



## **1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

### **1. Attendance**

Nevin Jayawardena (President), Owen Myles (PSA President), Megan Lee (VP), Vinuri Gajanayake (Secretary), Audrey Tascon (PAC President), Darryl Loke (ISS), Hannah Matthews (Womens Officer), Joseph Chan (OGC), Luke Andrew (OGC), Reece Gherardi (OGC), Zee Ibrahim (OGC), Justin Workman (OGC), Sean Matjeraie (OGC), Michael McKenzie (OGC), Lewis Hutton (OGC), Jayne Whitby (WASAC Chair), Alex Robinson (Sports Council President), Jacob Colangelo (Sports Rep), Maddie Mullholland (Senate Rep), Ruth Thomas (Pelican);

### **2. Apologies**

Alex O'Brien (Treasurer), Bryan Quah (OGC), Rigel Paciente (OGC), Sofia Kouznetsova (VACE Chair), Tyson McEwan

### **3. Proxies**

Davina Daudu (Michael Kabondo), Maddie Mullholland (Lina El Rakhawy), Jeremy Cole (Jack Looby), Lincoln Aspinall (Pheobe Ho), Hunter Stretch (Danni Carroll)

### **4. Observers**

Ridley Bergerol

### **5. Absent**

Sean O'Leary (Environment Officer), Tonia Curby (Pride Officer)

## **ACCEPTED**

## **2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.



### **3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. May Council Minutes
2. June Council Minutes

#### **ACCEPTED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1. Governance
2. Volunteering and Community Engagement

#### **ACCEPTED.**

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

1. Managing Director's Report

Report as tabled.

Organisational strategy has been started, Tony is working with Nevin. Hope to present to Council in another two or three months. Audit and Risk Committee meeting yesterday which included a review and suggestions for the midyear budget. Mid-Year Review will feed into the 2018 budgeting process. Two new key appointments have been made, these being the Engagement Manager & Volunteer Manager (Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> August). Crisis Training is scheduled for outlets and multiple Guild staff for 30<sup>th</sup> July. Will cover how to deal with terrorist or hostage



situations and will assist with Guild risk

management. Everyone will have received an invite to the Guild Alumni event on August 7<sup>th</sup> – it will be a great opportunity for networking.

Mid year budget was only received by SRC yesterday so will be circulated in next month. The key issue is SSAF still has not been received yet and the forecast number does not look like it is going to be as high as expected so we will have to wait and see the effects of this.

Referendum Committee meeting was held and very productive.

Commencement of Elections prep is well on its way.

**2.** Associate Director Corporate Services & Finance Report  
Report as tabled.

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

An in camera discussion was had.

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

**3.** Associate Director of Student Services Report  
Report as tabled.

Tony thanks Zoe, Chelsea and Elise over the last couple of weeks for picking up the departments whilst we have been recruiting. Due to orientation week a lot of the staff are out helping so if students are looking for staff and can't find them, that is probably why. Events are leaning into a very heavy zone with balls and multicultural week, so councilors should be considerate of this workload.

**4.** Associate Director (Commercial) Report  
Covered within Tony & Mutya's reports.

**ACCEPTED**



## **8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

1. The 104th Guild Council accepts the appointments of Suchi Kalia, Jack Menzie and Jacob Fowler to the Sports Sub-Committee.

*Moved: Jacob Colangelo, Seconded: Nevin Jayawardena*

Jacob said that he has consulted ISS and RSD and they are happy with this committee.

The motion was put. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **9. REPORTS**

1. Guild President  
Report as tabled.
2. Vice-President  
Report as tabled.
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  
No report tabled. Just a note however that Club Carnival is on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug and if any clubs are interested in attending to contact Davina.
8. Women's Department  
Report as tabled.
9. Welfare Department  
No report tabled.



10. Environmental Department

No report tabled.

11. International Student Services

No report tabled.

12. Pride Department

No report tabled.

13. Guild Sports Representative

Report as tabled.

14. WASAC Chair

Report as tabled.

