



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

Jack formally opened the meeting by acknowledging that the Guild was meeting on Noongar land and that the Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land and continue to practice their beliefs, languages and traditions.

1. Attendance

Nevin Jayawardena (Guild President), Alexandra O'Brien (Treasurer), Vinuri Gajanayake (Secretary), Megan Lee (Vice President), Owen Myles (PSA President), Michael Kabondo (SOC President), Audrey Tascon (PAC President), Lina El Rakhawy (Education Council President), Jack Looby (Chair), Sean O'Leary (Environment Officer), Hannah Matthews (Women's Officer), Joseph Chan (OGC), Luke Andrew (OGC), Pheobe Ho (OGC), Reece Gherardi (OGC), Tyson McEwan (Welfare Officer), Zee Ibrahim (OGC), Justin Workman (OGC), Danni Carol (RSD President), Tonia Curby (Pride Officer), Michael McKenzie (OGC), Lewis Hutton (OGC), Alexander Robinson (Sports Council President), Jacob Colangelo (Guild Sports Representative), Ruth Thomas (Pelican)

2. Apologies

Dionel Desuzer (OGC), Rigel Paciente (Pride Officer), Sophie Coffin (WASAC Chair), Sofia Kouznetsova (VACE Chair), Bryan Quah (OGC)

3. Proxies

4. Observers

Charles Fedor, Chris Scherini, Hamish Johnston, Phillip Kemp, Jeremy Cole

5. Absent

Darryl Loke (International Student Officer)

ACCEPTED



2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Terms of Reference of Standing Committee concerning the website.

4.0 DELOITTE AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Report as tabled.

Nothing that needs to be reported directly to the council.

For the year of 2016 there has been a total loss of \$3580. Have received insurance claim of \$800+.

Depreciation for this year increased to \$60,000 due to major capital dispersion over the last two years – impacting profit and loss for this year.

Financial assets down by around 1 million dollars (from \$4.4M to around \$3.5M), due to capital works.

Recorded loss in 2016, the net cash is still positive despite this net loss, meaning our cash flows are still okay.

Operation of \$67,000, making net cash flow around \$71,000.

SSAF payments have not yet been received from UWA so cash flows are not looking good because of this.

Will be able to invest \$1.4 million – to come back around \$4 million to be prepared for the refectory project.

Regular deficits for the past 10-15 years.

REFER: 2016 Financial Assets

Jack moved a procedural to move to motion 9. **Carried.**



5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Managing Director's Report.

Report as tabled.

Prepared SSAF documentation to send to university and awaiting to hear back on that.

Ref project is still on hold- hopefully will see the university sign off on it in the next couple months.

2. Associate Director Corporate Services & Finance Report

Report as tabled.

No significant issues noted from audit of state revenue. The end result is that we will receive a credit of around \$5000.

3. Associate Director of Student Services Report

Report as tabled.

4. Finance Report

Expenditure – timing differences (haven't spent in January to February, spent in March)

Expenditure in March is higher than budget, but year to date actual expenditure is lower by around \$26,000

Interest income is all on budget so far. No notice from UWA that that will change.

SSAF is also on budget.



Property income is a bit lower than what was budgeted at the end of 2016- some units are occupied but are departments, instead of leasing them out to previous tenants.

Catering property, all catering income has been moved out earlier – higher than anticipated.

Second hand bookshop is slower than what we have budgeted.

Staff has also been reshuffled which has also shifted the budget slightly.

Catering is good for the month- the actual is higher than budgeted and is also higher than previous years.

There was a procedural to move into camera. **Carried.**

There was a procedural to move out of camera. **Carried.**

ACCEPTED

6.0 REPORTS

- 1.** Guild President
Report as tabled.
- 2.** Vice-President

Michael M asked if there were any updates on the pingpong table.

Megan said they just needed approval from campus management. Jack Spagnuolo has said that it's on the priority list but there are some things such as the ref that are being prioritized above it at the moment.



Michael M said ECOMS are thinking of donating their pingpong table to the Guild- might try get it spray painted with club logos.

Three people have expressed interest in MASA Chairing.

After consultation with the ResClub presidents, there will be a 'Grill the Guild' on either side of Winthrop Ave for residents to learn more about what the Guild does. There will also be drinks at the Tavern before the next Council meeting with the ResClub committees.

