



## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Attendance

Nevin Jayawardena, Alex O'Brien, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Lina El Rakhawy, Jack Looby, Megan Lee, Audrey Tacson, Vinuri Gajanayake, Bryan Quah, Darryl Loke, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Reece Gherardi, Pheobe Ho, Sean Matjeraie, Michael McKenzie, Lewis Hutton, Alexander Robinson, Rigel Paciente, Tonia Curby, Jayne Whitby, Danni Carroll.

### 1.2 Apologies

Zee Ibrahim, Tyson McEwan

### 1.3 Proxies

Kate Fletcher for Jacob Colangelo

### 1.4 Observers

Jacob Fowler, Benjamin Perry, Aymon Liedel, Kristel Li, Anthea Lui.

### 1.5 Absent

## 2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- As Megan is on the NUS National Executive, she has a conflict of interest with motions 7.6 and 7.7, therefore she would be abstaining.
- Jack has a conflict of interest with motion 7.2 as he is the current Guild Chair, therefore he would be abstaining.

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Catering and Tavern
2. Corporate Services
3. Equity & Diversity
4. Governance
5. Student Services
6. Volunteering & Community Engagement



7. Welfare & Advocacy
8. Workplace Health & Safety
9. Tenancy

## ACCEPTED

### 4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

### 5.0 REFECTORY REFURBISHMENTS- PLANS AND TENDER

Dean from *Hames Sharley* discusses the demolition plan of the ground floor of the Refectory. Dean shows changes to the Guild Kitchen by a reduction of 50%, the Guild Kitchen staff are confident they will be able to maintain current production. The bain-marie space will also be removed and two of the tenancy spaces. The courtyard outside the Refectory will experience some minor changes with the removal of some store rooms. In the upstairs of the Refectory there will be a new floor put in and an elevator installed. The main goal is to create more spaces for potential tenants to sell their product within the Refectory. A new student kitchen will be put in place that students will be able to use. Dean also says that extra lighting will be provided via natural and electric sources. There will be four new solar tubes installed. Dean says there will be an overall upgrade in the furniture. Dean says that there will be a three-week tender period starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and finishing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. The Guild will then assess which is the best option and award tender to the successful contractor on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. This is so that work will start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and the base build will be completed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018. Dean says the Guild is spending their money on the public spaces that the students will use. The tenant will then pay for the private areas that the tenants use to make their product.

Tony says that the site needs to be developed so that it is an appealing location for tenants to use. Once the site is developed, the process of finding tenants shouldn't be too arduous.



Owen asks if there will be room to expand the production of the Guild within the reduced Guild Kitchen space once the renovation is complete?

Jack Spagnuolo says that there will be enough space there to service the Tavern and run functions such as graduations throughout the year. Jack says that larger functions will be outsourced to other kitchens on campus.

Sean M asks if there is a projected income from the renovation?

Tony says that it depends on the tenant. Tony says that 'Lease Equity' will be able to provide greater help in determining what income the Guild can expect from the refurbishment of the Refectory. Tony is expecting that this will be a welcome addition to the Guild.

Conrad asks if Utopia will remain a tenant?

Tony says that they will still go through the fair, tenant process.

Jack S says that the focus groups in place, Lease Equity and the University will all provide feedback on the type of tenants that will be installed.

Jack Looby asks if there will be another point of entry?

Dean says that yes, the goal is to ensure that the Ref is as permeable of possible.

Jack L also asks if the University needed to approve this?

Tony says that this plan has been through all the relevant University bodies and hence will go through, besides any minor changes.

Lewis asks who will make the final call on what tenants will be in the Refectory?

Jack S says that it will be ran as a 'closed tender' process in which the student body will select the outlets based on the information from Lease Equity and research



that the Guild undertakes. Jack S says that once that process is completed there will be a final selection panel.

Lewis asks how the tenants will be selected?

Jack S says that the tenants will be placed into certain categories of what the Guild is looking to have and will then determine what tenants fit those categories.

Tony says that the Guild will be looking at following the precedent of introducing large brands like Boost and Utopia.

Dean says that the Guild will control what the student areas look like so that the area doesn't just end up like a food court. Dean wants this area to be a study and community area in which students can attend and not have to eat.

Sean O'Leary asks if the courtyard will be used as a seating area?

Dean says yes in order to increase the seating area in total.

Bryan asks what the opening hours will be?

Jack S says that there will be a deal implemented in order to keep opening hours changeable if necessary. Jack S says that hours could be extended during the day if it needs to be.

Chris asks if there are possibilities for the subsidisation of tenants in order to attract larger tenants?

Tony says that for now that isn't something on the radar, and the goal is for the tenants to be paying the Guild back for the investment in the space.

Jack L asks what the timeline is in terms of moving onto areas like Acorn Café?



Tony says over the next year or two it could be opened, however it will need an elevator. Tony also says that it might not be necessary to open it with the increased amount of tenants and there might be too much supply.