15. Postgraduate Student's Association

Report as tabled.

Owen will be submitting an application to host the CAPA end of year conference here.

He has received support from the Guild Exec and has written a letter to Dawn asking for the university's support as well.

If anyone knows of any unofficial post-graduate groups please advise Owen to assist with connecting PSU networks together.

16. Residential Student's Department

Report as tabled.

RSD is proposing a restructure of the committee in order to work more efficiently.

17. Pelican Editors

5<sup>th</sup> edition coming out this Friday

18. Volunteering and Community Engagement Committee Chair

Report as tabled.

19. Orientation Report

As of today, the undergraduate orientation activities are finished. Post Graduate lunch scheduled for tomorrow (27<sup>th</sup>). Overall, looking at being under budget.

**ACCEPTED.**



## QUESTION TIME

1. President would like to note: For the next Council Meeting to add an item that that all the Departments who did not submit a report, must submit a report even if they have not done anything. Also, a thank you to Maddie as Orientation Director for an excellent job on undertaking Orientation activities.
2. Why were PSU financial not available? Owen advised he submitted a report to Council Secretary, unsure why it is not available on the Council Drive. President also advised going forward there will be more stringent financial reporting for departments. These reports will replicate Mutya's financial reports for consistency & transparency.
3. Concerns around Uni exam timetable & assessment regs – It was raised that the current processes don't seem to meet modern day requirements. It was suggested a motion should be put through council covering how the process currently works and a proposal on how to improve this process and allow for more consistency.
4. Is there a timeline the website going to be updated, consultation period underway which will last approx. 3 months, it will then be with Kelvin to consolidate and incorporate. Looking at having it up and running approx. by beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2018.

## 10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

1. That the 104th Guild Council recommends that clubs whenever possible allow students with food allergies and other dietary requirements to bring their own food and drink into club events.

*Moved: Alexander Robinson, Seconded: Zee Ibrahim*

Alex amended the motion so that the word "drinks" would be taken out.

Alex said that it would be easier if students with food allergies and other dietary requirements bring their own food in.



Megan echoed Alex's comments.

Jeremy asked if Alex had spoken to event management to see if this was feasible.

Megan said she spoke to Kasey. As the motion says "whenever possible", it is a recommendation that it needs to be considered at events where appropriate e.g. at a barbeque, a gluten intolerant student who can only eat a specific type of sausage can bring their own food. Areas of concern are if external food is bought in by someone who has food allergies or other dietary requirements and then this food is shared with other students. Clubs will be at risk if this occurs. These means anyone who receives approval to bring their food they are aware they cannot share it.

Lewis asked what would happen in the situation where clubs are selling food as a fundraiser.

Alex said you wouldn't cater to this.

Jacob suggested rewording it so that it places the onus on clubs to work towards ensuring that this is possible within the venue.

Megan suggested a possible rewording of the motion.

Tony said to be mindful that some venues have the legal right to deny people from bringing their own food and drink and that is out of the control of the club. The motion shouldn't bind clubs and societies in cases where its not possible to achieve this.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED:**

That the 104th Guild Council recommends that clubs where appropriate allow students with food allergies and other dietary requirements to bring their own food into club



events and encourage clubs to endeavour to make their club events as inclusive as possible of all dietary requirements.

*Moved: Alexander Robinson, Seconded: Megan Lee*

2. That the 104th Guild Council lobbies the university to immediately address the rise in cheating in the form of students having access to unreleased past examinations granting those students an unfair advantage over students in the same unit who do not have access. Action by the university and the faculties is required to bring equity and avoid a loss of credibility. The Guild Council proposes the solution that all faculties release past examinations for at least the past three years and/or exams must be 100% different from at least the past three years of exams.

*Moved: Alexander Robinson, Seconded: Zee Ibrahim*

Alex said the issue was raised to him by some tutors as its gotten to the stage where results for some units have two distributions due to the fact that some unit coordinators are not changing exams in recurring years. This provides an unfair advantage to students who have access to those past exams, and its important to discuss as these scores are then used to get into various courses.

