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Volunteering Committee Minutes |
14:00-15:00 31st March 2022
Guild Meeting Room 1

Voting Members: Amitabh Jeganathan, Ethan Nicholas, Daniel Roden, Jak Beard
Staff: Clare MacNish, Renee Nguyen

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

Attendees: Amitabh Jeganathan, Clare MacNish, Antonia Taylor, Daniel Roden, Ethan Nicholas,
Apologies: Sapphire Carter, Maria Waters
Absent: Jak Beard

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The UWA student Guild and Guild Volunteering recognise the Whadjuk Noongar people as the rightful and original owners of the land we are meeting on. The UWA Student Guild would like to acknowledge Indigenous leaders past present and future and extend this to all First Nations people.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. Confirmation of Volunteering Committee minutes from meeting held on 22/2/2022
2. Unanimously confirmed

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Chair's Report

University Hall x Guild Volunteering Collaboration

- University Hall RA, Emily, is the member of staff working alongside GV to organise Community events at University Hall
- First event to be held at 5pm 31/3/2022
- Aiming to be a great stepping stone into further college engagement throughout University Hall and its different programs, as well as into other colleges.

Guild Volunteering x TEDx

- TEDx UWA approached Guild Volunteering, Ethan, and Clare to be involved with their yearly Semester 1 Speakers conference.
- Discussed Ethan and Clare presenting on the subject of 'Student Life' and the importance of and where Volunteering fits into this.





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- Conference to be held in Mid-

May or Mid-June. Ethan has begun the Speaker preparation process with them.

UWA Residential College Engagement

- Ethan has been working on one of his main projects/aims for his 2022 tenure: increasing the UWA college engagement with University clubs and activities, with a particular focus on increasing the number of on-site volunteering opportunities at Colleges, hosted, or facilitated by Guild Volunteering.
- From meeting Ethan had with University Hall Leadership staff, Tony, and Ami, he is aiming to rekindle what was apparently a once strong collaboration between the Guild and Colleges and hoping to begin such through volunteering and GV.
- Ethan is also beginning to reach out to Heads of College to begin dialogue and seek opinions and ideas for possible collaboration opportunities.
- Ethan also notes that, particularly with an increasing number of international students returning to UWA colleges, there is a much greater population of student that tend to be very eager and engaged in volunteering. Furthermore, he notes that the winter break could be a great opportunity with many students often complaining of being idle, to make the most of available volunteering opportunities brought to college.
- Antonia notes she believes GV and UWA should look at opportunities to get students out in the community, to have a more inspirational experience by engaging beyond college with events not only in college, but also hosted outside with college students leaving college to attend.
- Ethan also notes possibly using Microvolunteering as a low-barrier-to-entry beginning would be useful to introduce students to volunteering and encouraging further volunteering and passion along the way.
- Clare notes that from previous meetings with Emily (UniHall) that college residents are keen to take volunteers on trips elsewhere if opportunities do arise. Ethan adds that this would also allow for greater resource sharing, with colleges showing willingness to contribute to costs associated with opportunities and experiences that service their students.





Project Updates

Wellbeing Volunteers

- Wellbeing volunteer's coordinator has stepped down
- However, have found new female coordinator who has extensive qualifications and has taken to the role well

Intergen

- Inter-generational volunteering
- Due to COVID-19, much of the Intergen program has been on hold as Residential Aged Care facilities had suspended external visitors.
- Notes the program is currently working at ½ capacity with Chorus Group, a group centred around engaging young people with seniors

Social Media for Good

- Two new program coordinators
- Clare is keen to continue overseeing and developing SMG
- Clare is also keen to engage volunteers early and looking to match them with non-for-profits and timely as possible. She also notes that to better ensure continued volunteer engagement and persistence throughout the program, trying to match volunteers with organisations they are passionate about is also an aim.
- Amitabh suggests possibly reaching out and advertising SMG to marketing students at UWA. This would allow for not only volunteering to occur, but for UWA students to gain professional skills and career-related experiences through volunteering. Notes that this would be a great value-add to the student experience.
- Antonia notes she is keen to create more structure and training with regard to the program as a whole, as well as marketing and social media management skills as a whole.
- Antonia also notes that SMH interns do not do ongoing social media management, rather pair with NFPs to improve their social media over a set period of time.
- Clare is keen to do more in-person training and meetings as COVID subsides, with a hope to do more team building activities also.





Perth Homeless Support Group

- New volunteering coordinator has been placed

General Updates

GV-ISD Meeting

- Met with Geemal (ISD President)
- He is keen to promote GV through ISD socials and to run a special event with Microvolunteering and ISD
- He is also keen to look into weekly drop-in volunteering sessions
- GV is also keen to work with ISD and hopes to engage and provide volunteering opportunities to as many new and existing international students.

Upcoming Events

- Social Impact Sundowner
 - Original plan appears to fell through
 - However, has been re-engaged and revitalised by PAC Secretary
 - Ethan is looking very much forward to continuing GVs involvement in the sundowner, with the planning stage commence shortly

Staff Member Report

National Student Volunteering Week

- Coming in May
- GV will run a series of events over the week
 - Will have a stall on Oak Lawn, community AUSMAP survey finding micro-plastics at the beach, general beach clean-up
 - Also exploring the possibility of doing a 'human library' event
 - Involves opening up and sharing a meaning moment (related to volunteering, for example) with a group of trusted peers
 - Renee is going to make an EOI form
- Communication planned and ready for week





Results of GV Social Media Campaign

- Clare has worked with Caitlyn on a social media campaign for volunteering
- Reached over 25,000 people for only \$160
- Unsure how many will volunteer
- GV followers on social media accounts have continuously grown with over 52,000 ‘impressions’

Marketing & Comms:

- Continuing to look into developing a marketing and communication guide
- Renee and Clare running a program of the month initiative
- Keen to keep tabs on social impact clubs as well as acknowledge their successes.

5. ALL OTHER BUSINESS

Volunteer Hour Recognition for Student Leaders

- Wish to recognise the significant and enormous hours of dedication and time students’ representatives and leaders give to charities and clubs throughout UWA.
- Current hour-recording/recognition system does not recognise them
- Currently working with the UW Badging system; including leadership badges for program coordinators.
- GV Staff support Jack in applying for all club executives to be recognised with UWA badges, however, notes that the administration can be quite elaborate and cumbersome.
- Suggests that a form of application process needs to be implemented with set criteria.
- The issue of auditing such recognition for all clubs is a significant issue
- Antonia would like to sit down and discuss with Amitabh and Jak
- Antonia notes, once the University agrees, GV staff will be able to award badges to leaders
- Amitabh also notes that the current ERF system is significant lacking and having many issues (incorrect processing, won’t be verified for ages, signatures are required and difficult to get, very inefficient process.) He notes such could reflect as a further difficulty on proofing and revising all badge applications.
- Ethan asks about retrospective/in-arrears recognition. Antonia suggests could probably only get 2021 recognised and unlikely.



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- Amitabh asks what the major issues are
 - In response, Antonia notes that it is the approval processes. The process is confused and often unequal. Someone could do a significant amount of work, whilst another minimal, however, still under up receiving the same award and recognition.
 - SOC is also difficult due to its size. It is incredibly difficult to have all SOC clubs submit for awards, provide evidence of such, and then check each person and each submission.
 - Antonia suggests setting bare-minimum criteria's everyone needs to meet in order to be accepted.

6. Next Volunteering Committee

- The next Volunteering Committee Meeting is TBC. Please send apologies to Ethan Nicholas (Chair) or Daniel Roden (Executive Officer) by the time noted on the agenda.

