



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Nevin Jayawardena formally opened the meeting by recognizing that the Guild Council was meeting on Nyungar land, and that the Nyungar people are the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land and continue to practice their beliefs, traditions, values and customs.

1.1 Attendance

Nevin Jayawardena (Guild President), Alexandra O'Brien (Treasurer), Megan Lee (Vice President), Lina El Rakhawhy (Ed Council President), Michael Kabondo (SOC President), Owen Myles (PSA President), Hannah Mathews (Women's Officer), Zee Ibrahim (OGC), Luke Andrews (OGC), Joseph Chan (OGC), Pheobe Ho (OGC), Reece Gherardi (OGC), ZiKun Huang (OGC), Justin Workman (OGC), Matt Cransberg (RSD President), Jack Looby (Chair), Tonia Curby (Queer Officer)

1.2 Apologies

Sophie Coffin (WASAC Chair), Rigel Paciente (Queer Officer)

1.3 Proxies

Rachel Grove (Vinuri Gajanayake), Cory Harding (Michael McKenzie), Sean Matjeraie (Dionel Desuzer), Brendon Ng (Macy Cota)

1.4 Observers

None.

1.5 Absent

Maddie Mullholland (Immediate Past President and Senate Representative), Mackenzie Huggins (Sports Representative), Sean O'Leary (Environment Officer), Bryan Quah (OGC), Darryl Loke (ISS), Tyson McEwan (Welfare Officer)

ACCEPTED

2.0 ELECTIONS

Tony Goodman elected as Returning Officer for Election.

2.1 Chair

Jack Looby was nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations for the position.
Nevin declared Jack elected.

Nevin handed the Chair over to Jack.

2.2 Vice President

Megan Lee was nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations for the position.
Jack declared Megan elected.

2.3 Secretary

Vinuri Gajanayake was nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations for the position.
Jack declared Vinuri elected.

2.4 Strategic Resources Committee (Two positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Jack Looby and Hannah Mathews were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. Michael McKenzie was nominated by Cory Harding.
Jack declared Hannah as the sole female nominee elected.

Jack considered allowing each nominee to do two quick speeches and then distributing the ballot at the end, however Michael Kabondo suggested doing both the speeches and the voting at the end.

Jack moved a procedural motion to pass the Chair to Nevin, as he was a candidate. Motion carried unanimously.

Immediately prior to voting, the nominees spoke for one minute each:

Jack said he wants to be on SRC because the purpose of that committee is to look at the budget and the overall direction of the Guild and report that back to Guild Council. This year, he has been heavily involved outside of just his portfolio. He has submitted three business cases to the SRC and believes that he has a fairly good working knowledge of the Guild finances and where we need to be moving as an organization. He believes he has shown that he is a diligent member of the Guild Council over the past year, and that his experience as well as the understanding and passion towards the Guild would make him an ideal candidate for the role on SRC.

Cory said that Michael's experience with a FACSOC could be utilized to add to the overall direction of the Guild. It is important to have a wide variety of views on the SRC and although heavily to the role, he does offer a wide variety of ideas that would be complementary to the role.

Nevin moved the Chair back to Jack.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot.

Tony declared Jack elected.

2.5 Catering & Tavern Committee (Three positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Pheobe Ho, Bryan Quah and Justin Workman were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. Michael McKenzie was nominated by Cory Harding.

Jack declared Pheobe as the sole female nominee elected.

Alex O'Brien was nominated for the Chair of the Catering and Tavern Committee by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Alex elected.

Immediately prior to voting, the nominees spoke for one minute each:

Bryan did not have a proxy, so Jack offered to speak on Bryan's behalf. Jack said that at Guild Council Retreat, Bryan said he was very passionate about food. Jack described Bryan as a highly energetic person, which is exactly what catering and tavern needs in order to push through change and have a voice and say in the direction of our catering moving forward.

Justin said that he lives on campus, so he eats on campus quite a lot. He is interested in working on the food at university in order to make it really good, and to fulfill his promise to bring HSP's onto campus.

Cory said that Michael was also on campus most of the time as he lives on campus too. He would like to bring HSP's to campus and see more independent catering brought to campus.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot.

Tony declared Bryan and Justin elected.

2.6 Student Services Committee (Two positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Joseph Chan and Alex O'Brien were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Joseph and Alex elected.

Vinuri Gajanayake was nominated for the Chair of the Student Services Committee by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Vinuri elected.

2.7 Corporate Services Committee (Three positions to fill- one of whom must be a woman)

Luke Andrews, Michael Kabondo and Zee Ibrahim were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Luke, Michael and Zee elected.

Megan Lee was nominated for the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Megan elected.

2.7 Governance Committee

Hannah Mathews, Dionel Desuzer and Michael McKenzie were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Hannah, Dionel and Michael elected.

2.8 Welfare & Advocacy Committee (Three positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Reece Gherardi, Bryan Quah and Zee Ibrahim were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Reece, Bryan and Zee elected.

Tyson McEwan was nominated for the Chair of the Welfare and Advocacy Committee. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Tyson elected.

2.9 Equity & Diversity Committee (one position to fill)

Joseph Chan was nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Joseph elected.

Pheobe Ho was nominated for the Chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Pheobe elected.

