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Semester 2 - October 26th, 2018
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Please find Minutes from Semester One 2018 OGM here:
<http://www.uwastudentguild.com/about/documents/>

3.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT- MEGAN LEE

Please find Megan Lee's Report here: <http://www.uwastudentguild.com/about/documents/>

4.0 RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GUILD COUNCIL 2017

Please find Annual Report here: <http://www.uwastudentguild.com/about/publications/>

5.0 RECEIPT OF THE BALANCE SHEET

Please find Balance Sheet here on pages 50-51:
<http://www.uwastudentguild.com/about/publications/>

6.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

6.1 The following UWA Student Guild regulation changes be accepted:

1. Change Regulation 3.1.2(b) The Treasurer to become 3.1.2(b) the General Secretary
2. Remove from the voting membership of council item 3.1.2(f) the student member of the UWA Sports Council.
3. Change Regulation 3.1.6 The Guild Executive comprises: (a) the President; (b) the Vice President; (c) the General Secretary; and (d) the Chair of Guild Council

Moved: Molly Goldacre; Seconded: Conrad Hogg.

6.2 *Preamble:* The Liberal Government has dedicated itself to making Australia one of the ten biggest arms exporters in the next decade. Defence Minister Christopher Pyne openly admits that Australia is engaging in "[the] biggest buildup of defence capability in our country's history". We've seen a further \$3.8 billion invested into the military just this year to advance this buildup. Alongside this development, there have been numerous attacks to education and welfare services. This year, the Liberal government, via an undemocratic loophole, managed to cut \$2.2 billion from education funding. It is quite clear what the Liberal Government prioritises.

On October 30th, Defence West and US-Asia Centre are holding the 'Indo-Pacific Conference 2018' which brings together leading politicians, arms corporations, and university management. A key discussion point of this conference is how to deepend relationships between the education sector and arms sector. This is only occurring due to the chronic underfunding of higher education in Australia. The government, military companies, and university management are seeking to exploit this set-up by funneling our education towards war-profiteering.



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That the UWA Student Guild:

1. Condemns the Liberal Government's militarist agenda which has seen military funding being given priority over education and welfare funding.
2. Calls on the UWA administration to terminate all links with the Defence Department and Thales.
3. Endorses the upcoming #BooksNotBombs protest against the Indo-Pacific Conference on October 30th.

Moved: Scott Harney; Seconded: Jade Mawby.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING



PRESIDENT REPORT

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Introduction

It has been an honour to serve as the 106th UWA Student Guild President. 2018 has seen several challenges and triumphs from the dedicated student representatives and staff at the Guild. We have excelled several areas and worked towards leaving our UWA community better off from how we found it. This year marked the first year the Guild worked under the framework of our Strategic Plan, which I will reflect on now.

Improving Student Support

We have sought out to expand the services and facilities offered by Student Assist and within the University, including working to support students in on campus accommodation, implementing better mental health support services, and engaging with more clubs and societies around welfare initiatives.

We have expanded the food pantry services, hired more staff in the Student Assist team and are reviewing the departments service model to allow for greater online support and accessibility. We have engaged with the university on the review and audit of college row in relation to the Respect. Now. Always. report and have been integral in ensuring that student voices on the pertinent issue of safety in student accommodation is paramount. Furthermore, we have engaged with clubs and societies through the welfare department on a number of welfare initiatives including lived experience events, men's mental health events and the introduction of the welfare award for the clubs and societies.

Increasing Engagement

In 2018 we have developed a detailed branding strategy and communication plan in order to most effectively communicate with students the benefits and activities of the Guild as well as our services. This has included improving our digital presence which includes developing more authentic student driven social media content, more personalisation of the Guild and greater platforms for other student office bearers to communicate with students.

Furthermore, we have diversified our value proposition to students to ensure we're meeting student expectations. Everything from light-hearted 'jump the moat' memes through to impressive banana Nutella waffle deals – our social media has been abuzz with student engagement, communication and satisfaction. We have supported Pelican to increase their readership reach, and the Editor has strived to provide increasingly relevant campus content. In addition, our events – both Guild and Student Department lead – have seen an increase in attendance, with over 800 people through the door for multiple Resident Students' Department events, and over a thousand attended our back to semester music festival, 'The Backyard Music Festival' feature Tkay Maizda.

Representing the Student Voice

The Council has been dedicated to reaching out to students, advocating for their rights and supporting the issues that are important to them, regardless of their background or their experiences at UWA. This year marked the establishment of the Ethnocultural Collective with the appointment of a 2019 Convenor, the strongest relationship with the Residential Students' Department and strengthening relationships with the WA Student Aboriginal Corporation (WASAC).

This year I signed the Action Plan for 2018 which sits below the Partnership Agreement established between the Guild and the University. The 2018 Action Plan commits the University and the Guild to working together on improving the digital infrastructure for learning, increasing student safety by improving lighting on campus and further integrating students into University governance. I'm pleased to say that we have successfully worked with



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the university roll out improved Lecture Capture Services, complete an extensive audit of lighting on campus and established several student references groups, steering committees and handover procedures that foster student leadership and engagement.

This year I worked with Jayne-Rae Whitby in January to support WASAC and join them in the promotion of the #ChangetheDate campaign on campus. The Guild and the Guild's Pride Department took a stand on behalf of Transgender staff and students by opposing the controversial Australian Families Association event set to run on campus which promoted speakers that sought to discriminate against Transgender people. We have worked closely with the National Union of Students (NUS) to fight for students' rights to an accessible higher education, commissioning a joint research report into the impact of HECS repayment threshold legislation changes on our students seeking postgraduate qualifications. We have engaged students through our Education Action Network (EAN) to run the Save Our Semesters campaign in a bid to bring back the 13th teaching week that students lost in 2018.

The Guild Council updates and published a new policy book that consolidates the Guild's stances on issues within a singular location, forming the values and ethos of our student organisation.

Better Spaces on Campus

This year I had to pleasure of opening the new \$1.7M refurbished Refectory space. The space is designed to meet student needs – with short term 'dine and dash' seating, long term seating with comfy furniture and powered desks for study sessions and relaxed outdoor furniture. The space provides for 6 new food and beverage outlets, which have undergone extensive student consultation and market research to ensure we're hitting everyone's taste buds. The space features increasing WiFi reaching, a student kitchen, alternative access to the Tavern and CCTV security.

Working towards our strategic goals, we are underway with the review of our campus masterplan. The vision is to increase the visibility and accessibility of student services and representative departments by moving their operations to the top floor of the commercial precinct and free up more spaces to accommodate our flourishing clubs and campus culture. In addition, we're working towards the goal of improving commercial services within the student precinct, by opening a new café, introducing a convenience store, and giving the Guild Student Centre and Guild Volunteering a more prominent and visible footprint.

Future Direction

I know that looking back on the tremendous hard work of the students and staff this year, I can say I am proud of everything we have achieved. As the peak representative body for students, we successfully left this university a better place than when we took up office. Our work towards are strategic goals further cements us as one the most effective and dynamic student organisations in the country and has set up the Guild for a bright future, with a strong identity and a better sense of community.

Kind regards,

Megan Lee
105th UWA Student Guild President