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Governance Committee Minutes

113th Guild Council

January 21, 2026

Meeting Room 1 @ 12:00pm

1. Welcome and Opening

Meeting opens at 12.06pm.

Acknowledgement of Country given by YS.

1.1. Attendance

Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)
Oliver Barrett (OB)
Jay Williams (JW)
Eva Coulter (EC) (Online)
Tony Goodman (TG) (Online)

1.2. Apologies

Jennifer Woo (JW)
Hukambir Kohli (HK)

1.3. Proxies

N/A

1.4. Absent

N/A

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

N/A

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1. Election of Executive Officer

Eva Coulter – Nominated: Yasaswi Shrestha
Seconded: Jay Williams

EC was elected unanimously as Executive Officer of the Governance Committee.



6.2. Recommendation for the appointment of a General Secretary

6.2.1 The Governance Committee recommends to Guild Council the appointment of Insiah Riaz as General Secretary

Moved: Jay Williams

Seconded: Oliver Barrett

JW mentions that Annabelle Brennan had to step down due to personal and family issues and thus we need a new General Secretary. JW states that Insiah Riaz (IR) has been an extraordinary student representative. JW mentions that IR is the current President of the Music Students Society so has experience leading a team and was JW's Secretary last year on the Education Council so has the proper experience to be a General Secretary on the Guild. JW states that he believes there is no one more qualified or up for the job than IR and looks forward to having her on the Guild team.

OB states that he's seen the work IR has done and it's fantastic, OB believes she's a great, compassionate individual who will help continue building the strong positive team culture at the Guild and contribute very well over the coming term as General Secretary.

Motion passes.

6.3. PROSH Rules

6.3.1 The Governance Committee approves the new PROSH Rules and recommends them to Guild Council for final approval

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Ysaswi Shrestha

YS mentions that Chloe Keller (CK), OB, TG and Aidan Kirby-Smith (AK) have all worked very hard on these PROSH Rules to get them ready for Council to approve. YS thanks them for their hard work and reiterates the importance of passing the rules for Council.

OB mentions that PROSH is coming up and need to have their rules in place. OB states that Chloe is on annual leave at the moment so there might be a slight adjustment she makes which will then be passed via circular. OB states that the rules circulated are basically the final copy that will be approved at Council pending sign-off and minor changes from Chloe Keller.

Motion passes.



6.4. Governance activities for the year

YS mentions that last year Governance was very focused on working on and approving the rules and constitutions for the various Guild Council Committees and Departments for the year. YS states that these were all passed at the December Guild Council Meeting and thus will no longer need to be worked on by the Committee. YS mentions that she will be working on the Pelican rules, but is there anything else the committee wants to work on for the year?

TG mentions that this committee will continue working on the final major changes to the Guild Regulations and Election Regulations before moving to Senate. TG needs to touch base with CK and AK to know where we are at with the regulations. The lawyers will also have another review of this and help us passing them through Senate and getting them approved.

OB asks if they can be ready to pass the March Senate?

TG states we will aim for the March Senate, however, since the autonomous elections have been moved online instead of to the main elections there isn't a huge rush to get them through the March Senate now so will just ensure we work properly on these regulations and get them perfected before sending to them to Senate.

OB asks which UWA committees need to review the election regulations and Guild regulations before it goes to Senate? TG clarifies that the UWA Legislative Committee will review it before sending it to Senate for final approval but once it's signed off by the Legislative Committee the Senate should pass it en bloc.

TG adds that ideally the main Guild Regulations will be done for next week's Guild Council for approval but if not, we will call a Special Council Meeting in early February to pass them and then send them to UWA.

TG also mentions that there are various HR policies coming through with Christina having started and gone through to update staff regulations. TG mentions that 2026 will be the year of updating rules and regulations. TG mentions that these staff policies won't necessarily come through Governance but just so the committee is aware.

6.5. Dates and times for Semester 1 meetings

YS believes a set day and time each month would be best for the Governance committee. YS asks if we want to set a committee day and time now or if we wait for CAS to be updated and then circulate a preferred date.

OS states that the preliminary date for the next meeting is February 16th at 10am during O-Week. Will be early in the morning as it will be a busy week with getting everything organised for O-Week.



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EC clarifies the date and states that she might be busy, OB replies that it isn't set in stone and can be moved if needed.

OB further adds that his preference is for the Governance Committee to meet on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday the week before Council so motions recommended by Governance can be on notice for the following Council meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

8. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed at 12.19pm.

Next meeting will be held on the 16th of February 2026 at 10am. Please contact the Executive Officer, Eva Coulter (eva.coulter26@guild.uwa.edu.au), with any apologies or proxies. If you are unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if quorum cannot be met.