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UWA Student Guild

Policy Book

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Guild Policy Book - Preface

The Guild Policy Book exists to contain all of the current policy stances Guild Council has adopted since its inception. The policies listed here serve two purposes:

1. To document the stances of the UWA Student Guild on any and all issues that the Guild Council deems to be within the Objects of the Guild. Documenting these stances allows the Guild to:
 - a. Allow student representatives to argue a case or justify actions;
 - b. Support student representatives when talking to the media;
 - c. Communicate with students the stances and opinions taken on by Guild Council on their behalf; and,
 - d. Debate issues relevant to students.

2. To provide guidance to the student team including Guild Council, Office Bearers, Departments, Sub-Councils, Sub-Council Committees, Clubs and Faculty Societies, and related societies of the Guild on implementing Guild stances. Providing Guidance allows the Guild to:
 - a. Have continuity between departments, where incoming office bearers can be informed on activities previously taken by their teams and procedures relevant to them.
 - b. Communicate effectively within the student team on general procedures that people the student team can undertake.
 - c. Implement policies and other actions that the student team can take on to back up the documented stances of the Guild.

Policy stances, distinct from policies of the Guild are not enforceable on staff members or students. No disciplinary action can be taken against anyone breaching policy stances of the Guild.

Objects of the Guild

Section 2 of Statute 20 of the University of Western Australia holds that:

The Objects of the Guild shall be:

- a. to foster all that tends to the advancement of learning and the ennoblement of life;
- b. to afford means of social intercourse to students at the University;
- c. to provide or conduct or manage such educational, cultural, sporting, welfare, recreational or commercial facilities or activities which shall be intended for the benefit either directly or indirectly of members of the Guild;
- d. generally to further the common interest of students at the University.

Guild Regulations – Guild Policy

The Guild Regulations state on policy that:

3.2.1 The policies of the Guild are made by the Guild Council.

3.2.2 Guild Council may adopt (by a simple majority) policy on any issue that is covered by [Clauses 2 and 3 of Statute 20—'The Objects of the Guild'](#).

3.2.3 Policy enacted under these Regulations remains in force until it is specifically rescinded or amended by resolution of Guild Council.

3.2.4 Policies passed by the Guild Council do not automatically lapse on 30 November in any year.

3.10.2 The Guild Executive may determine an interim policy where no policy of Guild Council exists.

3.10.3 Any interim policy determined by the [Guild Executive](#) will automatically lapse upon the date of the next Guild Council meeting unless the interim policy is specifically ratified by that meeting of Guild Council.

3.10.4 Lapsed interim policy will not be readopted by the Guild Executive, either in style or substance.

Guild Policy Book – Entering New Policy

1. The Guild Policy Book shall be updated twice a year by the Guild Secretary, once in July and once in October.
2. The Guild Secretary shall incorporate all new policy stances moved since the last time the Policy Book was updated.
3. The Guild Secretary may only remove policy stances that they deem to be:
 - a. No longer relevant;
 - b. Contrary to a more recently passed policy stance; or,
 - c. Not relating to the Objects of the Guild
4. Any alterations made to the Policy Book must be approved at the subsequent Council with the changes clearly marked.
5. Each iteration of the Policy Book must be archived appropriately, in consultation with the Guild Archivist.
6. All inclusions in the policy book should:
 - a. Be indexed according to which portfolio the stance relates;
 - b. Include if the motion was passed at Guild Council (GC), by a Guild General Meeting (GM), or by referendum (REF);
 - c. Include the Month and Year the Policy was approved by at the top of the motion in the format: Month/Year (GC October 17); and,
 - d. Include a title- where none exists the Guild Secretary may create one at their own discretion.
7. Where any of the information in section 6 is missing, the Policy Stance will take information from the next Guild Council it receives approval.
8. For a motion at Council to become a policy stance it should include:
 - a. A title;
 - b. A statement similar to “Guild Council approves the following for inclusion in the Guild Policy Book...”
9. Where there is confusion over a motion the Guild Secretary shall request Guild Council to decide if it shall be included in the Policy Book at their next meeting to decide.

