



**Voting Members:** Jelena Kovacevic (Chair), Alevine Magila, Chloe Lazaroo, Claudia Bruce, India Creed, Maximus Vinning, Rachel Yeo

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**1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

- Meeting open 2:04pm

**1.1 Attendance** Jelena Kovacevic (JK), Chloe Lazaroo (CL), Claudia Bruce (CB), India Creed (IC), Jenny Ophel (JO), Maximus Vinning (MV), Rachel Yeo (RY).

**1.2 Apologies-** Alevine Magila, Chloe Keller

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- Context on committee- became a working group in 2019 and an official Guild Committee in 2020.

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

- All Election Culture Committee members (excluding staff) have run in a Guild election and have run as part of a Guild Party.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

N/A

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

N/A

**5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR**

N/A

**6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**6.1 Culture surrounding independent campaigning for other candidates.**

**IC-** Raised on booths that there might be a loophole in current regulations:

- 614(8) - prohibits any "independent" parties from registering.
- 615(1) independent candidates cannot distribute or display Election Material for groups or candidates from a group.
- **IC (cont.)-** Some commentary on booths suggested voters believed the independent candidates were in the same party because they were campaigning for one another. Current regulations potentially allow a de facto party to be created from independents.

**JO-** Is the concern that independents are informally acting as a group to promote one candidate over the others?

**IC -** Groups have higher regulations, higher expenditure cap- independents may be circumventing this.



**MV-** Three independents ran across various positions and advertised themselves but also had preference deals in the background. There was some kind of an “alliance” which ended up with two of the three independents being elected to competitive positions.

**CB-** How big would the monetary difference be for independents vs groups?

**IC-** Independents have unlimited expenditure unlike groups. Register as many people as you want and work as an alliance. This is a loophole to election limit imposed in 2021.

**CB-** Current system could lead to independents competing for the largest informal tickets, even paying for others’ registration as candidates.

**IC-** Independent candidates can put other people’s names on election material, using their printing limit for furthering their influence.

**JK-** regulation cannot go into certain private aspects of campaigning but it is an area needing reform.

**IC-** Election Culture can make recommendations to Governance.

**IC-** Candidates can currently put whoever on their HTV cards. Would not change without Mary Petrou’s agreement/request. Election Material and HTVs are differentiated in regulations, so Election Material is only for individual candidate purposes while HTVs can be used to promote other candidates.

Discussions on process (all)- idea going forward is to reach consensus within the committee and then refer to Governance if needed.

**IC (action)-** to create draft recommendation to be approved by Jelena and go via circular for approval by committee.

#### **6.1.2 Action item- conduct an electoral survey on the attitudes of:**

##### **1.) Candidates**

##### **2.) Voters**

- Consultation with candidates is ideal.

**CB-** Provide written feedback.

**CL-** Should do Google form. Do we have emails of those who ran?

**JO-** We do not have access to emails of those who ran and were not elected; getting access to this may not be allowed.

**MV-** Sometimes people feel disinterested in filling out feedback. 2021 survey was very detailed, a statistical analysis about factors including stress and overall experience. Group agents can be contacted.

**JK-** How can we get feedback from voters about independent candidates?

**CB (response)-** more relevant to those who ran or those who were in contact with group agents. Survey for all students about election culture broadly is good idea. Being able to capture student thoughts on election. Sharing on social media reaches the exact same audience (which is a narrow group of students).

**CL-** Survey for voters is good. Many students do not know about Guild elections. Separate form for those who ran is good, in addition to form for those who ran as candidates.

**IC-** Consult voters or just candidates?

**CB-** shouldn’t burden marketing with too much work.

**JK-** could put survey in Guild Weekly (agreed action).

**MV-** Keep discourse about Independent culture within ECC or at least candidates ONLY and then create a second survey about election culture as a whole for the student body.

**CB-** Consultation with independents is needed. We have identified what could possibly happen in the future [independents campaigning on each other’s behalf, too many candidates running



which nullifies previous ticket limit etc] and have stated it is a problem but need to give all of those who ran an opportunity to contribute to the conversation. Do different general survey for students later.

**IC-** Proposal- first write up recommendation and issue identified in this meeting, secondly, proposed or relevant regulations, consultation with candidates to provide feedback via Microsoft form before the next ECC meeting, we look at feedback at the next meeting and then modify/change/provide recommendation to Governance.

