



UWA STUDENT GUILD EDUCATION COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA | TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019

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1. Welcome and Opening

1.1. Attendance

Faculty Societies:

Paula Della Gatta (ALVA President), Katrina Revy (AU President), Bradan Sonnendecker (AU ED VP), Mike Myers (Blackstone President), Alexander Anile (Blackstone ED VP), Parsa Amid (ECOMS ED VP), CJ Duadu (HSS President), Phoebe Sun (HSS ED VP), Kira O'Dell (MSS Delegate), Olivia Tan (SU ED VP), Kendra Evans (SNAGS President), Rowan Sobey (UEC President), Lianne Leung (WAMSS Internal VP), Charlotte Groom (BPhil President), Tony Li (BPhil ED VP).

Committee:

Lincoln (ED President), Cath Astell (ED Secretary), James Dow (EAN & ED OCM), Kate Stewart (ED Treasurer), Conrad Hogg (Guild President).

Standing Invitees:

Alexander Tan (PSA President), Teh Jun Yi (PMSS President), Sabrina Ipsaro-Passione (PyscSoc Rep).

Proxies:

Apologies:

Peyton (MSS President), Hannah (ED VP), Emma Mezger (SU President), Charlie Drake (ALVA VP), Rach Darwin (SNAGS ED VP), Harry D'Souza (WAMSS President), Tim Smith (WAMSS ED VP)

2. Reports

2.1. Guild President

- As read.

2.2. Education Council President

- As read.

2.3. Education Council Vice-President

2.4. EAN Coordinator

2.5. PSA Representatives

- As read.

2.6. ALVA Society

2.7. Arts Union

- As emailed.

2.8. Blackstone Society

2.9. ECOMS

- As read.

2.10. HSS

- As read.

2.11. MSS

- As read.

2.12. Science Union

- As read.

2.13. SNAGS

2.14. UDSS

2.15. UEC

2.16. WAMSS

2.17. BPhil

2.18. PMSS

3. Motions

4. General Business

4.1. Psychology Society Update

- With Pysoc wanting to more involved in order to better support their students Lincoln suggested they attend Ed Council as a standing invite to gain the ability to engage without taking from monetary resources.
- It is a trial which will be reviewed at the end of the semester. The precedent that is set will be an important issue to consider.

4.2. July Breakout Session

How engaged are current postgraduate students on campus?

- Rowan says engineering involves a lot of group work so people are forced to engage.
- Lianne says WAMSS are trying to involve students in ways other than just events. Their current focus is publications but are trying to develop more ideas and are open to suggestions.
- Paula says the Hub space which is only accessible for post graduate students 24/7 encourages engagement. She believes the separate space for post grad allows students to feel ownership over the area.
- Blackstone says they are unique in that their struggle is more in engaging undergrads.
- Jun mentions that post graduate classes are on a different campus for PMSS students so it can make it difficult to engage students on the main campus.
- SU mentions that most postgrad students are also international so they need to overcome both the postgrad and international student difficulties.
- Alexander Anile recommends being mindful of the lives postgrad students have in the timing of the events.

Does my FacSoc currently do enough to support postgraduate students?

- Rowan says UEC have a mini career fair to target vac work.

What are the major challenges facing postgraduate students?

- Rowan says post grad has more issues with consistency in standards across teaching & grading.
- SU says postgrad work can be quite niche and can then be isolating.
- PSA have a challenge communicating what they have to offer.
- SNAGS have a Pitch Perfect event where post grad students pitch their thesis ideas allowing the more 'niche' pockets to share their work and be involved.
- AU have a postgrad student on their committee. They have moved meetings outside of usual work hours to allow their post grad committee members the chance to make them. Bradan says postgrad students have more commitments than undergrad and need to be accounted for especially in timing of events.

How can I work with the PSA to enhance the postgraduate student experience?

- Due to change in course structure at UWA, PSA have a larger body and greater variety of students to engage.
- Alexander Tan says med student experience has improved which is testament to the work the FacSoc have done.
- Rowan highlights changes within engineering masters that will benefit from close engagement with PSA
- Increase opportunity for FacSocs to collaborate with PSA and connects over a range of events and services. They are open to event ideas as well.
- CJ said they will aim to find reps from post grad courses that aren't MD or Dentistry.
- Parsa mentions that ECOM's undergrad and postgrad is very separate. Postgrad students are largely made up of students that have already been working and who are much less likely to be involved.

4.3. Class Representative System Units

- Lincoln will be approaching unit coordinators asking if they would like to be involved with the class rep system. Any units which had a specific issue Lincoln encourages FacSocs to highlight them. All first year units will be contacted so any unit suggestions from other levels are highly encouraged.
- HSS with WAMSS are going to sort through current representation to maximise the effectiveness of current student representation in semester 2.
- Bradan says finding out who the class reps would be helpful next semester. Katrina says an intermediary would be helpful.
 - o Lincoln mentions he did invite FacSocs to the training but will work with ways to improve the space.

4.4. NUS Climate Action NDA

- NUS run national days of action every semester. This semester it will be about climate action. It is a gathering of young people to put some weight behind the actions. Lincoln encourages everyone to attend.

4.5. Semester 2 Finances

- SPG reports need to be send through ASAP.
- SPG semester 2 applications will open up shortly.

4.6. Ramsay Centre at UWA

- Ramsay Centre is an organisation which handles the requests of Ramsay. They have been attempting to introduce a course about western culture. Issues have been raised with it being interpreted as a curriculum in favour of western culture rather than being an unbiased study of western culture.
- In ANU it wasn't successful but is taught within Wollongong. Campaigns were run in the eastern states against the course. They have been some small mentions of the possibility of it being brought into UWA. If it is brought in there will most likely be a SGM held for it to be discussed. The curriculum will be enforced from the Ramsay Centre rather than being constantly adapted by the university itself (this leads to questions of academic freedom).
- It is unclear about St George's potential involvement both with and without UWA's support.
- The issue raises the question as to what degree subject experts allowed to dictate the content taught.

4.7. New UWA App

- Lincoln says the app will be a great way to engage with students.
- Mike Myers mentions the issue with allowing access to location, contacts etc with accepting terms. He says this should be highlighted to students so that they are aware.
 - o Rowan agrees.
- It is discussed that it is possibly not UWA using the data but involvio the app itself.
- Conrad says the terms are compliant with UWA's privacy policy and laws.
- Mike says clarifying at the FCC would be beneficial.
 - o CJ agrees that the current information they were provided with was confusing and further clarification would be useful.

4.8. ACE Unit Review Feedback

- ACE has been extended so that it is only required to be completed before graduation. This has caused an issue with people putting it off and getting probations.
- The pass rate is 80% the question has been raised as to whether it should it be raised to 100%.
- Olivia says it is beneficial to complete it at the start as it sets the trend for academic integrity for the rest of the degree.

- Rowan mentions that completing it before starting your degree means you have nothing to relate it to so students will be more likely to forget it.
- Kate suggests a question bank so that questions are not the same every time.

- Alexander Anile says that people don't have respect for and don't realise the importance of academic integrity, so it is important to address this.

- Kira says the resource is not engaging enough to be effective.

- Lincoln asks about thoughts on making it specific to unit work in week 3.

- CJ suggests only including the most essential information so that people don't lose focus.

- Kendra mentions going through the content at orientation.
 - o Conrad highlights the limitations as it is not compulsory and students which need the help the most are most likely to not attend.

5. Close/Next Meeting

The next meeting of Education Council will be on 20th August 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.