations state that the petition needs to have a statement that reflects the action that the referendum should achieve, but that doesn't mean that the wording cannot change as long as the sentiment is kept the same.

Megan said that the NUS has specific wording requirements under their regulations and as they are a federally recognized organization, there is a question on whether a wrongly worded referendum would even be accepted. It's important to do it properly, because if it isn't accepted then we would just be wasting people's time and money.



Lewis asked if it was possible to amend the motion such that any interested parties would be able to attend the meetings.

Tony said that he and Mary would have a problem with that, because having too many people in the discussion would make things a lot more complicated and ineffective.

Owen proposed to reword part 5 (under the subtitle 'Membership') so that it states "Voting members apart from the Guild President are elected directly by Guild Council after formation of the committee by proportional representation". Jack agreed.

Lewis said that he doesn't want a stacked committee with lots of people from the same side inviting whoever they want to the meetings. He proposed amending it so that "any financial member of the Guild can attend the discussions as a silent observer".

Jack said it isn't fair to measure a committee by what you think is going to happen. The committee will be comprised of a governance committee member (only one person put up their hand from the committee) and three Guild Councilors who ideally represent a cross-section of Councilors. He added that if it was reported to Guild Council that partisanship was an issue, that would be discussed. This structure is the same for all Guild committees.

Lewis removed the amended and proposed two other amendments:

1. A standing invite be given to Pelican magazine
2. A standing invite be given to the petitioner



Jack said he was amendable to the petitioner, but he wasn't amendable to Pelican as the discussions and decisions should be had where the members feel comfortable to speak freely, so it's only appropriate to be reporting on the decisions of the committee, not the deliberations. He added that Pelican could speak individually to Councilors if they wanted.

Ian asked whether Councilors giving information to Pelican was a breach of the media policy preventing Councilors from speaking on behalf of the Guild.

Jack said it wouldn't, as long as they don't speak on behalf of the Guild.

Owen added that there is a distinction between speaking as a student and speaking as a Guild Councilor.

Lewis said that increasing the amount of exposure would get more engagement with students and encourage more students to vote.

Tony said that WAEC may have a concern that media presence may sway the outcome.

Nevin said the process of the committee is to expedite the process of the referendum and the minutes would be sent back to Guild Council. It's poor governance to let anyone come because it'll stop the committee from achieving the objects of the committee.

Tony said that that this committee simply determines the operations of the referendum and is not meant to be for 'show'.



Jack echoed Tony and said that whilst

Pelican plays an important part in the Guild, they are not relevant within the referendum committee as it deals with the logistics. He added that they do have a duty to report the decisions of the committee, but not their deliberations.

Ruth said that it's a timely issue as it's difficult to get access to minutes and report before they have been accepted. She added that this is the first time a referendum like this has been done so being a part of the committee would help them to report on it.

Jack said that the decisions of the committee aren't ones that students would really want reported e.g. spending caps and blackout period. He noted that Pelican can go to the committee or Guild Council and ask what the decisions were if they wanted, but it's not appropriate for them to be in the room whilst the decisions are being made.

The second amendment was put. **Failed.**

Ian moved an amendment to state that the committee minutes would be passed onto EMC within three working days.

It was noted that this would still not allow Pelican or other Council to have timely access to the minutes as they need to be approved by EMC before circulation, and EMC may not meet for a while after or may have already met.

Jack said that Pelican can talk to the committee members if they want to know about the decisions, but the structures in place should be adhered to.



There was a procedural to move straight to

a vote. **Carried.**

The amendment was put. **Passed.**

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

7. That Guild Council accept the Terms of Reference for the Referendum committee as approved by the Governance Committee. Committee minutes will be passed onto EMC within three working days.

In favour: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

Owen handed the Chair back to Jack.

8. That Guild Council accept the PSA Honorarium, as approved by Governance Committee.

Moved: Nevin; Seconded: Hannah Matthews

As this has previously been done on an ad-hoc basis, the last round of PSA rules stated that there has to be a policy which allows people to know what they're getting into.