## **6.2 Create an action item register.**

**IC-** General election attitude survey. Who has capacity for what roles in creating the survey. For a survey need questions- how and who we are targeting.

Action item- create Google Doc with questions and what needs to be surveyed, which can be analysed at next ECC meeting.

**CB-** Should look at what questions were asked in the past (2021 survey as raised by Max) as a guide. Will reach out to Rob or Jenny.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- N/A

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

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.1** Approved.

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 4.1 Survey compilation and steps to follow.

**JK-** Called for contributions to the survey between December's meeting and today. Thank you to those who have contributed, I would like to get this into motion after today's meeting. Thoughts? None.

**JK-** Will leave this open a bit longer and work on putting the survey together between now and next meeting.

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

## 6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 6.1 Discussion on 110<sup>th</sup> Council's proposals for Autonomous Department elections.

**JK-** I sent through the Motion without Notice from Nov 2023 Council meeting along with the final agenda yesterday. Based on the recommendations of the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, ECC needs to prioritise Autonomous Dept reform. Thoughts on this? Happy to give an overview:

**JO-** Did not recall seeing this, could we get an overview. Also acknowledging Jenny as a proxy for the meeting.

**JK-** Starting with the recommendation that the WAEC conduct Autonomous Department elections. Big decision monetarily, will require consultation with the 110<sup>th</sup> Council as to what they intended.

**CL-** Not sure about financial considerations of getting WAEC involved, whose budget would it come out of?

**JK-** Agree, autonomous department elections affect large proportion of students so we will need to consider carefully.

**MV-** Same thoughts as Chloe, WAEC expensive. Step in the right direction for transparency of elections but not sure if it's cost effective to come and run an additional three elections for the Guild.

**JK-** Acknowledging number of voters in autonomous department elections wavers year on year, especially where Guild politics is drawn into these elections.

**JK-** Clarifies to MV that this is a discussion item, not a motion, especially since it will take time to work through.

**MV-** Reiterates that cost factor is most important consideration.



**JK-** Second component of motion is all nominations opening at same time and no overlap of autonomous department elections. Any comments on this issue?

**RY-** Guild elections have voting for OGCs, NUS, OBs all at one time so maybe increased voter participation if all autonomous department elections happen same time. Also get a “better grasp” of how much students will participate if elections are all held at the same time.

**JK-** Acknowledges that currently not many students affected by department are voting, so it could increase if held same time.

**MV-** Nominations should open and shut at the same time. Votes should not happen at the same time.

**JO-** Question for Rachel- Clarification on whether all autonomous department elections happen at the same time or separately?

**RY-** (response) Last year the elections were held “one or two weeks apart” the way elections ran was unfair, given the outcome of Ethnocultural [which had an appeal against it overturned]. If elections were held closer, the whole voting process would be more transparent, and students represented across one or more departments could be more involved.

**JO-** They all had their AGMs at the same time which is a lot of time out of a students’ day if they are going to vote across those elections.

**JK-** Some students experience the intersections of departments (e.g. both ethno and access) so having to attend all in one go might feel like a “burden”.

**CL-** If we pursued the WAEC path, it might be more cost effective to have all of the elections held closer together but also might be too much time out of a day to attend all three AGMs/elections.

**JK-** The mental load of all three elections in one day might be a lot.

**MV-** Attending AGM and voting is a lot in one week, what if we modelled off RSD where voting is open for a week. If you don’t feel inclined to stay for the AGM but still want to vote, it is good to separate the two. Also, not all students feel inclined to vote for the department they’re represented by.

**JK-** (response) having the AGM and election together gets “the right kind of students [voting]”. Students should be looking to the previous year’s department’s progress before casting their vote for the purpose of being informed. Discussions on large-scale voting reform should continue outside of these meetings.

**JO-** PSA is online, means only voters represented by PSA can elect it. With the autonomous department elections last year, a lot of people weren’t part of those communities. We should be asking how we should capture students who care about the department year-long rather than just for political purposes. We need to minimise partisan voters and encourage the students who should be voting to vote.

**JK-** Definitely this was an issue with the autonomous department elections last year. It is, however, difficult to tackle due to the overall influence of student parties on campus. Departments have some responsibility to encourage their demographic to vote too. Self-declaration criteria also complicates matters.

**JK-** Thoughts on creation of appeals standing committee composed of independent students (no counsellors or former counsellors) thoughts?

**MV-** Good idea. Using ethno as an example: “inherent conflict of interest” arises for councillors which influences how they vote in an appeal. Guild staff and students should sit on the committee.

