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105th Guild Council

July 25th, 2018

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1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 Attendance: Megan lee, James Leipold, Conrad Hogg, Joseph Chan, Roshni Kaila, Basundhara Dutta, Molly Goldacre, Michael Barblett, Lincoln Aspinall, Adhish Kastha, Jacob Fowler, Raaghav Raj, Nevin Jayawardena, Neve Staltari, Sharon Ndjibu, Alex Tsaknis, Ben Perry, Julian Bocking, Su Sugandha, Bradan Sonnendecker, Jade Mawby, Ivan Roncevich, Dylan Perkins, Amelia Birch, Charlotte Pennell, Georgie Wilkie.
- 1.2 Apologies: Anthea Lui and Jayne-Rae Whitby.
- 1.3 Proxies: Lincoln Aspinall for Yerim Won, Michael Barblett for Peter Watson, Neve Staltari for Kate Fletcher, Sharon Ndjibu for Yanjia Song, Alex Tsaknis for Kristel Li, Julian Bocking for Jacob Colangelo, Amelia Birch for Fraser Windsor, Charlotte Pennell for Desiree Tan, Georgie Wilkie for Maddie Hedderwick.
- 1.4 Observers: Scott Harney, Joshua Cahill, Vaibhav Kumar, Skevos Karpathakis, Kate Pryce.
- 1.5 Absent: None.

2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Michael declares a conflict of interest for 11.3 as Peter is a CAPA delegate, and CAPA is part of the Bury the Bill campaign. Guild Council rules that there isn't a substantive conflict of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Confirmation of unconfirmed minutes from 27.6.18.
CONFIRMED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.0 APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 5.1 Catering & Tavern
- 5.2 Equity & Diversity
- 5.3 Governance
- 5.4 Volunteering & Community Engagement

ACCEPTED.



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6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director's Report

Tony says that the procurement document has been sent off to the University this morning and with some luck we will have the feedback from the university shortly. Tony says that this will allow us to have a commercial position on potential outlets shortly. Tony says that the election regulations have been passed by the Senate and are all ready to go. Tony advises all potential candidates to check the regulations for any new changes.

Tony says that the customer service team has experienced some changes when dealing with students and the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement discussions are going particularly well. Tony says that staff and the Guild are happy with the procedures that are taking place.

Tony says that the Guild is still within the planning phase of the Masterplan with some potential upgrades coming very shortly.

6.2 Finance Director's Report

Mutya says that the new payroll system is now fully implemented. Mutya says that it is fully integrated with the Guild's Netsuite system.

6.3 Associate Director of Commercial's Report

Jack says that there isn't much more to add but there is quite a bit of work going on across the board of the commercial division. Hackett Café and Co-Op are both being renovated at this current time, and will be ready for the start of semester.

Nevin asks if it is likely Authentic Bites will be coming to the Refectory?

Jack says that there is potential for this as an option.

Bradán asks when the outlets within the Refectory will be opening? He asks if they will be opening one by one or gradually or all at once?

Jack says that it will be a gradual process but at the latest he wants to have at least five outlets opened by the start of next year. Jack says he wants to accelerate any process required.

Megan says that for anyone that is confused there are a number of stakeholders within the university that the Guild has to consult with before the Guild is able to proceed with putting an outlet into the Refectory.



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6.4 Associate Director of Student Services' Report
As tabled.

ACCEPTED.

7.0 GUILD WEBSITE UPDATE

Su and Chloe Jackson provide a presentation about the current state of the Guild website and the plans to update the website.

Su discusses website regeneration, as the current Guild website isn't the best it could be. Su says that there are three main goals. The first of these goals is to increase security, the second of these goals is increasing personalisation, and the third goal is to enhance the Guild brand and membership.

Su discusses the different pages such as the Homepage, events page, clubs' page, and Guild Volunteering. Su says that all of the current website platforms will be integrated into one singular website.

Su says that the Guild approached six different companies and four of these companies provided the Guild with quotes. These were Bam, Juice Box, Bird Brain and Meerkats.

Su says that each of these four firms were reviewed based on four main factors; these being their potential partnership with the Guild, their levels of creativity, the cost of their product and their understanding of what the Guild stands for.

Chloe J says that the aim for this new website is that it should take the user on a journey, and that the Guild has a website which matches the status of the Guild within the university, as a major part of the community.

Su and Chloe outlines the different options of Bam Creative, Juicebox, Meerkats and Birdbrain.

Su says that Birdbrain is the preferred option out of these four due to their lower cost, the potential for a great partnership and their high level of understanding of the Guild and what this website needs to achieve.



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8.0 CIRCULAR MOTION PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY GUILD COUNCIL

8.1 The 105th Guild Council:

- a) Notes the report on the phase I pilot of the Class Representative System
- b) Endorses an expanded phase II pilot of the system in semester 2.

Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Megan Lee.

MOTION PASSED VIA CIRCULAR.

9.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

9.1 The Guild Council approves the 2018 mid-year budget deficit-surplus figure, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Jim Leipold; Seconded: Megan Lee.

Jim says that there have been changes detailed within the Budget Report and if anyone has any questions, feel free to ask them now.

Alex Tsaknis asks about the large disparities in the budget projections for the Tavern at the start of the year compared to now?

Jack S says that the Tavern has been impacted by the construction that has been going on within the kitchen. Jack S says that the kitchen wasn't functioning for the bulk of the semester and this has led to a decline in sales. Jack S says that in regards to Catering overall, the Guild has lost the control of catering for the Graduations which was a large source of revenue.

Jim discusses an amendment to the Budget, where Co-Op has decided to end their textbook grant scheme and the Strategic Resources Committee has decided that the Guild will cover these grants for students.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9.2 The Guild Council approves the line items in the 2018 mid-year budget pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Jim Leipold; Seconded: Megan Lee.

