Guild Council Meeting Minutes August 26, 2015

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Emma welcomed all Councillors, directors and proxies and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Nyoongar land. She paid her 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

Lizzy O'Shea (Guild President), Lucy Moyle (Vice-President), Jesse Martino (Secretary), Ashleigh Kotula (Treasurer), Tom Beyer (Ed Council President), Charlie Viska (PAC President), Nevin Jayawardena (SOC President), Emma Boogaerdt (Women's Officer & Chair), Rida Malik (Welfare Officer), Sean Matjeraie (ISS Director), Alex Hamilton (OGC), Cale Black (OGC), Cameron Payne (OGC), Liam Staltari (OGC), Kelly Dunn (RSD President), Torey Rickerby (WASAAC Chair), Maddie Mulholland (Senate Representative), Ellen Cohen (Queer Officer).

1.2 Apologies

Cassandra Greenwell (Sports Council President), Carlo Guaia (OGC), Ruby Blakeway (Queer Officer), Olivia Jo (OGC).

1.3 Proxies

Rhys Tucker (for Aiden Depiazzi), Dennis Venning (for Jessica Cockerill), Emily Harrison (for Kieran Natawala), Sharni Cutajar (for Sofie O'Mara),

1.4 Observers

None.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Guild Council Meeting 29th July 2015
- 3.2 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 11th 2015
 - July 29th 2015
- 3.3 Corporate Services Committee Meeting Minutes
 - August 5th, 2015
- 3.4 Welfare & Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes
 - August 8th, 2015
- 3.5 Equity & Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes
 - July 21st 2015

Approved via circular.

Emma informed council that Dave Thomson has formally resigned from Guild Council

Emma moved a procedural motion to accept Dave's resignation from council. Motion carried.

Lizzy said that she would mention there is a vacancy in Guild Weekly and invite applications for council to coopt someone onto council for the last couple of months. A process where the student body is notified would be the best process.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

5.1 Managing Director's Report

Tony remarked on the number of building projects currently underway by the Guild. He said that a significant amount of building and construction has occurred this month. The Guild is still on schedule for Part A completion. However, he had to reassign some of the electrical work for Subway and Boost because campus management has imposed restrictions on power boards. Moreover, the builders are confident they will hit the handover date in mid September.

With regard to Solar Panels – they have been signed off on and tenders are underway. Construction should start as soon as possible with operations hopefully beginning in December at the end of the year. Moreover, Jesse and Chloe have received a significant amount of reports, and they are now moving to the editing and design process. The Guild is also working on leases at the moment and is preparing for next year's capital expenditure allocation, which is due by the 18th of September 2015.

Emma moved a procedural motion to move in camera to discuss the Guild Relationship Agreement. Motion carried.

Emma moved a procedural motion to move out of camera. Motion carried.

5.2 Finance Report

The accounting loss for the month has been better than budgeted by around \$11k. The Guild did experience a significant loss which was lower than budgeted for the Tavern and Catering, however this was as expected. The accounting profit and loss for the month was lower that what we had budgeted which is good news, which was around \$44k. Moreover, savings from expenses is around 60k; however most of this was due to a timing issue. That is, expenses have been incurred in June, but they were budgeted for in the July management accounts. However, Mutya said that if you take a look at the year to date figures, our actual balance is still better than what was budgeted by around \$105k, so this is largely due to the savings and expenditure which has seen a true saving of around \$90k, and other operating income which is higher than budgeted of around \$20k.

Mutya is happy to answer any questions from councillors.

5.3 Catering Director's Report

Ken said that July is a vacation month for students so negative cash flow is often apparent. The month finished on a negative balance of around \$54k against a budget of \$26k. However, the budget should be adjusted to \$-36k, therefore we have had a negative trading balance of around \$18k. Accumulatively we have had an \$118k surplus against a budget of \$39k. Ken said that he is not writing any of this off as permanent variances given the uncertain nature of Semester 2, which includes trading changes such as the arrival of Subway and Boost toward the end of semester.

The Tavern was closed during July and recorded a negative deficit situation of \$33k against a budget of \$17k, which was due to the leave entitlements paid to the outgoing Tavern manager. This problem is now resolved with his resignation. Overall, the Tavern looks seriously in deficit at \$81k, with only 3 months of active trading left. He said that the Guild forecasted a break-even result for the Tavern by December, however this looks unlikely.