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Operational

Policy stances that relate to the operations of the Guild and provide guidance to staff and other operational members of the Guild.

Catering

GC Sept 2012 – Guild Catering

The Guild acknowledges the value of Guild operated Catering and Independent Catering on campus as long as they both take into account the best interests of students.

The Guild shall require all Catering outlets using Guild property to be sensitive to Guild Policy direction included in this book.

The Guild recognises the need to accommodate cultural and ethnic diversity; as such; Guild Catering shall provide Kosher and Halal options.

The Guild recognises the diverse dietary and medical needs of students and shall endeavour to provide vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose-free, and nut-free options.

GC May 2015 – Halal Options

The Guild Council shall ensure that:

- At least one café on campus be developed to meet halal certification
- All other cafes have fresh halal options
- Halal meals are not more expensive than their non-halal counterparts, such that those students with diverse needs are not discriminated against financially.

GC June 2016 – Palm Oil Products

The UWA Student Guild: a) will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that no new products containing unsustainable palm oil will be brought into its catering operations; b) will endeavour to find alternatives to products containing unsustainable palm oil currently sold in its outlets.

Events

GC Nov 2017- Events

The Guild encourages and endorses events that are safe, inclusive, responsibly managed and foster a positive student culture

The Guild endorses and promotes a student culture that does not focus on alcohol consumption

GC Sept 2012 – Guild BBQs

Clubs should be allowed to use the Guild BBQ at any time.

GC Nov 2017 – Discriminatory Events

The UWA Student Guild fundamentally opposes supporting or facilitating any events of discriminatory or offensive nature, and will not financially provide for or offer venues to such events.

Furthermore if such an event is held at the university, the Guild President is authorised to communicate with the Vice Chancellor and express the Guild's disapproval.

GC Oct 2015 – Carbon offsetting

The UWA Student Guild commits to NCOS-accredited carbon offsetting of O-Day annually.

Finance

GC Nov 2017 – Club Banking

No affiliated club or society may withdraw money from their Guild banking account until a completed Executive Registration Form has been submitted to Guild Finance

No affiliated club or society may withdraw money from their Guild banking account without the signature of at least two executive members on the relevant withdrawal slip

The Guild will support clubs through the provision of grants covering a variety of initiatives The Guild will provide Start-Up Grants for newly affiliated clubs and societies

GC Aug 1998 – Action taken against indebted students

All overdue accounts shall be reviewed by Guild Executive before legal action is taken and that, if requested by a student, their anonymity be guaranteed in these proceedings.

GC Sept 2012 – Student interest and budget surplus

The UWA Student Guild appreciates the benefits of running a surplus budget where achievable, and will try to find new sources of revenue that aren't directly extracted from students where possible. However, the Guild should put student interests and needs ahead of financial gain.

GC July 2013 – Rural Practical Priority for Grants

Students undertaking practical placements in rural areas shall receive priority status under the Guild's grants scheme, including the textbook grants scheme. This priority status means 'financial circumstances' is not the only factor taken into account in determining eligibility.

Facilities

GC Nov 2017 – Security Platform

All members of Guild Council, Guild Committee Chairs and Department Officers have permission to be in the Bob Nicholson Room after hours at all times.

Where access to the Guild Building is required by a student other than a member of Guild Council, Guild Committee Chair or Department Officer after hours the Guild President, or their delegate, shall be required to authorise access. A person given after hours authorisation may permit others to enter or use the Guild Building, subject to the authorisation granted, however that person shall be responsible for the actions of all persons admitted.

GC Nov 2017- Unauthorised Personal

Any unauthorised person receive a caution when found in the Guild building, and if it happens a second time the police will handle the matter and all privileges will be withdrawn by the Guild

GC May 1997 – Security on Campus

The Guild shall seek to improve security on campus, such as the installation of additional security phones and maps across campuses

The Guild supports lobbying the Department of Transport to put more bus services on the frequently used lines used from universities during late evening hours to ensure no student is left sitting in an unsafe area awaiting transport for more than 15 minutes.