Jack added that this process had to have extensive consultation with HR, Student Assist, PSA, the Executive, Hannah and himself and is seen to be the



fairest compromise to ensure that there are people who can fulfil the requirements of the role.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1 (Owen Myles)

9. That Guild Council:
- a) accepts the Proxy Code of Conduct as approved by the Governance Committee;
 - b) requires that all proxies must sign the agreement before they can be accepted onto Council.

Moved: Jack; Seconded: Nevin Jayawardena

Jack passed the Chair to Zee.

Jack said that this motion came out of last Guild Council and holds proxies accountable to following the standing orders (e.g. in camera policy) and to make sure that Council is protecting themselves. This isn't any extra burden on proxies, but simply being more transparent on what is expected of proxies.

Numerous parts of this discussion were cut off by the recorder

Lewis said there are issues with 1(b) and 1(a) and he would like to see amendments to them.



Jack said he acknowledges the issues but the wording comes directly from the regulations. This code of conduct just puts all of these regulations together.

Brendon said there should be something in the guidelines to ensure that proxies receive all documents necessary.

Owen said that if you are a proxy who hasn't received documents, you shouldn't be voting.

Zee added that as a proxy you are essentially filling in someone's role, so if you don't have the documents you just need to ask them for access to them.

Jack said that this motion stipulates the current standing orders. He noted that it could potentially change when the new regulations come in.

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

Zee moved the Chair back to Jack.

8. REPORTS

1. Guild President

Report as tabled.

2. Vice-President

Report as tabled.

Megan said she had a meeting with Kelvin about the server to talk about how the Guild infrastructure can improve day to day projects, the use the server and OneDrive. She asked anyone who was struggling with these to speak to Kelvin. The university will be using Office 365 with student emails anyway, so it's a good idea to preemptively move committees onto this server.

3. Secretary



Report as tabled.

4. Treasurer

Report as tabled.

5. Education Council President

Report as tabled.

6. Public Affairs Council President

Report as tabled.

7. Societies Council President

Report as tabled.

Brendon added that they've been working with the engagement team regarding the engagement of future students to make sure that the Guild is represented there.

8. Women's Department

Report as tabled.

9. Welfare Department

Report as tabled.

10. Environmental Department

Sean said that he had met with campus management regarding the bike share system to see where on campus we would be allowed to place

modules. He asked Council for suggestions on placing where we should trial one, other than the bus stop to business school which they already will be doing.

Jack suggested outside engineering.

Lewis said that there needed to be one near the middle of the university.

Sean met with Volunteering regarding the coffee ground project. The current system is run on Microvolunteering Mondays and next semester they are



hoping to run it as a mini project with a project manager so that more volunteers can record their hours. Enviro-week is in week 5 of semester 2 and there will be a number of external reps coming in.

11. International Student Services

Apologies for not submitting a report.

12. Pride Department

Report as tabled.

13. Guild Sports Representative

Report as tabled.

14. WASAC Chair

Report as tabled.

15. Postgraduate Student's Association

Report as tabled.

CAPA had it's mid year conference. There was a graduate employability forum at the beginning talking about the skills students need when they leave university. The federal budget was discussed. There were some good networks and contacts made with some Eastern universities.

16. Residential Student's Department

No report.

17. Pelican Editors

No updates.

18. Volunteering and Community Engagement Committee Chair

Report as tabled.

19. Governance Chair

Report as tabled.

20. Equity and Diversity Chair

SPOC surveys have been sent out and they are waiting for a response from the working group of student parents on campus. There was a much higher



attendance than last semester for the Access Collective and they are planning to do more lived experience events and to have more programs with the Health Promotion Unit (HPU) to train people up to deliver training for lived experience. They are hoping to do a collab with Bloom. General Committee elections will be in week 1 of semester 2.

ACCEPTED.

9. QUESTION TIME

Alex R noted that whilst the new exam timetable lessened the number of students with double ups from around 1000 students, more students seem to have two exams on the same day and that is probably what students care about more.

Nevin said he and Lina had a meeting with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Education and presented that exact argument to him. He added that the exam survey that was released on the 27th of June already had 834 responses with more students favouring the previous format. Those statistics will be brought to the next Council.

Jack asked Tony about new committee members on Audit and Risk.