In the month of August, sales in catering outlets were soft and low, however the Guild will fair reasonably well in catering. Catering has had quite a lot of activity, however the initial trend in the Tavern is that food services are taking precedent over drinking services as a consequence of the societal attitudes towards drinking changing.

Ken concluded by saying that the Wednesday night events are beneficial for Tavern sales, and is happy to take any questions.

Dennis asked what was happening with recycling bins at Guild catering outlets?

Ken said that there are recycling bins at all outlets, and there are stickers on the top of the bins outlining that there are recycling bins.

Jesse said that in Ken's report, there is a \$10 000 income line for Subway and Boost this month, and asked if he could explain why this income in included in this month's accounts given neither outlet have opened yet?

Ken said that the former MD put it in, however we will not be getting this income from the outlets this month. The budget is artificially inflated by how much we are expected to make, as it was expected that the Guild would receive rental income to cover this number. This number was revised in the mid-year budget document.

Tony said he met with the Subway manager last week, and has made a deal to recuperate some costs when they begin operations at the end of the year, which is a huge bonus.

5.4 Director of Student and Student Services' Report

Chloe said that there has been an increase in cases in Student Assist again in July due to an increase of promotion. The majority of people coming through are academic cases such as students appealing marks. The Guild has also collated more data this year regarding student statistics in Student Assist than ever before and Chloe will be working through these to identify systemic issues.

In terms of Volunteering, the micro volunteering workshops (which is volunteering between lectures) have taken off. They have spread into the Student Centre and in the Guild village area. However, unfortunately Sophie will be leaving the Guild and we are thus currently recruiting a two day per week Volunteering Officer to manage the sports campaign and provide additional support to Claire.

Maddie said that we have 489 events this year thus far and last year we had 520 all up, are we supporting clubs in running their events better this year?

Chloe said that Subiaco Council now charge less for Guild affiliated clubs to receive food permits, so we are having a significant increase in the number of stalls and a reduction in major events.

Lucy asked whether the name of Student Assist would change?

Jesse said that the actual name of Student Assist would not change, but a tag line will be added to provide students with more clarity as to what Student Assist does. The tag line will be, 'Independent advice when you need it'. This has passed through the Student Services Committee and now just needs to be adopted.

Lizzy said that the event Student Assist carried out where students were able to ask the Student Assist officers questions within a certain period of time looked very beneficial was it helpful for students?

Chloe said that this was very positive, and a FAQ document was created as a result, which has been very positive.

Lizzy said that we should implement a 'ask you anything' into student rep portfolios. Chloe thought that this was a good idea.

5.5 Associate Director of Corporate Services' Report

Mutya said that the Mid Year Budget Review has been submitted to council for approval. In addition, the Financial Control Review has been started by KPMG, but we are still in the middle of the implementation stage for NewSuite so they have halted operations and will be returning in September to continue after this process is completed. With regard to the External Auditor tender, we have recommended Deloitte Australia as the new Guild auditor, and this change is tabled at council for approval this month. Finally, Mutya said that the new NetSuite implementation is now ongoing, and is scheduled to finish on the second week of September, and is still on track to go live at the end of September.

Emma moved to accept all Directors' reports. Motion carried.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Guild President

Report as tabled. Lizzy said that she had a meeting with MSA about Halal food. She said that if the Guild can confirm or guarantee that the suppliers we are getting our meat from are Halal certified and that there is no contamination when it is being prepared and served in Guild outlets, then MSA is happy. She also said that we are doing extra training for our staff with service provision and signage to ensure that staff can answer student questions and the food that is served is actually Halal food. Moreover, the same reasoning is behind the supply and serving of food vans and Lizzy is looking to bring in a Halal certified food van.

Lizzy also added that if there are any particularly poor facilities on campus, please let Lizzy know and she will let campus management know so they can be fixed.

Moreover, Lizzy said that Alec Cameron tried to move the SSAF Distribution agreement at Senate without consulting with her, and student consultation is mandated in SSAF legislation. If you do not consult with students and are found in breach of the rules, you are penalized. Lizzy said that the university plans to increase the SSAF by a small amount, but nothing has been approved. Lizzy also said that the Guild would continue to make sure that any students currently paying full SSAF, who shouldn't be, get reduced fees.

Finally, Alec said the SSAF distribution will be drawn out until November, but Paul at Senate said he sought to have it approved via circular in the coming weeks, so Lizzy will keep everyone posted on any changes.

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.

6.6 Public Affairs Council President

Report as tabled.

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.