GC Feb 2017 – Student Spaces

- a) Guild Council recognises the value and importance of all student spaces on campus, including clubrooms, Faculty Society rooms, study spaces for undergraduates and postgraduates, and other general student common spaces;
- b) Any attempt to reduce the size or number of student spaces should be made in consultation with the Guild and other relevant student groups;
- c) All Faculty Societies should be provided a space in their own faculty to serve the students they represent; where one is not provided, the Guild should lobby the University or faculty in conjunction with the Faculty Society;
- d) The Guild Council acknowledges that all clubrooms provided by the Guild are a privilege, and requires tenants occupying Guild spaces to uphold all Guild policies; and,
- e) No Guild-affiliated club or Faculty Society is entitled to a Guild tenant space, regardless of how long they have occupied that space or the investment that they have made into it.

Representation

Policy stances that relate to the roles of Office Bearers, federal or state political issues and social issues.

Guild Council

GC Nov 2003 – Honour Boards

The Guild President, Societies Council President, Education Council President, Public Affairs Council President, Treasurer, Women’s Officer, Welfare Officer, Environment Officers and Guild Sports Representative and Pelican Editor, even if they do not complete their term in office, be recognised on their respective honour boards.

GC XX 2013 – Job Vacancies

All casual or part time Guild job vacancies should be advertised in the Pelican, Guild Weekly and the Guild Facebook page where practicable.

GC May 2013 – Confidentiality

The Guild Council emphasises the legal duties of all councillors, standing invitees and proxies to act in the best interests of the UWA Student Guild and uphold the confidentiality of internal documents. In particular, Council notes that unaudited management accounts are for internal purposes only and any unauthorised publication of these accounts constitutes serious misconduct.

GC July 2013 – Reports and minutes

The Guild Secretary shall publish all office bearers’ and directors’ reports with the minutes on the Guild, to promote transparency between the Guild and the students it represents. The management accounts and catering outlet breakdown shall not be covered by this policy.

GC May 2014 – Fact checking

The Council expects all Councillors, Guild office-bearers, and members of the Executive to conduct strict fact-checking procedures to make sure that all information officially published by the Guild is as accurate as possible.

GC June 2017 – Student Services and Amenities Fee

The Guild recognises the financial benefit that the Student Services Amenities Fee (SSAF) provides to the UWA Student Guild. Any spending of student money towards the delivery of student services and amenities, should be followed under the direction of the UWA Student Guild.

GC Oct 2016 – SSAF Payment

The Guild Council acknowledges the current UWA Act requirement that at least 50% of the SSAF be paid to the Guild, and the equivalent requirement in the UWA Act currently

before the WA Legislative Council, and requires these sections to be adhered to by UWA.

GC Oct 2016 – Guild Internships

The Guild Council shall ensure that:

- a. All internship positions to be advertised through Guild Weekly, and
- b. No paid or unpaid internship be awarded to any student who has nominated for any elected position on Guild Council within the previous year, without approval from the Guild Executive and Human Resources.

Education

GC Mar 1993 – Student Anonymity in marking

The Guild believes that students should be guaranteed the maximum practical level of anonymity in the submission and evaluation of all academic work and urges the University to take steps to ensure that the person evaluating or assessing any essay, assignment, exam paper or any other piece of Academic work shall not be informed of the identity of the submitted piece of Academic work's author.

GM Mar 2001- Student Representation on Academic Bodies

The Guild Council opposes any moves by the Federal Government or the University to remove student or academic representation on university governing bodies such as the UWA Senate. As the key stakeholders in the Higher Education system, students and academics have the right to have their voices heard at the highest level of university governance.

GC Sept 2012 – Online teaching resources

The UWA Student Guild continues its policy of supporting practical action on a local, state and federal level to achieve educational outcomes for UWA students, and recognises the vital role faculty societies play in this.

The Guild supports online teaching resources to complement face-to-face class time. Online resources should not be implemented as a replacement for class time.

