



UWA STUDENT GUILD EDUCATION COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA | TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2019

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1. Welcome and Opening

1.1. Attendance

Faculty Societies:

Paula Della Gatta (ALVA Rep), Mike Myers (Blackstone President), Parsa Amid (ECOMS ED VP), Christopher-John Duadu (HSS President), Phoebe Sun (HSS ED VP), Peyton Hawkins (MSS President), Kira O'Dell (MSS Delegate), Emma Mezger (Science Union President), Olivia Tan (Science Union ED VP), Adam Kadri (UDSS ED Officer), Nicola Haste (UEC ED VP), Lianne Leung (WAMSS Internal VP), Katrina Revy (Arts Union President).

Committee:

Lincoln Aspinall (ED President), Cath Astell (ED Secretary), James Dow (EAN Coordinator & ED OCM), Conrad Hogg (Guild President).

Standing Invitees:

Alexander Tan (PSA President), Charlotte Groom (BPhil President), Tony Li (BPhil ED VP), The Jun Yi (PMSS President).

Proxies:

Roderick Gillis (Blackstone ED VP), Alex Tsaknis (UEC President).

Apologies:

Hannah Smith (ED VP), Kendra Evans (SNAGS President), Rach Darwin (SNAGS Ed VP), Nisa Shahrin (ISD President), Harry D'Souza (WAMSS President), Tim Smith (WAMSS ED VP).

Absent:

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Lincoln mentions that he wishes to make some amendments. These will be distributed before the next meeting.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Nil
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4. Reports

4.1. Guild President

- As tabled.

4.2. Education Council President

- As tabled.

4.3. Education Council Vice-President

4.4. EAN Coordinator

- Available on Ed Council google drive.

4.5. PSA Representatives

- As tabled.

4.6. ALVA Society

4.7. Arts Union

- As tabled.

4.8. Blackstone Society

- As tabled.

4.9. ECOMS

- As tabled.

4.10. HSS

- As tabled.

4.11. MSS

- As tabled.

4.12. Science Union

- As tabled.

4.13. SNAGS

4.14. UDSS

- As tabled.

4.15. UEC

- As tabled.

4.16. WAMSS

- As tabled.

4.17. BPhil

- As tabled.

4.18. PMSS

- As tabled.

5. Motions

- Nil.

6. General Business

6.1. Facsoc Food Drive

- Vin (Welfare Officer) The department are trying to get the food drive competition back up and running. They will be collecting from FacSocs. Any questions should be directed to the Welfare Department. An email with the due date and further information will be sent out in an email.

6.2. BPhil Proposal

- Charlotte discusses BPhil's proposal for full affiliation with Ed Council, the main catalyst being the increase in cohort size. Though BPhil is technically not a faculty they sit under the office of Ed Vice Chancellor and act as an effective faculty society to students. They do overlap in majors with other FacSocs but BPhil students require specific needs that BPhil Union provide. BPhil are growing as a club and believes that affiliation would help to further grow the club. They have already acted as an effective faculty society and therefore are different from other clubs wishing to seek affiliation.
- Lincoln clarifies that once affiliated BPhil will be funded by Ed Council instead of SOC.
- Conrad says he would like to take a formal suggestion to the Guild Council. There is unanimous support for the endorsement of the proposal by the Bachelor of Philosophy Union to be affiliated with the Education Council.

- Conrad says it will be taken to guild council this month but he will also take it to the student public for discussion.

6.3. UWA Undergraduate Journal

- Lincoln says the Journal is a paper for students who do well within their units. Elizabeth Long has been working on implementing the journal and has taken it to the university. It is an opportunity for students to have their work published. The aim is to showcase top-tier performance.

6.4. 12 Week Semesters

- Conrad say the predominate outcome of work with the university is that they are looking into adding a second study break. The change back to 13 weeks was rejected on the grounds of being too difficult to move back as well as being too costly.
- Alex asks about changes in assessment in engineering units this semester.
 - o Conrad says engineering has been a specific focus for restructuring.
- Paula asks if this restructuring can also be done for ALVA units; both under and post graduate in regard to timetabling of exams and portfolio due dates.
- Conrad says that the study break aligns with public holidays and school holidays.
- Tony asks about the impacts of the university recognising public holidays.
 - o Parsa says that this has made it seem like students have lost 2 weeks instead of 1.
 - o Conrad says that it can be adjusted for either by providing online recordings or moving tutorials, but also that losing 1 day is still not equivalent to losing 1 week.
 - o Katrina ask if this decision will be reviewed.
 - o Conrad believes the chance of it changing back is highly unlikely. The issue of leave liability is a big contributor to this. However he says they can push to have public holidays fall on study breaks. The Guild have also worked to ensure Reid library is open 24/7 over public holidays on study break.
 - o Lincoln mentions the proposed idea of week 0 which is being explored currently. This aims to provide introductory material online before teaching classes begin.
 - o Phoebe says that in IMED introductory material was placed in a tutorial so that no lecture was lost. This had mixed reviews from students.
 - o Mike Myers says he supports the idea of pushing for an extra study break. He believes it addresses the issues raised by public holidays
- Phoebe asks if the lecturers will be paid for the extra content with week 0.
 - o Conrad says full time academics will not be paid extra for week 0 as it falls within their contract.

6.5. UWA Referencing Styles

- Conrad discusses the letter by the libraries pushing for a reduction in referencing styles used within the university. Currently different disciplines use different referencing styles. The letter suggests all undergraduates using 1 and different programs using other styles.
- Peyton shows support for reducing the amount of styles within a Faculty not enforcing all undergraduate students to use one style.

- Katrina says that within arts it would be difficult to reduce the amount of styles to 1 however she thinks it would be both possible and beneficial to condense them.
- Tony says he doesn't see why one reference style would be preference over the other and therefore sees no issue in reducing the amount used.
- Mike suggests the use of faculty specific styles relevant to profession.
 - o Lianne agrees saying it is important to have students practise referencing style for their profession.

6.6. A Future Worth Fighting For

- Lincoln says the Guild will be running events engaging students on why it is important to vote.
- Conrad says there are 3 parts of the initiative. These are enrolling to vote, an informed vote (awareness of party policies etc.) and putting forward student demands to the federal government.
- CJ asks how FacSocs can get involved.
 - o Lincoln says they are looking to develop physical copies which can be distributed.
- Parsa asks whether elections or parties would be discussed.
 - o Conrad says it is illegal for the guild to endorse a party.
 - o Lincoln says it will be issue focused not party focused.

6.7. Other

- Phoebe brings up a students experience in which they received an unfair fail while on exchange.
 - o Conrad says UWA is limited in what they can do about it, it is up to the host university to change the grade. He encourages the student to approach Student Assist as they will be able to provide guidance on dealing with the host university's processes.
- Alexander Tan says the report from cycle to review will be more focused on structure of degrees rather than unit specific stuff. Reports from Facsocs will be taken around mid may.

7. Close/Next Meeting

The next meeting of Education Council will be on 21st May in the Guild Council Meeting Room.

Proxies and Apologies must be sent to Cath Astell (ed-secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Motions and Motion Attachments must be received by the Education Council Secretary by COB on the Monday, one week prior to the Education Council Meeting, which is to be circulated by COB on the Tuesday, one week prior to the Meeting.

All reports must be submitted to the Education Council Secretary by COB the Friday prior to the Education Council Meeting, to be circulated by COB on the Sunday.