



Voting Members: Nitin Narula, Olivia Bartlett, Jenny Chang, Elliott Wallace (Chair), Conrad Hogg, Saleem Al Odeh

Non-voting/Co-opted Members: NA

Staff:[Antonia Taylor, Ayesha Fredericksen, Chloe Jackson

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Apologies: Riley Klug

Absent: NA

The UWA Student Guild would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of which we are meeting, the Wadjuk Nyongar people. The UWA student Guild would like to acknowledge indigenous elders past, present and emerging, and extend this to all first nations people.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous VACE meeting was held on the 20th May. Minutes were circulated by email with no objections.

3.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

NA

4.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Introductions** – VACE chair led introductions due to full attendance. Responses were tailored to how the VACE committee members wanted to make a difference to the volunteering space at UWA.
- **Review of Action Points**
 - **Volunteering transcript hours update:** Not ready to report on any updates, but mentioned for Jenny's and Olivia's benefit. Looking at how roles rather than hours can be recorded on academic transcript.

4.1 Item 1 - Discussion on volunteering day trips

- Saleem update committee on Herdsman Lake volunteers. Focused on animal protection and well being. Saleem had personal experience volunteering there in 2017.
- Jenny – Refugee based volunteering with the First Hike project. Jenny has contact details with CARAD food bank volunteers. CARAD has action networks that visit detention centres.
- Elliott researched into Mercy Support Group. Require a range of volunteers based around aged care to provide companionship.
- Olivia was in support of aged care volunteering especially with engaging elderly citizens with pets.
- Conrad updated committee on possible humanitarian based volunteering especially in regional areas.
- Rural volunteering is often framed around addressing gaps in education, health

care and other social issues. Guild Volunteering is currently in partnership with numerous volunteering agencies such as Cahoots which try and redress these issues.

4.2 Item 3 - Guild Volunteering strategic planning for 2019/20

- GV updated the committee that Guild Volunteering's strategic plan for 2019/20 is currently in progress.
- Key areas included building a community, with better student engagement both online and through referrals.
- Enhancing student leadership through volunteer coordinator roles.
- Improving efficiencies in the way Guild Volunteering is managed.

Conrad enquired whether program coordinators have input into strategies. Chloe suggested that program co-coordinators should focus on tactics on how to increase volunteering engagement, rather than focus on strategies.

4.3 Item 4 - National Student Volunteer Week

- Nitin confirmed that theme for the Public Affairs Council themed week in week two is undecided.
- Guild Welfare week theme is based around homelessness. GV theme for National Student Volunteer week may be on different issue.
- Chloe stated that data from referrals could inform the activities GV implements in this week.
- Antonia confirmed the inter-university activity of beach cleanup at O Connor beach on 17th August, 100 students from 5 universities.
- Conrad suggested a volunteer panel discussion on careers into volunteering or "life after volunteering". GV team will liaise with Careers Centre, and Centre for Social Impact on how students leverage volunteer experience.

5.0 ALL OTHER BUSINESS

AOB Item 1 – Interactive Activity

- Chair instructed committee to write down what volunteer programs, regional trips students would find engaging for semester two. Activity revolved around increasing value for students.

AOB Item 2 – Marketing and Comms update

- GV newsletter to increase to twice a month.
- Increase social media presence with greater use of Guild Instagram. Chloe stated Instagram stories of volunteer excursions would be helpful to increase presence.
- More discussion needed if GV start using Instagram due to time and quality of content required vs reach.

AOB Item 3 – Photographers for Good Program

- Antonia and Elliott met with the UWA Photography Club to discuss the new Photographers for Good program which will link student photographers to volunteer as photographers with not for profits.

- No event photography, more capturing their everyday programs, transcript hours for photography work and editing time.
- Possible exhibition at the end of the semester showcasing photos. Conrad and Saleem both suggested venues which would host exhibition (UniHall and Awards Centre.)

5.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Friday 26th July at 12PM. Please send apologies to Elliott Wallace (VACE Chair) by Tuesday 22nd July 5pm.

6.0 ACTION POINTS

- Suggestions on social media volunteers to help in promotion of GV activities.
- OCM's to send in photos of volunteering activities to GV team to add content to newsletter.