Jack L asks if 3 weeks is long enough for a tender process?

Dean says yes.

Lewis asks how the Guild will handle tenants that would like to change the space they are in?

Jack S says that the Guild will have flexibility in facilitating tenants into the area in order to secure the best experience possible.

Lewis asks how the tenants will be approached in terms of what space they would like?

Tony says it will come down to what the tenants will provide and that the focus will be on securing tenants within the Refectory to start off. Tony says that it is exciting because there will be more brands on campus and that this area could be a student hub moving forward like Reid Library.

Joseph asks if there are any plans to reduce the noise?

Dean says that this will be determined by the furniture that is put in place. Dean also says that the ceiling will be refurbished which will improve the acoustic quality.

Joseph also asks if there will be sufficient power points in order to cater for students that would like to study with their computers?

Jack S says that this is definitely something that is being considered and should definitely be implemented. Dean says that this is also determined by the floor that is implemented. Tony says that the aim is to put in as many power points as possible.



Taylor Home asks what are the plans for the club spaces in the upstairs of the Refectory?

Dean says that Councillors should look at the 2015 Guild Master Plan and that will provide the answers needed for these spaces.

Lewis asks what will happen to the food trucks on Oak Lawn?

Tony says that the plan is to bring the successful food trucks in to the Refectory as a tenant. Tony adds that for about three years the Guild has been trying to get the University to allow food trucks in other areas of the university. Tony says that the food trucks will most likely be decreased on Oak Lawn and hopefully move into the Refectory.

Sean M asks again about the Club spaces on the top floor of the Refectory as the Master Plan is quite vague in what it says?

Tony says that is up to Council to determine what these spaces are used for.

Jack S says that there needs to be an elevator put in so that these spaces can be used properly.

**Guild Council endorses the plan.**

## 6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

### 1. Managing Director's Report

Tony says that there is a Risk & Audit Committee meeting coming up, and that budgets for 2018 are being worked on. Tony also says that the Guild has been looking at improving the Guild's IT systems. He adds the Partnership is also being worked on with the University and that SSAF discussions will begin soon over the next month within the Senate.

### 2. Associate Director Corporate Services & Finance Report

Tony says that Guild has had an improved month within Catering and that the Guild is looking to achieve its \$400000 profit margin by the end of the year. The Guild has struggled somewhat with catering due to a lack of students on



campus. The Guild isn't over budget in any particular area. The ISS budget is slightly over, due to the 'Light House' publishing that was modified after the mid-year budget. The main focus will be on the SSAF and the outcome of how much SSAF money that the Guild will receive.

### 3. Associate Director of Student Services Report

The Guild has employed a new counsellor within Student Assist. There is a process now for employing a new Volunteer Officer within Guild Volunteering. Tony adds that the Guild will also be employing a new Workplace Health and Safety Officer.

### 4. Associate Director (Commercial) Report

Jack S says that the Guild had a reasonably good month in terms of sales. Jack S says that there is still a reduction in students that are purchasing products from the Guild Café. Jack S says that the Guild is making profits from the Quobba Gnarning Café. Jack adds that Dean gave a good summary of the Refectory project, and that it is important that the new tenants are managed well, so that it is a successful process.

As tabled.

**ACCEPTED**

## 7.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

1. In camera motion.
2. That the 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council launches an investigation into alleged breaches of Part IV C-Payment surcharges in the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* by certain vending machines at this university. The Guild investigates whether a 20c service fee to use credit cards on the culprit vending machine is a breach of the mentioned act.

*Moved: Alexander Robinson; Seconded: Jacob Colangelo.*



Jack L asks if Alexander has spoken to Jack Spagnuolo about this motion?

Alexander says no.

Jack L says it is inappropriate for a motion to come to Guild Council that might involve Guild staff, that hasn't been consulted about already with the staff.

Jack L moves a procedural motion to adjourn this motion to the next meeting.

Motion carries.

3. That the 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council updates the Sport Council President honours board to reflect the office bearer, implements a new honour board for the Sports Representative and the Guild Council Chair.

*Moved: Alexander Robinson; Seconded: Jacob Colangelo.*

Alexander says there is a Sports Council President Honour Board that hasn't been updated. Alexander says that his contribution this year deserves his name to be up. Alexander also says that it makes sense to have a Sports Representative Honour Board and a Chair Honour Board.

Lewis asks if the boards will be backdated?

Alexander says that is something the Guild can determine.

Lewis asks why the Environment Officer hasn't been included?

Alexander says he assumed it would be up there already.

Reece asks if this project has been costed?

Alexander said no.

Tony asks why can't the Managing Director have a board?





Jack L names Tony.

Conrad asks Alexander that as the Sports Council President isn't an entity of the UWA Student Guild, why is it appropriate that they have an honour board and not the UWA Sports Representative?

Alexander says that the Sports Council President does have a voting right, and that as they sit on the Guild Council they deserve an Honour Board.

Conrad asks why not include other positions like the Tenancy Chair, or Pride Officers?