6.12 Queer Department

Report as tabled. Ellen said that Pride Week is next week, and the Queer Department will be holding an 'Out in the Workplace' panel discussion and encouraged all councillors to come along.

6.13 Guild Sports Representative

No report submitted.

6.14 Postgraduate Students' Association

Report as tabled.

6.15 Residential Students' Department

No report submitted. Cameron said that the RSD had their End of Semester Tavern Show, which was a success, the Battle of the Bands event, which was won by Trinity, and the College Debate, which attracted an impressive turn out.

6.16 WASAC

Report as tabled.

6.17 UWA Sports Council

No report submitted.

7.0 QUESTION TIME

Emma asked Lizzy to elaborate on the Save our Voice Campaign in Western Australia, and whether Lizzy discussed this issue with the University Executive or the University Senate?

The University Acts currently mandate various types of representation on the University Senate. Curtin is trying to get rid of student reps on the University Senate.

At UWA, there is a possible change whereby elected student reps, staff reps and convocation reps will be removed from the University Senate. The progress we have had is that the VC has always supportive of this change. Moreover, the VC hasn't supported the current composition of the Senate on record. The Chancellor said that he liked having students involved and student input, however he doesn't like the fact that they are elected, because students aren't pushing a student agenda on Senate, as opposed to voting in the best interests of the university and the board.

We could see a change to appointed student rep and staff positions on Senate. This could also mean that the university could promote staff and students that they like, as opposed to the most qualified.

Maddie said convocation and staff also voiced their support to still sit on the University Senate

Lizzy will ensure that any draft of the UWA Act would come to Senate first so that student representatives are consulted.

8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8.1 That Council declares the office of Guild Sports Representative vacant, under the terms set out in Guild Regulation 3.1.8, with the intention for the position to be filled by co-option of the Guild Council under Guild Regulation 611(3) as soon as possible.

Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Emma Boogaerdt.

Lizzy said that Lara has been absent from council for a long time. Lizzy has been trying to communicate with her, however Lara has been experiencing a significant amount of personal issues, which have meant she has not been able to fulfill the requirements of her position. The terms of the Guild Regulations state that if you fail to provide apologies for two consecutive meetings, the position can be declared vacant. The intention here is that the position will be filled by co-option of Guild Council. We have an obligation to students to fulfill our positions, so it would be better that this commitment is fulfilled and we can find someone to achieve some change in this position (such as a sports representative from a faculty society).

Lizzy would like to show to the sports clubs and the inter-fac reps that the Guild really cares about sports and representing sports on campus, and urged all councillors to support the motion.

The motion was put. Motion 8.1 passed unanimously.

8.2 That Council endorses:

- A referendum of all students be held in the 2015 calendar year to determine whether or not the UWA Student Guild continues to pay an affiliation fee to the National Union Students; and
- That, in accordance with s.632(b) of the Guild electoral Regulations, the referendum question be put to the student electorate as follows:

"Are you in favour of the proposal to end the UWA Student Guild's payment of affiliation fees to the National Union of Students?"

Moved: Liam Staltari; Seconded: Rhys Tucker.

Emma moved a procedural motion to limit speaking time to two minutes. Motion carried.

Liam said that the purpose of this motion isn't to see the payments to NUS continue or stop, it is to make sure that whatever happens to the payments to NUS, the student body at UWA are given a direct say in whether this will go ahead or not. The impetus for this has come from the last year where we have seen a bit of turmoil and controversy surrounding NUS. The TL Consult Report published in December 2014 highlighted significant financial turmoil. The 2014 NUS President conceded that they run consistent deficits of between \$68k and \$90k per year and things is getting worse. We have also seen the rate of affiliation of certain student unions towards disaffiliating increase. All these things, through objective metrics, suggest that NUS is in a lot of trouble, and it is thus quite reasonable to assume that if this were to continue, the organisation would collapse. We need to genuinely consider whether it's appropriate to commit thousands of dollars of student money towards an organisation, which is clearly struggling with its own finances and struggling to maintain any sort of decent functionality. He further added that the impetus behind a referendum is that given there is a lot of turmoil surrounding this issue it is best to put it right to the student body rather to our Guild Council – giving them a chance to have a genuine say.

Rhys said that he understands that in terms of the guild's budget, NUS accreditation fees are a small sum of money. However, this is an area where we can save some money across the Guild's operation. The marginal benefit of affiliating to this organisation is not outweighed by the cost.