Tony said there might be a couple of people interested. There is a committee meeting on the 18th of July to review the mid year budget, so if they are looking to get someone else on they may appoint a new member via circular.

Jack asked whether all FacSocs were opposed to the shortening of the semester.



Lina said that they were unanimously against it. On Academic Board, she and Nevin emphasized that they were opposed to the change from 13 weeks to 12 weeks. They managed to sway some of the staff and the vote was quite close but they didn't manage to get it through. However, with the overwhelming feedback from the FacSocs, they can now present that to the university and lobby them to ensure that

most of the issues outlined by the FacSocs are covered before the implementation of the shortened semester.

Jack asked if the MASA Chair had been appointed.

Megan said that due to correspondence issues they still haven't.

10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

1. That Council accept the following for inclusion in the Guild Policy Book:
"That the Guild recognises the financial benefit that the Student Services Amenities Fee (SSAF) provides to the UWA Student Guild. Any spending of student money towards the delivery of student services and amenities, should be followed under the direction of the UWA Student Guild."

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Alexandra O'Brien

Nevin said that as per State Legislation, 50% of the SSAF goes to the Guild, 25% goes to Sports and 25% goes to Student Services. This motion

acknowledges that this Guild heavily relies on the SSAF as the largest source of income to provide the services that it does and any move to remove SSAF funding from the Guild is not only against the idea that student money should go back to the students, but also hinders the Guild's ability to provide those services.



Alex echoed Nevin's comment and emphasized the effort that went into increasing our SSAF from 30% to 50% this year.

Lewis moved an amendment to add the statement "The UWA Student Guild acknowledges the financial burden taken by students in paying this fee" to the end of the motion.

Lewis acknowledged that the SSAF has been a contentious topic, specifically regarding the idea that some student don't see the value in paying \$300 a year for the services that they receive. He said that whilst he appreciates the sentiment of the motion, it's important to acknowledge where the money is coming from.

Sean O said that it is possible to put your SSAF fee on HECS, so whilst it is still a financial burden it is something you can pay back later when you are financially capable to.

Matthew said that it was still Guild debt so in that sense it is still a financial burden.

Lewis noted that as there are national campaigns against the increasing burden of the HECS debt, this situation is a similar financial burden on students.

The amendment was put. **Failed.**

Jacob K spoke against the motion, stating that given the previous amendment that failed, it introduces political views into a policy document which is best left an apolitical document. The motion only reflects one side of



what is a broader discussion, so given that it's a policy document it should stay as impartial as possible.

Lina said that political issues (e.g. legalization of same-sex marriage and the rights of Indigenous people) have been included in the policy book and Guild Council has the right to state their stance on these issues in the policy book.

Hannah said that it's not introducing a political opinion into the policy document- there are already numerous stances which we base our actions as a Guild on. She added that she didn't believe it was political as it wasn't stating whether or not we should take the SSAF but rather that we should get a large portion of it.

Lewis said he believed this motion was one sided as it acknowledged the benefits that the Guild received from SSAF but didn't accept the amendment due to what he believes are political reasons. He said the Guild is there to represent students and by failing that amendment it was failing to fulfil that duty.

Nevin reiterated that this motion was not about whether or not you believe in SSAF, but simply about acknowledging that SSAF is what allows the Guild to function and provide services that any student can access. He added that saying that we should revert to VSU contradicts the idea that SSAF disadvantages students because SSAF allows all students access to services including disadvantaged students. For a lot of students who are struggling

and need Guild services such as Student Assist, they are not in the financial position to afford membership under the VSU system. However, in terms of the motion itself, it acknowledges that receiving a large portion of SSAF allows the Guild to provide a higher quality of services and functions that all students can access. Nevin added that people who don't believe the Guild



does anything for students should read the
OB reports and make themselves more familiar with the work being done.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

In Favour: 15

Against: 3

Abstentions: 2

11. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. The Council co-opt Sean M to the Guild discipline for the current matter before the committee.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Alexander Robinson

Nevin said he only started dealing with the case last week, which is why the motion is without notice.