Jim says that there is an amendment to the Student Assist line and the Postgraduate Student Association line but these are quite minor.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



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9.3 The 105th Guild Council accept the Guild Policy Book.
Moved: Megan Lee; Seconded: Jacob Fowler.

Megan says thank you to Jacob F for getting this done as per the regulations. Megan says that to summarise in regards to the Policy Book, any motion that says 'For inclusion in the Policy Book..' or other motions that represent a Guild stance are placed into the Guild Policy Book. Megan says that these a stances of the Guild that are placed into the Book for reference in the future, and it allows students to know what the Guild's stance is on any particular issue.

Jacob F says that this was pretty standard, and that there was nothing out of the ordinary going into the Policy Book. Jacob F adds that Ben Perry had two new Guild stances entering the Policy Book.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Molly moves a procedural motion to pass 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 on block. **Motion Carries.**

Molly passes the Chair to Deputy Chair Ben.

9.4 The 105th Guild Council accepts the attached Environment Department Rules as approved by the Governance Committee.
Moved: Molly Goldacre; Seconded: Basundhara Dutta

Molly says that these have only been very small changes and that she has been working in consultation with the relevant parties and Office Bearers. Molly says that for the Environment Department the changes were relating to positions on the committee, the Public Affairs Council rules were changed slightly and the Womens' Department rules involved just a numbering change. k

Motion passed on block with 9.5 and 9.6.

9.5 The 105th Guild Council accepts the Public Affairs Council Rules as approved by the Governance Committee.
Moved: Molly Goldacre; Seconded: Joseph Chan

Motion passed on block with 9.4 and 9.6.



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9.6 The 105th Guild Council accepts the Womens' Department Rules as approved by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Molly Goldacre; Seconded: Roshni Kaila

Motion passed on block with 9.4 and 9.5.

Bradán moves a procedural motion to pass 9.7 and 9.8 on block. Motion Fails.

9.7 The 105th Guild Council:

- a) Stands in opposition to UWA's choice to move from 13 to 12 week semesters, as recommended by the 2017 Education Council.
- b) Commission a student survey to be conducted in semester 2, to produce a report on the impact of the shorter semester on students; and
- c) Directs the Guild President to develop an options paper regarding standard and non-standard teaching periods for presentation to the University.

Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Megan Lee.

Conrad amends the motion to add a Part D and E. Conrad says that to make the motion more clear and more well rounded he has decided to add parts:

- d) Stands in opposition to any potential move to a trimester system.
- e) Endorses the Save Our Semesters Campaign

Conrad says that the Save Our Semesters Campaign is a campaign that has been launched this semester to stand in opposition to the decision by the University to make semesters 12 weeks instead of 13 weeks.

Molly and Bradán ask Conrad who exactly will be running the campaign, will it be Conrad in his capacity as Education Council President?

Conrad says he won't be running the campaign as a random student but as Education Council President. Megan says that it is a Guild campaign.

Jade asks what the Guild will actually be doing in regards to the Save Our Semester campaign?

Conrad says that what the Guild does is contingent on this motion and will involve things like online petitions.



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Charlotte asks Conrad to provide some more substantive details of what this campaign will involve so that Guild Councillors know what they could be potentially endorsing?

Conrad says that the point of the campaign is Part A, and that it is kind of an obvious question to be perfectly honest.

Charlotte says no, she asked the question of what are the criterion for a successful campaign? Is it moving back to a 13 semester model?

Conrad says the goal is to move back to a 13 week teaching semester model. Conrad says that in terms what to expect from the campaign it will involve things such as a student survey to collect data and petitions to take to the university.

Charlotte asks where this data will be taken?

Conrad says to the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Education and the Academic Board.

Charlotte asks why this campaign is only been run now, when the changes have being discussed as being made before the 12 week semesters were actually introduced?

Conrad says that this was a decision made in 2016 and then galvanised in 2017. Conrad says this campaign has been issued this semester so that there is the student movement behind it.

Charlotte asks if Conrad has waited until students were angry?

Molly says that this question has already been asked.

Charlotte says that no she believes this question hasn't been answered properly and therefore she is trying to ask it in different ways to communicate her question better. Charlotte says she doesn't understand why this campaign has only started now that the changes to semesters have been implemented instead of before the changes were made, like a lot of other campaigns are.

Megan says that this has been a public discussion among Education Council since 2016 and then 2017 when the Guild moved a motion against 12 week semesters and debated against these changes at Academic Board in 2017.



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Megan says that the Guild was then promised by the University that they would engage with the Guild about the redesign of units even though this hasn't happened at all, despite her and Conrad's best efforts. Megan says that this would be a post-change evaluation to decrease the overall combativeness. Megan says that unfortunately the university hasn't played ball and now the Guild is running the campaign. Megan says that it wasn't a good idea to launch a campaign at the end of last semester during exams, so it was believed it would be better to launch the campaign now and endorse the campaign now. Megan says that the Guild can now get a lot more student activity into an options paper and into a survey on the issue over the next six months.

Ben asks if the Save our Semesters campaign is an NUS campaign?

Conrad says no it is just UWA.

Ben asks if Conrad believes we as a Guild have communicated to students that this change was coming?

Conrad says that the Guild could have communicated this change better to students.

Megan says that yes there is definitely more that could have been done. Megan says that the Guild was told in June 2017 that there would be proper consultation with the Guild and that herself and Conrad have been knocking on the door but they haven't been let into discussions by the University.