- 3.** Secretary
Report as tabled.
- 4.** Treasurer
Report as tabled.
- 5.** Education Council President- verbal report

There are a lot of changes to special consideration going on. The biggest change is that the turnaround time has gone down to three days, but there are also changes to alternative assessments and deferred exams. Because of the renewal, the time taken for the university to put together a working group for moving special consideration online was extended but now that has happened. There is a student advisory group to make sure the online special consideration form is accessible.

The university is getting rid of Echo360 and getting a few new vendors to offer changing the video management system. We want something more modern and accessible (i.e. easier to fastforward, rewind and download).



The university has agreed to change the current policy on LectureCapture so that all lectures have to be recorded. They are aware that we want lecture recordings to be compulsory with some exceptions for sensitive topics, so the university is working on changing that.

Justin asked whether it would be intimidating for students to go up to a lecturer and tell them they're breaking university policy.

Lina said it would be more strongly communicated with staff that they could be penalized for not recording lectures. Additionally, students could go to Lina and the policy would mean it's an easier process for her or whoever the Ed Council President is at the time to hold unit coordinators accountable through university policy.

Alex R asked whether this would just be for undergraduate students or whether it applies to all students.

Lina said the policy would apply to all students as far as she is aware, but it does depend on the type of class (e.g. interactive workshops wouldn't be counted as lectures).

Zee said that the reason given for Dentistry lectures not being recorded is that classes shift every week between different locations and different timeslots. She asked whether the new system would adapt to any shifts.

Lina said they should have it recorded for every room that it's in.

Michael asked if Lina had gone about getting some student reps involved in the process of bringing in new vendors.

Lina said she had- she brought up in the meeting that she wanted students from all areas of the university to be involved. She's looking at getting the Access Collective involved so that students with disabilities have those accessibility requirements. She also asked for a



representative from Commerce, Science and Humanities to sit on the group with her (as she would be representing Arts). The people that volunteered were Milan (ECOMS President), Peter (Science Union Ed VP) and Thomas (Blackstone Education Officer).

Student Assist is looking for more visibility for the Food Pantry so the FacSocs are going to have a competition to try and raise the most amount of items for the food pantry to promote the idea of students donating food for other students in need. The Food Pantry has been going on since last year, so this is a good way to facilitate better student engagement through healthy competition between the FacSocs.

Lina has brought up the idea of Indigenous and International student reps on FacSocs at Ed Council.

Ed Council will be taking to social media through the EAN to oppose the higher education cuts. There will be a petition in order to get more responses. They are looking at holding a panel discussion with members of the university executive, the Guild and potentially an MP in order to increase student engagement with the issue.

Michael asked whether the issue with the NUS protest permit not going through was a fault of Ed Councils.

Lina said it wasn't Ed Council's fault- it was the fault of the NUS West branch not getting things through. Lina, Megan and Conrad worked at getting a more UWA specific protest which worked quite well.

Justin asked whether the protest would be supported more by students if it weren't associated with NUS.



Lina said that if students don't want cuts to education, she would hope it would be well received regardless. She added that if Council would want to make it more UWA specific and address the Vice-Chancellor about the cuts instead, that could be done as well.

dealing with the misinformation that NUS had given through posters that stated a 25% increase to fees as opposed to the 7.5% outlined in the budget.

Lina said that there is freedom of information and it is up to the Guild Student Centre to approve whether posters can go up or not, not Guild Council.

6. Public Affairs Council President
Report as tabled.
7. Societies Council President
Report as tabled.

Michael M asked how the club grants were going.

Michael K said they're done with all the main ones. They are now waiting for the semester grants to start which will be at the end of this semester. Clubs can submit applications on the 3rd of May. They are waiting on the Lion Nathan grant- Jack S has told Michael K that they are meeting later this year. The money is potentially coming through so the options are to either open it or ask for extra money in the mid year budget review.

Justin asked if there were still plans for club committee members to obtain free RSA's from the Guild.

Michael K said it's in progress but they need to figure out the financials of it before mid year budget review.



- 8.** Women's Department
Report as tabled.

Justin asked if the process of lobbying the university to bring in LED lighting.

Hannah said they have drafted an online survey for students input on where lighting is most needed on campus. That data will be brought to the university.

- 9.** Welfare Department
Report as tabled.
- 10.** Environmental Department
Report as tabled.

Looking at doing a business case for a new reusable keep cup initiative and submitting it to SRC.

Lewis asked about the progress on getting more advertising for dine-in options on campus.

