



## **1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING**

### **1.1 Attendance**

Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Nikayla Moodley, Hannah Smith, Clarice Antero, Nisa Shahrin, Daniel Kuzich, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Neve Staltari, Jade Wu, Ben Perry, Shahid Khan, Nick Brown, Patricia Paguio, Lauren Espinoza, Luke Thomas, Martha McKinley and Brianne Yarran.

### **1.2 Apologies**

Maddie Hedderwick, Fang Ke, Bradan Sonnendecker, Olivia Bartlett, Mike Anderson and Saskia Mason.

### **1.3 Proxies**

James Dow for Lincoln Aspinall, Nikayla Moodley for Nitin Narula, Hannah Smith for Bre Shanahan for Nick Brown for Scott Harney.

### **1.4 Observers**

Sophie Minissale, Caitlin Owyong and Susie Charkey.

### **1.5 Absent**

None.

## **2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Confirmed.**

## **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

## **5.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### **5.1 Managing Director's Report.**

Tony says that he will give the Guild Council a bit of context before approving the budget. He says that he will be comparing the position of the Guild now in contrast to previous years. He says that he will also go through the business review from 2016 and hit key findings from that before discussing with Adhish and Mutya the in-depth budget and what we are going to do moving forward.

He says that when we did our review in 2016 we worked very closely with Deloitte. Deloitte are one of the big four and are a very reputable group of individuals and definitely know what to look and expect when looking at organisations.



Tony states that we have taken on Deloitte as a partner to help us come up with some ideas. He says that when reading the strategy document of where the Guild is going, a lot of these main objectives and what we are trying to model ourselves on going forward are now in that strategy going forward. This is like maintaining relevance as an independent advocate body for students, sharing our business models that are strategic and sustainable as well as achieving cost additions through robust budgeting and internal controls and frameworks. We have also been adapting to an ever changing environment that the Guild operates in.

This is one of our visions that we are an incredible organisation, adding value to the university and empowering students as well as providing a sense of place.

Our main concerns back in 2016 were the expectations of UWA as we came back from a fairly low credibility right on the way through to how do we engage with students better, our financial importance and the cost revenue model and the actual way we manage our revenue going forward as well as internal controls.

Tony says that these are the things that have changed since the analysis. In 2019 we are seen as much more of a credible and stable partner for the university.

An increase in SSAF has helped us dramatically and getting back to what each student Guild should be rightly owed. And obviously help us in the P/L front but also in our cash flow and that becomes a greater strength for us as an organisation in the future. Our membership is sitting at 98% which is well above the global benchmark let alone being one of the top in Australia.

Our job is to help the university achieve the goal of encouraging students to come here whether it be indirectly or directly.

Tony says that we did lose the functions business so this raises the questions do we need to do functions going forward.

He says the biggest concern for him are the numbers on campus, especially given that now we are moving to a tenancy model.

Tony says that we need to improve our dialogue and improve the relationships with the university and really work of the Partnership agreement we have with them. We also need to provide more dedicate value to our membership.

Tony says that overall, we have budgeted quite convertibly this especially on revenue despite being positive cash flow and maintaining solvency.

**Report accepted.**



## 6.0 REPORTS

### 6.1 General Secretary's Budget Report.

As tabled.

Adhish says that if there are any questions he is happy to go into any depth and detail as to what the Guild Council wishes.

Adhish says that in summary the Guild does have a deficit figure of \$301,948, which is less than last year so we are going up.

Callum says that he would like to seek some clarification regarding the Societies' Council. He says that when he was reading the budget he saw that there was an increase in the section for club grants. He asks what exactly is included in the club grants section.

Conrad answers saying that all of the Societies' Council grants are in that club grants line. That includes the special projects grants, semester grants, O-Day grants as well as any other grants that the Societies' Council administer. Whereas the other the sub councils have grants incorporated into their own budget line. For example, for the Education Council and the Public Affairs Council that's included in their own budget.

Callum asks that when a club is formed or affiliated with SOC does it get a club grant which is an initial amount when starting off?

Taco says yes.

Callum asks whether it would be possible to have that section of the club grants for the initiation of clubs to be a separate second line item.

Conrad says no as it depends on the number of clubs affiliating and the rest of that amount is distributed amongst clubs during other grant periods.

Adhish moves a procedural motion to move into an "in-camera" discussion.

**Motion carries.**

### IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

Adhish moves a procedural motion to move out of an "in-camera" discussion.

**Motion carries.**

Jade asks in terms the increase in budget for the rebranding of International Students' Department, how exactly is it going to be allocated?

Nisa responds saying that ISS has now been rebranded to ISD and that there is a lot of equipment in the ISD room which include marquees, banners, stand up banners, business cards and flyers. So basically this \$2000 increase will be allocated to the marquees and all the banners.



Shahid asks Nisa if she is accounting for the International Students' Expo in this budget.