Conrad says that this was a change discussed originally in 2016 by the old guard of the University executive. Conrad says that a choice was given to the Guild between a trimester model and a 12-week semester model, and that it was an 'a or b' choice. Conrad says the Guild made the collective choice to go with 12 week semesters. Conrad says that since then Megan and himself have been working to have changes implemented to help unit coordinators to adapt their units to the changes. Conrad says that there has been some movement so the Guild has been able to help some unit coordinators achieve change. Conrad says that this isn't the process that he had hoped for and that is why it is important that this campaign is ran to achieve student voice on this issue

Megan says that just to add to this, a lot of the information that was also presented to the Guild Council in 2017, in order to create a Summer School



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semester length had to be cut by a week. Megan says that now we are heading into Semester 2 and the Summer School was successfully in between two thirteen week semesters this argument doesn't make as much sense. Megan says that the rationale behind this change no longer stacks up and that this is a reason why for Part C, the options paper will be putting case to the university about how to have a well-rounded Summer School and also 13 weeks. Megan says that she has received a lot of research from the Australian National University that went through this process in 2016 and there was very negative feedback received from students. Megan says that it also demonstrated a considerable amount of pressure to academic staff that are already over worked as it is. Megan says that now we are entering Semester 2, and we know that the information originally provided doesn't really check out, the Guild will now be launching a campaign against it. Megan says that like she said earlier, running a campaign during exams of Semester One isn't the smartest thing to do as we won't achieve the best possible engagement from students. Megan says that it has been quite unorganised but now the Guild is getting on track for a campaign.

Conrad says that just generally this change isn't happening in isolation, and that many GO8 universities are experiencing the same thing and that these universities received negative feedback.

Bradán asks why Part D regarding trimesters is only been added now to the motion?

Conrad says that he didn't think about it when he wrote up the motion to send to Jacob F. Conrad says in retrospect it should have been included and that was the point of amending it.

Megan says that the university at this stage, hasn't made any indication that they would like to move to a trimester system. Megan says that in retrospect if they ever did change their mind and seek a trimester model it would be good to have a Guild stance on trimesters.

Bradán asks if a position was taken in 2016 about trimesters?

Megan says no, the negotiations ended up shifting to 12 week semesters and wasn't a problem anymore. Megan says that this is why it wasn't in the motion, but the Guild could run a campaign against 12 week semesters and their response is to have trimesters the Guild will already be prepared.



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Su says that it is a really good motion, and even though trimesters aren't explicitly part of the Save Our Semesters campaign, could the Guild somehow integrate it within the campaign?

Conrad says that part of the petition will be about providing students the opportunity to gain voice within their education and to support UWA becoming a degree factory. Conrad says that the petition is holistic and therefore taking into account trimesters as well.

Alex asks if the University has considered the impact that 12 week semesters and trimesters will have on students that try to save money over the summer break, as a lot of students do work over the summer break.

Megan says that this would definitely inform decisions that the Guild and UWA make.

Molly moves this discussion to a vote.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED.

9.8 The 105th Guild Council:

- a) Recognises the expected negative impact that changing to 12 week semesters (with the same amount of content as 13 weeks) will have on students.
- b) Will encourage the University to liaise with the Guild to ensure that all students are supported by this sudden change, and consult any further changes with students
- c) Opposes any moves towards a trimester academic system.

Moved: Bradan Sonnendecker; Seconded: Kate Fletcher.

MOLLY wishes to use her discretion as Chair to withdraw motion 9.8 from the agenda due to its similarity to 9.7.

Alex raises concerns about this happening as he believes that this motion still deserves to be discussed.

Megan moves a procedural motion to remove 9.8 from the agenda as it is substantively the same as 9.7

MOTION CARRIES.



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10.0 REPORTS

10.1 President

Megan says that the final thing to add is that she is working with Basundhara, Kate and Jacob F to create a Transport Options paper to present to the University regarding a multi-mode transport for the campus. Megan says that this is coming out of research from the parking and transport survey that was conducted earlier in the year.

10.2 Vice President

Su says that there was just one thing, and that this was about the Guild Sustainability Project, Su says that before there was an external company the Guild was working with but they didn't do a good job. Su says that the Guild has decided now to do it on our own, and it is being based on the Sustainability Plan from 2013 and the Harvard sustainability plan. Su says that this should be ready to go by the next Guild Council.

Ben asks why Conrad, Lincoln and Su submitted a joint report for the NUS Education Conference?

Su says that the experiences that Conrad, Lincoln and herself had were largely the same so they submitted it together. Conrad says that the three of them attended the conference under the Education Council budget and therefore they submitted a joint report on behalf of everyone.

Su says that there were parts that were focused on International students that she put extra emphasis on but for the most part the report was the same.

Ben says that moving forward, do they think it would be better if separate reports were submitted to acknowledge different experiences.

Su says that this is something that can definitely be done.

10.3 Secretary

As tabled.

10.4 Treasurer

Jim says there have been some minor changes to the Budget report.



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- 10.5 Education Council President
Conrad says that with exception to information about Trimesters his report is as tabled.
- 10.6 Public Affairs Council President
As tabled.
- 10.7 Societies Council President
As tabled.
- 10.8 Welfare Officer
Pheobe says that the Welfare Department is running a webinar next Wednesday, and then will start next semester. Phoebe says that the Welfare Department will be doing a couple of webinars next semester.
- 10.9 Environment Officer
As tabled.
- 10.10 Sports Officer
As tabled.
- 10.11 Womens' Officer
Roshni says that next Wednesday the NUS Womens' Department is hosting a National Day of Action on Oak Lawn.
- 10.12 Access Officer
Charlotte says that she has been working on an app for the Access Department, and she is looking for people to test the app to make sure that it is fully functional.
- 10.13 RSD President
As tabled.
- 10.14 International Student Services
As tabled.
- 10.15 PSA President
As tabled.