Sean said they've spoken to Jack S about it, and they also want to advertise for sustainable initiatives in other catering outlets as a wider advertising campaign.

- 11.** International Student Services
Report as tabled.
- 12.** Pride Department
Report as tabled.
- 13.** Guild Sports Representative
Report as tabled.

Reece asked whether the sports committee members had been chosen.



Jacob said he met up with UWA Sports and they said there actually is a Council that he chairs (it was put in last year). It's similar to what he was trying to achieve, so he would like to see where those committee members would fit into this structure.

They are looking into UWA Sports allocating a budget for food at InterFac sport events. Currently, the FacSocs are alternating each week with the sausage sizzles.

- 14.** WASAC Chair
Report as tabled.

- 15.** Postgraduate Student's Association
Report as tabled.

- 16.** Residential Student's Department
Report as tabled.

- 17.** Pelican Editors
- 18.** Volunteering and Community Engagement Committee Chair
Report as tabled.

- 19.** Governance Chair
Consultation period for regulation changes has extended and there will be an OGM at the start of second semester.

- 20.** OGC Reports

Michael M said he is working with governance to make some changes to minimum compliance for running protests.



ACCEPTED

7.0 QUESTION TIME

8.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. That the Guild Council approve the attached 2017 Election timetable.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake

Lewis asked if there would be an opportunity to make amendments to the electoral regulations.

Jack said anything regarding regulations can be directed towards the Governance Committee.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Jack Looby, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Justin Workman, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Michael McKenzie, Alexander Robinson

Against: None

Abstentions: Lewis Hutton

2. That the Guild Council approve the attached 2017 Election Code of Conduct.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake



The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Hannah

Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Michael McKenzie, Alexander Robinson

Against: None

Abstentions: Jack Looby, Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton

- 3.** The 104th Guild Council requests the UWA Guild Finance Department produce a summary of all expenses connected with NUS related activities - both direct and indirect.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Lewis Hutton

Michael said it's fair to get a clear cut number on the expenses for NUS.

Lewis said numbers get thrown about all the time and it's best to get a solid figure. Direct relates to specific affiliation fees whereas indirect relates to costs of flights for delegates etc.

Owen asked where would they draw the line with regards to 'indirect' costs e.g. a protest run by NUS but promoted by the EAN. Megan noted that the Guild doesn't spend money on that promotion.

Lewis said that it's just any general costs related to NUS.



Jack asked why this had to be a motion, considering OGC's are entitled to request for these documents directly from Guild Finance.

Lewis said it's good to show some accountability and come from the top. Michael said it's been heavily inquired about and an official report for all of Council would be appropriate to present.

Owen said that in corporate governance, if you get information from a department or director, it is standard business practice to bring that information to the board to share with everyone.

Owen asked what would happen if there was a debate on what was considered 'indirect costs'.

Jack believes it would be up to the discretion of Guild Finance, and if there were more conflict it would go back to Guild Council to discuss.

Jack said it's important to acknowledge how busy Finance can get and that we don't expect them to get this done straight away.

Lewis said he wouldn't expect this to be their first or last priority, but rather just placed within the normal order of things.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Hannah



Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Justin Workman, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Michael McKenzie, Alexander Robinson, Lewis Hutton

Against: None.

Abstentions: Jack Looby

4. The 104th Student Guild Council acknowledges the increasing supply and external competition for beds on College Row. The UWA Student Guild offers its full support to help the UWA student leadership within each college better utilise the resources and training available through the UWA Student Guild.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Justin Workman

Michael M said he has liaised with the college admin staff and understood their concerns. He noted that demand for college places has stayed constant whilst supply has increased, and Guild Council has not recognised that college row is being filled by people who don't attend UWA which could lead to a 'mass exodus' of college row. This motion is showing our support for colleges, who play a vital role the culture of the university.

Nevin asked who Michael and Justin had consulted regarding the motion. He added that he has worked with Chris Massey (Director of Student Life) and looked at marketing and traction for colleges. Megan and RSD have also been doing a lot of work to improve college student engagement.

Michael said that he has spoken to RSD and college students in general, not just those in representative roles, who have said they are not satisfied with the Guild.

Justin spoke for the motion and noted that the Guild was there to represent students on all levels, not just those at the top. He added that as a previously was on a ResClub he



understands that students might not have the relationship with their representatives to go to them about those kinds of things.