GC Oct 2016 – Education Council Awards

Voting for Education Council Awards should be conducted by a Guild Staff member and all Faculty Societies should be allowed to appoint scrutineers if they wish.

GC Dec 2017 – Anti-Cuts to Higher Education

105th Guild Council:

- a) Affirms its position as 'anti-cuts' and firmly opposes the government's plan to cut funding in the higher education section.
- b) Supports the Education Action Network building opposition to these cuts.

GC March 2018 – Right to Education

The UWA Student Guild:

- a) reaffirms that every student in Australia has the right to a higher education, and if they wish a postgraduate education.
- b) Reaffirms its commitment to the National Union of Students' campaigns against the higher education reforms and urges students to engage with WA's cross-campus protests.

GC May 2018 – For-Pay Internships

- a) Recognises the need for internships in Australia for students to gain workplace experience.
- b) Believes that where appropriate, students should be paid for the work that they do in internships.
- c) Opposes 'for pay' internships where students must pay to undertake internships.
- d) Will not promote 'for-pay' internships through Guild channels

National and International Organisations

GC Nov 2016- NUS Conference Delegates

The Guild Council recommends to UWA's NUS delegates, on a state and national level, to sit as independents at National Conference, voting in line with UWA's needs and priorities as elected representatives of UWA students, and not aligning with a binding faction.

If Guild Council chooses not to budget a full quota of delegates for NUS National Conference when affiliated, it should be ensured that at least one attending delegate is a female student.

The delegates for NUS, CISA and CAPA National Conferences should meet as soon as possible at the start of their term to discuss issues to raise at the respective conferences.

Delegates for NUS, CISA and CAPA are required to submit a written report to the Guild Council Meeting following the conference.

If a UWA NUS delegate is unable to attend the National Conference for unforeseen or extenuating reasons, they may nominate a proxy who must be a current UWA student, and who will be required to fulfil all roles and requirements of being a UWA NUS delegate and will be funded in the place of the elected delegate.

That if a UWA NUS delegate is unable to attend the National Conference, for a reason that is not unforeseen or extenuating, such as by choice, that the Guild Council will not fund the attendance of a proxy.

GC Nov 2017- CAPA National Conference Delegates

The PSA president (or relevant PSA delegate) should provide a report to Council on CAPA National Conference, and outline all expenses resulting from their attendance.

GC Nov 2017- CISA National Conference Delegates

The ISS Director (or relevant ISS delegate) should provide a report to Council on CISA National Conference and outline all expenses resulting from their attendance.

GC Feb 2018 – Conference Written Reports

Delegates for NUS, CISA and CAPA conferences are required:

- a) To submit a written report to the Guild Council Meeting in the next month following the conference;
- b) To in their report detail any policy that they moved or seconded at the conference; how the delegate voted on all motions at the conference; which faction (if any) the delegate sat with and the reasons as to why the delegate felt this faction best represented the views of UWA students; and the delegates' assessment of both the content and running of the conference.

Public Affairs

GC XX 2002 – PROSH

The Editor has the overall responsibility for the content of the annual PROSH paper. In considering this, the Editor should follow the following guidelines when reading submitted material (articles or advertisements) to ensure that they do not invade the privacy/ make improper suggestions about private individuals and that they ensure that they keep the paper in the spirit that the publication (and event) is intended. If the submitted material does not conform to these guidelines then it should not be published.

1. In considering material submitted to PROSH the Editor should consider in what context it is written. The aim is to satirise current affairs, not to defame or slander individuals. If material is more of a personal attack, it should not be used.
2. If any material is about an individual, the Editor should seriously consider spirit in which the material is written. PROSH is meant to be a light-hearted publication and if the material does not conform to this ideal then it should be disregarded.
3. In considering material, the Editor should also consider how appropriate its subject matter is to wider community. Although PROSH is noted for being in "bad taste", there are community standards which should be applied. If material is written about a topic that crosses these boundaries, it should be disregarded. Particular attention should be made to submission of material involving children, given the relatively rare circumstances it could be justified that children are public figures. Material involving children should be limited in the paper, and material which uses children in a sexual context should not be included.