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10.16 Pride Officer

Dylan says that about 15 people attended the Pride Camp and that it was a successful event.

10.17 NUS Education Conference

As tabled.

Alex asks Megan about her NUS report, and asks how there was 'considerable' and 'heated' debate about St Vinnies?

Megan says that she didn't stay for the debate because she was unwell. Conrad says that it was about the idea that St Vinnies is really good but we shouldn't have to live in a society where we need to have St Vinnies. Megan says the debate was around the idea that Government support services should be able to adequately support people and we shouldn't be relying on private charities.

ACCEPTED.

11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

11.1 The UWA Student Guild:

- a) Supports the NUS Disability Department's 'Join the Fight- demand disability rights' campaign.
- b) Commits to prioritising the provision of an accessible campus, specifically through initiatives such as an access safe space.
- c) Recommends this commitment is reflected through inclusion in the Guild Policy Book.

Moved: Charlotte Pennell; Seconded: Kate Fletcher.

Charlotte says that the Campaign has four main demands.

1. A fully-funded National Disability Insurance Scheme
2. Fully resourced campus counselling and disability services
3. Accessible campus facilities and academic curriculum
4. Funding Mental Healthcare and removing the Medicare cap

Charlotte says the campaign will connect to the broader education campaign and promote National Days of Action and engage with different levels of activism such as lobbying and letter-writing. Charlotte says it is really important that the campaign is accessible to all potential participants. Charlotte says at the conclusion of this campaign a report will be submitted to the Federal Government and a formal response to the Federal budget will be developed.



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Charlotte says that there are several actionable things that the Student Guild can do. These include things such as ensuring that the Guild has a safe space for students that experience access issues. The safe space should also have adequate resources to provide information about access issues to all students. The safe space should be a place of safety and comfort for students dealing with access issues. Charlotte also adds the importance of ensuring that the Access department safe space is accessible, at this current time it isn't fully accessible to students who may be using a wheel chair, as the door isn't wide enough. Charlotte says that a room that is able to do more than hold committee meetings for the Access Department is far more valuable.

Neve says that Charlotte summed up the motion very well, but she just wants to highlight the fact that there is currently no mention of Accessibility within the Guild Policy Book. Neve says that this will be an important milestone for the Guild, in the journey for creating a more accessible and safe campus for all students. Furthermore, future representatives will now be held accountable to this commitment.

Michael asks Charlotte to repeat the demands of the campaign. Charlotte repeats the demands.

Roshni asks what Charlotte will be doing at UWA specifically?

Charlotte says that throughout the semester the Access Department will be engaging themselves in photo and video campaigns. Charlotte says that these will be similar to what the Womens' Department did in first semester. Charlotte says that she will be writing with the current campus counselling service with the NUS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11.2 The 105th Guild Council:

- a) Recognises the vital importance that flying of the Pride Flag has for LGBT+ students as a symbol of tolerance, acceptance, and inclusivity.
- b) Reaffirms the Guild's commitment to the continued and permanent flying of the Pride Flag by the University of Western Australia.
Moved: Dylan Perkins; Seconded: Fraser Windsor.



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Dylan says that there have been rumblings within Convocation that they are unhappy about UWA flying the pride flag. Dylan says that all members of the LGBT+ community at UWA and student representatives in general are against this decision. Dylan says that this flag was put up at campus, for the specific purpose of flying the Pride flag. Dylan says that this is a representative and administrative issue and he hopes that this isn't too controversial.

Amelia says that Dylan summarised this situation fairly well.

Tony asks if Convocation has moved a motion to remove the Pride flag?

Dylan says no and Megan adds that a number of Convocation members asked herself, the Vice Chancellor of UWA Dawn Freshwater, and the Warden of Convocation about why UWA was flying the flag. Megan says that this feeds into what the Senate is doing being the UWA Campus Flag Policy. Megan says that there are a lot of regulations over what flags a public institution can fly, and therefore the Senate has to write up some regulations in regards to this issue.

Nevin asks how the Vice Chancellor responded to this situation?

Megan says that the VC said that the pole was erected for the purpose of putting up the flag during Pride month, and now that UWA doesn't have a comprehensive flag policy it will stay there until a policy is developed.

Dylan says that Kent Anderson sits as one of the Co-Chairs of the LGBTQI+ Working Group, that also has himself, Fraser and the Blackstone Society Queer Officer. Discussions surrounding this issue have occurred at these meetings.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 11.3 The UWA Student Guild
- a) Reaffirms its opposition to the debt sustainability amendment to the higher education act.
 - b) Endorses the Bury the Bill Campaign.
- Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Megan Lee.

Conrad says that the Guild Council has a position on this issue from February this year. Conrad says that this is about the capping of degree



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funding by the Federal Government which isn't very good. Conrad says that since then the NUS has started the Bury the Bill campaign. Conrad says that the NUS has been in discussion with crossbenchers about this bill, as they have been trying to stop crossbenchers from supporting it. Conrad is wanting to endorse this campaign so that the Guild can put information on social media and encourage students to write letters.

Megan says that herself and Peter had a chat, along with CAPA, the NUS, the GSA (Postgraduate Student Association for the University of Melbourne) and the Melbourne Student Union submitted a research report regarding how these changes will impact research based institutions such as UWA and University of Melbourne. Megan says that there are a number of degrees that will fall into the price out cap. For example, if a student studies Pharmacy at a postgraduate level, not all of this will be covered by your HECS. Megan says that students might have to get loans from other means and this is on the way to an American model system.

Jacob F what are the actionable items from this motion, in terms of what can we actually do that will have an impact on what the Government will do? Jacob F also asks how successful these actionable items will be?