Alexander says that the Guild Council Chair is quite a big position so it probably deserves one.

Lina asks that shouldn't the Guild try to revise the motion to determine what positions the Guild want to have an honour board?

Alexander says yes.

Lewis uses the slippery slope argument and says how many more boards do we need?

Jack L moves the discussion to substantive debate.

Nevin says given there are plenty of boards already within the room, he suggests that this motion gets moved to the Strategic Resources Committee to investigate costings.

Jack L says that a potential amendment could be to say that this motion is moved to the SRC for further investigation.

Jack L suggests

104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:



- a) updates the Sports Council President Honours Board to reflect the current Officer Bearer.
- b) requires that SRC reports back to Guild Council on the addition of any other Honour Boards.

Jack L asks if this would be considered a friendly amendment?

Amendment passes as friendly.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

4. The 104th Guild Council:
  - a) Acknowledges the importance of attendance at handover training for all members of Guild Council;
  - b) Makes it compulsory for all members of the 105th Guild Council to attend handover training sessions and stipulates that non-attendance at the sessions or make-up sessions before the end of Semester 1 of 2018 will result in members being excluded from in-camera discussions; and
  - c) Requests the Governance Committee included in the review of the election regulations, that attendance at handover become mandatory for all future successful candidates and this position is stipulated in the regulations as something candidates agree to upon signing the nomination form.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Megan Lee.*

Nevin says he would like to make an amendment to Part B to say 'includes in the transition policy all members of an incoming Guild Council must attend handover training sessions and stipulates that non-attendance at the sessions or make-up sessions before the end of Semester 1 of incoming council term, will result in members being excluded from in-camera discussions;'

Jack L asks why this amendment was moved so late?



Nevin says because it was only pointed out to him before the meeting.

Jack L says the original motion is substantively different to the amendment because the original motion is binding members of the 104<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> Guild Council while the amendment changes the transition policy only.

Jack L asks for a vote to accept the amendment.

Amendment accepted.

Nevin says that any elected member has fiduciary duties to Guild Council, and needs to follow basic requirements of Guild Council such as attending the meetings and understanding how they will be run so that they become a more efficient process.

Jack L passes the Chair to Owen.

Megan says that it gives the Guild Council more credibility because they are trained and know how to run the Guild as an organization effectively. The only way to know how to run Guild Council is through proper training at the handover meetings.

Lewis asks if it is even possible to ban someone from in-camera discussions?

Owen says that the Discipline Committee of Guild has a very open clause which allows it to do things like this.

Jack L says that there is no provision that Guild Council can determine whether or not someone can sit on Council and the reason why someone is able to comes down to if they have been elected or not. The Discipline Committee has the power to set judgments which disallow councilors to sit on council.

Reece asks if people who have been banned after Semester 1 from in-camera discussions will be allowed to, once they have completed handover training?



Megan says that people have the last day of Semester 1 to complete handover training and that this should allow enough time. If handover training hasn't been completed after Semester 1 they won't be allowed into in-camera discussion until they have completed the training.

Vinuri asks if this will allow the Guild Council to determine if any councilor can sit on council?

Megan says that the Guild would have to refer to the policy book.

Jack L suggests moving a procedural motion to adjourn this motion to the Governance Committee. Jack L says that this motion has the right intention, but as there are being changes made to the policy and there has been no consultation with the Governance Committee than it should be adjourned.

Owen moves the procedural motion to adjourn this motion to the Governance Committee.

Motion carried.

5. The Council endorses the development of a Terms of Reference for the UWA Young Leaders Council.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Jack Looby*

Nevin says that the University has wanted to create some long-term strategies to entice future students into coming to UWA. Nevin suggested to the University that it would be a good idea to create a Young Leaders Council for student representatives from High Schools across WA. Nevin wants to do this because it would be an opportunity for the Guild and University to talk to young leaders within the WA community.

Jack L echoes the statements of Nevin.

Lewis asks if the YLC will be run by students from Guild Council?



Nevin says yes it probably will be but this will be determined by the terms of reference.

Conrad asks if this will be run by the Guild or University?

Nevin says Guild.

Conrad asks if the Guild will have the backing of the University?

Nevin says that the University is supportive of the Guild engaging with high school leaders but they aren't aware of this initiative?

Conrad asks if the Guild will need to convince the university of this initiatives worth?

Nevin says yes there will need to be some convincing from the Guild to the University. Nevin believes that the UWA Guild Council has some very good leaders and thus would do well. Nevin says that there will most likely be some consultation with the university.

Megan says that the University have already asked Guild Councillors to be the UWA Student ambassadors to incoming students.

Kate F asks who will be developing the Terms of Reference?

Nevin says the Governance Committee.

Chris S asks how can the Guild ensure that the YLC won't be used to foster future student politicians?

Nevin says that this isn't a political tool, but a strategic move to ensure that UWA are getting the best students in the future and understanding what students of the future want.