4. The Editor should also carefully consider the context in which images are used. An image, if submitted with an article or advertising idea, should be accompanied by the referring article/advertisement. The Editor can then use their judgement as to whether it is appropriate to use this image within the context of the submitted idea. If it is not appropriate, invades an individual's privacy or is defamatory, it should be rejected.
5. The Editor should consult with the Directors of PROSH about any material that they feel are borderline cases to the above guidelines. The Directors have the right to veto any such material that they feel do not conform to these guidelines.
6. The Editor should conduct a final check of the paper before printing to ensure these guidelines have been complied with.

REF Oct 2002 - Refugees

The UWA Student Guild be declared a refugee safe haven.

The UWA Student Guild support the demand "end mandatory detention." That the UWA Student Guild support the demand "welcome all refugees."

The UWA Student Guild support the demand "increase the current quota of refugee intake over the current quota of 20,000"

The UWA Student Guild supports calls to vastly increase the speed of processing refugee applications.

GC Nov 2017 – Right to Protest

The UWA Student Guild endorses and supports the right for student protest in a non-violent and non-directly offensive nature.

If such action violates the above – the Guild President has the right to take any action at their discretion that they deem appropriate to the actions.

GC May 2015 – Racism and Reclaim Australia

The Guild Council condemns the racism and bigotry of 'Reclaim Australia' and defends the rights of Muslims and other oppressed groups.

GC Mar 2015 – Antisemitism

The Guild Council:

- Condemns anti-Semitic behaviour directed at Jewish students in Australia;
- Recognises the right of all Jewish students to equal treatment by universities and their staff

Clubs and Societies

GC Aug 2000 – Support for clubs that exclude women

The Guild shall not support, financially or otherwise any club or society which implicitly or explicitly excludes women.

GC Jan 1992 – Guild Council consultation

When the Guild Council deals with matters of concern or affecting clubs or societies (including faculty societies) that the appropriate Subsidiary Council or faculty societies be notified in advance and have the opportunity to make a recommendation to Guild Council. If it is not convenient for these bodies to meet then consultation should be made through the use of a circular motion.

GC Oct 2014 – Club and Society Autonomy

The Guild Council recognises its affiliated clubs and societies as independent and autonomous bodies, and respects that with reference to their structure, constitution and operations, with acknowledged compliance to Statute 20 and the Guild Regulations.

Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander

GC Jan 2016 – WASAC Primacy

The Guild recognises WASAC as the sole peak representative body and voice for indigenous students at UWA. All representation on issues affecting and raised by indigenous students will be responded to by the WASAC Chair or, if by any other Member of Guild Council, in collaboration with the WASAC Committee. No other student body within the UWA community shall speak as the peak representative body and voice for indigenous UWA students

GC Dec 2017 – Change the Date

That the UWA Student Guild:

- a. Does not support Australia Day being held on the 26th of January as it is the day of dispossession of Indigenous culture and a day that marks a deep loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- b. Reinforces its stance that Australia Day should be moved to a more inclusive day and thereby supports the #ChangeTheDate campaign.

Environment

GC Nov 2017- Guild Environment Policy

1.1 Platform:

1.2 The Guild recognises that the state of the world's environment is an issue that directly affects every person and that the higher education system plays a dynamic part in forming and developing knowledge, research and technology. The Guild recognises it has an environmental impact and that it has a responsibility to students to investigate cost effective mechanisms for reducing it.

1.3 The Guild recognises that there are students at UWA who wish to lead more sustainable lives and wish to be more sustainable on campus. The Guild

supports increasing access to learning and opportunities and the attractiveness of those opportunities in assisting students to be sustainable.

1.4 The Guild recognises that there is a significant student movement encouraging greater sustainability practices and environmental awareness on campus and that this movement requires representation as part of a democratic process.