Nisa says that it is still in the midst of conversation with the Education Council President as well as all the UWA staff so that will be under the education budget in the activities and functions line.

Jade says that in terms of the budget for Mature Aged Students' Association, it has decreased quite a bit on the basis of relative inactivity, but since they managed to still spend \$800 last year so wouldn't that decrease of \$800 be quite a lot?

Adhish answers that they can still repeat exactly what they have done last year. The \$885 is what they actually spent. Their actual budget for 2018 was \$2,300, so I have now decreased their budget from \$2,300 to \$1,200 so they can still spend up to \$1,200 in the upcoming year.

Jade apologises for the misunderstanding.

Jade asks why we need consultants in the Volunteering Centre?

Conrad answers saying that the reason for that is that the Volunteering Hub manager is not an employee of the Guild, the volunteering manager is an employee of Volunteering WA. So, under the contract we have with them we pay Volunteering WA to employ that staff member so that is why it is under a consultancy line as oppose to an employee expense.

Ben says that in the WASAC budget the expenditure from last year was \$0, the budget was \$5000 and now it is \$9000. Ben asks how that works in terms of an expenditure of \$0.

Adhish answers saying that he has sat down with Brianne and Mutya. Brianne gave me a thorough explanation as to what she has in plan for this coming year, so I took it into consideration and decided to bump their budget up. Last year obviously I believe it was just an anomaly, so I think it is something that we should definitely consider into actually increasing their budget given that their plan was very meticulous.

Ben clarifies that he is fully supportive of increasing their budget but says that he was just confused as to why the expenditure was set at \$0.

Conrad answers saying that that the previous committee did not actually use Guild resources and instead charged their members fees.

Mutya adds that they have actually spent their money in November and October. She says that they have actually spent all of their money now.

**Report accepted.**

## 7.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 7.1 The Guild Council approves the 2019 Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure of \$301,948 (deficit), as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee  
Moved: Adhish Kastha; Seconded: Conrad Hogg.

Adhish says that this is pretty straight forward as we did just touch on this literally thirty seconds ago. Nothing really else to add to this. This is just the bottom line figure of a deficit that we would like to pass. It is important to note that after this passes we cannot change the bottom line figures, we can only move around line items. This means we cannot give anyone more money, we are limited to only being able to take money from one department and give it to another department.

Conrad has nothing further to add. He says he would like to thank Adhish and Mutya for all of their really hard work. He says it is really difficult to balance a budget where we are trying to turn over money and offer students a good service that is cheap and also offer all these other services for free. They have done a really exceptional job making sure that the Guild is going to manage to remain financial sustainable but also be able to offer some really great services next year.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

- 7.2 The Guild Council approves the line items in the 2019 Preliminary Budget pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.  
Moved Adhish Kastha; Seconded: Conrad Hogg.

Adhish says that this is now the point where the Guild Council has to consider whether or not they want to move around line items given that the budget is now fixed at that deficit value. If there are any lines that the Guild Council would like to swap around desperately, now is the time. Adhish says that after this you will have to wait until mid-year.

Conrad has nothing further to add.

Martha asks if the issue regarding the time in which Pride receive money will be resolved to match their needs.

Adhish explains that this motion does not govern nor have any implications on when the line items are budgeted for.

**Motion passes.**

For: Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Nikayla Moodley, Hannah Smith, Nisa Shahrin, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Neve Staltari, Jade Wu, Ben Perry, Shahid Khan, Patricia Paguio and Brianne Yarran.

Against: Nick Brown.

Abstain: None.



Adhish moves a procedural motion to move to motion without notice 10.2.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

7.3 The 106th Guild Council appoints Suchi Kaila as the Relay for Life UWA Chair.  
Moved: Conrad Hogg; Seconded: Adhish Kastha.

Conrad says that the Guild runs Relay for Life in collaboration with the cancer Council. The way that we recruit for the chair of this is an interview through Guild Volunteering and the Cancer Council. Those have been conducted and the résumés of the applicants have been circulated and based on the results of the interviews and the resumes we have put forward Suchi to be ratified as the chair.

Adhish says that he thinks Suchi will do an excellent job and so to please vote for this motion.

Ben asks about the process regarding the Relay for Life chair interviews.

Conrad says that this is the same process which the Guild uses to select Pelican, Prosh and all other student bodies. It is appointed by council which is the most appropriate method to be taking.

**Motion passes.**

For: Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Nikayla Moodley, Hannah Smith, Nisa Shahrin, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Neve Staltari, Jade Wu, Ben Perry, Shahid Khan, Patricia Paguio and Brianne Yarran.

Against: None.

Abstain: Nick Brown.

## 8.0 QUESTION TIME

None.

## 9.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

None.

## 10.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

10.1 The UWA Student Guild:

10.1.1 Reaffirms its stance that Australia Day should not be celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January, as this day marks invasion for many First Nations peoples in Australia.

