

2016 Student Guild SGM Minutes

General Meeting 14 September 2016, 12-2PM

Present: Everdine Roordink (Chairperson), Whattia Dunn (Minute Secretary), Annie Sterling, Lea Sterling, Michael Jefferies, Raymart Walker, Everdine Roordink, Matthew McClelland, Jason Valuga, Tyson Kettlewell, Samuel Argue, Stephanie Haines, Tayla Dokonal, Brett Letcher, Matt Briggs, Samuel Chee, Julie Reeves, David Vincent, Donna Cahill, Bradley Harding, Blayk Kernaghan, Joseph Davies, Rhianne Conway, Benjamin Dengate, Kate Sterling.

In attendance: Lauren McDonogh (Returning Officer), Tiana Buckley, Matthew Stewart-Call, Amy Sotheran, Sophie Tran, Pierick Martin, Cheryl Crane, David Bamber.

Meeting Opened at 12:10 pm

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed Clubs and attendees to the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional owners of the lands of the Gubbi Gubbi people and paid respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging.

Acknowledged quorum was met with more than 9 voting members present.

2. The year so far, 2016

The Chairperson provided an overview of the USC Student Guild happenings for 2016. This included a recap of events, push for increased transparency and a stronger relationship with the University, implementation of new policies and procedures and re-writing of the constitution, creation of a Finance and Club Committee and further improvements to the Advocacy service.

3. Treasury Report and Auditor Appointment

Treasurer read through Statement of Financial Performance and noted loss of -\$150,000 over the previous two years. Announced profit of \$20,000 forecast for this financial year.

Received accolades from the floor for the excellent effort in the profit forecast for 2016 Financial Year.

Treasurer announced the appointment of BDO Auditors for 2016 next financial year as they are a local independent registered auditors and have experience with University of the Sunshine Coast policies and procedures.

4. Welfare & Advocacy

Welfare Officer provided a brief explanation of each service that the Guild provides:

- Emergency Welfare Support – completely funded from outside sources now
- Budgeting Support – can be one-on-one and non-intrusive
- Student BBQ's
- Community Kitchen
- Advocacy Services – available to all campuses now
- Referral's to community support services

- Drop-in Hub
- Wellbeing Services – massages & hair cuts

Welfare Officer reiterated the importance of feedback for all services and explained that feedback forms are always situated in the community kitchen area. Also mentioned that 1c from every SETAC survey submitted is given to the Student Guild and in previous years this funding has gone directly to the Christmas Lunch hosted by Student Guild.

5. Amendments to the constitution and questions (Michael Jefferies)

Michael Jefferies explained that the PVC Students had raised concerns about the draft constitution, resulting in further consultation in this SGM.

Explained main changes to the constitution:

- Every enrolled student will now automatically become a member of the Student Guild
- New Executive structure – President, Vice-President (Clubs & Societies), Vice-President (Marketing and Events), Treasurer and Secretary.
- Decrease of Committee of Management positions from 13 to 9 in total
- Students employed at the University will still be able to nominate for a position on the Committee of Management
- New Quorum rules set due the significant increase of memberships

Michael briefly discussed each section of the constitution.

Treasurer explained the amendment to submissions of director nominations to allow for online submission to make the nomination process easier.

Michael asked the floor for questions and comments

Question asked about when the free memberships will come into effect and confirmation given that this will be implemented in 2017; students will still have to pay for memberships for the remainder of 2016.

Question raised on why nonstudents are able to be associate members. Returning Officer explained that this is standard for other constitutions and that a fee could be added to the by-laws.

Question raised on the problematic situation of 3 board executives if they can hold two positions at once. Returning Officer explained if this occurred, it would only be a temporary situation if an unforeseen vacancy occurred. The casual vacancies section of the constitution would cover this situation.

Question raised about the writing of bi-laws and when this is occurring. It was explained that these will be drafted after the Constitution has been approved.

Comment noted about the potential to veto memberships, in particular associate non-student members. Confirmed that this will be put in the by-laws.

6. Current Committee members

Chairperson thanked all current committee members and the outgoing committee members and confirmed that she has stepped down as President due to studying abroad next year. The Chairperson also confirmed Ben Dengate has stepped down from Vice-President and Matthew McClelland has stepped down from Secretary.

7. Introduction of Office-bearer position nominees (Returning Officer)

Returning Officer introduced Office-Bearer nominees.

Invited Matthew McClelland to give one-minute speech on why he nominated for President. Returning Officer announced Matthew as President for a term until the next AGM.

Returning Officer announced that position of Vice-President is contested and invited Nicholas Duthie to give a one-minute nomination speech. Welfare Officer gave speech on his behalf. Returning Officer invited Kate Sterling to speak.

Voting members were asked to vote for a Vice-President by secret ballot. Returning Officer collected and counted votes.

Returning Officer invited Lea Sterling to give a one-minute speech on why she nominated for Secretary. Returning Officer announced Lea as Secretary for a term until the next AGM.

Returning Officer invited Raymart Walker to give a one-minute speech on why he nominated for Treasurer. Returning Officer announced Raymart as Treasurer for a term until the next AGM.

8. Introduction of General Committee members

Returning Officer announced Kate Sterling as Vice-President and as a result, Nicholas Duthie as a General Committee Member.

Returning Officer invited Blayk Kernaghan-Hills to speak on why he nominated. The Returning Officer announced Blayk as a General Committee member for a term until the next AGM.

Returning Officer confirmed three vacant positions and opened nominations to the floor. Three nominations received and confirmed; Samuel Chee, Annie Sterling and Jason Valusaga.

9. Announcement of New Committee of Management

The Chairperson announced:

Committee of Management Executives:

- President – Matthew McClelland
- Vice-President – Kate Sterling
- Secretary – Leanne (Lea) Sterling
- Treasurer – Raymart Walker

General Committee Members:

- Ben Dengate
- Sam Argue
- Michael Jefferies
- Bahareh Owrangi
- Nicolas Duthie
- Blake Kernaghan-Hills
- Samuel Chee
- Jason Vasaluga
- Annie Sterling

10. Conclusion of SGM and refreshments

Treasurer thanked all attendees and volunteers.

Meeting closed at 1:09pm

Confirmed **Date**
(Chairperson)