Jack L says that this is a motion asking for an endorsement from Guild Council in order to move forward with the Terms of Reference. Jack L says that this is an opportunity to ensure that UWA is getting the best students of the future from across Western Australia.

Kate F asks if there will be anything made for inter-state or international students?

Nevin says it wasn't made part of the scope, but it is definitely something Governance Committee can consider.

Vinuri said that during Guild elections a lot of first year students had no idea about what the Guild was. Vinuri said that this is a good opportunity to talk to high school students about what the Guild is and what it can do for students.

Lewis says that himself and Chris S are trying to alleviate any future potential issues. Lewis agrees with Vinuri's point about helping students learn what the Guild is as an organization.

Megan says that the university is really struggling to get to domestic students to come to UWA and that this will be a very good opportunity for UWA to get to high school students first. Megan says it is important to get the message out to domestic students about what opportunities are available to future students. Megan says that more students on campus isn't only good for the university but also good the Guild.

Conrad says that people who are going to abuse initiatives like this for political reasons are going to do it anyway and that the Guild shouldn't forget about initiatives like this in the fear that some people will abuse them.

Lewis says although he will be voting for the motion, it is just important to remember that the way that Guild Council works is that the vote percentages by students don't often lead to a similar outcome on the make up on council. Lewis says that he worries about a system of further entrenchment where



power is concentrated in the hands of a few people and that concerns like these need to be raised for initiatives like these to run smoothly.

Michael M suggests that it might be better to leave this project for next year as the 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council has nearly reached the end of its term. Michael M says that although this is a good idea it shouldn't be rushed and that in the harsh reality of things it is probably best to wait until next year.

Jack L says that although he appreciates that the Governance Committee has a lot on its plate, he is confident that the Terms of Reference are a relatively straight forward project and that it could be finished within a day.

Kate F says that when deciding who determines these terms of reference, the schools included should be discussed. Kate F says that maybe an 'opt-in' system could be used.

Nevin says that the Guild and University will consult the relevant stakeholders to ensure that students want to be involved within this program. Nevin says that this will be a beneficial program for high school students so it would be a shame if high school students didn't want to be involved. Nevin also says that just because there are two months left, it doesn't mean that the Guild should put ideas on hold. Nevin says that as no other university has a program like this in place, UWA should take this opportunity.

Motion carries unanimously.

6. That Council approves of video recording of Guild Council meetings that will then be made available online for public access.

*Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Megan Lee.*

Nevin proposes an amendment to the motion.

That Council:

- a) Approves of video recording of Guild Council meetings that will then be made available online for public access.



b) Directs the Governance Committee to develop a video recording policy before recordings are made available online.

Amendment passed as friendly.

Nevin says that this motion is about making Guild Council more transparent.

Megan echoes the words of Nevin.

Lina asks if that means people will be able to watch her eat during meetings?

Nevin says yes.

Lina also asks why a video recording and not just a voice recording?

Megan says a video recording is more accessible.

Lina says that it seems very 'TV-show' like.

Nevin says that videos are far more engaging. Nevin says that this will be interesting for the Guild's archives as well.

Lewis asks when this will come into effect?

Nevin says the policy will go to the Governance Committee, which will work through any problems and then once the policy is passed by Guild Council it will be put in place immediately.

Lewis asks if live streaming was considered?

Jack L says that this motion isn't about live-streaming.

Lewis asks which kind of people are going to download a long Guild Council meeting?





Nevin says people who are interested in Guild Council.

Lewis says where the camera will be in the room and what will be done about people that don't want to be on camera?

Nevin says that he understands Lewis' concerns but these questions will be considered within the Governance Committee. Nevin says this motion is simply an endorsement from Guild Council to get the Governance Committee to create a policy for video recording.

Tonia asks about the angles of the camera, when the Guild Council sits at a round table?

Jack L reminds everyone that this motion isn't about the logistics but as Nevin said an endorsement from Council to create a policy for video recording.

Lina raises a concern about having sub-titles on the video recordings so that it is accessible to everyone.

Kate F raises a concern about who will be actually putting the videos together?

Megan says there are paid staff members that would do it.

Nevin says that the policy created by the Governance Committee will cover all logistical issues.

Tonia asks if this motion passes does that mean that Guild council meetings will be recorded?

Jack L said no, as this is just an endorsement it will just be provoking all the actions necessary to get this project underway. The policy will then have to come back to Guild Council so that it passes then.

Jack L moves the discussion into substantive debate.



Jack L passes the Chair to Owen.

Jack L says that he will be voting against this motion because he believes it doesn't add anything of value to Guild Council. He says that all this motion does is make people self-conscious and at this stage the Guild already posts minutes and resolutions. Jack L is worried this will limit the potential for Guild Councillors to talk freely. Jack L says that this won't help the functioning of this Council.

Reece says that in recent years there have been Pride Officers who haven't come out to their families and if there is video recordings of them as the Pride Officer than this could put them in danger. Therefore Reece will be voting against this motion.

