



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Owen welcomed all Councillors, directors and observers and proxies and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Nyoongar land and paid his respects to elders past and present, and acknowledged the Nyoongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land and that they continue to practice their beliefs, languages, values and knowledge.

1.1 Attendance

Tom Henderson (Guild President), Cam Fitzgerald (Vice-President), Sam Shipley (Secretary), Lizzy O'Shea (Ed Council President), Honny Palayukan (PAC President), Maddie Mulholland (SOC President), Bec Doyle (Women's Officer), Max Riley (Welfare Officer), Michael Morrissey (Guild Sports Representative), Kenneth Woo (ISS & OGC), Owen Myles (Chair & OGC), Alex Bennet (OGC), Rida Ahmed (OGC), Merredith Cully (OGC), Jonathan Lo (OGC), Richie Wu (OGC), Aiden Depiazzi (OGC), Millie Dacre (OGC), Francois Schiefler (OGC), Cameron Barnes (IPP & Senate Representative), Laura Clappinson (Queer Officer), David Raithel (PSA President).

1.2 Apologies

Daniel Jo (Treasurer), Bryn Howells (Environment Officer), Rebecca Lawrence (OGC).

1.3 Proxies

Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo), Emma Boogaerdt (for Bryn Howells), Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

1.4 Observers

Alex Hamilton, Joshua Bamford, Natalia Verne.

Owen moved to accept all attendances and proxies. Attendances and proxies accepted.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Alex declared a conflict of interest for motions 8.6 and 8.8 due to his position on NUS West.

Lizzy declared a conflict of interest for motions 8.6 and 8.8 due to her position on NUS National Executive.

Max declared a conflict of interest for motions 8.6 and 8.8 due to his position on NUS West.

Thomas (proxy for Daniel) declared a conflict of interest for the motions relating to decisions by the Federal Government, as he is an office bearer for the Australian Labor Party.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

5.1 Managing Director's Report

Wayne said that the EBA team met two days ago and it was given approval to commence negotiation and this is expected to start in the first week of June. The team that will start negotiations will be he, the HR officer and our industrial relations consultant, and they will continually report back to the EBA team and the team will then be able to present recommendations for Guild Council.

Regarding Subway and Boost he said later this week he will be meeting with the accounts manager from the planning section and they are seeking planning clearance for the Subway and Boost outlet design which involves them presenting draft elevations of the outlet. This is the UWA planning part of it and is to consider the aesthetics of it because these outlets potentially both face east towards Hackett Drive and also face out to Oak Lawns. A fair bit of work has been put in to get to that point. Once they get through that and they hope to have success to get the planning clearance there, they will go on to complete the design, compliance and costing elements on actually getting the services to the outlets – power, etc. – and the outlet construction. He said once he had the costings and planning clearance, the business case would be brought to Strategic Resources Committee.

Wayne said that he wished to update Council regarding the 2013 audit. He said in November 2013 the current Guild auditors commenced their annual interim audit and there was a section of unwritten Guild accounting records that were not ready for audit. An interim audit was done for certain parts. In January 2014 the Finance team commenced the review of that section for audit, with a fresh reconciliation of that process. In early February 2014 they engaged an accountant from an agency on a six month contract. The Finance team then continued their fresh reconciliation process, which involves reviewing transactions. In March the Finance team then completed their fresh reconciliation and resolved several issues but variances remain. In April Wayne commenced an internal review of what the Finance team had done with the reconciliation report. By mid-April he had identified that there was unusual accounting entries and he recommended to the President that they consider appointment of independent external accountants to assist with completing. During that period there was the office move and also the Managing Accountant went on leave for five weeks, which had been booked well in advance. In late April Wayne conducted an internal audit of the current processes that occurred after basically November 2013 and he was quite comfortable that the processes were quite robust. At the end of April Council agreed to the Managing Director appointing external accountants. We have received a few proposals from different providers and we have assessed them under selection criteria and have picked a firm of accountants to commence. They commenced in the office on 21 May and did some preparatory work. During that time the Guild Finance team has spent a fair bit of time preparing all the data, putting all the records aside, and that was done as the external accountants walked in the door. They were well resourced with officers and all the data on hand. They had then go through the background and get up to speed with what the situation was, and work with our accounting system which they now have access to on a read only basis. Since then they have gone into assessing and reconstructing the bank reconciliation from 1 January 2013 and as at yesterday they have completed six weeks from that date which has involved about 1,000 transactions. We are at the point where early next week we will sit down and review progress on that and will also look at reviewing the nature of these unusual accounting transactions to consider whether there is an investigation commenced into those transactions.

Aiden asked if there is a ballpark indication on when the whole process might be back to normal?

Tom said there is another meeting scheduled next week to get verification of where they are and this will give us more of an indication of how long this process will take.

A procedural motion was moved to move into camera. Motion passed.

5.2 Finance Report

Wayne said he has added an addendum to his report to clarify where the capital expenditure and the cash flow expenditure has been year to date. Regarding the profit and loss report he said the positive overall cashflow continues. We can expect as we have discussed with the changes in the Finance team a negative variance to emerge in the Finance line. On a year to date basis we are \$186,000 positive on our cashflow operations. He said we are about to enter into the mid-year budget review process and that gives the opportunity for everyone to put forward any other projects and to also lock in any favourable or unfavourable variances.

5.3 Catering Director's Report

Ken said sales for the month of April were around \$600,000, or \$100,000 better than budget; mainly coming from better than budgeted sales and functions. Operating costs are almost as budgeted, at 1.1% better than budget.

Catering operations has generated cash about \$180,000. The accounting profit is \$125,000 against a budget of \$45,000.

This Friday will be the end of the semester and Catering will start extended trading periods of certain cafés during exams.

For the month of June he said he does not see any problems with achieving the budget. Catering will be putting together a paper to improve and update some facilities at the Guild Village Café and this will go to the Committee shortly.

Regarding the Tavern the month of April has just about broken even but recorded a small loss of \$500 for the month. Sales have been close to budget but cost of sales are higher than budgeted and as previously explained. He said May should reveal a similar or slightly better profit.

5.4 Director of Student and Corporate Services Report

Tony said it has been a busy month with a lot of activity as well as the shifting to the new offices. EOSS will be held on Friday. They will have an 18+ area and an under 18 area.

The website is now up and running and they are starting to shut down the old site. Forms are coming online as well. One area they are working on very rapidly is a problem with Text Exchange which has gone down mainly because the coding has been corrupted and they are working to try to get this up and running as soon as possible.

Hopefully at next Council meeting they will be ready to present the marketing strategy which will galvanise a lot of the items and things that they are doing including the student lifestyle model which is helping them pick up gaps and areas that the Guild should be filling and particular areas that from an organisational perspective we should be repairing or moving into and getting underway.

The social media calendar has now been a bit more perfected. They have allocated effectively a week of activity across a theme, e.g. welfare week, bride week, or something that they will be focussing on. It doesn't mean that other information won't be thrown in but it keeps a focus on social media as a key communication point.