Nevin agreed that it's important to speak to students on both ends of the spectrum but the natural thing to do when putting together a motion would be to get as much information as possible from people who had already been doing work in that space. He said he would be abstaining because whilst he completely supports the ResClubs, the motion implies that nothing has been done by the Guild and doesn't acknowledge the work that he, Megan and RSD have put into supporting colleges.

Lewis spoke for the motion and stated that the motion represents students in an appropriate manner, adding that it wasn't necessary to give recognition in this particular issue as it was constructed through consultation with students.

Nevin proposed an amendment change the wording from 'offers it's full support' to 'continues to provide it's full support'.

Nevin said it's important that the motion doesn't imply that the Guild has done nothing within the space of student leadership within ResClubs.

Danni asked Michael and Justin what their plan was for this motion and what they specifically wanted to do in terms of offering their full support.

Michael M said the motion gets the ball rolling behind RSD constitution writing and sends a message to colleges that the Guild supports them.

Jacob spoke against the amendment and said that as a student who's not on college but who has spoken to college students, he doesn't believe what has happened is not adequate.



Megan echoed Danni's comments and spoke for the amendment. She added that her report outlines a lot of the things she has been doing with college presidents to improve the resources that the Guild provides to colleges. She noted that it's important to acknowledge the things that have been done as there is a lot in motion and the original motion doesn't reflect that.

Justin spoke against the amendment and asked how we were offering the best possible services to college students if people at college 'hate the Guild'. He said that when he brings up the Guild with his friends at college, they have no interest in it and 'don't know anything about what the Guild offers.'

By leaving it at 'offers' instead of 'continue to provide' it leaves that room to improve.

Danni said that in her opinion as RSD President, Nevin's wording was better. She said it's not the fact that we aren't doing anything, but college students don't know about the resources available for them so it is more about engagement.

Nevin acknowledged that the resources provided aren't perfect and there is definitely more work we can do, but "continue to provide" is more reflective of the current situation.

The amendment was put. Passed.

For: Jack Looby, Nevin Jayawardena, Megan Lee, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrews, Reece Gherardi, Owen Myles

Against: Lewis Hutton, Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman

Abstentions: Alexander Robinson, Michael Kabondo, Vinuri Gajanayake, Zee Ibrahim, Audrey Tascon

Absentia: Pheobe Ho, Alexandra O'Brien, Lina El Rakhawy



Megan spoke for the motion. She said there is definitely more that we should be doing, but she would've appreciated consultation regarding what she, Danni and Nevin had already been doing.

Danni spoke for the motion and said that she knows there are lots of things in motion already and this motion reflects the fact that the Guild is willing to continue showing it's support.

Michael M said the Guild has done nothing for the Guild in the past few years and although the work that Megan has been doing is good, the amendment isn't a reflection of what college students believe.

The motion was put. **Motion passed as amended:**

"The 104th Student Guild Council acknowledges the increasing supply and external competition for beds on College Row. The UWA Student Guild continues to provide it's full support to help the UWA student leadership within each college better utilise the resources and training available through the UWA Student Guild"

For: Jack Looby, Nevin Jayawardena, Megan Lee, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrews, Reece Gherardi, Owen Myles, Alexander Robinson, Vinuri Gajanayake, Zee Ibrahim, Audrey Tascon, Lewis Hutton, Justin Workman, Michael McKenzie

Against: None

Abstentions: Michael Kabondo

Absentia: Alexandra O'Brien, Pheobe Ho, Lina El Rakhawy



5. The 104th UWA Student Guild

respectfully encourages the UWA Guild Student Services Committee to consider offering awards of merit to all dedicated UWA Guild members.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Lewis Hutton

Michael M said that the motion outlines awards of merit to be provided to people who have had to overcome adversity to contribute to the community.

Jack spoke in favour of the motion. He said it's important to recognise the hours that people put into helping the Guild, and Student Services is the right committee for this as it has all the outer-facing departments.

Nevin spoke in favour of the motion and said that it has already been discussed within Student Services Committee with regards to a 'Volunteer of the Year' award at Guild Ball.

Michael K spoke in favour of the motion.

The motion was put. **Passed Unanimously.**

6. The 104th UWA Student Guild calls upon the University to reconsider its Special Consideration policy to accept medical certificates from pharmacies.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Lewis Hutton

Michael and Lewis said that not accepting medical certificates from pharmacies is a time and cost barrier on students who would rely on such medical certificates in their times of need. They said it was an unnecessary barrier placed upon students.



