



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 Attendance: Megan Lee, James Leipold, Yerim Won, Conrad Hogg, Joseph Chan, Basundhara Dutta, Molly Goldacre, Peter Watson, Adhish Kasha, Jacob Fowler, Raaghav Raj, Nevin Jayawardena, Kate Fletcher, Yanjia Song, Kristel Li, Ben Perry, Jacob Colangelo, Su Sugandha, Bradan Sonnendecker, Suchi Kaila, Dylan Perkins, Fraser Windsor, Brianne Yarran, Charlotte Pennell.
- 1.2 Apologies: None
- 1.3 Proxies: Hannah Smith for Roshni Kaila.
- 1.4 Observers
- 1.5 Absent

2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest.

3.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 3.1 The 105th Guild Council approve the attached changes to the General Guild Regulations made under Statute 20.
Moved: Megan Lee; Seconded: Molly Goldacre.

Megan says that in regards to all of the changes we have just come out of a General election where someone has been elected to the position of General Secretary and out of consultation in her role as VP last year, and discussions with Jacob F and Jim Leipold the bulk of your work is in your first month leading up to December. Megan says there is potential to combine the two roles, and to better reflect the role of other student unions that have the same structure.

Megan says the next change is to remove the student member of Guild Council from UWA Sports being the Sports Council President. Megan says that this is from a time when the Guild owned UWA Sports as it is now owned by the university. Megan says it isn't appropriate to have a university representative on Guild Council.

Megan says the final change is to change the composition of executive, by adding the Chair to the executive. Megan says the creation of General Secretary is making the work of the Executive not possible as only a three



person executive. Megan says she has had discussions with people such as Molly and other previous Chairs of Guild Council that decided that the Chair was the most appropriate person on Guild Council to be moved onto the executive. Megan says that Peter raised that the PSA President might be a more appropriate person to be moved onto the Executive of Guild Council for representative purposes. Megan says that she replied to his email and discussed the role of the executive in acting as an interim Guild Council when needed and support the operations of the Guild. Megan says that it isn't a representative body and the Guild Council is the representative body. Megan says that it is best to have someone on the Executive that isn't running their own committee. Megan says that the executive is the main point of delegation for the President, and as the PSA President already has a lot of responsibility it is tough for them to also take up a role on the Guild executive.

Molly says that the changes of Sports Council President and the creation of the General Secretary was passed by the Governance Committee, however the minutes which had the discussion didn't include conversations regarding the movement of the Chair onto the Guild executive. Molly accepts this as a mistake on her behalf and it should have been included as a change on the main changes document which had previously been passed by Guild Council and the Governance Committee. Molly says in June or July the Guild Council passed incorrect Governance Committee minutes that didn't reflect the changes that had been made. Molly says that there is a recording of the meeting which she has played for some people upon request, that did discuss the change of the executive of four people to three people and the Chair would be the new fourth member. Molly says that this is an oversight by herself and the Governance Committee and although it was a small mention this change was still discussed and flagged earlier on in the year.

Ben Perry asks what will happen if these changes aren't passed at this meeting?

Megan says that there is a special requirement for reducing the voting membership of Guild Council to be passed at an OGM. Megan says if changes are passed, students have a 14-day window to request an OGM but they don't necessarily need to have one. However, when changes to the voting membership of Guild Council occur an OGM is required to take place. Megan says that if the motion isn't passed today, not all of the requirements will be met to have an OGM as the Sports Council President is



a voting member of Guild Council. Megan says that she contacted the Secretariat's office, and that the Guild is well within the period to put anything on the agenda for the Senate but they won't accept any full regulatory changes at this stage and therefore these changes won't fully come into effect until the Senate is willing to hear them. Megan says that previously Guild Electoral Regulations have been deferred previously and that there are very strict requirements about what the Senate is willing to hear and when they are willing to hear it. Megan says the next Senate meeting is in two week's time and the meeting after that is in December. Ben asks what will happen if the motion doesn't pass now?