Lewis said that he will be voting for this motion. Lewis says that he has been speaking to students and that students are keen on the idea of having livestreamed Guild Council meetings. Lewis says that his idea would be to have a live stream, and once the meeting is over the live stream ends.

Megan says that this has been an effective method of student engagement at other universities. Megan adds that not every student is able to make these Council meetings as an observer. Megan says that considering it is 2017 it is time that this Guild Council catches up with the times and adopts video recording as a method of engagement. Megan says that a good policy will be able to navigate any privacy or logistical issues and that it will be a good thing to look back on for future Guild Councillors to see how previous Guild Councils behaved.

Lina says she agrees with the idea of increased transparency, not all student representatives will feel comfortable with being filmed 12 times a year. Lina says that this will open up student representatives to increased scrutiny and pressure. Lina says that there are too many potential factors at play which will be detrimental at council.



Vinuri says that she agrees with what Reece said. Vinuri is worried that this will make Guild Council inaccessible to people who fear they will be on camera.

Jack L says that he doesn't think there is any issue with accessing what goes on at Guild Council. This is considering that the Guild has minutes, resolutions, live streams via facebook and if there is an access issue about observing Guild Council than that is what should be addressed to have the meetings at a more accessible time and location. Jack L says putting something online will limit the actions of this council and it's ability to speak freely. Jack fears that people will be publicly shamed for words they said in the heat of an argument and that isn't what this council should be about. Jack says people are elected to Guild Council and have a right to say their views. Jack says it is the way that people which is what should count.

Michael M says that the standard that this council has set this year is one of practicality and that having Guild Council filmed is not practical. Michael says that the Guild can engage with students through what the Guild actually does and not what happens at Council.

Owen moves a procedural motion to close the speaking list.

Motion Carries.

Nevin says that he is happy to hear the debate about this motion. Nevin says after hearing this debate he is worried that he can fully stand behind this motion. Nevin believes the goal of this motion is to better engage with students but understands the issues of privacy and confidentiality. Nevin says it might be worth creating a project brief or investigating making Guild Council meetings more accessible as a whole. Nevin says he has been convinced otherwise that this might be the best action to take.

Owen asks if Nevin wants to continue supporting and moving the motion?



Nevin says it might be best to amend the motion to be about investigating an accessibility policy through the Strategic Resources and Governance Committee.

Owen says that this would be a very different motion and that he recommends that Nevin step down from moving it.

Jack L says that it seems most of Guild Council oppose this motion and that instead of amending it, council should vote on it and have a very clear stance on how they feel. Jack L says his preference would be that a vote happens so that the stance that Guild Council has is clear.

Owen says that he understands the point but he can't have a vote on a motion that doesn't have a seconder.

Lewis H says that he will second the motion. Megan thus moves the motion.

Lewis H says that he likes the idea of the motion but doesn't necessarily agree with having video recording and that live streaming would be better. Lewis says that this would be a very great way to engage with students. Lewis says that he is happy to have whatever he says on Council to be broadcasted because he believes what he says. Lewis says that this would improve Guild Council as it would increase the accountability of Guild Council and encourage everyone to do a good job. That is why he will support this motion.

Tonia says that she would feel uncomfortable with her opinions being online for a long time.

Lina asks if she can move a procedural motion to be added to the speaking list?

Owen moves the motion. Motion fails.

Joseph says that he appreciates transparency is good and that the Guild already has published minutes. Joseph says students can freely go and see what Guild Council discusses through the resolutions, minutes and by coming as an



observer. Joseph reiterates that Guild Council is a Board of Directors and that this is a highly unprecedented move for a Board of Directors. Joseph says that students won't actually be interested in the viewing of minutes and are far more interested in new events, catering and student support. Joseph says that therefore he will be voting against this motion.

Megan says that living in the age of social media, people regularly make mistakes with what they post and get made fun of and criticized for it. This is something that happens already. Megan says that if you google her name it comes up with every position she has ever held on this Guild Council. Megan says that if you are worried about what future employers will think of what you are saying than you probably shouldn't be saying it in the first place. Megan references times when she has been largely criticized online by strangers for her opinions on previous motions like having security cameras in the UWA Tavern but she would still stand by what she said. Megan says that it makes Guild Councillors far more accountable and will make people conduct themselves better. Megan says that in terms of students not being interested, they are not interested because this opportunity has never been available to them. Megan says that students are interested in discussions around new events, new food, new buildings that the Guild can provide and that's why it would be good to broadcast these meetings and that when it is election time students will know what people do on Council. Megan says that it is important to have a proper policy around this however. She argues that the Guild should want students to know about what the Guild is doing and this is a way of how this can be achieved. Megan says that she would really like Guild Council to at least support an investigation into accessibility and video recording.

Owen concludes debate.

### **Motion fails.**

7. The 104<sup>th</sup> UWA Student Guild caps the total money spent on all NUS related activities to \$1 per student per year, the figure cited by the 'Stronger with the NUS' campaign.