The surveys are closing for orientation and UniMentor tomorrow. Have had very good results there with about 375 responses from new mentors on their views on how that system works. The orientation review had well over 800 responses so we are starting to process and analyse that. They have also run some focus groups and some questionnaires to the FacSocs to understand a bit more how the orientation process fits in with them and what we can do to try to support and make it stronger.

There is quite a lot of activity with the wifi log and comments and are starting to build up a bit of a picture now of where the black spots are. Hopefully they will present a map, which people can use.

Owen moved a procedural motion to consider item 8.1. Motion passed.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Guild President

Report as tabled. Tom said the forum that was organised yesterday went well. It was a wet day and numbers were a little down on what was expected but it was well received.

6.2 Vice-President

Report as tabled.

6.3 Secretary

Report as tabled.

6.4 Treasurer

Report as tabled.

6.5 Education Council President

Report as tabled. Lizzy said they had a really good turnout at the NDA. It was given a lot of media, which was not expected. There was a good video on the TV news, which highlighted that there were a few issues over in Melbourne and Sydney, but that WA was a standout as a very peaceful and inclusive protest. She said we had about 60-70 people in the bus.

6.6 Public Affairs Council President

Report as tabled. Honny said she has received a follow-up report on Social Justice Week evening events so she can circulate that to members of Council. She also reminded everyone who is involved in Clubs or FacSocs to please relay the information that she is looking for talent and student involvement in the Fringe Festival coming up. They have already started a lot of the planning. A lot of the logistical planning will be during the holiday break and she doesn't want anyone to miss out.

6.7 Societies Council President

Report as tabled.

6.8 Women's Department

Report as tabled.

6.9 Welfare Department

Report as tabled.

6.10 Environment Department

Report as tabled.

6.11 International Student Services

Report as tabled. Kenneth said to update the finance report; they actually made a profit on the Rottnest Trip.

6.12 Queer Department

Report as tabled. Laura said regarding the Marriage Equality Rally, the turnout wasn't particularly good in general and we only had four students. He said in the future they should spread the word around campus and try to get more people attending.

6.13 Guild Sports Representative

Report as tabled.

6.14 Postgraduate Students' Association

Report as tabled.

6.15 Residential Students' Department

No report submitted.

6.16 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Students

No report submitted.

6.17 UWA Sports Council

No report submitted.

7.0 QUESTION TIME

Lizzy said she, Maddie and Max did the ally training on Thursday. It was really good and it is the kind of thing where they were given a lot of resources that they can share. One of the steps in the programme is putting ourselves up as one of the people that you come to if you need to direct people who need an ally for gender, sexual diversity, etc. If everyone can keep that in mind they will try to take the onus completely off people who have day-to-day experiences that they should be the ones who always have to explain those things to people. If anyone is considering doing any of those programmes you can do it when you are not a student rep, and you can do it as a regular student.

Aiden asked Tom regarding discussions about co-opting a number of people onto the Strategic Resources Committee to look at sponsorship. Is there an update on this?

Tom said this hasn't been done as yet. They have been discussing this with a few people, including Guild Alumni, who the Guild may like to get on board.

Aiden asked about the provision in the regulations that we should have an ordinary general meeting of the Guild every semester.

Tom said he was not aware of that regulation and this hasn't been done for years.

Aiden asked when the budget is published will the 2013 audited accounts be published as well?

Tom said once they have been audited and approved this will happen. Once the reconciliation of the accounts has been completed they will be published.

8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- 8.1 That Council endorses the business case recommended by SRC, to increase the Events Department capacity, and that the fixed term contract for an extra staff member would initially be for 6 months.
Moved: Sam Shipley; Seconded: Tom Henderson.

Sam said the Events Department has been doing a lot of work recently not only with all the events and the work they have been doing to keep up with the guidelines the University has but also with helping Clubs and FacSocs run events.

Tom deferred his speaking rights to Tony.

Tony said when we first looked at reviewing the whole department; one of the key things he identified was that we probably needed close to 3 people in that team. What he would like to try to do is to help work out how we can perfect that team and keep the very high standards that have been set in Events. He said Chloe, Steph and the team go above and beyond the usual hours and time. There is a huge amount of paperwork and they are finding that to keep our standard and their promise to the university that they are keeping their eyes on how the operation works and how events are being monitored, and help with training, etc., that they need to boost that team up. He said they would like to put someone in for 6 months part-time to see how we go and then they will review after that.

Francois asked if anyone has looked at ways of reducing the workload without putting on another staff member.

Tony said this is more about logistics and time and effort. People have been working very long hours and we just need to spread some weight into that area. He would be reluctant to take someone out of say Research to help in this area. We really just need people to boost and maintain the standard. We have turned a major corner with the university and we want to make sure that we don't ever slip back into that area where they say we haven't invested enough in the people or the timing to really get things properly done.

Aiden asked if the Guild slim down the amount of compliance that staff has to do, as opposed to hiring more staff members?

Tony said not really. The problem is that we have to follow through the various event management plans. Just recently he has had to review 2 or 3 camps himself to help navigate these people through to get the job done. Beforehand we left the paperwork and left the student club to do it themselves and they weren't able to get through it all. They would go ahead and press on with the event and inevitably run into trouble. We have had a few events go wrong over the year and we have had to come in and support them. The key thing is to go back to those students who are organizing the events and we need to come in and see if they have done all the things they should have, such as training, following through the processes, and guiding them through and providing a level of expertise. Compliance is also actually throwing a level of account management in as well to try to ensure that students are getting their events through in a proper manner and protecting them as well to make sure they are compliant to what needs to be done as well as also ensuring that the event organizer is protected and not open to being under attack. From the orientation review and generally from what the university stands for then if something goes wrong with a club they are not going to go after the Guild they will go after the person who has organized the event if they haven't performed and followed through the processes. The best way the Guild can help that individual who has taken on the events manager position is to provide them with as much training and support as we can. For example if you have under-age students going to a camp what are the sleeping arrangements. You need to make sure that all the under-age students are in a same sex dorm by themselves and well-protected from sexual harassment issues, etc. These are things that the university will bring up if something goes wrong.

Maddie said this fits both within our relationship with the university that we have good compliance measures and also in the service with clubs and societies we want to make it as easy as possible for

them to comply and the best way to do that is to make sure we have sufficient staffing arrangements. She said it is very beneficial for clubs and societies as a resource to have this extra staff member.

Aiden said the increase in the level of compliance has largely come from the university. He asked whether there had been any negotiations with the university regarding covering the cost of extra events staff.

Tony said they have already put that into play when they went to the first round of SSAF negotiations - they managed to get an extra \$100,000 for the events team and a research officer. He said they will have to sit down and talk with them. It's all about building up a track record like you do in business. You say this is the standard we are now meeting and to continue with that standard we need to be funded. We need to ensure we can continue that. He said he thinks for the university, it is a minimal investment for them to assist us to ensure that we are doing everything we can to help them become a top 50 university by protecting their reputation. When it comes to negotiating they will be addressing this.