Megan says that the Guild has elected someone into a position that doesn't exist. Megan says Adhish would be filling the position of 2019 Treasurer and Conrad's Guild Council would have to elect a Secretary and then wait until the changes can be passed by the Senate which will come into effect by June 2019. Megan says that the changes to the voting membership of Guild Council will come into effect on December 1st 2019. Megan says that this would be a very frustrating thing for the next two years' worth of Guild Council.

Ben asks why this motion was a circular motion in the first place?

Megan says that this motion was a circular because she didn't pick up on the special aspect of the changes to the voting membership being required to be passed at an OGM. Megan says that a risk could be taken and hope that no student has a problem with the regulations, however if someone did it would be the due diligence of the Guild to hold an OGM. Megan says that if this was the case, this wouldn't be able to happen until Semester One 2019 which is a delay for the operations of the Guild and the students raising the concerns. Megan says that therefore the changes have had to be done quickly and efficiently.

Jacob C asks why this motion was being completed via circular and therefore why some members of Guild Council were not informed properly about these changes?

Megan says that if this motion passes, the OGM date will have to be moved. Megan says she decided it was the better option to pass the regulations via circular instead of moving the date for the OGM and she didn't think that these changes were going to be controversial. Megan says that she was under the impression that people were well aware of the



changes that were underway. Megan says that if people want discussion about these changes this is the forum where discussion can take place.

Ben says that he believes it is important to have on the record the decision making process of Peter as he first raised concerns about PSA not being the additional member of the Guild Executive and then changing his mind after consultation with Megan and Tony. Ben says that the fact that this motion attempted to be passed via circular is a shame, and that previous iterations of changes to the Guild Council Regulations didn't note the addition of Chair to the Guild Executive.

Peter says that there were two original concerns for him. Peter says that the concern around the process of the decision making was that in the previous Governance Committee minutes he couldn't find any changes to the Executive of the Guild. Peter says that his first concern was if the Guild was following the appropriate processes if the Guild was changing their regulations in the appropriate way. Peter says that his second concern was in regards to the lack of inclusion of the PSA President on the Guild Executive which is a larger discussion about the role of the Guild Executive itself and how the PSA can contribute to that. Peter says that he had a call with Tony on Tuesday, and sat down with Tony and Megan on Wednesday where there were large discussions about the changes. Peter says that these meetings addressed his concerns about the issue of whether or not appropriate processes took place and also if Chair was the right position to have on the Guild Executive over the PSA President. Peter says that this opened up a much larger discussion over the next five to ten years about the changing landscape of the university, and the role that PSA plays as a representative body. Peter says that as it stands at the moment he was willing to withdraw his second concern about the PSA being on the executive.

Jacob C asks about the Sports Council President, as it seems that there has been a big change about the position of UWA Sport. Jacob C that when he consulted with UWA Sports last year, it seemed like UWA Sport believed the Sports Council President wanted to be on the Guild Council President.

Molly passes the Chair to Ben Perry.

Molly says that in her first meeting she had with Ian Fitzpatrick and Chris Massey, they said that they are in full support of Sports Council President being removed from Guild Council. Molly says that they demonstrated full



support and zero pushback about the idea of Sports Council President being removed from Guild Council.

Bradán asks Molly about the possibility of Sports Representative being appointed from an OGC position?

Molly says that this was a discussion that had taken place, and that previous Chairs such as Jack Looby had looked at reducing the size of Guild Council by removing positions such as Sports Officer and making them OGC appointed roles. Molly says this included Welfare, Sports and Environment Officer. Molly says that this was never widely accepted, and most people were concerned about the size of Guild Council. Molly says that Governance Committee believes that there are so many different viewpoints on Guild Council and the perspective that people like Basundhara bring to Guild Council as Environment Officer is widely different to what someone like Pheobe brings to Guild Council as Welfare Officer. Molly says that Jack's work was looking at thinning out the numbers of the Guild Council by removing people that didn't have votes. Molly said that she decided to get a nice middle ground, by moving these positions to becoming a Standing Invitee which requires them to report to Council but they don't have to necessarily attend. Molly says that this is a discussion that can occur later on.