Alex R said that as a tutor, he was a part of a discussion where they talked about the fact that it's quite easy to get medical certificates from pharmacies, to the point that you just need to pay around \$35 to receive the certificate.

Lina acknowledged that the motion was put forward with no consultation with her as the Ed Council President and that if there had been consultation, the movers and seconders of the motion would know about the progress with the issue and the outcome over the last few days. It was brought up at the Ed Council meeting and they brought it up with the university to see what their justification was. They received a response from the Academic Secretary of UWA stating that "health professional means a practitioner who is registered with a professional body such as the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency". It defined a health professional as someone who provides "preventive, promotional, curative or rehabilitative service in a systematic way to people, families or communities" and that while pharmacies may be recognised broadly as a health professional, by the definition under AHPRA it is not considered as such for the purposes of the policy. This is because a medical certificate is issued to certify that a person is unfit for study and this cannot occur without formal examination by a medical doctor or equivalent. Although pharmacists provide healthcare services, they are not involved with diagnosis or providing treatment to people in the way that doctors are. She reiterated that it's very easy to go to the pharmacist, as Alex stated, but whilst going to a doctor is a little bit more laborious students can get access to a doctor through 24-hour dial-a-doctor services and a lot of bulk-billed walk-in medical centres. The policy changed it so that it's more consistent amongst faculties (e.g. the medical faculty has never allowed for special consideration to be given through pharmacist medical certificates). She said by looking at the all student survey regarding the special consideration policy, it's important to pick our battles in terms of what holds higher priority for students. It's been difficult already to get the university to consult with the Guild regarding these issues, and to pass a motion like this after they have responded with their reasoning would be detrimental in terms of our strategy moving forward as this would



result in them not wanting to consult with us on further issues like this. Lina condemned the motion as it was not brought forward with the relevant bodies.

Nevin said that voting for the motion would mean disagreeing with the fact that medical examination is required to gain special consideration and compromising the integrity of the special consideration process.

Zee said that from her position as a registered student practitioner under AHPRA, pharmacists are not qualified to prescribe medication as they don't have enough knowledge of how certain medication interact. They are not capable of being able to tell if someone is sick or not and although they have qualifications for certain medicinal aspects they are not qualified to perform a thorough medical examination.

Lewis said that the current policy states that you can go to a doctor up to three days after you are sick, at which point a doctor simply has to take your word that you were sick, which is no different to what a pharmacist does. He added that the motion had been brought to Ed Council, so saying that there was no consultation is false.

Justin questioned the problem with the ease of obtaining a medical certificate. He asked whether council was questioning the integrity of students and making students who are genuinely sick go out of their way and spend extra money on a doctor for the same result.

Megan said we do want special consideration to be as easy to access as possible but it would be condoning inconsistency between faculties to say that students in the medical faculty cannot have medical certificates from pharmacies but other students can, especially when there are many free and easy ways to go to a doctor. She acknowledged that pharmacists are easier to see on public holidays, but there would be ways to get clarification on whether the university accepts doctors explaining that a student could only see them on a specific day when they weren't as sick due to certain circumstances.



Lina clarified that 'consultation' meant that she wasn't consulted when the motion was being devised. The motion in Ed Council was not regarding whether a student could get special consideration through a pharmacist medical certificate. It was about a student not being aware that on a public holiday they could wait until the next working day to go see a GP. She agreed with Justin that students should have the most accessible experience possible and that it's actually cheaper to go to a bulk-billed GP or a 24-hour dial-a-doctor than spending \$40 for a pharmacist. The university have consulted with the relevant bodies to see whether a pharmacist is an acceptable health professional, and that is backed up by the medical centre and the medical faculty.

Michael said that the matter at hand was accessibility, and that there are people who are well qualified pharmacists. He said that whilst bulk-billing doctors do exist, pharmacies also hold value in expenses.

Failed.

For: Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton, Audrey Tascon

Against: Zee Ibrahim, Hannah Matthews, Alexander Robinson, Luke Andrews,
Lina El Rakhawy, Nevin Jayawardena

Abstentions: Megan Lee, Jack Looby, Michael Kabondo, Reece Gherardi,
Owen Myles, Joseph Chan, Vinuri Gajanayake

Absentia: Alexandra O'Brien, Pheobe Ho

7. The 104th Guild Council calls on the University of Western Australia to reduce the breaks between examinations from 2 hours to a minimum of 1.5 hours, in order to shift the morning examination from the current 8:30AM start time to 9AM.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Lewis Hutton



Michael M said this motion was unanimously supported at Ed Council. It comes to accessibility and the fact that there are people who cannot get to university at 8:30am for exams.