Barnes said they put in a very hard case doing SSAF negotiations at the end of last year and it was exclusively because of this argument that they got the extra money. That is something that Senate is prepared to accept because Senate traditionally has been very wary of not weighing in on effectively funding disagreements between sports, student services and us, but when there is risk or liability at stake that is when they get a lot more interested.

Wayne said regarding the \$100,000, we were actually in a position where we had to put in a submission in March or April this year. We have the money absolutely guaranteed, it was flagged by Senate. We are in a position where we had to put the application in to get this \$100,000 funding and we were potentially in a tight position if we didn't perform in the first quarter of this year, where we did, thanks to the efforts of Tony, Chloe and the Events team. He said we see in the service level agreement discussions with John Stubbs every month that we do not under-invest in this area because they put a high level of importance on this. Don't be deaf to it. This is a six months investment and it is within this budget year. It is a sensible way to go forward and we can make the long term investments after we have assessed it. It is a really important area and it is not going away.

Tony said as much as there is a lot of compliance, the top line is that we don't want it to just be left that students have to fill in the compliance themselves, we want to guide them through it. It is very much an account management process so that we take each club, every event person coming through as a very serious personal client and help guide them through it.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.1 was passed unanimously.**

Owen moved a procedural motion to consider item 8.11. Motion passed. Normal procedure of meeting then resumed.

8.2 That the Guild Council endorse the recommendations of the Welfare and Advocacy Committee relating to the Guild's stance on the 2014-2015 Federal Budget.

Moved: Max Riley; Seconded: Lizzy O'Shea.

Max said it had been two weeks since the budget was handed down. Since then, there have been metres of column inches devoted to discussion of its impacts, and it has dominated public discourse. There have been protests, angry pensioners, winks, tweets, status updates and suspicious scholarships. People who haven't taken an interest in political matters for years have become engaged. In going out and talking to average UWA Students over the past two weeks, breaking the student political cocoon, everyone's feeling the same way. Students are confused; they don't know how these changes will impact them, their future employment, their friends and their family. They are surprised. This budget contains the single biggest change to higher education policy since the introduction of HECS, yet it has come without warning, without public discussion and without consultation. They're scared. There are many older students wondering how they're going to pay off their large HECS-HELP Loan, and whether or not they'll be able to take some time off once

they enter the workforce. He said what is striking though, is that they are angry. They feel like the government doesn't care about their dreams, or their future. They feel they aren't part of Abbott's Australia. We feel like we haven't been listened to, that we've been ignored.

Max said this motion condemns nine features of the federal Liberal budget that directly and disproportionately impact all UWA Students, and all Guild Members. It's passage will formalise the Guild's stance on this budget, It will empower Guild Office Bearers to take actions to oppose the budget, It will form part of a national effort to defeat these initiatives, and it will send a message to every single UWA Student, that the Guild is on the side of students, even when powerful organisations seek to hurt them. The motion condemns the direct and immediate reduction in future higher education expenditure, which will see average student contribution to higher education funding rise from 45% to 61%. Due to the complicated way in which federal funding for degree clusters works, this will impact disciplines differently, and that 61% is nothing more than a weighted average. Some commentators have labelled it at a different figure, and this is largely due to differences as to how you calculate the weighted average. That is complicated, so I'll put it bluntly: Students will have to pay 33% more for their degrees, and Universities will get none of this extra money. This motion condemns efforts by the Federal Liberal Government to dramatically increase student fees through fee deregulation. Fee Deregulation will result in the biggest fee increases to UWA Students in history. The architect of the HECS system Dr Bruce Chapman has estimated that we will see \$100,000 Engineering Degrees, \$150,000 Law Degrees, \$200,000 Medical and Dentistry Degrees. Under Fee Deregulation every single UWA Student will have to pay tens of thousands of dollars more for the privilege of attending this University, and that's just wrong.

Max said this motion condemns changes to the HECS-HELP Loan system, which will double long-term interest rates on all student debt, and will make students give up more of their future incomes, earlier in their careers. People often say this change is really complex. As an Economics and Finance student, it really isn't. Increasing the interest rate on HECS Debt, means that for any given level of student debt, you'll have to pay back far more than you otherwise would have needed to. If you take time off from the workforce, to travel, to do volunteer work, to raise a family, to smell to roses... Your debt will compound every single year until you die. Lowering the HECS repayment threshold will make people pay back more money, sooner. It will disincentive certain groups from attending university, and that will tear the fabric of our student community. That's wrong.

Max said this motion condemns attempts by the Federal Liberal Government to dilute higher education funding by extending it to dodgy private education providers. This is pretty simple. If you extend a fixed amount of funding to more providers, each provider will get less money. Sub bachelor, diploma programs and apprenticeships are valuable courses that governments should fund fully. That being said, you cannot compare the social benefits of research provided by public universities with the social utility being provided by for-profit education providers. We shouldn't be robbing the scientists, dentists, lawyers, doctors, engineers and business leaders of tomorrow to give public money to well-connected private companies existing in a vacuum of regulation.

Max said while those recommendations condemn changes to the higher education sector, it is also true the budget will negatively impact UWA in other ways. The mission of the Guild to protect students doesn't stop when they cross Stirling Hwy or Fairway, so it is appropriate that we condemn actions by the Federal Government that will disproportionately harm UWA Students.

Max said this motion condemns changes to the Newstart Allowance for recipients under the age of 30. Youth unemployment exceeds the national rate for a variety of reasons, none of which have to do with young people being lazy and feckless. There will be UWA Students who will claim the Newstart allowance in the future for a whole variety of reasons. There are also significant numbers of UWA Students who currently claim Newstart and Youth Allowance transfers right now. The best form of welfare is a job, and removing people arbitrarily from unemployment allowances makes it harder for them to re-enter the workforce in the future. It entrenches long term unemployment and the social issues that causes. Proposed Work for the Dole programs are punitive, and also prevent

reengagement with the workforce. As a student representative and young person, I refuse to accept that Young people are lazy and feckless, that our needs as human beings are less than others, and for government to tell us otherwise is wrong.

Max said many students around UWA rely extensively on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to access medically necessary drugs and products. We have an on campus pharmacy. These purchasing decisions are not choices in the conventional sense of the word. A Type 1 diabetic requires insulin to live, A person prescribed antibiotics needs to take those antibiotics or they will get sicker. This is even before we consider the disproportionate impact of a Medicine Tax on Women and other vulnerable groups. A \$5 Medicine Tax will be felt by students every time they fill a script. Given the issues many young students face in receiving the concessional health card, this problem will get worse and have adverse consequences for all students.

