



## UWA STUDENT GUILD

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## Guild Council Meeting Minutes

October 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

### 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Lucy welcomed everyone and acknowledged that UWA is situated on Noongar land. She paid her respects to Noongar elders past and present, and acknowledged the Noongar 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

Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Dennis Venning, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerdt, Reece Gherardi, Fraser Windsor, Sofia Kouznetsova, Jess Porter-Langson.

#### 1.2 Apologies

Kenneth Foo, Joanne Lim.

#### 1.3 Proxies

Zee Ibrahim (for Tom Burke).

#### 1.4 Observers

Owen Myles, Caleb Holmes, Michael McKenzie, Corey Harding, Justin Workman, Kate Pryce, Elizabeth Powley, Nathan Wytkin, Matthew Alexander, Laura Clappinson, Kate Prendergast, Brad, Harry Sanderson, Kate Grey, Jess Townrow, Tonia Curby, Rigel Paciente.

#### 1.5 Absent

Emily Law, Shyaam Patel, Torey Rickerby.

### 2.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Emma – motion 10.4 as she is on the NUS National Executive.

### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 3.1 July Guild Council Minutes

**Approved.**

### 4.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Accepted.**

### 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## SECTION 1: OPERATIONS

### 6.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

#### 6.1 Managing Director's Report

#### 6.2 Associate Director of Commercial Report

#### 6.3 Finance Director Report

#### 6.4 Associate Director of Student Services Report

**Reports as Tabled.**

Accepted.

## 7.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

**7.1 That Guild Council acknowledges the current UWA Act requirement that at least 50% of the SSAF be paid to the Guild, and the equivalent requirement in the UWA Act currently before the WA Legislative Council, and requires these sections to be adhered to by UWA.**

***Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Charlie Viska***

Maddie referenced the current UWA Act, Section 28A and the proposed changes. She said, the purpose of this motion is that the current council recognises that the proposed new Act will require 50% of the SSAF be paid to the Guild.

The motion was put. **Passed**

***For: Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerd.***

***Against: None.***

***Abstain: Ben Martin, Steph Munro.***

**7.2 That Guild Council endorses the updated Poster & Publications Policy.**

***Moved: Maddie Mulholland; Seconded: Michael Kabondo***

Deferred to Circular

**7.3 The Guild Council endorse the updated Postgraduates Students' Association Election Rules and Postgraduate Students' Association Rules Subject to endorsement and minor changes by the governance committee.**

***Moved: Peter Derbyshire; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland***

A Procedural motion was moved to give speaking rights to Owen Myles which assisted in drafting the Rules. **Passed**

Owen gave an outline of the changes to the rules. Firstly, the name was changed from constitution to rules, in line with all other departments of the Guild. The election rules weren't up to standard so they changed the wording, the big change was trying to gain more engagement by introducing online voting. It gives the opportunity for students who are on external campuses to vote.

Maddie added, with regards to the election rules, they've added in a safe guard that the returning officer must be comfortable with the system, to have a process that is robust as a paper election.

Maddie suggested a friendly amendment:

**The Guild Council endorse the updated Postgraduates Students' Association Election Rules and Postgraduate Students' Association Rules Subject to endorsement and minor changes by the governance committee, with the agreement that should the Returning Officer utilise Internet voting, formal review will be conducted afterwards of the Internet voting Process.**

***Moved: Peter Derbyshire; Seconded: Maddie Mulholland***

Amendment accepted by the mover.

Ben said, one apprehension during the Guild elections, was that the Senate was a bit apprehensive to online voting for its positions. He was wondering if this regulation had been taken to senate?

Peter replied, they aren't only implementing online voting. It's a combination of both, but it's something he is willing to take to Senate.