*Moved: Lewis Hutton; Seconded: Jacob Colangelo.*



Jack L moves a procedural motion to limit the speaking list for this motion to four speakers, having two speakers for and against the motion.

Motion carried.

Lewis says that the Guild had a referendum and a result however the Guild should recognize the policies and arguments made by both campaigns during the referendum. Lewis says that the 'Stronger with the NUS' campaign claimed only \$1 per student was spent on the NUS and that the Guild should thus carry through with this claim and only pay the NUS \$1 per student.

Jacob C isn't at the meeting and Kate F his proxy defers her speaking rights to Michael M. Michael M says that it sounds like a good deal and that if it is only \$1 per student the Guild should follow through and do that.

Chris S asked if the \$1 would be adjusted for inflation?

Lewis says this should be answered by a committee.

Conrad speaks against the motion by saying that if there was any depth of reading into the Stronger with the NUS campaign than the \$1 per student claim is completely correct with roughly \$18000 spent for 24000 students. Conrad says that it would be inappropriate for the 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council to bind future Guild Council to payment plans to the NUS.

Nevin says that the Governance Committee has already analysed the KPIs of the NUS which determines how much money is spent on affiliation fees.

Lewis says that the KPIs set for the NUS are a farce and the NUS is not held to a high standard. Lewis says that the fact of the matter is that even if the Guild didn't pay the NUS, UWA students would still be represented by the NUS. Lewis says that UWA can still get national representation without paying any money.

**Motion fails.**



8. The 104<sup>th</sup> UWA Student Guild reduces its contributions to the NUS by 40% online with the results of the recent referendum.  
*Moved: Lewis Hutton; Seconded: Jacob Colangelo*

Lewis asks if he can amend the motion to 37%. Jack L accepts this as a friendly amendment.

Alexander moves a procedural motion to go straight to a vote. Motion fails.

Lewis says that the NUS only represents 63% of the students at UWA and hence the payment for affiliation should be adjusted accordingly.

Conrad asks if the plebiscite for same sex marriage came back with a 64% yes vote does that mean Lewis would only allow 64% of same sex couples to get married?

Lewis says he would personally allow all couples to get married. Lewis says that the referendum at UWA is non-binding and must be referred back to Guild Council and that is simply what he is doing.

Conrad says that you can't 64% affiliate to something.

Lina asks since when referendums weren't just a yes or no answer? Lina says that the question put to students was a very simple question and it wasn't about affiliation payment.

Jack L rules this an invalid question of clarification.

Michael M defers his speaking rights to Lewis.

Lewis says that as the Guild Council has become aware there are such things as non-binding referendums. Lewis says that even if the referendum was successful, the UWA Student Guild would have still been affiliated until the issue was referred to Guild Council. The students give their mandate to the Guild and then the Guild must act on that mandate. It is the job of the Guild to



interpret the referendum and that is what Lewis is doing by saying that the affiliation fee should be adjusted.

Reece has three things to say. Firstly he says that this isn't how democracy works. Secondly he asks Lewis to 'stop' and three according to Guild regulations a passed referendum becomes policy of the Guild.

Owen speaks in an informational capacity by pointing out the moment 500 signatures were presented, the Guild had no other choice but to follow through with a referendum according to it's own regulations.

Vinuri says that the reason why the referendum wasn't binding was because the NUS regulations were different to the Guild regulations. Hence a disaffiliation wouldn't have been recognized as a proper referendum and non-binding.

Lewis says that students have had their say about the NUS. Lewis says however he will continue to advocate for disaffiliation from the NUS. Lewis says he believes a lot of students didn't have their say and thus he will continue on and that the silent majority would have supported disaffiliation.

### **Motion fails.**

9. The 104<sup>th</sup> UWA Student Guild:
  - a) Acknowledges the impact Guild elections have on our environment;
  - b) Aims to cut the paper used in Guild elections by 50%
  - c) Makes moves towards electronics elections

*Moved: Lewis Hutton; Seconded: Jacob Colangelo.*

Lewis says that the environment is close to his heart. Lewis says that Launch had an important Environmental policy which was to cut paper usage by 50% in the elections. Lewis says that the Guild should support progress and that he definitely believes having electronic voting is the way forward. Lewis says that we should demonstrate our progressive values.





Kate echoes what Lewis says. Kate says that electronic voting doesn't just mean online voting but it can mean electronic campaigning, voting, debating. Kate says that it is excessive, that flier dropping all over campus interrupts students study and it isn't a positive way of engaging with students.

Hannah asks about a similar debate at last year's election. Hannah asks if it would be different to last year's idea about voting on an ipad for example.

Lewis says that the issue would definitely have to be investigated and that it isn't necessarily online voting. Lewis says that there could be a number of different methods used but they will all need to be investigated.

Owen asks if included in this definition of electronic voting is both campaigning and voting?

Lewis says yes, that this motion is about moving elections towards the 21<sup>st</sup> century and towards a more modern style of elections.