Conrad says to be perfectly honest we are at a dire point and the bill will probably pass. Conrad says that we still have a responsibility as a student organisation to do this kind of thing. Conrad personally believes that the Guild has a responsibility to notify students of these changes and do what we can to oppose the bill. Conrad says that in terms of actionable items the Guild will encourage students to write letters and sharing campaign material online.

Megan says she believes a tangible impact will be notifying students that these changes are going ahead and generating more on the ground support for the campaign. Megan says that the Guild has done a small portion of work to negotiate with crossbenchers to help bury the bill, however there are a lot more things that students can do to continue to show their support. Megan says that because the bill has been delayed so much, she doesn't think students know it is happening.

Alex says that the bill itself is acknowledging that lowering the HECS threshold will make it harder for students to live and potentially harder for students to learn. Alex says that if the Guild wants to make real change they have to do more than pass a motion, the Guild should register that the



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Government has considered the negative impacts from this bill but their consideration was insufficient because of 'x, y, z'. Alex says that unless this happens there is no point in passing the motion.

Megan says that part of the campaign will be showing that it is not enough for the Government to acknowledge that passing the bill will cause damage, the goal should be for the Government to change their policy stance. Megan says that she agrees in that there is no point in just acknowledging the negative impacts of the bill but there is more that needs to be done about it.

Jacob F says that this is the kind of motion that the Guild has been passing for a long time, which is tokenistic in the sense that it doesn't really achieve anything other than the Guild passing a motion. Jacob F says that the Guild really needs to move away from that strategy, and even though this isn't the most controversial motion at the same time it doesn't achieve anything other than passing the motion. Jacob F says that it is time within Guild Council we move away from this technique of just passing motions for the sake of passing motions.

Megan says that this is endorsing a campaign. Conrad says that the idea of this motion is that it enables him to go and do stuff. Conrad says that passing the motion allows the Guild to support the campaign publicly.

Charlotte confirms that endorsing the campaign is part of the reason why this motion is being put up at Guild Council?

Conrad says yes, the convention is that the Guild needs to pass a motion to endorse a campaign.

Charlotte asks why this is only been done now, when the NUS launched this campaign in March 2018?

Conrad says that the communications from the NUS was very poor, in that he only learnt about the campaign at the NUS Education Conference. Conrad says that had it been a campaign he had known about when it was first created by the NUS then he would have put up a motion at that point in time.

Megan says that the Guild took action on similar issues in March as a response to the budget, as the NUS was going into negotiations. Megan



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says the NUS approached her to sponsor the research report and at that point they were confident they could pressure Parliamentary backbenchers to vote it down. Megan says since the bill has been delayed, they now believe a public campaign is best.

Charlotte asks why this has only come to Guild Council now?

Megan says because the March Guild Council motion wasn't a call to action campaign, it was a motion designed to support the NUS in their endeavours.

Lincoln says that negotiations at a national level weren't persuading crossbenchers enough. Lincoln says that while he attended the NUS Education Conference, he spoke with the NUS President that told Lincoln that crossbenchers were concerned that students weren't doing enough to demonstrate that they were against these changes. Lincoln says that this is what the campaign is now about, proving to crossbenchers and politicians in general that these changes are very damaging to students. Lincoln says that it isn't just the UWA Student Guild's responsibility, every student association in Australia has this responsibility.

Conrad says that the National Day of Action that was ran in semester one had the same focus but wasn't part of a larger campaign.

Molly moves to a vote on the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

FOR: Megan Lee, James Leipold, Lincoln Aspinall, Conrad Hogg, Joseph Chan, Roshni Kaila, Michael Barblett, Adhish Kastha, Raaghav Raj, Nevin Jayawardena, Alex Tsaknis, Ben Perry, Julian Bocking, Su Sugandha, Jade Mawby, Ivan Roncevich,

AGAINST: None

ABSTAINING: Jacob Fowler, Bradan Sonnendecker, Charlotte Dale, Neve Staltari.



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11.4 The UWA Student Guild

- a) Condemns the government's budgetary decision to fund defence over education.
 - b) Does not condemn multipurpose research with defence applications at UWA.
 - c) Endorses the books not bombs campaign, in keeping with A and B.
- Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Megan Lee.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

12.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 The 105th Guild Council

- a) acknowledges the damage that will occur for Postgraduate research within the EMS faculty if the Books Not Bombs campaign is endorsed.
 - B) will not, nor allow of its subsidiaries (including EAN), to participate in the books not bombs campaign
 - C) Acknowledges the damage that this will have on the career prospects, welfare and education of EMS students.
- Moved: Jacob Colangelo; Seconded: Kristel Li

Julian says that this motion was moved late because it was dependent on motion 11.4 being withdrawn. Julian says that he has spoken to Conrad previous to Guild Council and that he did intend to withdraw the motion. However, Julian would like to reinforce in the event, that any member of the Guild, particularly the EAN, it will have a negative impact on Engineering students. Julian says that is why they have decided to move the motion now, and that there is a planned protest before the next Guild Council.

Council votes to hear the motion.

Julian says that he is the President of the University Engineers Club, and that at the previous Education Council meeting the prospect of a Books not Bombs protest and campaign was raised. Julian says that he raised his concerns with this at the previous Education Council meeting such as the protest on the 6th of August. Julian says that he was particularly against the idea of a 'die in' as this was extremely insensitive to people that have actually died in wars. Julian says that he has spoken with all of the EMS club presidents and they have stated they are against this. Julian says that the Science Union and Health Students Society are also against this. Julian says that they are against the campaign and carried out by the NUS, this will have a negative impact on the career prospects,



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education, welfare, vacation work, the potential for research on this campus. Julian says that there is minimal weapons research on campus and that investment such as this brings more money to EMS students. Julian says that students are forced to go through ethics courses before they engage in research, and that there is no clear place to draw the line on research particularly if it is multi-purpose research.