The motion was put. **Passed**

**For:** Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaardt, Jess Porter-Langson.

**Against:** Nick Brown

**Abstain:** None.

## 8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

## SECTION 2: REPRESENTATION/POLICY

### 9.0 STUDENT REP REPORTS

- 9.1 Guild President
- 9.2 Vice-President
- 9.3 Secretary
- 9.4 Treasurer
- 9.5 Education Council President
- 9.6 Public Affairs Council President
- 9.7 Societies Council President
- 9.8 Women's Department
- 9.9 Welfare Department
- 9.10 Environment Department
- 9.11 International Student Services
- 9.12 Pride Department
- 9.13 Guild Sports Representative
- 9.14 WASAC Chair
- 9.15 Postgraduate Student's Association President
- 9.16 Residential Student's Department President
- 9.17 Pelican Editors
- 9.18 PROSH Directors
- 9.19 Relay For Life Chair
- 9.20 Volunteering & Community Engagement Committee Chair
- 9.21 Councillor Reports

#### **Reports as Tabled**

Ben asked Emma how long the ESA had been out of operation?

Emma responded, she wasn't sure because they haven't been around since she was at uni. She is currently working with some education students, but as it says in her report they are five different courses taught by the education faculty, and they all go on practicals at different times and often, hence it is hard to coordinate something to engage all students. So, she is working on that with how to get the students involved.

Jack wanted to commend the Pride department and the engagement they have with the uni. He also commended Pelican on the 25 days of Guild elections.

Steph asked Dennis, in regards to keepcups how much revenue we make back?

Dennis replied, not much we normally break even.

**Reports Accepted.**

## 10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 10.1 That Guild Council Requires:

- a. All internship positions to be advertised through Guild Weekly, and
- b. No paid or unpaid internship be awarded to any student who has nominated for any elected position on Guild Council within the previous year, without approval from the Guild Executive and Human Resources.

**Moved: Jack Looby; Seconded: Brad Forbes**

Jack said, unfortunately him and Brad could not make the last meeting. It is not a controversial motion; he just doesn't want to end up with a situation where our staff are put in some potentially uncomfortable situations.

Peter only had one concern, that the motion could potentially exclude 200 or so students who ran in Guild elections and did not get elected.

Maddie said, there is a current practice, in which if someone is recommended by human resources for a job and it is found they have run for Guild elections in the past two years, it can come to the Guild President for a waiver. This could apply for this motion.

Ben had one concern with that, in that it was approval from Guild Executive and not Council. Surely this extra add on for approval adds a loop hole to the motion.

Jack responded saying, there's a reason why human resources is included.

The motion was put. **Passed**

**For:** Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerdt, Jess Porter-Langson, Tom Burke.

**Against:** None.

**Abstain:** Nick Brown

### 10.2 That the 103rd UWA Guild Council remembers and respects the fallen tree of Oak Lawn and issue its formal condolences.

**Moved: Jess Porter-Langson; Seconded: Ben Martin**

Jess said, she was upset that this iconic tree had left us. She thinks we should formally remember the tree as a Council.

Ben added that he was disappointed he put this motion first on the agenda, he should have put it further down.

The motion was put for discussion.

Dennis said he had talked to Grounds UWA, and that the wood from the tree is getting processed and it will be made into little wood pieces or something.

Maddie confirmed that it will be turned into furniture.

Laura said she found it interesting that some members of Council are far more concerned with fallen trees than equality as is mentioned in later motions.

Ben replied. He was sorry that Laura felt the need to turn this into a serious motion, considering he has several more. She could have waited, the motions in previous meetings were on Federal policies which he was against. He wanted to take it back to the real issue. This was something close to his heart, and he hopes the Council supports this.

The motion was put. **Passed**

**For:** Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Michael Kabondo, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Emma Boogaerdt, Jess Porter-Langson.

**Against:** Chad Bensky, Tyson McEwan,

**Abstain:** Tom Burke, Jesse Martino, Julian Coleman, Charlie Viska, Megan Lee, Nick Brown, Laura Mwiragua.

### **10.3 That the 103rd Guild Council endorses the Axe the SSAF campaign.**

**Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Steph Munro**

Ben said, the Student Services Amenities Fees is something he's passionate about. He is unfavourable to the SSAF, essentially it is like a tax on students for services they might not use. This is something he does not find fair and recommends VSU.

Steph echoed Ben's sentiments. Having spoken to several students who spend their time on practical work and off campus, having to pay the SSAF is unreasonable for them to pay for services that they themselves don't get to use.