Max said finally, he wishes to turn to the \$80 billion is combined reductions in government funding to health and education through changes to the Gonski and Health Financing arrangements with Australia's states and territories. That will impact every single Medical Student and every single person working in primary and secondary education. It will impact every UWA Student who gets sick in the future, or has kids who want to go to school. It will impact every single Western Australian who is forced to bear more state debt, and will receive lower quality state government services at higher prices.

Max said it is important to note that there are other associated impacts of this budget on postgraduate students, International Students, DSG students, women, Indigenous Students, Students from remote and regional communities and for college students living in accommodation funded by the National Rental Affordability Scheme, although I will leave it to the Guild representatives for those groups to speak further on that.

Max said he wants to pre-emptively address some concerns people may have with these stances. It is true that many UWA Students are grandfathered in to existing funding arrangements regarding fee deregulation. Firstly, that isn't true for the loans they have already accrued. Secondly, many UWA Students starting University today will face changes in the funding environment, and that is particularly true for students wanting to do the JD, Masters of Engineering, Postgraduate Study, the MD, or MDDS. But thirdly and most importantly, we owe an obligation to future UWA Students to defend their interests. He said he refuses to believe that this Guild should abandon New Courses Students and freshers.

Max said as for the general scope of the motions, it is appropriate that the Guild take a stance on these measures. We have hundreds of Medical Students at this University who will work in the hospitals of the future and be paid less as a result of decisions taken by the Federal Government. We have hundreds of Teaching students who won't be able to do their jobs to the best of their ability because of these budget cuts. We have our very own bulk-billing Medical Centre on campus, and a campus pharmacy. A significant chunk of students at this University receive government transfer payments, and many claim NewStart if they are eligible. Max said this Guild is responsible for so many great things around University, but it is only as strong as our members. He said this motion makes us stronger, and he is very proud to propose it.

Lizzy said that these recommendations are basically things they picked out from the budget a few hours after it was released that they thought were important and they thought were important stances to take as a representative body. She said we effectively have a duty to voice the concerns of students from our campus and from campuses such as Albany. She said she would be very happy to see this passed so that she and Tom can with confidence and based on these recommendations go out and continue to advocate with the exclusive backing of Council.

Francois moved an amendment to the motion that instances of the words "Federal Liberal Government" be replaced with the words "Federal Coalition Government".
Amendment accepted by the mover.

Aidan said his main concern with these recommendations is that we need to fix up the inaccuracies that are being presented as facts. He said he doesn't feel he can rationally support something that is very clearly reporting a factual inaccuracy. He referred to points 8 and 9 and said that this is another area where we should be very careful. He said he doesn't see these points as a direct link to tertiary students but he also knows that the \$30B and \$50B figures were budgeted beyond the forward estimates in the 2013/2014 budget.

Aiden said he would like to move an amendment that this proceed with the change in the first recommendation to state the increase as from 45% to 52% and that the 8th and 9th recommendations be removed as they don't reflect fact.

Max said he accepted the first amendment but not the amendment to remove the 8th and 9th recommendations.

Aidan moved a procedural motion that the motion be amendment with the 8th and 9th recommendations removed from the list.

The motion for the amendment was put. Motion failed.

Tom asked Millie what she thought about the matter, as it would disproportionately affect Science and Mathematics students, given that the contribution that they will need to make towards their degree will be quite a lot more than for example, a law or an art student.

Millie said she would not like to comment.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.2 passed with amendments:**

- Point 1 in motion attachment changed to "...total higher education funding from 45% to 52%."
- All points in motion attachment changed from "Federal Liberal Government" to "Federal Coalition Government".

For: Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Owen Myles, Alex Bennet, Rida Ahmed, Merredith Cully, Jonathan Lo, Richie Wu, Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo), Emma Boogaardt (for Bryn Howells).

Abstaining: Kenneth Woo, Aiden Depiazzi, Millie Dacre,

Against: Francois Schiefler, Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

- 8.3** That the UWA Student Guild supports the safe and equitable access to toilets for all transgender students - i.e. all non-binary, trans male and trans female students - across the University of Western Australia campuses, at the detriment of no other group of students.

Moved: Laura Clappinson; Seconded: Lizzy O'Shea.

Owen moved a procedural motion to consider items 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 en bloc. Motion passed.

- 8.4** The UWA Student Guild requests that the University consult with the UWA Student Guild Queer Department during the planning phase of new buildings or renovations in regard to toilets on campus.

Moved: Laura Clappinson; Seconded: Lizzy O'Shea.

- 8.5** That the UWA Student Guild shall consult with the Queer Department during the planning phase of all future constructions or renovations conducted by the Guild regarding toilets.

Moved: Laura Clappinson; Seconded: Lizzy O'Shea.

Laura moved a procedural motion that Natalia be allowed to speak on the motion. Motion carried.

Natalia said the main reason for these motions is that when they moved into the new Guild wing the toilets there were gendered "male" or "female" as opposed to the bathrooms at the old Guild wing, which were all neutral bathrooms.

Natalia said Motions 8.4 and 8.5 reaffirm that the Guild requests the University to talk to the Queer Department about any bathrooms which are being put in so they can make sure that transgender and non-binary students have a say in where they can use the bathroom. Currently the only non-disabled neutral bathrooms are in Guild Hall, which is quite far away from a lot of other places on campus.

Lizzy said that having non-gender bathrooms within the university is something that nobody else is doing and it is important that we are providing that access for those students, even if it is not a huge proportion of students, they are students that we should be representing and helping out. She said it is also important that this is not something that the Queer Department have to tackle by themselves. She said also we need to consider the social effects of not having non-gendered bathrooms. There have been campaigns by NUS and other activist groups, there have been incidents of violence and students being ostracised because they don't present as people expect them to present in certain bathroom spaces so it is also a safety issue.

Francois asked how many students are classified as non-binary. Laura said they don't have figures on these but she thinks there are about 10 transgender staff and students on campus, as of the end of last year.

Natalia said the general statistic is that trans people make up 0.3% of the community.

Lizzy said the toilet on the first floor that was always gender neutral and it has benefits for equity and access reasons and it is of no inconvenience to make it non-gendered.

Francois asked the difference between the non-gendered toilets and gendered toilets.

Natalia said they are just not specified male or female and anyone can use them.

Maddie said it is a great opportunity for us to be leading in this suggestion to the university because if they haven't thought about it before it is an opportunity to be that voice for the students.

The motions were put. **Motions 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 passed en bloc.**

For: Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Kenneth Woo, Owen Myles, Alex Bennet, Rida Ahmed, Merredith Cully, Jonathan Lo, Richie Wu, Aiden Depiazzi, Millie Dacre, Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo), Emma Boogaerdt (for Bryn Howells).

Abstaining: Francois Schiefler, Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

Against: None.

- 8.6** That Council strongly condemns the National Union of Students New South Wales Branch, the University of Sydney Student Representative Council, and the University of Sydney Union for their orchestration of the vicious attack on Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the University of Sydney on Friday 16th May 2014, prior to her announcement that the Federal Government will be providing an additional 1,000 places for students to study overseas under the Colombo Plan.