Jacob C says that himself was looking to also object to the circular motion, because he believed he was uninformed about the changes that were being passed. Jacob C says that he was also confused about the Governance Committee minutes that were passed which said that the General Secretary would be removed from the Guild Executive.

Molly says that the wrong minutes were sent to Guild Council for approval. Molly says that Kate F brought it up once the wrong minutes that had been approved were sent to Guild Council.

Jacob F says that moving forward it is important that Guild Council and the Guild in general if there are to be changes made to the Guild regulations that they aren't completed via circular. Jacob F says that he believes it creates a transparency and representation issue as students don't get the opportunity to see a discussion that takes place regarding these changes to the regulations. Jacob F says it is important that students get the opportunity to come and listen to Guild Council meetings. Jacob F feels that when big changes are being made to the regulations for the purpose



of transparency and for the purpose of students being able to listen and know what is going on instead of us just bringing it to an OGM and explaining Guild Council's position. Jacob F says that he would feel a lot more comfortable with in the future that changes being made to regulations don't occur via circular.

Molly says that for all intensive purposes the changes were going to be discussed at the October Guild Council meeting, however mistakes were made and they had to be passed at an earlier date.

Kate F asks if changes to the composition of executive will be discussed further at the Governance Committee and then sent back to Guild Council as a recommendation?

Megan says that at this point, if anyone has an issue with the passing of these Guild Regulations they should be raised now. Megan says that ultimately this is the decision making body of the Guild so if anyone would like to have a discussion about these changes they need to be spoken about now. Megan says that the discussion needs to be about the contents of the motion.

Bradán asks what would be the pros and cons of having both the PSA and Chair on the Executive to create a five-person executive?

Megan says that the Guild Executive isn't a representative body, and if she herself was another representative office bearer she wouldn't be fully comfortable with having no enshrined female representative on the executive. Megan says that the Guild Executive isn't a representative body, and it is actually Guild Council. Megan says that the people on the Executive would have been general portfolio holders who can essentially support the President in what they need to do. Megan says that the Guild Executive is similar to the President's Committee and help the President in running the Guild. Megan says that she believes there are better ways to enshrine the role of the PSA within the roles of the Guild. Megan says that changing the composition of the executive was discussed in previous years and that these discussions often led to the belief in having Chair. Megan says that there isn't really an issue of having a five person executive but it makes more sense to keep things as the standard and therefore have a four person executive.



Su says that there is a weird situation where PSA is a department but also independent of the Guild. Su says that the old regulations were structured in that the role of the PSA President is similar to other Office Bearers and not so much the role of an executive member of Guild Council.

Jacob F says that he sees the benefits of having both the PSA President and Chair within the Guild Executive. Jacob F says that PSA could be potentially valuable in executive discussions from time to time as Peter is someone that sits on the Senate and also works with the university to a large extent. Jacob F explains that other than Megan there would be times where Peter has greater institutional knowledge of the university than himself, Su and Jim and therefore could be potentially valuable on the executive.

Megan says that this can also happen on the Executive Management Committee and Strategic Resources Committee as the PSA President sits on these committees. Su says that the knowledge and expertise of the PSA President would also belong to the Guild President.

Peter says that he agrees with Megan as the representative role of the PSA President can be fulfilled on EMC and SRC. Peter says that for the most part he agrees with Su, but there are occasions where the University comes directly to him with information which he then works to make Megan aware of. Peter says that since the discussions that took place on Wednesday with Megan and Tony he has had time to think about the structure of the PSA. Peter says that this is an ongoing discussion that will take place.

Tony says taking a helicopter picture of this situation changes to the executive doesn't impact the staff of the Guild. Tony says that there could be some benefits to the PSA President being on the Executive as Jacob F has pointed out however people must remember that both the PSA President and Guild President both sit on the University Senate. Tony says that bringing the PSA President within the Executive weakens their position on the Senate by bringing them together. Tony says that the benefit of the PSA President being able to bring information to the table regarding their knowledge of PSA issues is something that the Guild needs to operationally figure out but he doesn't believe having the PSA President on the executive is useful. Tony says that having the PSA President on the executive will remove some of their independence particularly in relation to the Senate. Tony says that it is never going to be perfect but discussions



about the linkage between the Guild Executive, the Guild as a whole and the PSA.