1.5 The Guild condemns any use of research funding which results in environmentally corrosive products, strategies or policies. Further, the Guild urges funding be priorities in areas of research aimed towards developing alternative production processes and areas of employment, work practices, etc., that seek to reduce damaging effects upon the environment.

1.6 The Guild recognises that as environment courses that teach and encourage environmental conservation are not of economic priority, as outlined by DEET, and calls upon Federal, State and local governments to recognise the importance of these courses and encourages the maintenance and extension of these courses.

1.7 Further, that courses that contain no environmental content, such as architecture, engineering and economics, etc., that contain no environmentally conscious content, be pressured to include an environmental component in their curricula. The Guild supports the lobbying of academic unions, staff associations, etc., to incorporate environmental awareness content within course curricula.

1.8 The Guild recognises the importance of the inclusion of environmentally aware curriculum within all education courses.

1.9 From this curricula, the Guild supports the:

1.9.1 Students and student organisations working for the extension of democratic processes (that allow students to have input into the formulation of curriculum) by giving them access to whatever resources the Guild has available. Further, the Guild encourages the establishment of avenues to intervene into curriculum development by drawing up guidelines for such intervention.

1.9.2 Seeking of support from trade union and community groups for developing alternative areas of research into employment and production that take into account effects upon the environment, quality and levels of employment and quality of life.

1.10 The Guild Council condemns any move by the University to build on the Riley Oval green space as endorsed by 1998 Guild Council.

1.11 The Guild Council condemns moves by UWA to sell the Underwood bushland for development, and will campaign to prevent this sale.

GC Nov 2017- Use of spaces

2.2 The Guild shall actively encourage and support the establishment and operation of environment groups on campus by giving them working hours access to the room used by the Environmental Office.

2.3 The Guild refuses the use of any Guild premises for any function which involves any form of animal cruelty, be it implicit or explicit. In addition, the Guild can refuse all funding to clubs, faculty, society or any Guild activity, including Host Day and O'Camp, which is deemed by Guild Council to be actively encouraging animal cruelty.

Postgraduate Students

GC Nov 2017- Postgraduate representation

The Guild represents all students, regardless of degree. This includes postgraduate students, through the PSA. Faculty Societies, the PSA and the Guild must collaborate to ensure all students are represented and have Guild services available to them.

Pelican

GC Nov 2017 – Pelican Stance

The Guild supports and facilitates the independent, apolitical selection of editors in a process based on merit to uphold the independence and integrity of the magazine.

GC XX 2013

If the media committee has not been called within a year, than the pelican editor shall be recommended to Guild Council by a panel including the guild design officer, the HR officer and the manager of the media and memberships department (or the equivalent positions), as well as the incoming and outgoing guild presidents.

There shall be good communication between the Pelican Editors and Guild Executive.

Material that relates to student affairs, the Guild or the university will be made available to Guild Executive if they wish to see it before publication. It shall be the Executive's responsibility to ask Pelican Editors if such material exists.

Pelican content on student affairs will always have room made for a right of reply and Guild Executive will always be informed before the publication of such material.

That it is Guild policy to promote diversity in the representation of students in the Pelican and other student media.

GC XX 2003 – Guild related content in Pelican

At least one full page shall be made available in each edition of the Pelican for the exclusive use of the Guild Council, Sub-councils and Departments to disseminate

information. If the Guild Council, Sub-councils or Departments have not submitted material by the deadline for all book material set by the Pelican editors then the space shall be used as the editors deem fit.

GC May 2011

That the Pelican Editor, while editor, is ineligible to run for, or hold a proxy vote on, Council.

LGBTQI+

GC Feb 2008 – Queer Counselling

The Guild supports in principle the need for queer-specific counselling services in Western Australia.

GC Feb 2010 – Queer Platform

The Guild acknowledges the need for queer spaces on university campuses.

The Guild will not actively support, financially or otherwise, homophobia, biphobia or transphobia in any of its departments or affiliated clubs or in any of their respective campaigns, and reserves the right to withdraw funding and/or support from any such department or affiliated club.