Moved: Aiden Depiazzi; Seconded: Francois Schiefler.

Aiden said he believes in a democratic right to peaceful protest as much as anybody but this went too far when defying instruction from the security authorities, sending forward a reasonably tall man to lead a charge in attacking a reasonably small lady. This doesn't look good in the media and more importantly we should respect individuals' personal space and their right to be safe and feel comfortable, particularly given that she was there to announce more places for students to study overseas, which is a good thing. He says we should pass the motion just to demonstrate that the UWA Guild does not endorse violence as a legitimate form of protest.

Tom said currently in the UWA policy book it is already a policy that we don't support acts of violence protests and we only support non-violent protests. In that regard this is doubling up. He asked from what source of media did we get the information that this was a "vicious attack" as he saw a video, which showed shouting but he hadn't seen a physical attack.

Aiden said he can change the wording if necessary. He avoided using the wording "assault" as in his opinion and in the opinion of the campus security unit, which banned the individual responsible for one month from stepping foot on the grounds of the university. The legal definition of "assault" was met when he placed his hands on her without her consent but he avoided using that word as he is not talking about the individual, he is talking about three organisations which came together to organise a group of people. He said they saw her, rushed towards her and tried to prevent her from entering the room and weren't afraid to be physically violent to do so.

Lizzy said as from what she sees there is currently no police investigation into the acts of any of the activists. She said she hasn't seen a police report or any indication that they are investigating it.

Aiden said he had just explained that he chose not to use the word assault and he is not sure why he needs to table a police report, which may not exist. He said he could table the still image from the video where the person has clearly got his hands on Julie Bishop without her consent, which meets the legal definition of "assault". He said he does not know if the NSW Police are investigating this or not.

Cam said this was not on our campus and he doesn't think we need to be discussing a motion about this. He said this is for their campus to worry about.

Aiden said one of the organisations involved in the protest is a state branch of a national organisation to which we affiliate. He said it was a student who did it and if other students don't stand up and condemn this it isn't good enough.

Francois said it would be good to see this council reiterate all good existing policies. It has been done in the past where motions have been brought to Council to reiterate standing policy and this would be in accordance with what we already do and would send a clear message that we don't support violence from any Student Union.

Tom asked was this protest actually organised by the National Union of Students or were there just students there on their own from other organisations?

Aiden said he didn't see an official press release but he did see acknowledgment of the involvement of NUS in organising this protest. They did not acknowledge the involvement of NUS in any pre-planned violence.

Tom said he would be uncomfortable condemning an entire organisation where it may have been the actions of a particularly angry individual. He said while NUS may have organised people to be there, he wonders if it is appropriate condemning the organisation and not the individuals.

Sam said that that in no way does the Guild support violent protests in any way, as is in Guild policy. He said he could not see much point in passing a motion that doubles up on an existing policy.

Cam said that calling it a vicious attack was not reflective of what actually happened.

Millie moved an amendment that we amend the motion to read "the orchestration of a rally which resulted in the attack on ..."

Amendment accepted by the mover.

The motion was put. **Motion passed with amendments:**

“That Council strongly condemns the National Union of Students New South Wales Branch, the University of Sydney Student Representative Council, and the University of Sydney Union for their orchestration of a rally that resulted in an attack on Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the University of Sydney on Friday 16th May 2014, prior to her announcement that the Federal Government will be providing an additional 1,000 places for students to study overseas under the Colombo Plan.”

For: Tom Henderson, Aiden Depiazzi, Millie Dacre, Francois Schiefler, Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

Abstaining: Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Lizzy O’Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Kenneth Woo, Owen Myles, Alex Bennet, Rida Ahmed, Merredith Cully, Jonathan Lo, Richie Wu, Emma Boogaerdt (for Bryn Howells).

Against: Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo).

- 8.7** That Council calls on the University of Sydney to immediately remove Ridah Hassan and Tom Raue from their paid positions on the University of Sydney Student Representative Council and the University of Sydney Union, respectively, in the form of a formal letter from the UWA Student Guild President to the University of Sydney Vice-Chancellor, so as to demonstrate that the UWA Student Guild does not endorse violence as a legitimate means of protest.

Moved: Aiden Depiazzi; Seconded: Francois Schiefler.

Owen moved a procedural motion to consider items 8.7 and 8.8 en bloc. Motion passed.

- 8.8** That Council calls on the National Union of Students New South Wales Branch to immediately remove Chloe Rafferty from her position as Education Officer, in the form of a formal letter from the UWA Student Guild President to the NUS NSW Branch President, so as to demonstrate that the UWA Student Guild does not endorse violence as a legitimate means of protest.

Moved: Aiden Depiazzi; Seconded: Francois Schiefler.

Aiden said the three individuals were named in the media for their involvement. He said this is also in line with calls that have formed part of a petition, which at the last count had 3,273 signatures. He said the University of Sydney has banned Tom Raue from coming onto campus for a period of one month for his role in the protest and we should be echoing this. It is important to consider that the first two individuals are not just representatives as we are in our capacities but they are paid employees of those two authorities. He said he finds it disturbing that people who paid with student fees are not only trashing the reputations of student unions and students generally but have also been involved in the orchestration of a rally resulting in violence. He said it is also his understanding that Chloe Rafferty is only a volunteer but nevertheless this is the National Union of Students, which purports to represent all of us and we should be calling on the resignation of these people.

Francois said he doesn’t want the Guild to be associated with these people and he wants to send a message that we are much better than this.

Tom said that motion 8.6 was just passed and clearly demonstrates our feelings on the situation. He said he is uncomfortable in telling another organisation what they should do, especially with an ongoing investigation and without all the facts. He said he believes it is up to the UCS, SRC and USU to make that decision on their own terms.

Lizzy said she doesn’t feel that this falls within the scope of our organisation and it is not our place to be calling for these people to be stood down. This is ongoing and happened only a few weeks ago and the people involved are not able to be here to speak against the motion or give us any evidence of what actually happened. She said she doesn’t feel we need to reaffirm our stance on violent protesting as it is not legal, it is already in our policy book, and we have through our acts and our words tried to be an example for safe inclusive protesting. She said that the Guild was a standout in the last protest in terms of behaviour and that we have never supported violent acts. She said that

NUS represents us and the New South Wales Branch Education Officer represents the New South Wales students. She said if the National Education Officer did something like this that would be perhaps more contextually relevant.

Aiden said on the matter of whether or not it is our responsibility to talk about what other student unions are doing, nobody cares whether you are talking about the University of Sydney Union or the University of Sydney Student Representative Council or any other organisation – it looks the same when a lay person picks up the newspaper and reads about it. He said it is important that we take this sort of action. To demonstrate not just that we condemn the violence – we have done that – but that people who are directly responsible come under disciplinary. We don't have the ability to enforce any disciplinary measures and that is why all this motion does will result in a formal letter from UWA Student Guild advising that we believe disciplinary procedures should proceed. He said it is not as strong as it has been made out to be and he doesn't perceive any problems with going ahead. None of our actions will actually result in anything of substance in terms of the consequences these people will actually feel; it will just have a way into the deliberations of the University of Sydney.

