



UWA STUDENT GUILD: Ordinary General Meeting, Semester 1 2018, 27 March 2018

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## **1.0 Welcome and Opening**

Megan acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Whadjuk-Noongar people and she pays her respects to elders past, present and emerging. Megan says that this land was stolen and never ceded.

Megan says that the Guild has a filming policy for these meetings. The footage will only be focused on the lectern. Megan adds that she can't stop people from filming but she asks if people do film the meeting that they be mindful some people in the room may not want to be filmed.

## **2.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Special General Meeting Minutes- 13.3.2018: ACCEPTED

## **3.0 President's Report**

Megan gives a brief overview of what the Guild has been doing since the start of the year. Within education led by Conrad Hogg, the Guild has been working hard to ensure that notice for students sitting supplementary exams is extended from three days to two weeks, and trialled a class-representative system. Megan says that they have also succeeded in ensuring that the exam timetable structure has changed to 9:00am, 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Megan says that the Guild also participated in the national campaign against the Government's \$2 billion cut to higher education by participating in yesterday's National Day of Action.

Megan says that within the Welfare Department the Guild has implemented a number of new initiatives by delivering international student welfare packages that have been translated into mandarin. There has also been lecture bashes and lived experience panel discussions which have been used to build awareness on campus.



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Megan says that the Access Department has delivered an ‘access app’ which has helped students find resources across campus that have access issues. They also ran an accessible club carnival.

The RSD have started collaborations with the Welfare Department and Student Assist to donate food to the food pantry, a sponsorship grant to the NAAUC and has ran a number of successful events including the Fresher Festival, Yellow Brick Row and intercollege swimming carnival.

Megan says that PROSH was very successful and has raised over \$50000.

Megan says that she has been working with Deputy Vice Chancellor of Education to establish the ‘Partnership Action Plan’ to create a strategy for the Guild’s partnership with the University. It covers two main areas for joint working being the Campus Master Plan and new Education Plan. Megan says that this involves enhancing the physical infrastructure for student learning and the establishment of a learning infrastructure community with large student involvement. This will have a large emphasis on digital learning, more student representation on key university committees, and continue working on the Australian Human Rights Commission report on sexual assault on campus and ensuring that UWA are taking the right steps to deal with this issue.

Conrad Hogg moves to accept Megan’s Presidential Report.

**ACCEPTED**



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## 4.0 Budget Consideration

James Leipold the Guild Treasurer, says that the budget was passed by Guild Council in December 2017 and is already in place as the working budget.

Megan says that the reason this is on the agenda is because the regulations stipulate that the budget needs to be considered. However, the Guild is already operationally underway before the OGM can occur and therefore the budget needs to be passed earlier.

### **BUDGET 2018 ACCEPTED**

Dylan Perkins moves a procedural motion to limit speaking rights per speaker to two minutes. **MOTION CARRIES**

## 5.0 Motions on Notice

### 5.1 The Guild accepts the 2017 Audited Accounts

Moved: Jim Leipold; Seconded: Megan Lee

Jim says that the students present at the OGM may not have seen this yet as it was signed off by the auditors last Friday. Jim says that these audited accounts have been provided to the Guild by Deloitte. Jim says that it has also been approved by the Audit & Risk Committee.

Student asks how to students can get a copy of the audited accounts?

Megan says that it has been uploaded to the Guild website. Megan says that it might be a good idea to move this motion to after the other motions so that students have the chance to read through the accounts throughout the meeting.

Jack Looby asks where on the website are the audited accounts?



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Megan says where the Guild Council documents are.

*Not considered due to Ordinary General Meeting losing quorum.*

5.2 That the Guild, as the representative of all students of the University of Western Australia (UWA),

- a) will request that the Central Administration do not schedule official undergraduate classes (including lectures, tutorials and workshops) to end beyond 6pm in accordance with the current policy of UWA, except in exceptional circumstances; and
- b) will subsequently request that Central Administration perform a review of classes scheduled after 6:00pm for Semester 2.