Zee suggested getting rid of the “and/or” to “and” so that even if they provide the previous year’s papers the current years should also be different. Alex accepted this as friendly.

Lewis asked how units which have limited content would manage modifying their papers by 100% year in year out.

Jeremy suggested changing it from ‘100%’ to ‘substantially different’. Alex accepted this as friendly.



Nevin asked what everyone else thought about going to the University first for more information before binding ourselves to a solution.

Megan said the faculty society would be better positioned to know what the faculty specific issues are and able to provide suggestions around possible solutions on this matter.

Lewis moved an amendment to split the motion as follows:

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Owen pointed out that the university has been working at fixing their policies in relation to Academic Misconduct regarding these issues.

Maddie said there has been a lack of discussion on the personal responsibility for your own education. Maddie completely agrees that the issue of equity needs to be addressed so everyone has access to the same resources.

The motion was put. **PASSED.**

**In favour:** Nevin Jayawardena, Megan Lee, Vinuri Gajanayake, Audrey Tascon, Darryl Loke, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrews, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Justin Workman, Sean Matjeraie, Michael McKenzie, Lewis Hutton, Jayne Whitby, Alex Robinson

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** Owen Myles



2. The Guild Council proposes the solution that all faculties release past examinations for at least the past three years and exams must be substantially different from at least the past three years of exams.

Alex said he sees the advantage of sending it to Ed Council but it is possible to do something at Guild Council.

Zee suggested to put an amendment with consultation with the relevant faculty societies.

Hannah supported Zee by suggesting Guild Council request the Ed Council discuss solutions to this motion and bring these back to Council.

Jacob said he didn't feel comfortable passing this motion without Lina or any FacSoc Presidents or Ed VP's present and agreed this motion should be addressed in Ed Council first.

It was agreed that this motion (Part 2) would be put on Education Council agenda.

#### **WITHDRAWN.**

3. That the UWA Student Guild:
  - a) Recognises the release of the 'Respect. Now. Always.' survey data on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and stands in solidarity with our survivors of sexual assault and harassment;
  - b) Commits to the National Union of Student's campaign to end sexual assault on campus.

*Moved: Hannah Matthews, Seconded: Megan Lee*

The results of the Sexual Assault on Campus survey will be released on the 1<sup>st</sup> August next week. In the lead up there has been a lot of progress on the issues with the Final



Draft of the Sexual Assault Policy received today by Hannah which should be going onto the Universities policy books in the next couple of days.

University is also looking to expand their counselling services under our recommendation to bring on a Counselor specifically trained in dealing with trauma and sexual assault counselling. UA is establishing a free 24/7 hotline which was something that was pushed by students. Hannah commended the university for their cooperation with dealing with the issue and mentioned it is important to acknowledge that in the past there are survivors who have not been treated well by the discipline process here. There have been students who have come the University looking for support and have not previously received this. Hannah said the situation is still far from perfect hence she is calling upon council to support the Nation Campaign. Hannah said that she doesn't need to pass a motion to do this, she can just do it through the Womens Dept, however this isn't just a women's issue, so she called on the whole of Council to get behind the campaign as a Guild to establish sexual assault on campus as a national issue through the collaboration with other Womens Reps and Womens departments around the country. Supporting this campaign doesn't bind Council.

Megan said too many Womens Officers have been shut out of these discussions for too long and there have been incidents across the country that have silenced the voices of survivors, so it's important that student reps around the country show our support for survivors of sexual assault and harassment on campus. Megan hopes this will lead to a improvement in University policies and procedures and state and federal governments. The Womens Dept will be doing a banner paint on Thursday and there will be a sit in on Oak Lawn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August from 12pm-1pm. All welcome to attend.

Lewis moved an amendment to split the motion between Part A and Part B.

