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# Guild Council Meeting Minutes

## October 8, 2014

### "September Meeting"

## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Owen welcomed all Councillors, directors and proxies and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Nyoongar land. He paid his respects to Nyoongar 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), Daniel Jo (Treasurer), Lizzy O'Shea (Ed Council President), Honny Palayukan (PAC President), Maddie Mulholland (SOC President), Bec Doyle (Women's Officer), Max Riley (Welfare Officer), Bryn Howells (Environment Officer), Kenneth Woo (ISS & OGC), Owen Myles (Chair & OGC), Alex Bennet (OGC), Rida Ahmed (OGC), Meredith Cully (OGC), Richie Wu (OGC), Jonathan Lo (OGC), Aiden Depiazzi (OGC), Francois Schiefler (OGC), Rebecca Lawrence (OGC), Laura Clappinson (Queer Officer), Natalia Verne (Queer Officer), David Raithel (PSA President).

### 1.2 Apologies

Michael Morrissey (Guild Sports Representative), Millie Dacre (OGC).

### 1.3 Proxies

Miguel Forjaz (for Millie Dacre).

### 1.4 Observers

None.

## 2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### 5.1 Managing Director's Report

The MD reported that:

- The Guild has drafted a Service Level Agreement draft for 2015 and presented it to the University – the SLA is renewed each year.
- The Guild has prepared an application for an additional \$120K of SSAF funding to be transferred from the University allocation to the Guild for 2015 to support continued focus on Event

management and Research capability.

- The Guild has prepared an application for the SSAF Capital component for 2015 of over \$500K which can be applied for by the University and Sports (The Guild has been successful in securing over \$1M in these applications in 2013 and 2014.

All of these activities are intended to secure funding and certainty as earlier as possible in the university environment. We are at least one month ahead of previous years in conducting this process.

The Guild Student Central Hub project continues through the detailed design phase and we can expect pre-tender estimates to be available to the Project Control Group by mid October.

The EBA negotiation process has achieved several mutually agreed changes in line with the Guild EBA Bargaining team proposals. There are still several issues to resolve and we will be aiming to complete these during November if possible.

The Records management guidance for Councillors nearing the end of their term was noted at item 5.1.1.

## **5.2 Finance Report**

The MD noted that the Guild's positive profit and cashflow performance against budget and last year actuals continued, where YTD "Cash from Operations" was \$330K favourable on budget and \$440K favourable on last year.

## **5.3 Catering Director's Report**

The Catering Director noted that the favourable profit and cashflow performance against budget and last year actuals continued. The functions trade delivery of September graduations was successful. Both Retail and functions part of the business were operating favourably.

## **5.4 Director of Student and Corporate Services' Report**

The DSCS noted the very busy events schedule over the next few weeks. The Guild Ball has sold out. There is also a lot of development activity in the IT and Digital area with one of the focus areas being on future opportunities in student data capture and utilisation. In the Finance area we are working through proposals with Westpac including opportunities to increase Club Banking online activity.

## **6.0 REPORTS**

### **6.1 Guild President**

Report as tabled.

### **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 Ed Council was held the night before and some issues were raised for the Student Consultative Committee. She said this was exciting and that uni-wide education related issues could be sent to her to take to the committee.

## **6.6 Public Affairs Council President**

Report as tabled. Honny said she had not included a full breakdown of the finances for Fringe Festival but that she would when they were finalised.

## **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 progress had been made with the International Student Refund. He said the refunds were now approved by the DVC and that 2400 students would be refunded, since the start of the new courses. He said that design students were the most affected, but commerce and science students were also affected. He said that the students would receive emails from the university. He said that at one of the recent graduation ceremonies there were a couple of students from satellite campuses, Singapore and Hong Kong. He said he is talking to Jessica from the International Student Centre to see whether the Guild can extend some services to these students.

## **6.12 Queer Department**

Report as tabled.

## **6.13 Guild Sports Representative**

Report as tabled.

## **6.14 Postgraduate Students' Association**

No report submitted. David said the STIR conference was great and would be even better next year. He said the PSA AGM will be held on October 31 and that an annual cocktail night is also being organised. He said that he would be organising a Research Students Consultative Committee.