The motions were put. **Motions 8.7 and 8.8 failed en bloc.**

For: Aiden Depiazzi, Millie Dacre, Francois Schiefler, Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

Abstaining: Kenneth Woo, Alex Bennet, Meredith Cully.

Against: Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Owen Myles, Rida Ahmed, Jonathan Lo, Richie Wu, Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo), Emma Boogaerdt (for Bryn Howells).

- 8.9** That Council requires all Councillors, Guild office-bearers and members of the Executive to conduct strict fact-checking procedures to make sure that all information officially published by the Guild is as accurate as possible; and, in keeping with this, that Council requires that the Guild Facebook page immediately take down the so-called "infographic" produced by the EAN in response to the Federal Budget, until such time as EAN members are satisfied that its inaccuracies and misrepresentations have been addressed.

Moved: Aiden Depiazzi; Seconded: Rebecca Lawrence.

Aiden said as soon as this was put up there was an explosion of responses about some of the reported facts that were included in it. For example it included projections that came out of modelling which was reported in a magazine article which he understands was financed by the Australian Greens. It didn't mention that it was modelling, it didn't mention that it was based on speculation, and the comments surrounding it and the way it's been publicised is as though this is the degree to which the cost of a UWA education will increase whereas the factual result is that this is what the Australian Greens think about the general level of all education in Australia based on some modelling that they have paid for. He said there were some things in there including the fact that it said that Christopher Pyne didn't pay for his education, which he did in fact because he did two separate degrees before and after the introduction of HECS. A little bit of research could have resulted in a more accurate infographic and instead we have one that is misleading. He said people should commit to being more accurate and forthcoming with information when they try to publish it.

Alyssa (proxy for Rebecca) said anything that is published by the Guild as accurate information shouldn't be from a magazine no matter what is about, whether it is about the budget or about something completely different from that as we know not everything we read in magazines or in the internet is true.

Tom said he agreed that a lot of things in the media can be misconstrued. He said whilst he wasn't involved in the creation of this infographic he did notice that it did have all of the sources cited on the page so if someone was particularly wanting to find out the sources and verify those, they had the option to look at these and make their own informed and educated decision about where they

came from. He said as a projection not everything is 100% accurate and this is what some people think the result of the budget could be. He said there are a lot of different areas where figures differ, especially when the budget is only a proposal and none of the specific policies have necessarily come into effect yet and not even the extent of those, as the VC said yesterday they don't know what is to come yet. He said this was an opinion with facts that were found and where those facts were sourced was provided so he doesn't see it as a huge concern.

Lizzy said regarding the motion, EAN members constitute all ordinary Guild members of this university while an EAN meeting is quorate with 5 members and one executive. The best that they could do in our context was pass the infographic around the EAN meeting and nobody who was at the meeting objected to the infographic in any way. She asked if they are to have an approval by EAN members, how are they actually meant to do that? She said the best they can do is get it checked with their research officer, which is a direction from Guild Council she would happily take. She said she sees huge logistical implications with having everything on the Guild Facebook by councillors, office bearers and executive checked by all those people. She asked Aiden how he proposes to actually get EAN to be satisfied with inaccuracies and misrepresentations when it is not like a sub-council or a committee, it is literally all students and is a collective that operates very differently.

Aiden asked Lizzy in her opinion what would be the most appropriate way for her to assess whether or not interested students agree that something is appropriate for publication.

Lizzy said at the EAN meeting where it was advertised to a large amount of students through Facebook and through most of the active members, they showed all members in the room the infographic and she feels that is the only way she can get something ticked off on and that is the best way she has at this point aside from having a research officer who is employed to do research and fact check for them.

David asked Aiden if he felt that any of the figures stated are a misrepresentation of information from the sources references or does he feel that it is an accurate representation of the sources that have been used to collect the data, whether or not he agrees with the sources themselves.

Aiden said in the infographic it is alleged that getting an Education degree could cost \$91,000 and he thinks it is important to note that the Vice Chancellor confirmed yesterday that it is highly unlikely because it makes no economic sense. He said it then says in the future the degree will be \$181,000 and refers to an article which is an article which is referencing a coalition adviser and says: "coalition adviser says fees of a degree cost are exaggerated". So they have asked this adviser what he thought was an exaggerated figure and the gist of the article is that the figures are too high and are hugely inflated and yet the infographic reports the figures as though that is what the article is saying education costs will move to but in fact the article is saying something very different.

Cam said he thinks this is a fair motion and as long as Lizzy's concerns are addressed in terms of how we ratify the EAN members are satisfied then it should be done.

Aiden said in that the EAN's role is to implement the policy to Education Council so would Lizzy be satisfied if Education Council approved the infographic and then EAN can go ahead to propagate it.

Lizzy said she was not sure if this actually puts any stress on the process of it being factually correct, but more the approval. For example looking at the EAN meeting they had it was approved in the only way they had to approve it but there was no way to check it was factually correct. She said that sounds better but she doesn't know if functionally Ed Council want to have to approve every graphic she wants to put out.

Aiden said the fact that Ed Council members would get it a week before and have an opportunity to review it, it would be recorded in minutes and on the agenda and they could look at it and do their

own investigations, differs to an EAN meeting, which to his understanding wasn't called by email for Guild members. If you go via the Ed Council then at least the people who are charged with contributing to decisions on the Guild's education stance can have a week to review it before they get an opportunity to discuss it and they can then go and find the Guardian article, etc.

Lizzy said if it is going to have to go to an Ed Council meeting – take the example of the Federal budget where they had to respond very quickly – she can't wait a month until an Ed Council meeting to circulate it with an agenda to have it approved at the meeting, so if it has to be at a meeting she doesn't support that. If she can do it by circular that is fine but people are going to be spammed with her EAN infographics and that again puts the onus on how great the stats are on the people who are approving it.

Maddie said referring to motions we have had in the past about ability to respond quickly to things if something has to go through an Education Council for example even if it is via circular, if we have an emergency thing come up that we have to provide information for, having that three day wait just isn't practical. She suggested a better system is that we make sure that everything we put out has been put through the research officer and if then if you do notice an inconsistency, you raise it with the person who published it and if it is of legitimate concern they then fix it up and publish an updated version.

Beyer said this is an incredibly impractical motion in terms of what we are discussing. He suggested the motion be amended to say something like: "to ensure that reasonable steps are taken before spreading material" or something like that because that is all you can reasonably do in these circumstances. Otherwise if you want a week before Education Council which even then half of Education Council refuse to comment on anything political, it is making any sort of attempt to represent students by this body completely impotent.