Maddie was speaking against the motion. Firstly, all students off campus do pay a reduced amount of SSAF. In terms of responding to Ben, there are a lot of students who need the services the Guild provides. She noted Ben's privileged position in not being a student that relies on services the Guild provides, and that not all students have this luxury. In terms of us as Councillors, we have a duty to this organisation and VSU is absolutely not the best option for this Council.

Nick added, he thinks all SSAF should be brought to the Guild and we should get more SSAF. As it makes student unions stronger.

Ben had his right of reply. All he wanted to say is that his councillor his duty is to every student at UWA. He does believe this Guild can survive on VSU and essentially the unfair tax on students is why he is supporting the motion.

The motion was put. **Failed**

**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jess Porter-Langson.

**Against:** Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaerdt.

**Abstain:** None.

### **10.4 That the 103rd Guild Council acknowledges the violent and undemocratic nature of the National Union of Students.**

**Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Steph Munro**

**Motion Withdrawn**

**10.5 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends to the 104th Guild Council and Governance committee to introduce Online Voting for the 2017 Guild Election.**

***Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Jess Porter-Langson***

**Motion Withdrawn**

**10.6 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that the Societies Council immediately disaffiliates Socialist Alternative.**

***Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Jess Porter-Langson***

**Deferred.**

**10.7 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that all Faculty Societies appoint suitable scrutineers to monitor the count of the Fac Soc Choice Award in light of recent corruption.**

***Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Jess Porter-Langson***

Ben said, obviously, there was controversy surrounding the award last year. This is just a reminder to FacSocs to appoint a scrutineer.

Jess said, she thinks as discussed at the last Ed Council meeting, this will be happening.

Emma wondered why this motion was not moved at Ed Council which is the appropriate forum for this? However, she thinks it's inappropriate for us to move motions on a matter which has been dealt with by Discipline Committee. She thinks it's disrespectful to FacSocs and Ed Council too. She proposed an amendment.

Ben was happy with the proposed amendment:

**That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that all voting of any Education Council Awards is conducted by a Guild Staff member and that all Faculty Societies may appoint scrutineers if they wish.**

***Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Jess Porter-Langson***

Ben thinks this motion is very reasonable and something we should be passing.

The motion was put. **Passed**

***For: Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jess Porter-Langson, Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Brad Forbes, Peter Derbyshire, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Jesse Martino, Emma Boogaardt.***

***Against: None.***

***Abstain: Nick Brown.***

**10.8 That the 103rd Guild Council:**

**a. Ceases all future prints of Pelican Magazine**

**b. Moves Pelican Magazine to be an entirely online publication**

***Moved: Ben Martin; Seconded: Steph Munro***

Ben said this is important for the long-term sustainability of the organisation. He doesn't think it's financially sustainable to print out huge amounts of the magazine. He thinks moving to an online publication is sustainable and other publications are doing so. He thinks the purpose that Pelican magazine served as a print publication is far less than its online presence. To sustain Pelican magazine, it should be online.

Kate said personally she was disappointed that Ben said we should cut prints just before they are about to release the Naked issue. She doesn't deny it comes at a cost, seeing other publications going 100% digital, it should not be the reason we do that. The fact is there are unique capabilities that come with print magazines with design, like building community for the writers.

Dennis said the reason Pelican exists isn't just for profit. It serves a unique role in creating community for students.

Maddie added that having the print publications is essential in how students then engage with the online content, because they are two very different things. She said, Ben should have raised this at the midyear budget review if it was a problem he saw.

Ben had his right of reply. He said he did his budget research. He does not suggest abolishing things like writer's nights or other community traditions. What he is suggesting however, is that the print edition of Pelican may not serve the same purpose that it once did and shifting to an online form might expand it. He sees it as an opportunity.