**JK-** Should have at least one staff member. Scope for ambiguity: would it exclude former candidates, campaign team leads, other associates of Guild parties?

**CL-** Agreeing, hard to have an appeals committee without anyone “affiliated at all” with any party.

**MV-** How do you prove if someone was a part of a campaign team? Did they help on booths? It is hard to find genuinely neutral people but seems worthwhile.

**RY-** If appeals committee could “not be under jurisdiction of governance but work closely with them”. Finding students who would be interested but are not involved is tricky- what’s the incentive?

**JK-** True, would there be volunteering hours or some recognition? For appeals committee, maybe have a student represented by each department on the committee.

**JK-** Next topic- to move department dates forward to allow for appeals. Thoughts? Assignments, exams happen in Week 11/12 of semester so probably not optimal for electons.



**MV-** Campus attendance is diminished towards end of semester, even less during study break. Capture more students and more time for appeals. Tricky- how do you run three AGMs in a scheduled teaching week?

**RY-** Lot of potential voters are busy studying, not much incentive to vote during this time.

**JK-** Next topic- Autonomous department dates being set at same time as Guild elections. Thoughts?

**RY-** I didn't get much preparation as a candidate for ISD. Voting turnout and preparation for candidates would be improved if dates were set in advance.

**JK-** Item for everyone: Could you all please read through this motion without notice by the 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, including the minutes with commentary.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion on next meeting date- considering O-Day on 23 February & start of semester.

**JK-** With O-Day coming up, good idea to plan ahead and see when we can meet next. Meeting in period Feb 26-29.

**MV-** Very busy for SOC so need O-Day to pass first.

**JK-** Week 1 of semester generally doesn't have tutorials so should be ideal to meet then.

**RY-** College responsibilities might be intense week 1 so will advise committee.

**JK-** Noting I am overseas for the first week of February and consequently will not have the time to get things into motion for a meeting before O-Day, so I think it is best postponed. Will do a call-out for items in early February already through Teams. Should utilise Teams chat more, have notifications turned on.

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

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**3.1** JK moved to confirm April minutes.  
*Minutes confirmed.*

*OCMs introduce themselves to the committee.*

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**4.1** Review of Candidate Code of Conduct.

This was the committee's main task arising from the last meeting. There was consensus this did not warrant discussion. *Item dismissed.*

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

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### 6.1 Topics for discussion with Mary

*JK says this meeting with Mary is to be postponed until semester 2 begins.*

Distribution of lanyards for students who do not wish to vote or have already voted (raised by OS): OS explains walking past polling booths is stressful for some students and many are avoiding Reid library because of anxiety surrounding elections. TG says the Guild used to have stickers saying, "I've voted". KG raises the issue of the impermanence of stickers. JK says most people who don't want to vote usually tell candidates directly. TG says he will discuss with Mary how stickers and badges would work. OS says heightened disciplining of candidates is one way to approach this issue. TG and OS concur stickers are more affordable. CL also supports this. A distribution station could set up at 950 bus stop or near Hackett Cafe. In response to KG's question on why sticker distribution stopped, TG says the introduction of the fast lane helped. KG asks how Reid construction might impact on fast lane? TG says polling booth may be moved further into the lawn.



Online voting (raised by SD):

Does it raise issues with “security”? TG says online voting system is not doing well on other campuses, such as campaigners intruding library spaces. Avoidance of elections is more difficult if elections are online. He added that PSA has a different voting demographic so is confident online voting works for them. OS agrees that online elections would effectively make the “entire campus” a campaign area. JK mentions postal votes already make elections more accessible, since this is a leading argument for online elections. *She adds that August 13 is the group agents' meeting so we should raise any items with Mary prior to this date.*

What is the main forum for election complaints? (raised by OS):

TG says he and Mary alike receive complaints and they are taken seriously. TG says it is crucial to have your student card on hand if campaigning and suggests there exists a “self-policing mechanism” amongst candidates thanks to social media. JK queries if proof of enrolment, for example via student connect, would suffice; this is confirmed by TG.

KG asks about widening the fast lane to reduce voters being hassled by candidates. TG says this is an easy change however, obviously candidates tend to dislike this. TG says most voters who intend to vote have made their minds up before the election. CL says no campaigning lunch period works well and asks if this can be extended by adding a no campaign half hour at start of day? TG said a very good item to raise with Mary.