Alex says that Julian hit the nail on the head.

Conrad asks why EAN is being included in this motion, he says that if the Guild doesn't have a stance on an issue he is unable to approve expenditure for a campaign or direct the EAN coordinator to act on the campaign.

Julian says that not all campaigns necessarily cost money, and that people can still go and protest from the Guild.

Conrad says that they can't do this on behalf of the Guild and they would need an EMP.

Alex says that he thinks it is important that the Guild supports engineering students as they are being criticised for trying to do interesting and important research that will make positive change in the world. Alex says that he believes it is important that the Guild shows support and appreciation for what these students are doing.

Jade moves a procedural motion to give Scott Harney (an observer) speaking rights. **MOTION FAILS.**

Megan says that she agrees that the sentiment of this motion is nice, part B is setting a precedent for this Council that we don't want to be setting. The precedent being that the Guild chooses to shut campaigns down before they are endorsed. Megan says that as Conrad said if a campaign isn't endorsed, the Guild doesn't end up doing it and therefore Part B is somewhat redundant. Megan says that if students outside of the Guild want to have their own opinion they are welcome too as per the charter of student rights, a student can have an opinion on whatever they like. Megan says that while she agrees with the sentiment, and the Guild will be supporting students through this process she will be voting this down on the basis of Part B because Megan doesn't think this council should be setting a precedent where we 'un-endorse' campaigns. Megan says that there is a difference between the Guild endorsing a campaign, and releasing funds and resources for a campaign compared to not doing



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something at all. Megan says that the Guild isn't running a campaign, so she doesn't see why Guild Council needs to say they aren't doing it again. Megan says Part B flips the motion a way that she isn't comfortable with and she believes that Guild Council shouldn't be creating this precedent.

Jade says that this motion is damn right outrageous, shouldn't have to grovel for money from the defence department that is known for using lethal weapons and getting involved in armed conflicts. Jade says that UWA is known for getting involved in Thales, an organisation which is known for their crimes against humanity. Jade says that the Guild shouldn't have to grovel for this money and should be demanding that the Guild's education is fully funded. Jade says students don't have to make a choice between funding the faculty and funding for arms. Jade says students should ask for universities not to research into arms and demand free education, but it means people actually get involved in a campaign. Jade believes it is outrageous that Guild Councillors are saying that the Guild should acknowledge the potential damage of a books not bombs campaign. Jade says that there are a children in the Middle East being killed by the Australian Government. Jade expands and says there are millions of children in Afghanistan and Iraq that are being killed by drones that are being researched for at UWA and that the University of Wollongong has researched for the tanks that go and kill Palestinian children. Jade asks if Guild Councillors care about them at all and says that some Guild Councillors don't have their priorities right.

Nevin moves an amendment to remove part B) from the motion. **AMENDMENT CARRIES.** Part B is removed from the Motion.

Alex says that he really thinks it is important to continue to show support for the EMS students. Alex says that to very clearly and strongly say that the Guild doesn't support something is an important statement to make. Alex says that the Guild needs to say why it wants to prevent any resources or money for this campaign and this is why he thought Part B was important, but he guesses that the tribe has spoken!

Julian says that referring back to what Megan said that if the Guild hasn't endorsed a campaign, why was the Books Not Bombs campaign discussed in the Education Action Network report?

Conrad says that campaigns take a lot of organising, and that Phoebe has been doing the work for the campaign leading up to the potential date and that it is unfourtunate that this work won't come to fruition. Conrad says that for the campaign to be successful this prior work would have been required.



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Sharon says that the Books not Bombs campaign doesn't just impact EMS students, it also impacts Medicine and health students. Sharon says that a lot of the defence research can actually be used for outside purposes and therefore it impacts medicine students. Sharon says that if the Guild is going to be against research it isn't just about EMS students, it impacts many students across UWA and that is why she will be voting for this motion.

Su says that for this motion, obviously because #BooksNotBombs is an NUS campaign, at UWA we have researched and even though some of this research is funded by defence companies it might not be specifically for those reasons. Su says that if other universities are researching into military equipment, then the #BooksNotBombs campaign is certainly relevant there and shouldn't be condemned overall.

Sharon asks if this isn't relevant to UWA, why should the Guild endorse it?

Su says that the Guild isn't endorsing it.

Sharon says that she is trying to explain that the #BooksNotBombs discussion happened in a previous Guild Council meeting and it failed. Sharon asks why was the work still carried on by the Education Action Network when Guild Council had already ruled against the campaign?

Conrad says that after the Guild Council meeting, he was looking at re-scoping the campaign for more of a focus on funding higher education not war angle. Conrad says that as Julian and other EMS students that this wouldn't be good for EMS students and that is why he decided to withdraw the motion.

Conrad moves an amendment to Part C to read '*Acknowledges the damage that this will have on the career prospects, welfare and education of EMS and UWA Students.*' **AMENDMENT CARRIES.**

Alex moves an amendment to Part C to read '*Acknowledges the damage that this will have on the career prospects, welfare and education of UWA students.*' **AMENDMENT CARRIES.**

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Against: Jade Mawby, Lincoln Aspinall.

Abstaining: Megan Lee

MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED WITH PART B REMOVED.

12.2 The 105th Guild Council acknowledges that lighting on campus is insufficient and poses a risk to student safety, and therefore suggests that;

- a) The Guild continues to work on improving lighting using research previously conducted.
- b) Instructs the Sport Council President to liaise with UWA Sport about the possibility of using the newly installed LED lights on the Ovals throughout the night, as they are cheap to run and will significantly improve the safety of students on campus.