## **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.

## 6.18 Chair of Guild Council Report

Report as tabled.

## 7.0 QUESTION TIME

Daniel asked Tony if he knew anything about PayPass in the catering outlets and why they were often slow. Tony said the problem is with Westpac itself; credit cards are quick, but debit cards are slower. He said Westpac is launching a new, better system soon. He said the current system has gaps and that he and Kelvin are discussing with Westpac whether the Guild can migrate to the new machines. He said it would be better for students, but the Guild would need to balance the cost of putting in the new system.

## 8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- 8.1** That Council endorses the recommendations of the Executive Management Committee relating to staff contracts.

*Moved: Tom Henderson; Seconded: Sam Shipley.*

A procedural motion was moved to consider 8.1 and 8.2 in camera. Motion passed.

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

- 8.2** That Council approves an overall staff professional development budget allocation of \$21K for 2015 and the proposed policy, "Guild Staff Professional and Personal Development (discretionary) Policy".

*Moved: Tom Henderson; Seconded: Sam Shipley.*

The motion was put. **Motion 8.2 passed.**

Meeting moved out of camera.

- 8.3** That Council approves the attached changes to the Guild Transition Policy.

*Moved: Owen Myles; Seconded: Max Riley.*

Owen handed the Chair to Cam.

Owen said the changes include that Councillors would have to complete a short online training program for board members. He said this would be good for corporate/governance management skills.

Bec said that this year's Councillors received good training at the Council Retreat, but that she did not have a solid individual handover. She said this would make good progress in ensuring that Councillors received a good handover.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.3 passed unanimously.**

The Chair was handed back to Owen.

- 8.4** That Council observes one minute of silence for the death of Mayang Prasetyo, and expresses solidarity with the transgender community.

**Moved from the floor.** *Moved: Natalia Verne; Seconded: Bec Doyle.*

Natalia moved a procedural motion to wave notice requirements. Motion passed.

Natalia moved a procedural motion to consider items 8.4 and 8.5 en bloc. Motion passed.

Natalia explained that a trans-woman in Brisbane was murdered and that the media sensationalised the death, 'outing' her and revealing that she was a sex worker.

Bec said the motion brings to light something about the Australian community; one woman dies each week from domestic violence. She said the Guild should show solidarity for those who need it.

Aiden moved a procedural motion to consider items 8.4 and 8.5 separately. Motion passed.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.4 passed.**

**For:** Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Sam Shipley, Daniel Jo, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Kenneth Woo, Owen Myles, Alex Bennet, Rida Ahmed, Merredith Cully, Richie Wu, Jonathan Lo, Aiden Depiazzi, Rebecca Lawrence, Miguel Forjaz (for Millie Dacre).

**Abstaining:** Francois Schiefler.

**Against:** None.

- 8.5** That Council condemns The Daily Mail & Courier Mail's offensive reporting of Ms Prasetyo's murder.

**Moved from the floor.** *Moved: Natalia Verne; Seconded: Bec Doyle.*

Natalia said the two newspapers used offensive headlines with transgender slurs. She said the newspapers also revealed personal details of Ms Prasetyo.

Lizzy said that Council should trust Natalia and the transgender community in their condemning of the articles. She said it would not be a niche opinion.

Aiden said that the articles had not been circulated and that he could not access the articles. He said he would be uncomfortable condemning newspapers without the documentation to back it up.

The motion was put. **Motion 8.5 passed.**

**For:** Tom Henderson, Cam Fitzgerald, Daniel Jo, Lizzy O'Shea, Honny Palayukan, Maddie Mulholland, Bec Doyle, Kenneth Woo, Owen Myles, Alex Bennet, Rida Ahmed, Merredith Cully, Richie Wu, Jonathan Lo.

**Abstaining:** Sam Shipley, Aiden Depiazzi, Francois Schiefler, Rebecca Lawrence, Miguel Forjaz (for Millie Dacre).

**Against:** None.

## 9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Maddie said that Oktoberfest would be held on Friday and asked Councillors to help setting up on the day.

Merredith said this would be her last Guild Council meeting, as she would be overseas for the remaining meetings. She thanked everyone on Council for the year and said it was an awesome group of people.

## 10.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto: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.