Lewis said that he'd be happy to give up time in between exams to ensure that the most disadvantaged students would have the same opportunities to succeed.

Nevin said that he is personally happy with a 9am start but he is uncomfortable for the whole Guild Council advocating for this because under the old two slot structure 2500 students were involved in two exams back-to-back and under the new three slot structure 1400 students are involved in two exams back-to-back. He would like to consult with these students and see whether they mind having a 1.5-hour gap instead of a 2-hour gap between their back-to-back exams. He has discussed putting up a survey with the exams team. He said he would have to abstain.

Nevin proposed an amendment to change the wording from "shift" to "reconsider".

Nevin spoke for the amendment and reiterated that there has been no student consultation under the new structure so it is important to do a survey to gain a comprehensive understanding of how the broad student cohort is feeling.

Michael M spoke against the amendment and said to go against the motion shows a lack of due respect to Ed Council who already passed the motion.

The amendment was put. **Failed.**

For: Jack Looby, Nevin Jayawardena, Michael Kabondo, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrews

Against: Vinuri Gajanayake, Reece Gherardi, Audrey Tascon, Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton, Michael McKenzie



Abstentions: Owen Myles, Zee Ibrahim, Megan Lee

Absentia: Alexandra O'Brien, Lina El Rakhawy, Pheobe Ho, Alexander Robinson, Hannah Matthews

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Michael Kabondo, Joseph Chan, Vinuri Gajanayake, Reece Gherardi, Audrey Tascon, Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton, Michael McKenzie, Owen Myles, Zee Ibrahim, Megan Lee

Against: None

Abstentions: Nevin Jayawardena, Jack Looby, Luke Andrews

Absentia: Lina El Rakhawy, Pheobe Ho, Alexandra O'Brien, Alexander Robinson, Hannah Matthews

8. The Guild Council:

1. Awards Honorary Associate Life Membership to Janet Holmes a Court and Sue Boyd in recognition of their contributions to the Guild, the University and the wider community, and;
2. Gives the Guild President the authority to determine the date and location of the official awarding of life membership.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena, Seconded: Owen Myles

Nevin delegated speaking rights to Tony.

Tony said that people like Janet and Sue have been incredibly supportive of the student body for many years, acting as figures that help defend students and speak to the university on behalf of students. He said it's important to keep it non-political and recognise alumni



that stick around to support students and the Guild. Janet Holmes a Court was Guild Secretary and Guild Vice President during her time at university and Sue Boyd was the first female Guild President and a key figure in building the underpass. They are not just contributing to the Council, but also to the wider West Australian community, and deserve to be recognised for their efforts.

Owen added that these awards are not given out often and giving life memberships in recognition for ongoing contribution to the Guild and the wider community is a very important part of developing the Guild Alumni system. Regarding the second half of the motion, he said it was added as there is a policy on awarding Guild Life Membership but it can't be followed as it requires an alumni committee which doesn't exist, so this allows Council to give Nevin that power.

Jack asked if this has only been a discussion between Nevin, Owen and Tony.

Tony explained that it was discussed quite extensively last year and the year before in order to get Guild alumni back into the Guild community. Recognising notable alumni is a very important stepping stone for the Guild as an organisation. The problem was with who the award should go to.

Lewis asked why the award hadn't been given out for a while.

Tony said that in the past the award had been given out very ad-hocly and there had also been one situation where it was challenged because the person nominated was still a student. Other than that, the process was never formalised. He said he would recommend giving the awards more often- preferably one a year.

Nevin added that we wouldn't go through the process just for the sake of it, but we would more actively recognise contribution and try give the awards more often.



Jack said while he respects the Janet Holmes a Court and Sue Boyd and would be voting for the motion, it's important to have an alumni committee to vote on these awards, rather than bringing it as a motion to Council.

Nevin agreed with Jack and that he and Tony would work at getting a committee together.

Passed.