Moved: Kate Fletcher; Seconded: Yanjia Song.

Neve says that this is a motion without notice because Kate and Yan were only just informed today about the lighting which is easily accessible and that is why the motion was moved today. Neve says that this is why they decided not to wait until next month because it is a safety issue and that this is an easy fix.

Molly moves to vote to hear this motion. *COUNCIL VOTES TO HEAR THE MOTION.*

Neve says that there is lighting available on the ovals which is being used by UWA Sport, and this is an easy fix as the lighting can be turned on at night time. Neve says that this will improve lighting around campus significantly and this will improve safety for students on campus as there isn't much lighting around campus at night time. Neve says that this is obviously a very easy fix and improve safety on campus immediately.

Megan moves an amendment to add 'Womens' Officer' to Part B of the motion, as Roshni has been doing a lot of work on this and she doesn't want to double up on what the Guild is doing. Neve says that this is a friendly amendment.

Sharon says that Neve has summed up the motion quite well, and that this will benefit all UWA students as they can now walk safely in the light of the



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oval. Sharon says that because it is LED lighting it will run for a very long time and there won't be any wasting of unnecessary resources.

Joseph asks who has been consulted in writing this motion, for example has Campus Management been consulted?

Charlotte says that she is proxying for Desiree who is the Sports Council President and she has been consulted on it.

Joseph asks if anyone from the university has been consulted on it?

Charlotte says that the lights aren't ran by the University but by UWA Sport. As Desiree is the contact there, Kate has spoken to her and she saw no reason why this wouldn't be possible. Charlotte says that obviously because she is not here at the moment she can't speak to staff employed by UWA sport.

Joseph asks if Desiree has consulted with UWA Sport on this matter?

Charlotte says no because she isn't currently here in Perth. Charlotte says that if she was given the direction by Guild Council to consult with UWA Sport on this matter then she wouldn't meet any barriers to succeed the goal of this motion. Charlotte says that Desiree has said this is definitely something they would be open to and something that they have discussed previously.

Joseph asks roughly how much will it cost to run the lighting?

Charlotte says that she isn't an electricity expert, but she is someone that has lit her own home and LED lights are cheap to run and a lifespan that is beyond what humans even know.

Neve says are we really putting a price over the safety of students at UWA?

Joseph says that he understands and is adamant that womens' safety on campus is a big issue but he feels like if a motion is to be put forward to this Guild Council that people have been consulted and it has been properly thought through. Joseph says that he does agree that lighting on campus is absolutely terrible, and that when he was walking to the Recreation Centre after an exam the lighting was terrible and that the university had lights that they simply didn't turn on. Joseph says that he wants to just



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gather a full picture of the work done on this motion so that hopefully he can vote for the motion.

Conrad says that something to note for Desiree is that he knows when he has ran stuff, some lighting are bound by restrictions from other buildings. Conrad is just noting this for Desiree for when she hopefully goes and does this.

Raaghav asks what the actual lights are?

Sharon says that they are the LED lights on James Oval, and that we won't be able to have the ovals completely lit because apparently the university doesn't want people playing sport on the ovals after a certain number of hours. Sharon says however it would just be well enough lit for students to walk across safely.

Charlotte says that it is also worth noting that this won't just be James Oval that is being impacted and that there are other ovals that could also be brought into this scheme.

Roshni says that she doesn't substantially disagree with this motion and that she will probably vote for it, but she is a little bit confused as to why this has suddenly became urgent today. Roshni says that everyone has access to her Guild Council reports and over the last few months she has done quite a bit of work on this issue. Roshni says that she has compiled a six page document about a survey that she ran last year, specifically highlighting the issues of lighting. Roshni says that it is a weird and complicated issue and the University just wants to save money and they don't realise that lighting on campus isn't the best in some places. Roshni says that she would have liked to have been consulted on this as this is an issue that historically Womens' Officers have been working on, she herself has done a lot of work, and has developed really good rapport with the relevant University staff to work on this issue. Roshni says that a lot of this motion falls under what she has been doing this year as Womens' Officer. Roshni doesn't disagree with the motion but feels like it is more efficient when she has already done some work, if she was consulted about the motion.

Julian says that as an electrical engineer, he can confirm LED lights don't use much energy.



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Neve says that she wants to highlight the fact that this motion is trying to encourage the Sports Council President to liaise with UWA Sport about the possibility of this occurring and to see if this is possible. Neve says that she doesn't understand the hostility around pricing, because this is something that is both urgent and feasible.

Nevin says that he just first wants to make sure that if the Guild already has a stance on this topic of lighting on campus and assuming that the Guild does. Nevin is definitely going to vote for the motion, but he is disappointed by the level of effort that has gone into preparing the motion, as Roshni hasn't been consulted. Nevin says that he doesn't feel like Guild Council should have to dictate every move that the Sports Council President makes. Nevin says that the Sports Council President should be more than able to go to UWA Sports and ask for a light to be switched on. Nevin adds that he is also pretty sure that the lights aren't ran by UWA Sports but actually by Campus Management.

Charlotte says that in response to Roshni and Nevin, that in drafting this motion it was thought that Part A was to do with recognising what work has already been done and this was a way of saying what Roshni has already done is great. Charlotte says that the reason why Roshni wasn't directly consulted on this was because this particular issue was strictly limited to Womens' safety on campus that impacts a number of students on campus. Charlotte says that they reached this conclusion after the student that raised this concern wasn't actually a female identifying student. Charlotte says that lighting could impact students that aren't necessarily female identifying students and that potentially believed Roshni may not be their student representative. Therefore Charlotte says that they thought it was best not to consult with Roshni, but if this is the approach that would be preferred in the future than this can occur.