Jack said that putting the politics aside, the problem of this motion is its timing. If you wanted to move this motion, the appropriate time would be to move it at the last guild council meeting so the referendum could run at the same time as the guild elections. If it were about cost, the additional cost of running a second referendum after guild elections would be astronomical. The timing is inappropriate; it should be run during guild elections to save cost, if at all.

Cameron said that NUS has done very little in advocating for students. It is wholly inappropriate that we give any money to NUS from this university if they continue to do such a terrible job.

Lizzy said that today the Guild assessed the NUS KPI's, which are an objective metrics on the success of NUS, and a lot of people would be pleased to hear that they are going very well. Firstly, if we have a referendum on the affiliation of UWA to NUS, this would take UWA off their books, however the fee we pay to NUS is an accreditation fee not an affiliation fee so the motion is unclear. Moreover, next year we would probably pay \$20 000 to NUS, which will cost significantly less than an unbudgeted referendum in this financial year. Lizzy said that is very concerning.

Lizzy also said that at every guild election, the students have the option of voting for a ticket that is pro NUS paying a fee, and a ticket that is against NUS and paying a fee. Given you can have an already budgeted election around a policy choice, we do not need a referendum. In addition, the referendum would not receive the voter turnout to make it valid. You need 10% of the student population to vote and given guild elections would have just occurred, this seems very unlikely. If we don't meet the NUS KPI's each year, we don't affiliate

Liam said that NUS still has had major financial trouble. With regard to timing, giving the students a clean vote on NUS instead of allowing it to be muddied around other policies that come from both tickets in the election is not a bad idea. The whole purpose of this is to inform, in a clear way, whether students want to pay an affiliation fee to NUS next year or not.

Tom said that Liam saying that NUS is dysfunctional is hypocritical when he didn't support delegates going over to National Conference last year to make some meaningful change or to improve NUS. A referendum would cost a lot more than we would ever pay in accreditation costs. He also said that if there were a desire to see the referendum, Tom would have thought this motion would have been moved earlier in the year to make it feasible. He also added that the question itself is incredibly leading and will confuse voters.

Alex spoke further on the question of the referendum. She said that if you vote yes on the motion you are voting yes to not fund something, which doesn't really make sense. If you wanted to make this referendum apolitical, you would have worded the motion a lot clearer and you would have brought it up earlier in the

year. This year, NUS is looking to end the year on a surplus, so if you spoke to them and did some research you would have found that they have come up with a lot of ways to sort out their financial problems, so that whole critique is completely invalid. In terms of what students want, the fact that a team is committed to continually fund and affiliate to NUS and dominate Guild council and that is coming through in the budget suggests that that is actually what students want because that is what they voted for. If they didn't want us to pay money for NUS they would have voted for people to sit on Council and vote against affiliation. It is ridiculous to spend approximately \$50 000 on a referendum, when \$60 000 has already been spent on an election where NUS affiliation was a policy. Finally, over the last year, NUS played a huge role in fighting fee deregulation and the campaigns around it.

Emma said that it is weird to start a precedent of us having a referendum on all issues. We spend a lot more money on catering than NUS affiliation fees as well as refurnishing this building. Why would we have a referendum on every student issue when we already have an election based on policy platforms that affect all students and that students vote for. The guild election costs \$60 000 to run. The referendum will cost \$60 000 too, which is three years worth of accreditation fees to NUS which is ridiculous. If you want to save money by spending more money than we currently spend, that is counterintuitive. We passed the NUS KPI's at governance today and the grades that were awarded were 5 A's, 1 B, 1 D and two criteria couldn't be assessed. So, on the only available objective measure we have to analyze the success of NUS, the governance committee (which is made up of random students who aren't affiliated with any student organisation or political party) has said that NUS is doing a good job. Further, the Guild does not have a policy on NUS, so Emma is unsure as to what the referendum will achieve

Lizzy said that the wording of the question is obviously loaded and not genuine.

Liam said that confusion about a no and yes vote in the question of the referendum is ridiculous. Student should be able to decipher what the question is asking when they go to the polling booth, and to suggest they won't be able to is ridiculous. A number of factors come into play with Guild elections, and NUS affiliation is just one of them so an individual referendum on NUS is vital.

Tom said that the referendum is impractical to run side by side with the guild elections, and will therefore be very expensive. People elect Guild Council to make decisions and negotiations and that's what we're here for, we do not require a referendum on this issue. Moreover, accreditation fees to NUS is not a black and white issue, so students should trust the Guild Council in deciphering these issues, as we are the students representing all students on campus.