Moved: Milvert Yi Song Ling; Seconded: Conrad Hogg

Milvert says he has been working with Conrad about a unit being CHIN2003 which has a class finishing at 7:00pm. Milvert isn't proposing this motion because the university is doing something wrong or because he wants to condemn the university. This is a reminder to the administration that it is not necessary to schedule classes beyond 6:00pm, which for most students is quite tiring and daunting. Milvert says that this is crucial for student welfare and for academics. Milvert says that may he remind everyone that if it can happen to one class than it can happen to any class next semester. Milvert is asking for the student's support for this motion, to remind the central administration to review the schedule for next semester and is grateful to Conrad Hogg for his support for the motion.

Conrad says that this already university policy and that this is already applied with safeguards. Conrad says that this only happened recently due to exceptional circumstances with timetabling constraints and that he looks forward to working with student administration to solve the issue.

**MOTION PASSES.**



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Conrad Hogg moves a procedural motion to limit speaking rights to one minute. **MOTION CARRIES.**

5.3 That the UWA Student Guild shall prohibit Guild buildings being used for the purposes of Guild Election campaigns, with the exception of public spaces in Guild Catering outlets.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

Ryan says that the Guild Regulations give whichever party get a room to use an advantage. Ryan says that there are potential for conflicts of interests. For example if a club allows their room to be used during an election cycle they may be offered more funding by the Guild in the year after. Ryan says that the idea of this motion is that incumbent parties shouldn't be able to use their power to have club or department rooms for a campaign.

Nic says that he agrees with Ryan and has nothing further to add.

Owen moves an amendment to remove *'the exception of public spaces in Guild Catering outlets'*.

Owen says that as he sees it, one of the main points of this motion is to benefit the proper running of the Guild and that parties are getting ridiculously large. Owen says that if student parties are using space within catering outlets this disrupts the functioning of the catering outlets and takes the space away from students. Owen says that according to the regulations, election material can't be placed in catering outlets so therefore it makes sense to not allow actual students involved.



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Ryan says that the amendment is friendly. The motion now reads:

*That the UWA Student Guild shall prohibit Guild buildings being used for the purposes of Guild Election campaigns.*

Conrad Hogg says that he commends this motion as it is presented in the agenda, however he isn't in agreement with Owen's amendment because catering outlets are student spaces and they should be able to be used for whatever students' want.

#### **MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED.**

5.4 That the UWA Student Guild will schedule at least 2 hours for all future Special General Meetings and Ordinary General Meetings.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

Ryan says that we need more time to discuss the matters that need to be discussed at an OGM.

Nic says that he agrees with the motion and has nothing to add.

Jim Leipold moves an amendment to read:

*'That the UWA Student Guild when possible will schedule at least 2 hours for all future Special General Meetings and Ordinary General Meetings.'*

Jim says that for example today, it was impossible to find a venue that would be open for two hours.



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Ryan says that the Tav and the Ref are also potential options to hold an OGM or SGM.

Megan says that the Tav doesn't accept people under the age of 18 and that if it was held at the Refectory it would have to close operations for a time period.

Ryan says that the amendment is friendly.

Owen has concerns with this motion because General Meetings should be held within common lunch hour so that everyone is able to attend. Owen says that he understands the point, but until a two-hour common lunch hour becomes a reality, there will always be students that miss out. Owen says that therefore he can't support this motion.

Lincoln says that people will have to attend classes and therefore leave the general meetings. This could mean that quorum is lost and therefore the process becomes redundant. Lincoln reiterates that a one hour process is normal.

Michael Barblett asks what is the current regulation stance on general meetings?

Ryan says that there are no requirements currently.

Jack L says that it has to be on a university working day.



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Megan L says that these meetings don't have to be within common lunch hour but it is generally good practice to do so, so that everyone can attend. Megan says that it has to be a university day and during a teaching week.