There was a procedural to hear the motion. **Carried.**

Nevin said that Governance Committee decided it would be best to co-opt a member into discipline committee to handle that matter, so Sean has been recommended as he is seen as the most impartial person to take up the role.

There was a procedural to move into camera. **Carried.**

There was a procedural to move out of camera. **Carried.**

The motion was put. **Passed.**



In Favour: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2 (including Sean)

2. The 104th Guild Council acknowledges its budgeted expenditure of \$34,850 for the NUS affiliation and conferences.

Moved: Lina El Rakhawy; Seconded: Alex O'Brien

Lina said they only received the figures from Mutya on the day of Council, which is why it is without notice.

There was a procedural to hear the motion. **Carried.**

Lina said that there are two reasons for this motion being moved. The first is that it's an outstanding agenda item as a member of Council moved a motion asking for the exact figures so for transparency purposes it would be best to accept the figure formally. The second reason is that the group 'UWA Out' has released a video stating that the Guild spends \$150 000 on the NUS which can now be confirmed to be untrue, so as a Guild we should acknowledge the correct figure.

Alex echoed Lina's comments.

Ian clarified that it was \$150 000 across the course of Michael McKenzie's degree.



Lewis said that Mutya told them that the figures stated in the video are the direct and indirect expenses towards the NUS and asked which premise this motion was rejecting her figures on.

Megan said that there are a number of other conference fees but they are not associated with the NUS at all. These involved NOWSA (Womens), CAPA (Postgraduate) and CISA (International).

Lina added that the campaigns the the UWA Student Guild run are ones that we choose to run- the NUS simply provides support in those campaigns and UWA affiliates with NUS on those campaigns to gain national traction. If UWA disaffiliated from the NUS, those campaigns would still be run and that money would still be spent as they are run as the EAN. As these campaigns are not run under the NUS, the cost towards those campaigns would not be considered indirect costs.

Megan added that she emailed Mutya and Tony asking for the exact figures spent on any NUS conference and they responded with the figure in the motion which doesn't include CAPA, NOWSA or CISA as they don't have any relation to the NUS.

Lewis said that this figure doesn't reflect the indirect costs as discussed in the previous meeting, which included barbeques and other campaign material.

Megan said that every member of Council has the right to ask Mutya for whichever figures they would like, just as she did by emailing her and asking

for all costs associated with the NUS to which she responded promptly. She thanked Mutya for her cooperation in sending the figures through.



Lina said that the intent of the motion was to provide more transparency for an outstanding agenda item and to provide students with more clarity on NUS related costs in the face of the campaigns that will appear. She added that even with cost of barbeques and posters, it wouldn't get anywhere near the \$150 000 that was advertised.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

In favour: 13

Against: 3

Abstentions: 4

3. A motion was moved in camera. **Motion passed.**

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Election for vacant committee positions

Tenancy Chair:

Jack Looby and Justin Workman were nominated. **Jack Looby elected.**

Welfare and Advocacy Committee:

Pheobe Ho was nominated. **Pheobe Ho elected unopposed.**

Governance Committee:

Sean Matjeraie and Lewis Hutton were nominated. **Sean Matjeraie elected.**

Academic Board:

Sean Matjeraie was nominated. **Sean Matjeraie elected unopposed.**



Personnel Board:

Sean Matjeraie was nominated. **Sean Matjeraie elected unopposed.**

EBA:

Sean Matjeraie was nominated. **Sean Matjeraie elected unopposed.**

Joint Consultative:

Sean Matjeraie was nominated. **Sean Matjeraie elected unopposed.**

VACE:

Alex O'Brien was nominated. **Alex O'Brien elected unopposed.**

Referendum Committee:

Michael McKenzie, Vinuri Gajanayake, Sean Matjeraie and Owen Myles were nominated. **Michael McKenzie, Vinuri Gajanayake and Owen Myles elected.**

Governance Committee Member on Referendum Committee:

Jacob Fowler was nominated. **Jacob Fowler elected unopposed.**

Website Standing Committee:

Zee Ibrahim and Luke Andrews were nominated. **Zee Ibrahim and Luke Andrews elected.**

13. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING



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26th July at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild
Secretary (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.