Cameron asked how objective the KPI's for NUS were?

Emma summarized the KPI's. Red light KPI's relate to issues that are incredibly important to the functioning of NUS. Green light KPI's relate to the UWA Student Guild measuring whether NUS is operating successfully. For example, the first green light KPI is:

'That the paid full-time NUS national office bearers meet, either in person or via telephone, or other common communication channel the equivalent UWA Student Office Bearer at least once every semester.'

The Education Council President, the Welfare Officer, the Women's Affairs Officer and the Guild President separately analyzed this. They were all given separate grades that were not discussed with each other and provided with a 100-word justification for the grades. Emma circulated these to the governance committee and the whole committee decided the average of the grades. These were carried out for 8 of the 10 performance indicators. For the last two, these were left up to the governance committee where they came to a consensus.

Lizzy said that Aiden Depiazzi as seconder of the motion, did not attend the Governance Committee meeting or send a proxy, or even provide any feedback in the grading of NUS through the KPI's.

Ellen said that the NUS Queer Officer did a very poor job and did not attend the conference. They also did not have any contact with the NUS Queer Officer at all this year.

Liam said that NUS has been subject to a lot of controversy for a long time. If you ask a voter during guild elections whether they cast their vote on the basis of this issue, they did not. It isn't irrational to suggest we should put this to a separate vote – clear of big-ticket promises.

The motion was put. Motion 8.2 failed

For: Liam Staltari, Rhys Tucker (for Aiden Depiazzi), Sharni Cutajar (for Sofie O'Mara),

Abstaining: Cameron Payne, Emily Harrison (for Kieran Natawala), Kelly Dunn.

Against: Jesse Martino, Alex Hamilton, Cale Black, Charlie Viska, Lizzy O'Shea, Emma Boogaerdt, Lucy Moyle, Nevin Jayawardena, Sean Matjeraie, Tom Beyer, Jack Looby (for Vikraman Selvaraja).

8.3 That Council appoints Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited as the UWA Student Guild's auditors as per the three-year contract.

Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Lucy Moyle.

Lizzy said that the Guild went to tender on our auditors. We allowed the auditors to present on why they should be selected. Four auditors were interviewed. Deloitte, Grant Thornton, Moore Stephens and William Buck. The interviews were conducted by Finance, Tony, Ashleigh, Lucy, Lizzy and Mutya. Lizzy narrowed the options down to Deloitte and Grant Thornton. Deloitte offered a top-notch service with everything the Guild requires. One of the big considerations is the time taken to transfer between the auditors. Deloitte knows the different income streams of the Guild already and they have worked with us previously. As a top four firm, it shows the university that the Guild is taking its auditing system very seriously. They were also comparative with cost.

Lucy said that Lizzy made sure the firms had no previous auditing associations with the university, so there is no conflict of interest.

Lizzy moved a procedural that we do not minute the cost of the auditing for 3 years. Motion carried.

The motion was put. Motion 8.3 passed unanimously.

8.4 That Council accepts the revised Mid-Year Budget for 2015 as attached. *Moved: Lizzy O'Shea; Seconded: Ashleigh Kotula.*

Lizzy said that the Guild completes a mid year budget review every year. It looks to provide a better assessment of the financials of the Guild for the second half of the year. It allows us to budget the income for staff changes and insurance claims. We have been trying to find as much savings as possible to reallocate funds in the budget. We have also been able to increase our associate membership by more than double, which is a really positive thing.

The accounting profit is \$687 000. However, the insurance we received allowed us to carry out a number of projects that have been on the table for the past 3 years but only came into fruition this year. The process has been very good, and we have been consulting with sub-councils and departments.

Mutya said that the initial budget added an accounting loss of around \$156k. We will also have some items where we will be able to save some more but it is better to be conservative at this point in time. The catering consolidated budget will not be met this year, but we are almost there by around \$4k. There are a number of risks in the budget, particularly catering, so we have cushioned the budget to decrease the risk of a loss of profit.

Lizzy said that if you would like to see a more broken down mid year budget which details everything, let her know. There are a number of small changes such as the \$1000 allocated to stationary in the Guild President's budget, which has been slashed to \$200. These changes are accounted for in the break down document.

Tony said that rather than cutting important services to students such as Student Assist; we have reallocated items that will not directly impact students.