Lewis said he has no objection towards dealing with the issue on campus and providing services to victims of sexual assault rather than protesting. Suggested



funding would be more productive being spent on providing services to the victims of sexual assault than on protesting at parliament house. Advocating local members would be preferable. Lewis feels Part A would pass quicker if it was split, allowing us more time to focus discussions around Part B.

Jeremy said its mildly problematic to send this message to students, considering the referendum. Jeremy stated we may need to wait to see how students respond to the Referendum before Guild Council make a decision to support this through NUS.

Maddie, in response to Jeremy, said the campaign to get sexual assault on the agenda for universities has been going on for over 10 years now.

Hannah said she is opposed to splitting this as a motion, its disingenuous and shallow to acknowledge a problem but not attach any action to it. Does not feel this is a pollical issue in relation to NUS. She is working with Womens Officers around the campus, through the NUS to give a national voice to survivors. We are already doing so many things on campus and there's only so much you can do on campus - this is a national issue and needs a national voice where we can push further in supporting victims of sexual assault. We have already been working within the NUS forum and is not about to stop work due to political issues.

Megan agrees with Hannah and said rape on campus is everyone's problem that we should be dealing on a national level. The rewriting of the sexual assault policy would not have occurred without the help of the National Womens Officer Abby Stapleton in this forum. She said it is a little pedantic to not support this campaign and said she didn't particularly care about anyone's feelings towards the NUS. If you can hate the NUS so much that you will stop us supporting a campaign to end rape on campus just because you don't like the



NUS, this is ridiculous and is a clear political move. To not support a campaign that is going to help people incredibly and make survivors out there feel supported and heard and recognized because you don't like the NUS is a little bit ridiculous in her opinion. This a serious issue and for too long students have not been heard. It is not fair to tell survivors that they cannot join up with other survivors / allies around the country that 'no' we have had enough. It's happening all over Australia and its hugely disrespectful to tell Hannah that she cannot continue the work that she has been doing with the NUS just because someone dislikes the NUS. We need to acknowledge the NUS is doing the right thing here, the NUS isn't perfect but this is a really great campaign that should not be tangled in political issues around NUS affiliation.

Zee echoed their thoughts and said this is an issue for people regardless of their sex, gender, race, sexuality etc. Zee states the suggestion to split the motion is a political move due to personal feelings around the NUS.

Reece said that not supporting a motion like this which works to support sexual assault survivors just because of a lack of support for the NUS is unacceptable.

Jacob said he feels the motion was split because there is a conflict and Part B may involve more debate between Council. It was not necessarily split because people disagree with Part B.

Lewis highlighted that he didn't propose the solution because he hates the NUS, but rather because there are two separate motions to be discussed and feels his opinions for solutions could be more effective. The money / resources provided

to NUS could be used more effectively on campus with better services to students and by also running our own campaigns and awareness. Lewis states 'we' strongly stand against any sexual assault on campus 100% and 'we' support



the efforts to do it, but this motion should be 2 separate points with a respectful civilised discussion around Part B.

The amendment was put. **Failed.**

**In Favour:** Michael McKenzie, Lewis Hutton, Justin Workman,

**Against:** Nevin Jayawardena, Megan Lee, Vinuri Gajanayake, Darryl Loke, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrews, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Sean Matjeraie, Jayne Whitby

**Abstentions:** Audrey Tascon, Alex Robinson

Megan offered a note to Council for Council benefit that zero dollars have been spend on this campaign so far and she expects zero dollars will be spent on this campaign going forward and that Hannah has already chatted to many members of parliament on this.

Hannah said we are not giving any extra money to the NUS for this.

Michael McKenzie requested to make a procedural to minute the entire conversation for this motion word for word past and present.

Vinuri stated she has pretty much minuted it word for word already.

Michael M responded thanks to Vinuri and stated it is well within his right to do this.

Justin said that it was fantastic and thanked Hannah and Megan for their work. It is great to see the NUS do something which will hopefully have a great effect on

men, women and intersex people on campus and that it is not costing much money. He said he was in support of the campaign, well done.