The Guild will not actively support any external organisation, financially or otherwise that actively encourages homophobia, biphobia or transphobia in any of its activities, policies or campaigns, and reserves the right to withdraw funding and/or support from any such organisation.

The Guild Council actively endorse campaigns to repeal homophobic, anti same-sex marriage laws, in the name of achieving true relationship equality for all, and support the queer community in doing so.

GC May 2008 – Sexual Identity

The Guild recognises the diversity of sexuality of students and staff at this University and their right to expression of their sexuality without fear of discrimination. Guild Council endorses people's rights to privacy regarding sexuality identity.

GC May 2014 – Non-binary toilets

The UWA Student Guild supports the safe and equitable access to toilets for all transgender students - i.e. all non-binary, trans male and trans female students - across the University of Western Australia campuses, at the detriment of no other group of students.

GC May 2014 – Queer Department Consultation

The UWA Student Guild requests that the University consult with the UWA Student Guild Queer Department during the planning phase of new buildings or renovations in regard to toilets on campus.

GC Mar 2016 – Marriage Equality

The Guild Council:

- a. Adopts a stance on social, economic, and educational equality for LGBT+ students.
- b. Opposes the plebiscite on marriage equality proposed by the Federal Government.
- c. Recognises that the proposed plebiscite will delay the legalisation of marriage equality.
- d. Supports the legalisation of full marriage equality in all Australian states and territories.

College and Student Accommodation

GC Sept 2012 – Awareness and expansion of housing related services on campus

- 1.1 The Guild believes that the University should increase its commitment to providing accommodation services to students on campus, to better promote existing services and to investigate new ones.
- 1.2 The Guild would like to see improved communication networks between the Guild and students on campus to provide greater support and collaboration.

GC Sept 2012 – Accessible Accommodation

The Guild will lobby to ensure that at least a minimum level of accommodation is accessible for people with disabilities.

GC April 2018 – Crisis Accommodation

- A) Recognises that Universities do not have adequate and accessible accommodation, especially in light of the recent reports at Charles Sturt University of students being evicted from libraries on campus; and
- B) Believes the university should increase the amount and accessibility of crisis accommodation available to students.
- C) Urges the Australian Government to increase housing support for students from low SES backgrounds.

Student Welfare

GC Sept 2012 – Prayer Space

The Guild supports the provision of a space on campus for Muslim students in which to pray.

GC May 2013 – Parallel Imports

The UWA Student Guild calls on the Australian Government to abolish parallel import restrictions on textbooks, and calls on the National Union of Students to support this action, to benefit students

GC July 2015 – Fair wages

The UWA Student Guild:

- Supports fair wages and penalty rates for workers, especially students
- Advertises and informs students of their workplace rights

GC May 2016 – Bullying

- a) The Guild believes all students should be free from all forms of harassment, be it verbal, physical or other. Therefore, the Guild condemns all forms of bullying on campus via any medium.
- b) The Guild recognises that all affiliate bodies should, as far as possible, uphold the above principle of freedom from harassment and bullying.

Sports

GC Nov 2017- Sports Platform

The Guild supports UWA Sports as a centre of sport activity for the University, its students, staff and the surrounding community. The Guild supports the Guild Sports Representative being an active member on the UWA Sports Board and driving a Sports Committee to work with UWA Sports.

The Guild believes that all students should have an opportunity to participate in sporting programs regardless of their financial situation. The Guild therefore supports making inter- faculty sport free and authorises the Guild Sports Representative to advocate for this. The Guild shall then delegate to the Guild Sports Representative the responsibility for ensuring that there are events targeting different sporting ability.

The Guild believes that all students should have an opportunity to participate in sport regardless of their skill ability by providing different programs such as Inter-faculty, Social Sports, Clubs and the opportunity to participate at an elite level.

The Guild promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging participation in activities endorsed by UWA Sports. The Guild Sports Representative will be responsible for ensuring Inter-Faculty Sports is well promoted.