Lizzy said that we have been running our services on the assumption that there are the same number of students on campus this year as last year, even though first year intake was significantly less and SSAF income was also significantly less. She said the Guild would ensure our services would not diminish regardless of the income we receive.

Lizzy said that overall, the Guild is well positioned financially.

The motion was put. Motion 8.3 passed unanimously.

8.5 That Council accepts the attached Constitution of the Residential Students' Department, as written and approved by the RSD Committee, in accordance with Guild Regulation 7.3.2.

Moved: Kelly Dunn; Seconded: Cameron Payne.

Emma said that as Chair, this motion has to go through the Governance Committee. One of the roles of the Governance committee is going through any changes to the Guild Policy book. Emma said she had the governance meeting today and the feedback from the whole committee was that the current RSD constitution in not in a state that is in accordance with the Guild Regulations. Emma will be sending Cameron some feedback and hopefully she can move the motion by circular across council within the week. Her recommendation is that council delay this motion by a week and approve it via circular to ensure the rules are watertight and in compliance with Guild rules.

Cameron said that he believes it was inappropriate for Emma to speak on the motion prior to debate commencing. RSD has been working on this constitution throughout the year. At the meeting on the 10th of August it was passed. It was then sent to Emma as a courtesy to have governance look over the rules. It is now the 26th of August and Emma had just gotten back to him saying she'd talked to governance and expressed some concerns. This is very late and very disappointing. Cameron spoke to Aiden Depiazzi who sits on governance, and he spoke of no issues with the constitution.

Cameron moved a slight amendment to the motion:

'That Council accepts the attached Constitution of the Residential Students' Department, as written and approved by the RSD Committee as the rules of the Residential Students' Department, in accordance with Guild Regulation 7.3.2.'

Motion carried.

Emma apologized for taking two weeks to get back to Cameron. She said he never indicated to her that it was a particularly urgent matter. She did say that she would add it to the governance agenda at the governance meeting in two weeks. However, the whole of governance committee read through the constitution and highlighted a significant number of issues that need to be corrected. There are conflicting elements in the rules. For example, there are the goals of the RSD, which are not the same as the goals of the RSD in the Guild Regulations. She apologized that this feedback wasn't sent through earlier, however she would like the rules to be the best possible for the RSD and thus recommends that this motion go to circular.

Lizzy said that the rules cannot conflict with the Guild regulations, and the RSD committee rules currently conflict with this. Lizzy would like to move a procedural that this motion is deferred to the governance committee, but is seeking Cameron's approval to achieve this.

Cameron said that the RSD is happy that the rules can be interpreted by the RSD. We have written the rules for the purpose by which we would like to use them. He would like to see where the rules conflict with the Guild Regulations.

Tom asked whether this document is called a rules document or a constitution document?

Cameron said that it is titled the constitution of the RSD, which are the rules of the department, so it is both.

Tom asked whether there was any particular urgency to the passing of this motion?

Cameron said no, but he would like to approve these rules as soon as possible.

Tom said that it makes sense that the issues raised at Governance about RSD be implemented before the motion is passed.

Ellen said that she would prefer the issues highlighted at Governance relating to the RSD Rules be implemented first before the motion is passed.

Cameron said that it doesn't make any practical difference to the RSD if these rule are not passed tonight, but it is disappointing that the rules are not being passed given how long Emma had to read over the rules.

Ashleigh said that the rules suggested more bank accounts for RSD would open, is this correct?

Kelly said that this is because only one account is operational for the RSD department at the moment.

Jack said that as someone who has been reading club constitutions all year, constitutions aren't always perfect when they are submitted and we need to go through all proper processes to ensure the rules are as compliant as possible.

Tony suggested that the wording of the rules needs to be improved significantly.

Kelly said that she is happy to have the feedback and edit it, and then approve this via circular.

Emma moved a procedural motion to defer motion 8.5 to circular. Motion carried.

Lizzy moved a procedural motion that council move into camera to discuss a staffing matter. Motion carried.

Emma moved a procedural motion that council move out of camera. Motion carried.

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Lizzy moved a procedural motion to reschedule the September Guild Council meeting to October 7th. Motion carried.

Lizzy also said that we need to advertise Dave and Lara's positions on council and the Catering & Tavern Committee in Guild Weekly.

Emma said that if you have not completed the Office Bearer or Councillor feedback survey, please do this as soon as possible.

10.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 6.00pm – one week later than originally scheduled, as per the procedural motion moved at Guild Council. 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.