Cameron F said regarding Maddie's comment if we did go via the research officer we need to be aware that we might not always have a research officer. Additionally he believes standard practice when you publish anything is that we can issue corrections and the standard practice would be to not replace it but to edit it and highlight what was changed. He said he thinks the motion should be more about if you have an issue with it you should be able to take it up with somebody and have us respond to it as opposed to the initial clearance. Presumably it is always going to get cleared by the EAN. It is probably not reasonable to expect everyone to go through every source so he would suggest that a motion be proposed that is more about the ability to alter the infographic once it has gone through the first time.

Aiden said the route that was being discussed about Education Council reviewing overlooking and checking the infographic as they are the major stakeholders who represent the education and our various faculties, is probably the best avenue we have. In regard to the concern that it might not be quick enough he said he thinks we could take a little time to put in the due diligence to ensure that the information we are putting out there is accurate and the longest we are ever going to have to wait is actually one month.

Beyer said there is a particular issue with process here in that we went through a process where we found sources and the sources were provided and it seems that it is the issue with the sources themselves. He said he doesn't want to mandate that the Guild uses particular sources, etc. - it is an issue with the source material and maybe it is something we can talk about in regard to source material rather than the procedures of actually getting the approval. How can we do better at finding sources?

Aiden said he worked in the research office and the rule is that when you report a source whether you like it or not you end up endorsing what it says unless you clearly stipulate you don't endorse what it says. When you quote something that doesn't turn out to be accurate you have to take responsibility for that and its effect on impacting your publication.

He said in response to Beyer, the fact is that EAN does exist only to implement the policy of the Education Council. He said he doesn't believe that facts should be a matter of politics. Whether or not the Guardian quoted something that wasn't then requoted in the infographic or the infographic misrepresented what the Guardian says, it doesn't matter what side of politics you are on. If the fact is wrong because it doesn't have a source and the modelling isn't accurate and you can't trace the source of the modelling then that is a problem that people should be able to address. He said he sees the concerns that have been raised about the process that results which is why he is open to all sorts of amendments to this motion to make sure that it works. His problem is not with the source material; it is how you represent source material. There needed to be a huge disclaimer at the bottom of the infographic saying this is based on journalist's opinions. If you can't trace the source of the modelling and that source is then put in an article don't quote the article because it is not good enough.

Beyer said he has heard nothing in this discussion which offers a realistic alternative to the method of back-checking that does anything other than make our Education Action Network completely irrelevant and unable to do its core job of actually representing students and giving them relevance on a lot of very relevant issues.

Lizzy moved an amendment to the motion:

"That Council requires all councillors, Guild office-bearers, members of the Executive and sub-council committee members to conduct strict fact-checking procedures to make sure that all information officially published by the Guild is as accurate as possible".

Lizzy said the EAN co-ordinator in question is the Vice President of the Education Council and that he is held to the same account as Guild committee members with that amendment.

Aiden said if he can get an indication from Lizzy that she is willing to deal with this infographic then he will amend the motion as suggested by her. Lizzy agreed and the motion was amended.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.9 passed unanimously with amendments:**

"That Council requires all Councillors, Guild office-bearers, and members of the Executive to conduct strict fact-checking procedures to make sure that all information officially published by the Guild is as accurate as possible."

- 8.10** That Council affirms that the purpose of the Education Action Network is clearly stipulated under Regulation 9.9.5.4. and is not to engage in politicking or in attempts to influence students' voting preferences through the dissemination of misinformation and opinion.
Moved: Aiden Depiazzi; Seconded: Rebecca Lawrence.

Aiden said the regulations about EAN are not very well defined. He said that he doesn't think that everything that EAN does should be about how students are going to vote at a Federal election or SSAF. He thinks its objective is to implement the policy and make recommendations to the Education Council. This motion is to affirm that and perhaps it drives the EAN as it proceeds that its role is to inform students as opposed to informing their voting intentions.

Lizzy asked Aiden to read out Regulation 9.9.5.4.

Regulation reads as follows: "The Education Action Network makes recommendations to and implements the policy of the Education Council."

Barnes asked Aiden about him not having a problem with EAN informing students or providing information to students on political issue but having a problem with them influencing the way students vote. Are they effectively one and the same in that if you provide students with information you are about influencing the way they vote? If you provide an infographic that shows that the budget is detrimental to students that is providing important information, isn't that also potentially influencing the way they vote?

Aiden said it is a question in the sense that we present facts as facts and it is different if it has a political reference on it. There is no reason why you can't say for instance this is what the budget has said. We can clarify if you wish that the university has not said how it will respond. That is all we need to do, is to provide students with facts. He said he did have a problem when it was about an individual from a different political party because he doesn't like the idea of anybody engaging in an operation to try to influence how people vote. He said he thinks it is illegitimate to say a certain policy is bad for education so we need to tell students to vote against it at the next election.

Barnes said there is a difference between going out and directing students how they should vote and providing them with information that may influence the way they vote, but is good information that is important and relevant.

Tom said he thinks misinformation and opinion has been dealt with Motion 8.9 and it is this idea of engaging in politicking or attempts to influence students voting, once you take the misinformation out of it we are providing information which may or may not influence students' voting.

Aiden said he is happy to amend the motion as he agrees it has been dealt with in the previous motion. He said he considers that influencing students' voting is not passive influence of providing information but a deliberate attempt to influence. Aiden moved an amendment to the motion: "That Council affirms that the purpose of the Education Action Network is clearly stipulated under Regulation 9.9.5.4 and is not to engage in politicking or in deliberate attempts to influence students' voting preferences".

Lizzy said hypothetically if she called out Tony Abbott on the Federal Budget and said "this Liberal has done this" and said "let's talk about this issue", does this count as politicking. If that does count as politicking that is something that the EAN does and there is no way that they cannot do that. It is purpose of the EAN to be able to do that kind of thing, for example last year when they called the Labor party out many times on various issues and now they are calling the Liberal party out. If that is politicking then she is 100% against this motion.

Aiden asked Lizzy does she think there is a value added from specifying from which political party these people come from.

Lizzy said she does think they need to be able to say which party has done certain things. She said that this motion attempts to both choke and undermine the EAN as an organisation. It won't be able to do anything if this motion is passed as it stands.

Tom said he thinks Lizzy has a point as when does politicking become using the factual sense "the coalition government put out the 2014 budget which included..." which is factual. Is that considered politicking because you are identifying who put it out and therefore advantaging another group of individuals who didn't put it out? He said he understands it is an issue if we are attacking individuals. He said where does providing information end and politicking begin?

Aiden said putting people's faces on t-shirts, painting things on signs, banners, etc. is really considered as engaging in political activity. Saying the Liberal party has published its budget and here is how it is going to affect students is just a statement of fact. He said that what has been brought up by Tom and Lizzy don't sound like issues at all. He said it is important to show students that we are discussing these issues.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.10 failed.**

For: Alex Bennet, Aiden Depiazzi, Millie Dacre, Francois Schiefler, Alyssa Baker (for Rebecca Lawrence).