Jacob C says that often the Chair of Guild Council may have a committee to look after as they are an Office Bearer as well. Jacob C says that this was reasoning for having the Chair on the Executive because they wouldn't have a committee in their position as Chair. Jacob C says that this is happening right now as Molly was Sports Officer and this has happened in the past. Jacob C asks Molly if she believes the Chair will be able to be an Office Bearer and on the Executive.

Molly says that it is important to recognise that one of the reasons she was picked as Chair was because she doesn't have a large portfolio to look after. Molly says that this also comes down the selection of Chair and she believes that she would have been able to be on the executive and this comes down to whether or not the individual can actually fulfil the role of Chair and being on the Executive.

Jacob C asks if this is something can be discussed in future regulation discussions? Jacob C says that he wouldn't want someone that will be inundated with work.

Molly says that this is an important thing to note and can definitely be taken to the Governance Committee as a discussion point.

Conrad says that he is looking to find a Chair that is an OGC.

Ben passes the Chair back to Molly.

Kate F says that even at the end of this discussion she doesn't feel comfortable voting on the motion, and that she isn't sure as a council if we should be going to a vote on the composition of the Executive.

Kate F asks Peter about the university landscape and how this will impact the role of PSA in the next five to ten years? Kate F asks if he believes PSA will be working more closely or more separate to the Guild in future years?

Peter says that he doesn't think this is particularly pertinent to the motion. Peter however says that in his opinion, he has no intention of separating from the Guild as most of the discussions that he has had with Tony and Megan on Wednesday were about future structures. Peter says they spoke



about the importance of having a united voice on the Senate and the future structures of the Guild. Peter says it has only been two days so he can't give a concrete answer.

Kate F says that in one of Peter's emails that he sent to Guild Council he said that PSA would begin to shadow Guild structure. Kate F asks Peter to explain this structure more. Kate F asks what is there to stop the PSA from breaking away from the Guild completely if there is a PSA President that ever feels the need to do so?

Conrad says that the PSA is a department of the Guild as per the regulations.

Kate F asks for further clarifications about what a shadow Guild structure implies?

Peter says that it was one of many ideas, and the first step would be to have liaison officers on each of the department committees to relay information back to the PSA about the operations of Guild Departments.

Kate F says she is just trying to understand what the different options would be.

Peter says that to split from the Guild, it would be a legislative nightmare and not be something that he would personally want to do.

Megan says that in theory postgraduate students are represented as she is the peak representative of all students on this campus.

Nevin makes a recommendation to Guild Council that adding the PSA President to Guild Council executive as the meeting today is about adding Chair to the Guild Executive.

Ben moves a procedural motion to split the motion into three parts. Ben says to pass the General Secretary changes and also the Sports Council President changes.

Megan asks if anyone has an issue with the idea of Chair being on the Executive? Megan says that this discussion is about Chair being on the executive and there is nothing stopping future discussions about moving the PSA President onto the executive as well. Megan says this discussion is



about having someone with lots of Governance expertise onto the Guild Executive.

Peter says that he doesn't think this discussion is about the current relationship between the Guild and the PSA. Peter says he understands the idea of safeguarding the organisation, however it doesn't sit comfortably with him at the moment.

Kate F says that she believes this entire discussion is around the composition of the Executive, and she doesn't feel comfortable about voting on any composition of the executive because there has been limited consultation and discussion about the issue.

Ben withdraws his procedural motion.

Megan moves a procedural motion to move to a vote on the motion.
MOTION CARRIED.

For:

Against: Ivan Roncevich.

Abstaining: Kate Fletcher.



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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Megan moved a procedural motion to move to a vote on the motion.
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION PASSED.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Jacob Colangelo discusses with Megan the changes to the Sports Council President honour board within the Guild Council Meeting Room.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING