



UWA STUDENT GUILD EDUCATION COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA | TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2019

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1. Welcome and Opening

1.1. Attendance

Faculty Societies:

Paula Della Gatta (ALVA President), Mike Myers (Blackstone President), Bradan Sonnendecker (AU ED VP), CJ Duadu (HSS President), Peyton Hawkins (MSS President), Olivia Tan (SU ED VP), Nicola Haste (UEC ED VP), Tim Smith (WAMSS ED VP), Charlotte Groom (BPhil President), Tony Li (BPhil ED VP).

Committee:

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

Standing Invitees:

Alexander Tan (PSA President).

Proxies:

Jimmy Ton (ECOMS President), Ethan Slaven (ECOMS ED VP), Chelsea Davis (MSS Delegate), Jerry Pang (HSS ED VP).

Apologies:

Jun Yi The (PMSS President), Kendra Evans (SNAGS President), Rach Darwin (SNAGS), Charlie Drake (ALVA VP Education), Rowan Sobey (UEC President), Emma Mezger (SU President).

Absent:

Hannah Smith (ED VP), Nic Cokis (ED OCM), Katrina Revy (AU President), Alexander Anile (Blackstone ED VP), Harry D'Souza (WAMSS President), Lianne Leung (WAMSS Internal VP).

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Confirmed.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Nil.

4. Reports

4.1. Guild President

- as read

1.1. Education Council President

- as read

1.2. Education Council Vice-President

1.3. EAN Coordinator

1.4. PSA Representatives

- as read

1.5. ALVA Society

- as read

1.6. Arts Union

1.7. Blackstone Society

- as read

1.8. ECOMS

- as read

1.9. HSS

- as read

1.10. MSS

- as read

1.11. Science Union

1.12. SNAGS

1.13. UDSS

1.14. UEC

1.15. WAMSS

1.16. BPhil

- Charlotte says BPhil are keen to collaborate next semester.
- Charlotte suggests a calendar between Facsocs in future to prevent clashes for balls and other big events.

1.17. PMSS

2. Motions

- Nil.

3. General Business

3.1. Referencing Styles

- Conrad discusses the feedback regarding referencing styles. Students generally think there are too many styles.
- Present Facsocs support recommendations to reduce the amount of referencing styles.

3.2. 12 Week Semesters Update

- The university has decided in response to the campaign against 12 week semesters to do a review of the summer school and standard teaching periods.
- Conrad prompts for any specific units in which FacSocs are aware of issues regarding cramming of content etc.
- It is discussed that UWA has the shortest standard teaching periods out of both group of 8 and Australian universities in general (aside from trimester).

3.3. UWA app

- Conrad discusses the UWA app which will bring together timetable and schedule.
- Mike Myers brings up an issue with privacy.

- If your phone is connected to unifi it will be able to track where your phone is, but not connect your student ID to this location.
- Conrad states that CMX is separate to the app and so location information will be separate to the app.
- Mike asks for transparency regarding location information collection.
- Within the app groups can be created. This will replace discussion boards.
 - Conrad suggests the groups can be used for the Facsocs.

3.4. June Breakout Session

- What are the most common challenges facing our international students at UWA?
 - Job prospects with medicine and engineering.
 - Cultural and language differences.
 - Stigmatisation of Mental Health prevents international students accessing these facilities.
 - Making friendships and connections.
 - Difficulty understanding and being aware of services like special consideration that are available.
- How does my Facsoc currently cater for international students – can any improvements be made?
 - Alexander Tan says PSA could address the university to establish connections with engineering companies that will accept international students for prac hours. He also suggests more services to assist the vocabulary required at post graduate level.
 - Conrad mentions there are services on Study Smarter addressing this which need to be promoted more in order to increase awareness.
 - Alexander says they have formed a Student Consolitive Committee in PSA where these issues can be raised. It provides a bridge between the university and students at the post graduate level.
 - HSS brings up the issue of alcohol focused events alienating students with cultures in which drinking alcohol is deemed unacceptable.
 - Alex says he introduced alcohol free tickets to PSA events which was successful in increasing sales.
 - Nicola mentions there has been an effort within UEC to ensure there are companies that will accept international students at their career expo.
- How does the ISD work, and what services can it provide?
 - They run events focused towards international students. They work closely with clubs that are centred around multicultural student involvement.
- What are the benefits of having an international rep, and why is it significant?

- Nicola says it brings awareness of issues that need addressing which they otherwise would not have heard of.
 - She mentions that exchange students are not as beneficial for the role as fulltime international students.
- Mike Myers suggests connecting PI with ISD.
- [It is noted that International students can only take 3 units in a semester if they can prove they will be able to finish their course within the time frame required by their visa.]

3.5. ACE Review

- Academic Conduct Essentials course will be reviewed by a committee. Lincoln asks for any feedback that he can raise.

3.6. Class Representative System Update

- Lincoln asks about interaction between Facsocs and fresher reps
 - Phoebe says HSS has had limited interaction with them and would benefit from a list of reps.
 - Lincoln emphasises the need for Facsocs to support class rep as the system grows to include more units. He will work on different ways he can support this over semester 2.

3.7. Semester 1 SPG Reports

- July 19th is the latest date that SPG reports can be submitted.
- Any unused money from SPG grants needs to be sent back to be redistributed.

3.8. Faculty Society mid-year review

- Alexander Tan says there has been a much higher post graduate engagement with PSA, international student engagement is also on the rise.
- CJ says HSS has grown and all areas of engagement has increased. He says there has been difficulty getting some majors to attend study nights and this will be an area of focus next semester.
- Tim says WAMSS has received better responses regarding mental health amongst first year students.
- Charlotte says BPHIL's increase of fresher reps has been a great help in response to the increase in cohort size.
- Bradan says next semester Arts Union will focus on getting return attenders to events.
- ECOMS have received numbers above expectations for all events.
- Jimmy says next semester he hopes the Ed portfolio of ECOMS will focus on a larger range of majors.
- Peyton says MSS will work to improve communication with staff.
- Mike Myers says there was an increase in first year engagement within Blackstone.
- Paula says ALVA's focus is to make sure people are aware that they are there.

- [Lincoln adds he has been working closely with the relaunch of the student connect website and it is now live.]

4. Close/Next Meeting

The next meeting of Education Council will be on 23rd July 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.