Abstaining: Kenneth Woo, Owen Myles, Merredith Cully, Richie Wu.

Against: Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Rida Ahmed, Jonathan Lo, Thomas Beyer (for Daniel Jo), Emma Boogaerd (for Bryn Howells).

- 8.11** That Council directs the Strategic Resources Committee to review and update the contents insurance policy for Guild-allocated club spaces, to ensure that it is accessible to all affiliated clubs and societies.

Moved: Millie Dacre; Seconded: Aiden Depiazzi.

Millie said the Science Union clubroom was broken into and she was told there wasn't any contents insurance and that the public liability insurance we had didn't cover it. About a month later she was told that there is insurance, but there is a \$2,500 cap. She said this needs to be reviewed.

Aiden said that the excess is inconsistent considering the nature of many clubs.

Maddie said she thinks this is a good idea in theory, especially the small club point. She said you need to find that balance between the premium and the excess so we need to make sure that the excess is low enough but the premium is reasonable, so this is definitely something that Strategic Resources should be looking at. They may find that it needs to change or they may find that the product we have is the best one. She said she wanted to clarify that this can't really technically apply to anything outside of the Guild area and that it should be made clear that we are not attempting to give contents insurance to people outside of the Guild area.

Maddie moved an amendment:

"That Council directs the Strategic Resources Committee to review and update the contents insurance policy for Guild-allocated club spaces, to ensure that it is accessible to all affiliated clubs and societies with a Guild Tenancy."

Amendment accepted by the mover.

Tony said they are happy to do a review, but the Guild did get some mixed messages on what was required about the insurance and were a bit confused as to what was actually being claimed, which is why it took so long. He said it will be an economic decision at the end of the day as to which policy they choose to go with.

Maddie said that with the Guild facilities that are being built on this level there are going to be a whole new set of club facilities so the contents insurance will have to be reviewed again. SRC may decide to wait until we have that wing before we look at all of that or go ahead now and review it again later.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.11 passed unanimously with amendments:**

"That Council directs the Strategic Resources Committee to review and update the contents insurance policy for Guild-allocated club spaces, to ensure that it is accessible to all affiliated clubs and societies with a Guild Tenancy."

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Guild Election Regulations Changes

Owen handed the Chair to Cam.

Owen said this item has been moved to general business. The reason for this is that he received it today and passing the Guild Election Regulations changes at this meeting would not provide the result that he was hoping for which was to have the election regulations in place in time for the 2014 Guild Elections. This is due to the time it takes to get through Senate and a misunderstanding of that process which has now been cleared up. In terms of why he didn't continue it on the agenda is if we are not going to get it through in time for this election there is no point pushing it. We might as well give council a bit more time to review and to consider the changes and provide extra feedback time. He said he intends to move this motion at the next Council meeting so if there is any feedback please get in touch with Owen ASAP. He said they would be in place by 2015.

Aiden said he understands that this has to go through the Legislative Committee and then to a full meeting of the Senate.

Barnes said the deadline for new regulations to be provided to the WA Electoral Commission is the last day of Semester 1. Last year when the Guild Election Regulations were passed they were passed at the April meeting and we already had an in principle agreement from both the Legislative Committee and the Senate to pass those regulations through. They wrote to the WAEC and we gained a two week exemption and they were passed by Senate two weeks after the last day of semester. He said we are effectively not in a position to be able to do that. He said the other problem is that Senate needs a month in advance and Legislative Committee also needs a month in advance. When Matt provided it to them with roughly the same amount of notice we would be providing it to them this year, they rejected it outright. He said we could try but Senate and Legislative Committee work very slowly and very cautiously and we can't actually send it to them until the regulations are passed through our process. So when Guild Council passes the regulations they don't go straight to Senate. They go through a two week period where they have to be posted up and then after that two week period the Guild President then formally writes to the Registrar and instructs him to go through the Senate process. It gets sent to Legislative Committee and then gets sent to Senate. He said there is no way all that can be done with enough time in advance before the June Senate meeting which is only three weeks away to actually give the Senate notice to pass it. He said last year we were in that process in February March and April and even then we barely scraped through and the only reason we managed to get that through Senate was because of a lot political will that he had generated with the secretary who pushed it through for him. He said it is extraordinarily difficult to get it through Senate in a short amount of time.

Aiden said there is no reason not to pass them tonight and if they are passed tonight and we can't get them in by this election then Governance Committee can just resume what it was doing and pass them again in November. He said he feels like half the changes we have made were based on recommendations from the WAEC and he is confident that they would be willing to support these.

Barnes said he hasn't been involved in the process this year but knows how difficult it was to do last time and the time that was involved. He said he would advise that it would be unwise of this Council to pass the procedural motion to kick start the Statute 20 process because as soon as they get passed here it kick starts so it circulates to all Guild members within two weeks. If there are no objections the Guild President is then obliged under Statute 20 to write to the Registrar who is then obliged to push it through the Senate. The problem is that we haven't actually had a stage where there has been any feedback from the Legislative Committee or the Senate Secretary on the regulation changes and when they wrote the regulations last year in February they sat down with Diedre D'Souza and Sylvia Lang and they made a number of significant points that had not been considered and they had to come back and change those regulations before they were passed by Council. He said he doesn't know much about the process which has been gone through this year but he recommends that it be avoided passing these at Council until we have had a discussion with Diedre D'Souza and Sylvia Lang who are the Secretary and Academic Secretary respectively, and the Chairs of Senate and Legislative Committee of Senate respectively. If there are interim provisions that can be made in terms of WA recommendations about the composition of the election tribunal or election committee he would recommend pursuing those.

Owen said from his perspective a lot of issues that have been encountered so far have been because he personally didn't understand the process properly and he apologised for that. He said his understanding is that from what he has been told of the system there is very little chance that we will get this through on time, in order to get it through for this election. The major change that the WAEC recommended which is the change to the election committee structure, that can be provided in the interim by a clause in the regulations "providing or their delegate" and he said he thinks given the situation we should take a step back, give our staff members some certainty to know what they are dealing with for this year's election but make sure that we get it right so that we have them in place as soon as we can which will hopefully be for next year's election.

The Chair was handed back to Owen.

Barnes offered his services for the next Governance Committee meeting if anyone needs any help in the process.

9.2 Other Business

Lizzy said that the forum held with the University Executive regarding course fee increases went very well and was well-attended by students. She said she thinks we could potentially work on being allowed to have not so much of a debate back and forth rather than what ended up happening where they would just go into a 5 to 10 minute speech, which didn't really stick to the question. Perhaps if it was more like a panel where you were allowed to be more proactive as a chair rather than just sticking with their speech, but she thought it was really good. Her other recommendation would be that we circulate the transcript to the five people that were speaking and get them to approve their quotes as valid so we can circulate the transcript to the general public/students.

10.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th June 2014 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with apologies or proxies. All office bearers will be available from 5.30pm. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.