Jack Looby moves a procedural motion to go straight to a vote on the motion. **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED.**

5.5 The Guild will in all matters prioritise the security and privacy of its members over the operations of the Guild.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

### **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

5.6 The agenda for ordinary meetings of Guild Council must be released at least three calendar days before the meeting, on the Guild website and Guild social media. If these conditions are not met, then the ordinary Guild Council meeting shall be postponed until such conditions can be met.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

Ryan says that the Guild Council is a group of student representatives and he believes that they can't be representative if they don't know what they are voting on. Ryan says that the agenda should be made public but this depends on how studious the secretary is at the time. Ryan says that we should know what the Guild Council is voting on.

Nic has nothing further to add.





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Bradán Sonnendecker moves an amendment to the motion so it reads:

*'The UWA Student Guild will include in the standing orders that the agenda for ordinary meetings of Guild Council must be released at least three university days before the meeting, on the Guild Website and Guild Social media. '*

Ryan says that the amendment is friendly.

Megan Lee asks if this will apply to tomorrow's Guild Council meeting?

Ryan says no, and that he would be willing to put a little exception at the end of the motion stipulating it doesn't apply to the next Guild Council meeting.

The motion now reads:

*'The UWA Student Guild will include in the standing orders that the agenda for ordinary meetings of Guild Council must be released at least three university days before the meeting, on the Guild Website and Guild Social media, with exception to the next Guild Council meeting being held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.'*

Jack L says that it wouldn't apply as the meeting has already been advertised and is underway.

Mike Anderson asks if some Guild Council meetings are normally held outside of university days?

Megan Lee says that they are all held on university days but maybe not teaching days.



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## **MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED.**

5.7 That the UWA Student Guild shall establish a public Facebook page with the following conditions:

- a) All publicly accessible Guild Council documents shall be posted to this page; and,
- b) The page shall be managed by the appropriate Guild staff members.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

Ryan says that he would like to know what the Guild does, and the best way to do this is through social media.

Nic has no further comment.

Jack Looby says he was going to be against this motion, but in this situation where there is an OGM and students have to go hunting for documents in the 2017 folder, get regulations through Pelican, and the agenda has been appalling. Jack Looby says therefore maybe we do need a public facebook page to ensure that we are a transparent Guild.

Jacob Colangelo says that this contradicts the Guild's social media strategy and goes against a conscientious move to have all of the Guild's social media on one page. Jacob C says that there can be a small amount of administrative Guild information released onto the facebook page with links to the actual Guild website. Jacob C says that this is a moot point because facebook isn't accessible to everyone and that if people want to have a Guild facebook post, they are welcome to come to the office and discuss this with the engagement team. Jacob C says that this would be



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much better suited for the engagement plan that is coming into action soon.

Nevin Jayawardena moves a procedural motion to limit speakers on a motion to two speakers per motion. **MOTION CARRIES**

### **MOTION FAILS.**

5.8 That the Guild Council shall prohibit the conducting of circular motions by the Guild Council unless Guild Regulations made under Statute 20 are updated to allow circular motions and provide a formal process to conduct circular motions.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys

*Not considered due to Ordinary General Meeting losing quorum.*

5.9 That the UWA Student Guild shall publish a document containing all decisions made via circular, with the following conditions:

- a) Decisions shall be published in their entirety, including the votes of each voting member, and the date of the decision, except in the instance that a secret ballot was conducted;
- b) The document shall be created by the appropriate Guild staff members;
- c) The document shall be published on the Guild website and Guild social media before the General Guild Election to elect the 2019 Guild Council.

Moved: Ryan Oakley; Seconded: Nic Thuys.

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## **6.0 General Business**

### **6.1 Guild Electoral Regulations**

## **7.0 Close of Meeting**

The meeting is closed at 1:58pm due to a loss of quorum.