

VACE Meeting Minutes – 29th April

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Minutes for VACE Meeting

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1. Welcome to Country, Elliott Wallace (VACE Chair):

Elliott acknowledged the Whadjuk Noongar People as the original custodians of these lands and water, and paid respects to Elders past, present and future.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Apologies

3. Acknowledgements

Went through acknowledgements of the hard work and many programmes Guild Volunteering are doing, as seen in the VACE meeting handouts.

4. Transcript hours recognition for clubs and societies

Explained to members the difficulties with logging hours both from a back end perspective and a verification from SOC perspective. Both SOC and GV agree having the role on their academic transcript rather than the hours is preferred option.

Saleem Alodeh Olivia Bartlett, (Ordinary Council Member), Riley Klugg (OCM): Fully approved this notion. Elliott Wallace: Highlighted possible alternatives such as having only “community based not for profits” such as TLG and Oaktree included in transcript recognition. Pointed out that some clubs and societies may be aggrieved that their SOC is not eligible for transcript hours.

Chloe Jackson: Elicited that even party affiliated clubs such as Sober? work very hard to bring a vibrant campus culture to UWA. Should not underestimate the volunteering aspect of these FAC SOC’s. Role of executive positions are on the Guild Transcript however this is rarely used and will not be a function of the new website. Noted the real world application of transcript hours that potential employers do not look at the hours it is more the position.

Action: Need Guild President to report on any updates and discuss actions to move forward on this. Most of the Committee is in favour of the role option. Potential motion for next meeting if high enough attendance.

5. Marketing and Communications updates

5.1 New Website

Elliott and Antonia reported on the planning for the new website as per Guild website project. This will involve having two pages of information. Copy and content still being finalised. The new website will include more dynamic content such as links to social media, and news, featured roles etc.

Highlighted the need for a more student-based discussion on the formation of the website, to cater for student needs.

5.2 Videography Needs

Saleem Alodeh offered insight into cheaper alternatives of videography (for City I Belong To video) with either other guild members or himself volunteering to be part of the videography project for Guild Volunteering. Chloe Jackson outlined there are potential staff in the guild which could assist Guild Volunteering in video graphic matters.

5.3 GV Style Guidelines

Antonia & Ayesha have met with Elyse the Graphic Designer to develop new style guidelines – colours, fonts, style that will consolidate the GV brand and bring it in line with Guild themes.

6. Project Update

6.1 National Volunteer Week

Collaboration with PAC on Volunteering and Social Impact Week. Flagship event is the Volunteering and Social Impact Fiesta, Tuesday May 21st, 12-2pm Bayliss Building. Mass micro volunteering session with over 6 stations. Aiming for 100 students to participate in the micro session. Plus up to 20 stall promoting volunteering opportunities. There will also be a volunteering day trip organised for Friday 24th.

6.2 PROSH cheque presentation

Will be scheduled of the next week, planning is currently underway for a small event.

6.3 Greenbatch volunteers

As part of strategy to increase student leg volunteer programs, a new student leg program has been developed led by Emilie Johnson who is developing a team of UWA Greenbatch Ambassadors to build awareness and education around plastics pollution on campus. Darren Lonman the CEO of green batch has contacts at UWA and is a regular speaker. Acknowledgement of Green Batch's continual environmental impact.

Elliott, would also like to highlight Coastal Clean-up Crew (volunteer task force sponsored by Darren Lonman), both Greenbatch and Coastal Clean-up Crew have stalls at the upcoming Volunteering and Social Impact Fiesta

6.4 Photographers for Good

Antonia reported on the development of a new student led program Photographers for Good in conjunction with UWA Photography Club. The project aims to link up student volunteer photographers with non profit organisations to do pro bono photography work. Project still being developed but thanks to Felix King the UWA Photography Club President for recruiting 9 photography volunteers for PROSH

6.5 Wellbeing Volunteer Program

Acknowledgement of the new co-ordinator Yasmin Kirkham.

7. Close and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Monday 20th May – 3pm – Meeting Room 1