Mature Aged Students

GC Nov 2017 – MASA Support

The Guild supports parents and mature age students on campus, acknowledging the unique challenges they may face.

Volunteering

GC Mar 2014 – Voluntourism

All organisations with a focus on international volunteering (Voluntourism Organisations) must receive the approval of Guild Volunteering Manager before using any of the Guild's resources, including the use of grounds, distributing flyers/posters. Furthermore, that the Guild Volunteering Manager be notified when any Voluntourism Organisation books a room through Guild Catering.

- a. Voluntourism Organisations include, but are not limited to: Growth International Experience (GIVE), Reach Out Volunteers (RO), Volunteer Eco Students Abroad (VESAs), and International Student Volunteers (ISV).
- b. Guild affiliated clubs and societies are exempt from this.

GC Mar 2014 – Voluntourism on campus

- a. The Guild does not endorse the activities of Voluntourism Organisations.
- b. The Guild wishes that Voluntourism Organisations do not engage in lecture bashing.
- c. The Guild tasks the University with investigating students receiving course credit for participating in ISV projects via the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).
- d. The Guild wishes that chalking, postering, and any other promotional activities conducted by Voluntourism Organisations outside of the Guild without the approval of Grounds be removed

GC May 2017 – Importance of volunteering

- a) Guild Council recognises the economic and social benefits of volunteering to the UWA, Australian and International communities. Encourages all students to participate in volunteering activities that are available to them through Guild Volunteering and other external organisations.
- b) That all volunteering should as far as possible be acknowledged and recorded. In particular that volunteering done by UWA students be able to be recognized in either their academic or Guild transcripts.
- c) That Guild will provide opportunities for students to volunteer in a diverse range of fields through Guild Volunteering and will continue to promote the value of volunteering to future students

Women's

GC Nov 2017 – Reproductive Freedom

The Guild Council supports a woman's right to bodily autonomy, the right to free and safe contraception and counselling, informing women of all options and providing the capacity to self determine, and the right to free, safe, legal medical and surgical abortions. Further, the Guild calls for adequate funding of family planning services and counselling, childcare, and welfare payments to provide women with the capacity for self-determination. Finally, the Guild will actively oppose any political or legal challenges to these rights.

The Guild Council is committed to ensuring the safety of all students, on campus, and at any event run by a department, faculty society, affiliated club or the university. The Guild recognises that a culture exists within universities and in society at large that has the capacity to endanger women's safety and as such, is committed to providing training, resources and incentives to ensure that all events are safe, inclusive and respectful to all students.

GC Jan 1993 – Sexual Exploitation

The Guild Council condemns sexual exploitation by refusing use of any Guild premises for any function which involves any form of sexual exploitation, be it explicit or implicit. In addition, Guild Council can refuse all funding to any club, faculty society or any Guild activity including Host Day and O' Camp which is deemed, by discipline committee, to be actively encouraging sexual exploitation.

To achieve these ends, the Guild shall provide funding and a room to the Women's Department and shall endeavour to provide any resourcing that the Women's Department requires. The Guild also authorises the Women's Department to and delegates to it the task of:

- Actively campaign to oppose any legal or political challenges to the rights listed above.
- Generate training, resources and incentives to ensure that all events are safe, inclusive and respectful of all students.
- Refer to Guild Disciplinary Committee any Club, Faculty Society or Guild Activity which actively encourages sexual exploitation.

GC April 18 – Sexual Violence on Campus

- a) Recognises the importance of universities publicly reporting on their progress in addressing sexual violence on campus; and
- b) Endorses the Fair Agenda, EROC Australia, NUS and The Hunting Ground Australia Project's joint petition calling the Government to establish an independent, expert-led taskforce to hold universities and residential colleges to account on sexual violence.

Albany

GC April 2018 – Albany Students

The UWA Student Guild recognises the importance of Regional Campuses, and the benefit they provide to rural and remote students seeking to further their education.

The UWA Student Guild where practical and appropriate, will consider the Albany campus during the implementation of initiatives, events, and operations.