TG says the no-campaign period has the dual purpose of allowing candidates reprieve from campaigning and allowing voters to cast their ballots in peace. JK says Oak lawn is not well regulated at all. TG says it can be penned in.

OS asks can flyers be made available online so that people can make a decision on how they're voting before election week? Also improves visibility for parties. TG said this could have an impact on costings, so we need to discuss with Mary. TG adds Pelican Magazine has been an effective means to advertise elections.

SD provides an opinion as to why there is less engagement with elections: students don't know what Guild is, how it works or what's involved. Students should try get involved with policies and an understanding of departments/committees to break down the barrier. TG (in response)- Guild staff group marketing meeting starting that Friday (21/6). Post-Covid engagement has been tough. We could work on publicising Guild services a bit more. Guild newsletter could be improved.

CL asks could Guild put out a post about how you can have a say in the elections? TG agrees this is feasible but needs to come from students and then raised with Guild marketing. TG says using screens in outlets to advertise elections is doable.

JK (on behalf of AM who departed the meeting early)- AM mentioned because there are more candidates this year, we physically need more space at the voting booths. Any student can campaign so students bringing friends means lots more people involved overall. In response to OS asking if number of students campaigning can be limited, TG says this infringes on freedom of speech so realistically no.

CL says oak lawn set up is not ideal, can it be set up as more of a lane? KG suggests new fast lane from Reid carpark past social sciences towards Ref. Basically along student central walkway.

*JK keeping feedback open.*



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## Election Culture Committee | Minutes

111th Guild Council

19 June, 2024

Meeting Room 1 and online @  
12pm

### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### 7.1 JK raises the ongoing review of committee constitutions

Currently, committee chairs are discussing feedback with their committees, passing this onto her and then Governance committee. TG suggests ECC constitution wasn't passed by Guild Council, and this should be confirmed with Chloe Keller.

JK asks for other business?

CL (reverting to previous topics) raises that during election week, candidates' behaviour noticeably changes when Mary is around. There should be more staff enforcing this authority. TG responds saying there are booth captains with same kind of disciplining authority, and we can make the booth captains a little more visible.

OS says parties have a political motivation to make a complaint so having staff watch over is good.

TG says CCTV cameras can check behaviour. Voting officials can wear hi vis vests to make themselves more visible to candidates. He says we can publicise postal votes earlier to ensure people make the deadline, but we cannot change the deadline date.

### 8. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed 12:56pm

Next meeting will be held TBD. Please contact the Committee Chair; **Jelena Kovacevic** ([chair@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:chair@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.



## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

**1.1 Attendance** Jelena Kovacevic (JK), Keertikka Ganesan (KG), Chloe Lazaroo (CL; online), Archit Menon (AM), Thomas Lenette (TS), Savani Daluwatta (SD), Tony Goodman (TG), Max Vinning (MV)

**1.2 Apologies** Joshua Sorensen

**1.3 Proxies** Lorenzo Ianuzzi (for Olivia Stronach)

**1.4 Absent**

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

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.1** Confirmation of June minutes

Proposed: Keertikka Ganesan    Seconded: Rachel Yeo

*Motion passes*

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

## 6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 6.1 Debrief of meeting with Mary Petrou

J.K- Providing a summary of her meeting with Mary: changes to the fast lane accounting for the Reid library restructure are to be confirmed soon. Oak boundary and layout may change due to an increase in the number of candidates and parties this year. Stickers and badges unlikely to happen as they are impermanent, costly and potentially wasteful or ineffective. Tony, Mary and Jelena had a follow up discussion on the way in which Pelican Magazine can report on elections and inform students about the Guild.

T.G- Pelican acts as a fact checker on Guild parties' policies. Pelican also facilitates the Presidential Debate.

S.D- Pelican is good for its impartiality, which the committee concurred with.

J.K- She affirms the quality of communication between meetings and encourages the committee to keep sharing their thoughts or concerns. She reiterates that anyone can contact Mary if they need, or else Jelena can convey relevant information to her on behalf of the committee.

JK- We will likely be making changes to the length of the fast lane rather than width, as most candidates stand on the border in order to have high engagement with students.

K.G- asks for clarification on how long the line will be, since it is already very long. T.G. said changes are most likely to occur around the voting tent and the rules surrounding where candidates can stand.





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#### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

J.K calls for any other business. Since there is none, she tells the committee that should they be interested in working on any projects within the committee for the rest of the year, she is happy to have oversight over them.

#### **8. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Meeting closes 11:15am

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