Joseph asks Lewis where he got the figure of 50% from?

Lewis says 50% is a good place to start by just cutting the paper production in half.

Joseph asks Kate about electronic elections and campaigning, and if she would be pushing to completely ban flier drops?

Kate says no, in the motion it says 50% and therefore this isn't a complete ban.

Nevin asks if there is already a stance taken by the Guild about this, and if this is the case than it might be good to amend the motion to be different to the stance?

Lewis says that it is still different because this has a specific goal and is also reigniting discussion about the issue.



Lina asks if an Electoral Reform Committee should be established?

Jack L says that as Chair of Guild Council and the Governance Committee he will in his handover recommend electoral reform as a key priority.

Lina then says it might be a good idea to add to the motion a recommendation about making electoral reform a key priority.

Conrad asks what vision Lewis and Kate have for the transfer from paper campaigning to electronic campaigning and the issue of a decrease in voter turnout?

Lewis says that he doesn't think there is any student on campus that is wishing for more paper. Lewis says that there are multiple options for the future. Lewis says that cutting the paper printing by 50% could save \$2000. If this money was spent on online engagement than this would create a huge improvement in student engagement. Lewis says that this isn't a complete step away from paper but just a move towards electronic voting.

Conrad asks what Lewis means by the word 'aims'?

Lewis says that using the word 'aims' simply refers to setting a target and figuring out what the Guild can do to get to this target.

Conrad seeks to move an amendment to remove the 50% target and state in Part B 'In consultation with the WAEC, the Guild will significantly reduce the amount of paper used in Guild elections'. **Amendment fails.**

Sean O says that he completely agrees with the substance of this motion. Sean says that the flier dropping method is ineffective and that social media would be a far more effective campaigning tool. Sean's only issue is with Part B and the use of 50% and that it should be changed.

Michael M says this motion is a good reflection of what students would want. Michael M says that 50% is a great start and that it could be even more.



Michael believes that online or electronic based campaigning wouldn't decrease voter turnout.

Lewis says that he strongly encourages everyone to support this motion and that it is an important step in the right direction.

Motion carries.

## **8.0 REPORTS**

### **1. Guild President**

As tabled.

Maddie Mulholland will be resigning from her position as Senate Representative to allow the Guild President to take their position on the Senate.

### **2. Vice-President**

As tabled.

### **3. Secretary**

As tabled.

Vinuri has been working on the Guild Ball.

### **4. Treasurer**

As tabled.

### **5. Education Council President**

As tabled.

Lina says that only in exceptional circumstances a Unit Coordinator or Lecturer may choose not to record their lectures, and these circumstances must be communicated to the students and Associate Dean of Faculty.

### **6. Public Affairs Council President**

As tabled.



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## 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council

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### **7. Societies Council President**

As tabled.

### **8. Women's Department**

As tabled.

### **9. Environment Department**

As tabled.

### **10. International Student Services**

As tabled.

### **11. Pride Department**

As tabled.

### **12. Guild Sports Representative**

As tabled.

### **13. WASAC Chair**

As tabled.

### **14. Postgraduate Student's Association**

As tabled.

PSA Elections are open for nomination.

### **15. Residential Student's Department**

As tabled.

### **16. Pelican Editors**

As tabled.



Pelican provide a verbal report about their final print of the year which should be arriving on Campus on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Applications for 2018 Pelican Editors will be opening soon.

### 17. Guild Chair

As tabled.

Jack L commends Sean M on his work on the new RSD Regulations. Jack L says that the Guild Regulations will be given to Guild Council very soon.

**ACCEPTED.**

## 9.0 QUESTION TIME

Sean M asks about the lack of attendance and lack of submitting reports by some Office Bearers?

Jack L suggests that the secretary create a spreadsheet of data to demonstrate attendance and if reports being submitted on time. This would allow a better understanding of the issue.

Nevin says that any Office Bearer that didn't submit a report will need to send in a report soon and will be required to do so for the next meeting.

Reece says Tonia and other **pride officer** have been doing a very good job.

Lewis H asks about the resignation of Maddie from Senate?

Nevin says that Maddie was elected to a two-year term on the Senate however the regulations hold that only two students can sit on the Senate. The Guild President and PSA President both need to sit on the Senate and as Maddie doesn't want to limit the role of either of these two positions she has decided to resign.

Lewis H asks Lina about how unit outlines are taking a long time to be uploaded and what can be done about it?



Lina says that this is an issue that the Guild has asked the university to investigate to determine what is happening. The issue has been raised at Education Council and at Academic Board.

Lewis H asked about a supposed 'big announcement' in relation to 8:30am exams that was meant to happen this week by the University?

Nevin says that they are still waiting on the announcement and explains for clarification that the University introduced more exams slots so that students sat in the best buildings possible for exams. Nevin says that the survey that the Guild ran on the exams to determine if students liked the 3 exams a day structure and that the survey showed that students didn't. The Guild then used this survey to show the University Executive that this structure wasn't well liked by students and hence most likely in 2018 the structure will change to two exams a day. Nevin says that the structure won't be changed for the upcoming exams because it is too late to change the planning.

Jack L asks Hannah about a new unit relating to sexual assault?

Hannah says that the University has a Rape Strategic Initiative Fund which is able to pay for any potential initiative to tackle sexual assault on campus. The Safety on Campus Committee has put a bid on to create a sexual assault unit that would educate students on these issues. There will be more information coming out next week.

## 10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

1. The 104<sup>th</sup> UWA Student Guild:
  - a) Acknowledges the low turn out at our recent elections;
  - b) Works towards better representing all students;
  - c) Endorsed voluntary student unionism;
  - d) Supports the 'AXE the SSAF' campaign.

Moved: Lewis Hutton; Seconded: Justin James Workman



Lewis H says that the Guild is supposed to represent all students and the best way to do this is by advocating for voluntary student unionism. Lewis H says that compulsory student unionism is against human rights and that students should be allowed to consider what they do with their money.

Michael M says that when students come to this university they aren't really given a choice about spending their money on the Guild. Michael M says that the campus would be a better place if students are able to pick and choose what they want from the Guild. Michael M says that this motion will bring value for money to students and that it will motivate the Guild to reach out to other students who don't want to be involved or have anything to do with the Guild but still have to pay money to the Guild anyway.

Conrad asks in what way Lewis H thinks that the fact that students have an option whether or not they want to be a Guild member means that this isn't voluntary student unionism?

Lewis H says that he almost sees the SSAF as a tax on students. Lewis H says he is advocating for students being able to determine and decide where their money and resources go.

Nevin asks if Lewis H knows that the UWA Guild elections has one of the highest voting turnout in Australia?

Lewis says yes.

Nevin asks Lewis H if he knows that as per Statute 20, moving towards a more representative Guild with a higher voting turnout is one of the main goals of the Guild?

Lewis says yes.

Nevin asks if Lewis H is aware that the UWA Student Guild already has voluntary student unionism?



Lewis says he disagrees.

Nevin asks Lewis H if he is aware that to 'axe the SSAF' would mean the Guild lose roughly 74% of its' revenue?

Lewis says yes objectively.

Reece asks how does Part A & B link to Part C & D?

Lewis H says that the motion is like an essay and Part A & B are the introduction and thus lead into Part C & D.

Jack L says there has been an increase in voter turnout at the 2017 election and that the Guild already represents the students and is striving to perform better. Jack L says that there is already voluntary student unionism so Part C makes no sense. Jack L says that to 'axe the SSAF' would bankrupt the Guild and therefore it goes against the fiduciary duties of the Guild. Thus, this motion is a waste of time.

Michael M says students still need to have a choice as to whether or not they want to pay SSAF to the Guild. Michael M says that a lot of students don't care about the Guild and have nothing to do with the Guild so they should be able to determine if they want to give their own money to the Guild.

Megan says that 96% of UWA students are Guild members, but she would support universal voluntary student unionism. The vast majority of students are Guild members meaning that 96% of SSAF money goes to the Guild. Megan says that the SSAF is important and it is necessary.

Lewis still believes that students need the choice, because they really want to be involved with the Guild. Lewis believes a lot of students join because they feel like they have too and don't actually like the Guild.

Michael K moves a procedural motion to reopen the speaking list for himself. Motion carries.





Michael K says that if certain councillors are worried about a low voter turnout, the Guild should make voting compulsory and then see how much students will then love the Guild.

**Motion fails.**

## 11.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

11.1: The 104<sup>th</sup> Guild Council knows that an Ordinary General Meeting is something that has been run since 2014, and will hold an OGM in Semester 2, 2017.

Moved: Chris Scherini; Seconded: Michael Kabondo.

Guild Council vote to hear the motion.

Chris S says that it is important that students know what happens in the Guild and that an OGM is the perfect opportunity for this to occur.

Michael K says that this is a good idea and according to the Guild Regulations it needs to occur.

Sean M asks why there hasn't been an OGM recently?

Jack L says that it has been put to the side.

Owen says that there are notice requirements and he is worried there might not be enough time to give notice to the students?

Megan says there needs to be at least 10 University working days of notice.

Lewis H asks what usually happens at these?

Jack L says that it is similar to an AGM for a club.



Megan says that there is confirmation of the minutes from previous meetings, President Reports, budget reports and general business.

Jack L moves a procedural motion to move straight to a vote.

**Motion carries.**

## **12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 12.1 Guild Ball: Reminder to all Councillors that the Guild Ball is this upcoming weekend on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.
- 12.2 Nevin reminds all student representatives that they have a duty to uphold the reputation of the Guild. In 2017 there have been issues surrounding a supposed 'missing \$1 million' and this is just not appropriate. Jack L says that there were many instances on the voting booths where candidates from one particular party were claiming that STAR is so corrupt that they have lost \$1 million and that this is not appropriate at all.

## **13.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 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.