Jeremy states he recognizes everyone around this table would agree that these problems need to be recognized and understood, however he asked has the data for this been released? He understood it is due to be released on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Megan stated they are just recognising the release date.

Jeremy asked if they wanted to mention the specific lobbying of the University in any part of the motion, or whether they wanted that lobbying to be summed up in the NUS part of the motion?

Hannah said she didn't think so, as they had been working at lobbying the University for the past year and a half anyway.

Megan said the University has been quite cooperative, but we need the results to go back to the University and say here is statistical evidence that you are lacking in these 3 areas and need to do something about it. It will more than likely be the information we already know anecdotally but we will finally have evidence to make them listen to us. However, there are not too many issues with us as we have been working really well with the University but it will be helpful to have the data to make sure that they don't go back on their word.

Owen flagged the importance of this issue given the number of students on campus that this affects, especially given the power dynamic in a lot of supervisory relationships allows for these kinds of things.

Lewis said he strongly believes the issue should be resolved. On reflection, he is strongly in support of Part A. After hearing from those who are opposing Part B and quoting we are not using any resources, if there is anything he would agree to support within the NUS, it would be for a campaign to address Sexual Assault on campus. Now that he knows that no resources will be put into the campaign, he is fully in support of the



motion and strongly urges everyone else to be as well. Lewis stated any issues with the NUS can be put aside and addressed at another time. He also thanks Womans Dept for their effort in supporting this and all Council members who participated in the debate in a respectful and civil manner.

Zee reminded that when we speak about gender non-conforming people, it doesn't strictly mean intersex, it is disrespectful to say that, but we need to acknowledge it includes men, women, non-binary and intersex as well. Zee requested this reminder to be minuted word for word as well.

Jeremy stated he apologies for using only 'intersex' before.

Zee stated this reminder was for educational purposes only.

Hannah is pleased to hear everyones initial thoughts and agreement are that this is a very important campaign said she looks forward to more people agreeing when she asks them to share posts.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **11. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

- 1.** That Guild Council extends viewing rights of all Office Bearer Reports to the Pelican Magazine editors. The reports will be embargoed until accepted by Council.

*Moved: Vinuri Gajanayake, Seconded: Hannah Matthews*

This motion was without notice because Ruth asked for the reports in response to when Vinuri sent out the Agenda for the Council Meeting. Vinuri stated because Pelican are not standing attendees she does not have the authority to release these



to them, however she would request a motion to grant access for them in today's meeting.

Vinuri said that in order for Pelican to do their job properly, they need access to reports but our Regs currently state that they are not standing invitees so she doesn't have the authority to give them the reports. They would be granted viewing rights however the embargo means they can't post it on any public forums until accepted at Council.

Hannah said that this is a good common sense motion and the embargo is important because we have Guild structures in place to protect the organization, so it's good governance.

Procedural to give Ruth speaking rights. **Carried.**

Ruth said that this will make coming to council easier, as the reports will provide background which makes her job much easier and provides increased clarification.

Lewis spoke in favour of the motion and said that this is a big step in the right direction. It's great to have free press and it is a great mechanism. Great to see Pelican thriving and reporting on matters of Guild Council.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1.** Annual Report 2018- Office bearers will be contacted about their relevant sections for the 2018 Annual Report. Writing will begin at the beginning of Semester 2 and office bearers have been asked to commence drafting their sections now. Nevin will



email out information to office bearers in relation to expectations and some examples.

2. Student representatives should be responding regularly to their emails so that Nevin and the staff don't have to constantly follow up on that. If anyone has any barriers that will stop them from being present for a period of time, let Nevin know so that he and the other members of Council are aware so that they can work around that. See Kelvin if you would like to forward your email to another account which you check more regularly. It is your responsibility as a Council Member to ensure you check and respond promptly.
3. Jeremy asked what the status of the Disciplinary Committee. Nevin stated there is a meeting tomorrow and a report will be completed once an outcome is made. This report will be brought to the next Council meeting.

### **13. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 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.