Dylan says that this motion is commendable, and if he was able to vote for the motion he would. Dylan says however, as Office Bearers we have portfolios and if this Council were to put a motion before him about LGBT+ issues than he would expect himself to be consulted and he imagines Roshni feels the same way. Dylan says this is the point himself and other members of Council are trying to make.

Charlotte says that herself and the movers of this motion don't think that this is strictly a womens' issue but a UWA student issue, but if in the future that Guild Council would prefer consultation with the Womens' Officer and



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Department occurs than she is more than happy to make this happen. Charlotte says that she doesn't really mind who follows up on issues like this as long as someone gets it done.

Megan says that generally if someone has started work in an area, then it makes sense to consult with that person. Megan says that this isn't necessarily a representational issue and she understands it isn't just an issue that women face. Megan says that it is more good practice that if someone has done a lot of work on a topic to inform that person and work with them.

Su says that in light of the new information that the Oval lights are not managed by UWA Sport but instead Campus Management, should this be reflected in the motion?

Nevin says that he believes Desiree will consult with UWA Sport so he thinks moving the motion as it is, is perfectly fine.

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Against: None.

Abstaining: Jade Mawby.

MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED WITH 'WOMENS' OFFICER' ADDED TO PART B.

12.3 The UWA Student Guild:

- a) Stands in solidarity with student survivors of sexual assault and harassment and recognises the important role that student unions have played in addressing this issue.
- b) Endorses the NUS Womens' Department NDA and the Womens' Department's UWA 6 demands as attached...

1. A commitment by the university to complete the application for more lighting in 2018



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2. Implementation of the Callisto Project to facilitate reporting of sexual violence on campus

In 2017, we found that 28% of UWA students were sexually harassed at university. Of these students, 94% did not report the harassment to anyone at university. The majority of students had little or no knowledge about where they could go to formally report or make a complaint about an experience of sexual harassment (60% of students) or sexual assault (62%). The Callisto project facilitates a secure, trauma-informed platform to increase rates and speed of reporting, and the detection of serial sexual assailants.

3. Annual release of all data that pertains to sexual violence on campus
In 2017, we found 51% of UWA students were sexually harassed and 7.9% sexually assaulted. Only 6% of students thought that their universities were currently doing enough to promote clear and accessible information on sexual harassment procedures, policies and support services, and only 4% believed this in relation to sexual assault. The university must remain transparent and accountable to its students.

4. Mandatory sexual violence response training for academic and support service staff

In 2017, we found that students were unlikely to seek support or advice in relation to their experience of sexual assault or harassment. The university must improve its response to sexual violence when it occurs, and increase students' awareness of available resources.

5. Employment of at least 2 FTE counsellors with sexual violence training
The national survey indicates very that the majority of students have little or no knowledge about where they could go to seek this support. UWA must take action to ensure information reporting avenues and support services is widely disseminated and accessible.

6. Greater university oversight of residential colleges
The results of the national survey identified residential colleges as a particular area of concern, with women four times as likely as men to have been assaulted in this setting. Of the students sexually assaulted in a university setting in 2015 or 2016, 10% experienced the most recent incident at a residential college.

Moved: Roshni Kaila; Seconded: Megan Lee.

Roshni says that she had deferred exams until yesterday and was very sick a month ago and that is why the motion is without notice. Roshni says that



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the Womens' Department NDA is next week and that is why this motion cannot wait until the next Guild Council.

COUNCIL VOTES TO HEAR THE MOTION.

Roshni says that a year ago the Change the Course Report was released on August 1st. Roshni says that this August 1st the NUS Womens' Department has called for a National Day of Action and the department has also drafted up ten demands for universities. These demands have been narrowed down to six for UWA, and this was completed by herself, Megan and the Womens' Department VP Bre Shanahan. Roshni says that these demands have been edited and less inflammatory. Roshni says that the Guild has developed quite a good rapport with the relevant university people and asks every Guild Councillor to support Women and Non-binary students on campus.

Megan says that this is something that is incredibly important to herself and also a huge issue across the country. Megan says that the specific campus demands are well detailed, thought out and tailored to UWA. Megan says that herself and Hannah Matthews made significant progress working with the university and a lot of the NUS demands are about establishing student consultative procedures on campuses which UWA has had for the past 18 months. Megan says that some of the NUS demands were therefore removed for UWA, and it is really important that this is endorsed by Guild Council. Megan adds that she has been disappointed by the University's progress since the release of the data, Megan says that she isn't saying it has been bad and whenever a problem has been raised the University is doing what they can to address problems. However, Megan says her concern is that problems are not being addressed in a timely manner. Megan says that the Safety on Campus meetings changed from happening weekly last year, to quarterly this year. Megan says that this isn't good enough in her opinion and this is something the Guild should be continuing to put pressure on the University to not lose the momentum.

Charlotte asks what FTE stands for in Demand 5?

Megan says it stands for Full Time Equivalent, and the demand should say 'of at least two additional full time equivalent counsellors'. Megan says that four part time counsellors equates to two full time counsellors.



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Charlotte asks if they would be employed by the Guild or University?

Megan says they would be employed by the University.

Charlotte says that his motion ties in quite nicely with the Demand Disability Rights campaign, and that the demands for increased counsellors will benefit students with access issues. Charlotte says that this motion is incredibly important for many reasons and she will be voting for it.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Megan reminds all Chairs of Guild Committees to maintain an up to date record of their minutes that need to be sent into Chloe Keller so that they can be passed at Guild Council.

14.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 29th of August at 6:00pm in the Guild Council Meeting Room.