10.1.2 Will not celebrate Australia Day in respect of First Nations Australians.

10.1.3 Endorses the #changethedate campaign.

Moved: Brianne Yarran; Seconded: Conrad Hogg.



### **Guild Council votes to hear this motion.**

For: Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Nikayla Moodley, Hannah Smith, Nisa Shahrin, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Nick Brown, Patricia Paguio and Brianne Yarran.

Against: Neve Staltari, Jade Wu, Ben Perry and Shahid Khan.

Brianne says that January 26<sup>th</sup> is a really hurtful day for most First Nation's People. At the start of this year Guild Council moved a motion similar to this one so on behalf of WASAC we would really appreciate this.

Conrad echoes Brianne's words.

Neve asks why this is a motion without notice.

Adhish explains that this is because it was not submitted before the deadline of a week before the Council meeting.

Callum asks whether or not there will be any actual actions on campus if this motion were to pass.

Brianne answers saying that a lot of the college students would go to Shenton House as that is their kind of gathering together and are hoping to branch out to any others who would like to come. It is a time for people to tell stories and for people to understand what happened on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the ongoing effect it has on today's society with Indigenous people.

Conrad says the Guild has previously released statements and videos with its members as to why it has taken this stance as a representative body and why we believe we should change the date.

Taco asks if this motion will be heard every year before 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Conrad answers saying it depends on every council year to year.

Ben speaks against this motion and first of says that he agrees a lot with what was said with this motion. He says that he thinks this issue's outcome will not change as a result of this debate. He notes that this motion was without notice and hopes that motions would be published earlier in the future, even if it is posted and shared unofficially on the Facebook group. Ben says that he believes that there are some students that do not agree with moving the date of Australia day and thus should vote accordingly. He will be abstaining he says as he personally still believes the date should be changed.

Nick speaks for this motion saying that he believes the Guild has a central role and historically has with students all around the country in leading the way against oppression and racism of all sorts. Nick says that he believes it is essential that the Guild should stand in solidarity with Indigenous people in opposing that Australia day should be celebrated.



Neve speaks against this motion and believes that this motion is inherently a political and symbolic which does not offer any tangible benefits.

Brianne answers saying that she does not believe this is a political movement but instead a relationship building between the Indigenous students and the Guild. Brianne continues in saying that she strongly believes that the council is there to give Indigenous students a voice. She says we do not have a voice. She says she represents over 200 Indigenous students that come from all over the state and country. She says that these students were consulted and are in full support of this motion.

Saleem speaks for this motion and says he believe that the Guild is an organisation that looks after all the students as a whole and even though there is a percentage that is lower than other, he still believes the Guild should support all students equally. He says that just because some students may not share the views of changing the date he does not believe they would be as affected by the decision as the Indigenous students who would be. A motion such as this just being acknowledged and having an organisation as big as the Guild really does affect the students and how they feel on campus.

Conrad speaks for this motion and says he thanks Brianne for her tremendous encourage in moving this motion. He says for a lot of Indigenous people it is not an easy conversation to have. There is over 200 years of disposition and of genocide that underlies this issue and we cannot excuse that. No, not every UWA students think that we should change the date of Australia day, but not every UWA student believes we should have recorded lectures. Conrad says that does not mean that the Guild will not have a position on recording lectures. He says there is no point in us having a voting member of this council as a representative of Aboriginal people and there is no point in us doing acknowledgements of country if those words are hollow. We need to act as representative body using the influence we have and actually representing those students.

**Motion passes.**

For: Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Hannah Smith, Nisa Shahrin, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Nick Brown, Patricia Paguio and Brianne Yarran.

Against: Neve Staltari.

Abstain: Nikayla Moodley, Jade Wu, Ben Perry and Shahid Khan.





- 10.2 The 106th Guild Council approves \$800,000 of capital expenditure for the development of the Guild Website, and renovation of the ground and first floor of the Western Wing of the Guild Village Precinct.  
Moved: Adhish Kastha; Seconded: Conrad Hogg.

It came to my attention that it may be significantly is easier to approve capital expenditure here at Guild Council as a lump sum rather than individual items later throughout the year.

The reason as to why I believe it should be heard at tonight's council is that it allows the Guild to begin operating and strive towards our strategic targets as soon as possible.

**Guild Council votes to hear this motion.**

Adhish says to please vote for this motion as it allows the Guild to get started on some great capital work as soon as possible.

Conrad say that this was included in the budget pack and echoes Adhish's words.

**Motion passes.**

For: Conrad Hogg, Adhish Kastha, James Dow, Taco Shiraishi, Nikayla Moodley, Hannah Smith, Nisa Shahrin, Alexander Tan, Joseph Chan, Raaghav Raj, Saleem Al Odeh, Fang Ke, Callum Lindsay, Neve Staltari, Jade Wu, Ben Perry, Shahid Khan, Patricia Paguio and Brianne Yarran.

Against: None.

Abstain: Nick Brown.

**11.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

**12.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.