2.10 Volunteering & Community Engagement Committee (Two positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Luke Andrews and Pheobe Ho were nominated by Nevin Jaywardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Luke and Pheobe elected.

Luke Andrews declared a conflict of interest, as he had previously applied for the role of VACE Chair but decided to withdraw his nomination. This left Sofia Kouznetsova as the sole nominee for the position.

Jack declared Sofia elected.

2.11 Discipline Committee (Two positions to fill- one of whom must be female)

Zikun and Megan Lee were nominated by Nevin Jaywardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Zikun and Megan elected.

2.12 Academic Board (Two positions to fill)

Dionel Desuzer and Vinuri Gajanayake were nominated by Nevin Jaywardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Dionel and Vinuri elected.

2.13 Personnel Board (One position to fill)

Dionel Desuzer was nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations.

Jack declared Dionel elected.

2.14 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Committee (two positions to fill - one of whom must be female)

Dionel Desuzer and Megan Lee were nominated by Nevin Jayawardena. There were no other nominations for the position.

Jack declared Dionel and Megan elected.

2.15 Joint Consultative Committee (Two positions to fill)

Dionel Desuzer and Megan Lee were nominated by Nevin Jaywardena. There were no other nominations for the position.

Jack declared Dionel and Megan elected.

2.16 Tenancy Committee

Reece Gherardi was nominated for the Chair of the Tenancy Committee. There were no other nominations for the position.

Jack declared Reece elected.

3.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

4.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 3.1 That Guild Council is supportive of domestic & family violence leave that encourages the University of Western Australia to comply with the NTEU's request for domestic & family violence leave for UW staff in their EBA negotiations.

Moved: Hannah Matthews; Seconded: Megan Lee

Hannah explained that whilst this is a motion without notice, it needs to be dealt with at this meeting because it is regarding the EBA negotiations for the UWA staff which will be completed by the time we reconvene in January.

Owen declared a conflict of interest. He stated that he sits on the University Senate and therefore has to take into account the Senate's position and therefore believes he should abstain from this particular motion. Nevin also declared a conflict of interest and abstained from the motion for the same reason.

Hannah said that domestic violence is obviously a very serious issue that is getting more airtime in the Australian media at the moment. It often comes with not only the emotional trauma, but also a lot of practical issues, for example, a lot of victims of domestic violence have to move out with short notice if they are in a dangerous situation and have to deal with things such as court dates and hospital cover. Such things can clash with work duties, particularly if they are staff members at UWA. The NTEU is currently negotiating the staff contracts with UWA and the staff have specifically requested for domestic violence so that if they do become a victim of domestic violence, they don't have to use their sick leave to take time off to cover the practical issues of domestic violence. Survivors of domestic violence get sick just as often as regular members of staff so it isn't fair to force them to take sick leave without pay, especially given that the reason that many survivors of domestic violence can't leave their situation is because they don't have the financial capacity to do so.

Megan said that this is a very important motion and one that we should put our support behind as a Guild Council. Hannah is working with the university to reform their sexual assault policy, so it is only fair that they look at their EBA agreements with their staff to ensure that everyone in this university is being looked after.

There were no questions of clarification.

Jack moved a procedural motion that the council moves into debate. **Motion carried.**

No members of Guild Council decided to speak for or against the motion.

Hannah declined a right of reply.

The motion was put. **Motion 3.1 passed.**

For: Alex O'Brien, Michael Kabondo, Lina El Rakhawy, Megan Lee, Brandon Ng (for Macy Cota), Sean Matjeraie (for Dionel Desuzer), Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Justin Workman, Matt Cransberg, Rachel Grove (for Vinuri Gajanayake), Zikun Huang, Jack Looby

Against: none.

Abstention: Owen Myles, Nevin Jayawardena

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nevin thanked those who came to the Retreat and said he would organize a separate session for people who did not attend to learn about the responsibilities of being an OGC and how to read budgets.

Nevin confirmed that the Reports would not be required until the January meeting.

Nevin proposed that the last Wednesday of each month would be the day of Guild Council meetings, but as that would mean the next meeting would fall on Australia Day, he will try and organize to hold that meeting a week earlier.

Nevin mentioned that over the next few weeks he will be getting a list of projects that we hope to achieve in 2017, and if any OGC's are available to take some projects up, please see Nevin.

Nevin said that OGC's and OB's have access to the student rep room which can be accessed using student cards. He said that some OB's might be eligible to have keys, and to see Finance or Nevin so they can sort that out for you.

Nevin said to sort out individual budget training with Mutya as soon as possible.

Nevin encouraged everyone to get involved as much as possible because we all have a responsibility to do as much as we can within our power to serve the students student body.

Tony talked about how his door is always open to anyone who would like to take up a project. He also mentioned that the staff are 'off limits' and that any problems are to be taken to him and not taken out on the staff.

Tony also mentioned that anything In-camera should not be taken to the public sphere, and any breach of this is inappropriate.

Jack said to make yourselves familiar with the standing orders.

Nevin acknowledged that we now have 50% SSAF instead of the 30% we had last year.

5.0 CLOSE / NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 21st December at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. All office bearers and department officers will be available at 5.30pm immediately prior to the meeting. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule, if a quorum cannot be met.