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Jack Looby, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Alexander Robinson

Against: None

Abstentions: Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton

9. That the Guild Council accepts the following recommendations of the Guild Strategic Resources Committee:

- To approve the Deloitte audited financial accounts.
- To approve the 2016 SSAF Acquittal.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake

The motion was put. **Passed.**



For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Jack Looby, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Michael McKenzie, Alexander Robinson

Against: None

Abstentions: Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton

10. That the Guild Council request that the Managing Director write to the WAEC to run the 2017 elections as per the timetable.

Moved: Nevin Jayawardena; Seconded: Vinuri Gajanayake

Lewis asked if there were any considerations made on using a different body to run the elections, given the conflicts this year between the WAEC and the Guild regulations.

Jack said that there we would be sticking with the WAEC given our agreement with the University to run elections through them. He is working with governance to change the regulations so the same conflict that happened this year won't happen in the future.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Alexandra O'Brien, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Lina El Rakhawy, Jack Looby, Hannah Matthews, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Pheobe Ho, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Danni Carol, Michael McKenzie, Alexander Robinson

Against: None

Abstentions: Justin Workman, Lewis Hutton



9.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. The 104th UWA Student Guild Strongly stands against any changes proposed by the Federal Government, in the upcoming budget, that will negatively impact students financially.

Moved: Michael McKenzie; Seconded: Lewis Hutton

There was a discussion over the two motions (1 and 2), resulting in notice requirements for this motion not being waived by Council under section 29 of the Standing Orders.

2. The Guild Council reaffirms its stance against funding cuts to higher education and increased students fees, as well as:
 - a) Condemns the higher education budget proposal by the Liberal Government,
 - b) Calls on Senator Birmingham to increase funding to higher education,
 - c) Endorses the National Union of Student's National Day of Action on the 17th of May, and
 - d) Encourages the University Executive to stand with students against these changes to higher education funding.

Moved: Megan Lee; Seconded Nevin Jayawardena

Megan said this motion is important as this Senator Birmingham's comments have suggested that will see fee increases, cuts to higher education and the threshold for paying HECS reduced. This will directly affect students currently studying at UWA so it is important that Council takes a stance and encourage the University Executive to take a stance as well.



Nevin suggested separating the stance of the motion and the action items into two separate motions so that those in favour of the stance but against the action items could still vote for what they wanted. This would mean splitting parts b and c from a and d.

Amended to:

1. The Guild Council reaffirms its stance against funding cuts to higher education and increased students fees, as well as:
 - a) Condemns the higher education budget proposal by the Liberal Government,
 - b) Encourages the University Executive to stand with students against these changes to higher education funding.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Nevin Jayawardena, Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Jack Looby, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim

Against: None

Abstentions: Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman

Absentia: Lina El Rakhawy, Hannah Matthews, Alexandra O'Brien, Pheobe Ho, Alexander Robinson, Lewis Hutton

2. That the Guild Council calls on Senator Birmingham to increase funding to higher education.

Megan said this is a good opportunity for student voices to come together and show out opposition to the cuts.



Justin said that Australia is running at a massive deficit and this motion could end up hurting students in the long run. He said he doesn't think its fair to demand more money for education as that is coming from low income taxpayers, and university students would be able to pay it off anyway after their degrees.

Megan said she agreed that low income earners should not have to pay- it should be corporations and multi-nationals which have received tax cuts.

The motion was put. **Passed.**

For: Vinuri Gajanayake, Megan Lee, Owen Myles, Michael Kabondo, Audrey Tascon, Jack Looby, Joseph Chan, Reece Gherardi, Zee Ibrahim, Nevin Jayawardena

Against: None

Abstentions: Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman, Luke Andrew

Absentia: Lina El Rakhawy, Hannah Matthews, Alexandra O'Brien, Pheobe Ho, Alexander Robinson, Lewis Hutton

3. That the Guild Council Endorses the National Union of Student's National Day of Action on the 17th of May.

Passed.

For: Megan Lee, Audrey Tascon, Jack Looby, Joseph Chan, Luke Andrew, Zee Ibrahim, Nevin Jayawardena

Against: Michael McKenzie, Justin Workman

Abstentions: Vinuri Gajanayake, Reece Gherardi, Michael Kabondo, Owen Myles



Absentia: Lina El Rakhawy, Hannah Matthews, Alexandra O'Brien, Pheobe Ho, Alexander Robinson, Lewis Hutton

10.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Sofia (VACE Chair) asked that Councilors consult her beforehand regarding volunteering related motions.
2. Jack requested all Councilors not to spread rumors, especially those that may lead to disciplinary or even legal action due to their libelous accusations.

11.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st May 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.