



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1. **Attendance:** Emma Mezger, Bre Shanhan, Daj Janneh, Jameson Thompson, Adhish Katsha, Daniel Roden, Amy Hearder, Vasihnavi RN, Franklin Lou, Jacob Cerin, Eleanor White, Jasmine Hensley, Adam Elyousef, Esa Chrulew, Lachlan McDonald, Joey Nguyen, Armand Ruba, Hala Salih, April Htun, Floretta Susilo, James Haley, Lily Hayward, William Norrish, Lucinda Thai-Le-Tran, Avery Wright, Christopher John Daudu, Ridhima Vinayachandran, Abdul Rahman, Amitabh Jegananthan, Thomas Cotter, Alkasim Ghanim.

1.2. Apologies

1.3. Proxies

Adhish Kastha for Joseph Chan
Daniel Roden for Chloe Kam
Amy Hearder for Constantinos Toufexis
Vaishnavi RN for Prakhar Bhandari
Jasmine Hensley for Omar MacIntyre

Proxies accepted unanimously.

1.4. Observers

1.5. Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the December 1st meeting will be confirmed at the January or February Guild Council meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

7. ELECTIONS

7.1. Alumni Engagement Committee

- a) Three (3) Members of Guild Council (at least one of whom must be a woman or non-binary person)

Emma nominates Eleanor White, James Haley and Lucinda Thai-Le-Tran

Emma, James and Lucinda are duly elected to the Alumni Engagement Committee.

7.2. Referendum Standing Committee

- a) Three (3) Ordinary Guild Councillors

Bre passes a procedural motion to strike this item from the agenda as this motion requires approval under the relevant standing orders.

Motion passes unanimously.

8. GOVERNANCE TRAINING (20 to 25minutes – mandatory for OGCs and OBs)

9. MASTER PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Tony states that the architects have not sent the master plan to the Guild. This item will be struck from the agenda.

Amitabh asks Tony what is the master plan?

Tony answers that the Guild master plan is about developing the major development works that constitute the Guild precinct. For example, developing the courtyard area on the ground floor of the Guild village is part of the master plan. It also includes building new office spaces for potential tenants and outlets, to ensure the strategic direction of the Guild into the future.

10. REPORTS

10.1. General Secretary's Budget Report

Daj thanks Mutya, Tony and Jack for their hard work on the budget.

Daj continues that the budget report outlines the expenditure figures and projects recommended by the strategic resources committee. This includes the draft budget and all entitled expenditure for 2020-2021. The draft budget outlined was based off the 2019 expenditure, due to the COVID-19 pandemic altering the expenditure for different departments. The total expenditure is the average of the 2019 budget expenditure for each department and has not changed that much at all.

Daj outlines that the expected changes were an increase in the SSAF by 2%. This is dependant on the changes of enrolment with more domestic students anticipated to enrol at UWA in 2021.

Daj continues that the only major increase was the Guild Council budget of \$90,000 to make new modifications to the Guild website. In addition to the PSA budget increasing \$20,000 due to greater efforts to support research and HDR students through the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The other expenditure outlined in the budget was the Venture Student Innovation Centre which has an operational budget of \$139,694. This new project seeks to implement new grants and student run projects related to student's innovation. Most of this expenditure will put towards grants and staff wages.

Mutya outlines the budget report is quite conservative, with the first half of 2021 still grappling with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is difficult to anticipate any substantial changes with the uncertainty around a vaccine and other external factors.

Mutya continues that the Guild will continue with the rent abatements for tenancy and other outlets for the next couple of months. Property and tenancy will be running at a loss and are not expecting any tenancy applicants until the master plan is finalised.



Mutya adds that the only other expenditure increase was the 2nd hand bookstore, as the new UWA Champion merchandise will be sold in this store.

Mutya also mentions that the staff budget for Student Assist will be increased due to the new manager position being filled. There has been a dramatic increase in the amount of Student Assist referrals due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Guild is making sure this department is properly funded and staffed going into the future.

Daj recommends that Council passes the above motion.

Bre passes a procedural motion to vote on 10.1

Motion passes unanimously.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 11.1. The Guild Council approves the 2021 Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure of \$579,574 (deficit), as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.
Moved: Dauda Jannah (Daj); Seconded: Emma Mezger.

Daj speaks for the motion stating this is just a motion to approve the overall Budget surplus debate figure which is outlined in his report.

Bre passes a procedural motion to vote on 11.1

Motion passes unanimously.

- 11.2. The Guild Council approves the line items in the 2021 Preliminary Budget pack, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.
Moved: Dauda Jannah (Daj); Seconded: Emma Mezger.

Bre speaks to the motion stating the Preliminary Budget pack and the line items which were attached to the agenda. Bre stresses that any changes to the line items in the budget must correspond with and equal the budget deficit that has just been approved in the previous motion. For example, if we increase the expenditure of a certain Department that expenditure must come out of another departments budget.

Esa proposes that the Education campaign budget being increased by \$1000. Esa continues that the due to the COVID-19 pandemic and education campaigns are an increasing importance due to the staff and education cuts that are occurring throughout 2020 and which are likely to continue into 2021. Esa reminds Council of what is currently occurring at Murdoch university with the changes to teaching moving to an online format. The Guild needs to stand up to ensure that student rights are protected through education campaigns.

Bre asks Esa where this additional increase to the education campaigns will come from?

Esa is unsure. Esa explains it would ideally come out of the education grants budget. However, Bre reminds Esa that grants expenditure is at a fixed rate and cannot be altered.



Esa states she will take it up as a business case with Emma to see if the overall Guild budget could be increased to accommodate any additional expenditure on the education campaigns.

Emma also adds that she will be decreasing her special projects budget in line item 3095 by \$1000. This expenditure will then be placed in the Environment Departments campaign budget.

William speaks to this change stating that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the budget of the environmental campaigns was significantly decreased. It is important to keep environmental campaigns in clear focus and to make sure they are not forgotten about.

Bre passes a procedural motion to vote on 11.2

Motion passes unanimously.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 12.1. The 108th Guild Council accepts the Regulations as amended
Moved: Bre Shanahan Seconded: Emma Mezger

Bre speaks for the motion stating that Senate met last night and made some edits to the Guild regulations that were circulated to Council. Bre adds that these changes are relatively minor. For example, one of the recommendations was making the entitlements for the Guild's President to take leave over the university shutdown period.

The other amendment was around referral to the discipline committee. The feedback from Senate was that criteria for this regulation were too broad. This may be problematic as referral to this committee may bring the Guild into disrepute.

Bre also notes that the regulations were approved by the previous council and that any discussion should be limited to the clauses attached with the agenda.

Emma provides more clarity on the amendments stating that the annual leave amendments were more about creating more clarity over the Guild Presidents leave entitlements. Previously, the President had to take leave accordingly with the university shutdown period. This amendment grants more autonomy to the President on when they can take leave.

Emma continues that clause 86 in the amendments were concerning the parameters of misconduct that the Guild could investigate. The amendments in the attached document define more strictly what the Guild can and cannot look at regarding referral of student representatives to discipline committees.

Emma adds that once these amendments are approved, we can pass these regulations through Senate which previous councils have put a lot of work into.

Bre passes a procedural motion to vote on 12.1

Motion passes unanimously.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

14. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING



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108th Guild Council

December 8th, 2020

Guild Council Meeting Minutes

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 27th January 2021 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.