The motion was put. **Failed**

**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro.

**Against:** Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Emma Boogaerdt.

**Abstain:** Jess Porter-Langson, Brad Forbes, Jesse Martino.

#### **10.9 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that the 104th Guild Council cease payment of a stipend to Pelican Editors.**

**Moved:** Ben Martin; **Seconded:** Steph Munro

Ben said he has no doubt about how much work many Editors put into writing. His only concern is office bearers such as Ed, SOC and PAC Presidents put in an immense amount of work as well. He disagrees that while office bearers aren't paid, that Pelican Editors are. This isn't a motion to get office bearer paid positions. He says office bearers and councillors should be voluntary and shouldn't receive any pay however little as it may be.

Kate said, the amount of work and responsibility that it takes to run this publication is immense and she has had to personally sacrifice a lot for it. The thing is if it was unpaid, then the job would only become available to people who are financially independently and make it only a position for the elite.

Tony spoke. Pelican must become a multiplatform media outlet. He said online side must grow, so should the position be more of a professional position and paid accordingly? Would that enable more editorial control, with more content coming in, and more emphasis on the product?

Ben had his right of reply. He didn't doubt for a moment that they did and tremendous amount of work. His premise is that many office bearers do as much work.

The motion was put. **Failed**

**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro.

**Against:** Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Emma Boogaerdt, Tom Burke, Jesse Martino.

**Abstain:** Michael Kabondo, Brad Forbes, Jess Porter-Langson.

#### **10.10 That the 103rd Guild Council recommends that the Governance Committee conduct a full review**

**into the necessity of gender quotas on Council Sub-Committees.**

**Moved: Steph Munro; Seconded: Jess-Porter Langson**

Steph said this was a contentious motion. She wanted to note she is a female passing this. The premise of the motion is so that Governance review the situation we have now, a situation where a female regardless of their skill and experience, is automatically in a position. That to her makes it seem quite risky.

Jess echoed what Steph said. She does think you should be able to get a position based on skill and experience not because of gender. We should encourage for people to apply and fight for the positions based on skill.

Emma spoke. Genuinely when things are changed it is because there is impetus. She is keen to know if there is a specific woman on a Guild committee who isn't pulling their weight? If not she sees no reason as to why this motion is being put. It is also unclear what qualifications you need to be on student services committee, as a Guild Council we are a representative body, we've been selected by students. You don't get position just by being a woman. There can be two or more women competing for the same position! Incredible! Imagine! Amazing!

Laura said she'd like to remind Steph and Jess that the quotas in place "do not exceed representation" - not for a student body that is made up of over 50% women. They are not an overcorrection in consideration of the natural proportion that should occur with women being on council and committee.

Steph had her right of reply. This was not a personal attack; it was a suggestion. She was not questioning the role of females, herself as a female in engineering thinks women are equally as capable as men. She thinks we should be able to prove ourselves.

The motion was put. **Failed**

**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Jess Porter-Langson.

**Against:** Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Nick Brown, Jack Looby, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Emma Boogaardt, Tom Burke, Brad Forbes, Jesse Martino.

**Abstain:** Jacky Chiang.

#### **10.11 That the UWA Student Guild**

**a) Congratulates the university and participants on their achievement of Winning The Australian University Sport Games 2016.**

**b) Recognises the key role of promoting sport and a healthy lifestyle on campus and recognises UWA sport for their efforts in doing this.**

**Moved: Jess-Porter Langson; Seconded: Brad Forbes**

Jess said the motion was without notice because the results only came out recently.

A procedural was put for the motion to be heard. **Passed**

Jess said it is important to recognise the efforts students put in these games. This is something students care about and it promotes the university experience.

Maddie said she had already congratulated the University and UWA Sport on behalf of the Guild, but would do so again.

The motion was put. **Passed**



**For:** Ben Martin, Steph Munro, Tom Burke, Maddie Mulholland, Lucy Moyle, Charlie Viska, Michael Kabondo, Megan Lee, Laura Mwiragua, Tyson McEwan, Peter Derbyshire, Jack Looby, Jacky Chiang, Chad Bensky, Julian Coleman, Emma Boogaerdt, Nick Brown, Jess Porter-Langson, Brad Forbes, Jesse Martino.

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Nick Brown

## **11.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

**11.1** Annual Report.

**11.2** Guild Christmas Party - Save The Date.

## **12.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 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.