

**109<sup>th</sup> Guild Council** July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Guild Council Agenda

## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Attendance

Rashdina Ramil (RR) Charlotte Kennedy (CK) Prisha Goel (PG) Chloe Bryant (CB) Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ) Adam Elyousef (AE) Amira Nunn (AN) Dana Fung (DF) Melani De Alwis (MDA) Tony Goodman (TG) Mutya Joeseph (MJ) Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Paris Javid (JV) Daniel Roden (DR) **Robert Whitehurst** Kaelin Abrahams (KA) Max Beard (MB) Boni Riad (BR) Nicole McEwen (NM) Julia Aguinot (JA)

### 1.2 Apologies

Robert Whitehurst Ethan Nicholas David Hallam Saphire Carter

#### 1.3 Proxies

Maria Waters (proxied by Joseph Kaddis) Jak Beard (proxied by Iknur Virik) David Hallam (proxied by Christopher John Daudu) Catherine Cheeseman (proxied by Alvin)

RR moves a procedural motion to accept the proxies. This motion passed.

#### 1.4 Observers

Kushagra Rathore Doug Jackson Kajol Sharma Anushka Mukherjee (AM) Prosh Directors

### 1.5 Absent



# 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.1 Council Minutes** 

RR passes a procedural motion to accept the council minutes. This passed.

#### 3.2 Approval of Committee minutes

- Alumni Engagement Committee
- Catering and Tavern
- Corporate Services
- Election Culture Committee
- Equity and Diversity
- Governance
- Publications
- Student Services
- Volunteering
- Welfare and Advocacy
- Workplace Health & Safety

There were no committee minutes to approve.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

### 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

5.1 The 109<sup>th</sup> council approves the Guild council and amended SGM minutes from May.

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan

AJ moves a procedural motion to skip to 10.1 through to 10.8. Seconded by NJ. This motion passed.

### 6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG mentions the lasting impacts of COVID-19 and on staff working parameters. TG mentions they are still looking for an IT staff member and there is a difficulty to fulfil catering outlet positions. PAC & SOC regulations are being passed soon. Enterprise bargaining agreements are underway and will come back to council for further discussions. The student legal centre is underway and is close to be being complete. UDUB radio Is up and running and it is a milestone that UWA even has a radio station. TG commends the work done for the mid-year budget review.

#### 6.2 Finance Director



MJ: The month of June landed at an income rather than a loss, mostly due to the improved catering outlets. YTD is still better than expected but is still running a very tight ship. Most of the guild departments are on budget except RSD where a plan is in place to deal with it. Additionally, the SOC club grants will have to be closely watched to ensure it doesn't go above budget. Staff departments are all within budgets.

6.3 Commercial6.4 Student Services

TG lists all other reports as tabled.

### AJ moves a procedural motion to move into camera. This passed.

RR moves a procedural motion to move out of camera. This motion passed.

## 7. QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports

None

RR moves a procedural motion to accept the directors reports. This motion passed.

## 8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 President (AT = as tabled) 8.2 Vice President (NS = not submitted) 8.3 General Secretary (AT) 8.4 Guild Chair (AT) 8.5 Education Council President (AT) 8.6 Societies Council President (AT) 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT) 8.8 WASAC Chair (NS) 8.9 Women's Officer (AT) 8.10 Welfare Officer (NS) 8.11 Postgraduates Students' Association President (AT) 8.12 International Students' Department President (AT) 8.13 Residential Students' Department President (NS) 8.14 Environment Officer (NS) 8.15 Sports Officer (AT) 8.16 Access Department (AT) 8.17 Pride Officers (AT) 8.18 Ethnocultural Department Officers (AT) 8.19 Volunteering Chair (NS) 8.20 OGC (4/13) 8.21 MASA President (NS)

### 9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

- GJ asks AE, AN about the cultural calendar and how this was already done last year with ISD.
  - RESPONSE: AE mentions that there was feedback that some important dates was not included in that list. AN mention that they tried their best to do their due diligence.
- AE asks GJ asks how they are going about filling vacancies within their committee and whether they have been keeping in line with their regulations.



- RESPONSE: GJ mentions that he has been following regulations thus far and has been handling filling their vacancies while keeping in line with regulation.
- NG asks MDA and DF, what happened to the additional funds approved at the start of the year for Auslan classes / shirts.
  - RESPONSE: DF mentions that they did use the money for the shirts. DF mentions they allocated more money to the special projects which contributed to their ultimate goal of funding more students through the Auslan classes.
- CJ asks GJ what the most important things he has worked on so far during the year.
  - RESPONSE: GJ mentions that they secured extensions for all international Sri Lankan students, large welcome events for international students. GJ mentions that he doesn't want to list and all his achievements can be viewed in his report.
- MDA asks AJ / SC why they were no longer involved in the Welfare committee meetings.
  - RESPONSE: AJ mentions that Lisa Goldecker felt there was no real need for MDA and DF (or Access department) to be present at the meetings, as the things MDA / DF were bringing forward were better addressed to Uni Access meetings. AJ clarifies this was not a decision made by either AJ or SC, but rather the staff members being concerned about the direction of the meetings.
- MDA mentions that she was not informed about the meeting that took place to decide that Access didn't belong at the meeting and asks AJ why he didn't advocate further for MDA and DF to stay on the Welfare committee.
  - RESPONSE: AJ mentions that if there is anything important they want to raise, they can raise it with AJ or SC or Lisa Goldecker directly. AJ adds that the meetings were slowly transitioning to requests for projects rather than their intended purpose and hence it was decided it was the best move moving forward to remove Access from this committee.
- CJ asks CK to update the council on UDUB Radio.
  - RESPONSE: CK mentions that everything is in place for their full launch.
     They are awaiting on the second licencing to get back to them.
  - NG asks AJ about the New York Art Installation.
    - RESPONSE: AJ mentions that the student art will be promoted around campus to help encourage students have a bit of pride in their campus.
- CJ asks AE, why he didn't advocate harder / wasn't supportive for an Ethnocultural club room harder last year while he was Guild VP.
  - RESPONSE: AE mentions that this question was asked and answered last council. AE mentions that CJ created a fake Ethno account to help adovocate for an Ethno clubroom, and that "if he had done it properly, [AE] would have reconsidered" \*\*

RR moves a procedural motion to accept the student reports. This passed.

# **10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

10.1 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council terminates the position of OGC for Louis Cheng effective immediately due to inactivity and a lack of attendance at councils, in standing with the regulations.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)



# Speaking for motion 10.1:

• AJ states that this is in line with the regulations.

Debate time for motion 10.1:

• FOR - AE mentions that due to personal reasons, Louis Cheng was unable to fulfil his role.

RR conducted a vote on 10.1. This motion passed unanimously.

10.2 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council approves the appointment of Anushka Mukherjee to the position of OGC.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.2:

• AJ states that Anushka is already involved with the Guild and since she is a international student, this is keeping in-line with Louis Cheng's international student demographic.

Question time for motion 10.2:

- AE puts forward that due to the regulations, candidates can be put up and be taken to a vote to fill casual vacancies.
- A nomination for the open position of OGC was conducted. [see 11]

10.3 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council accepts the resignation Aidan Mansfield from the position of VP of Guild and OGC effective immediately and recognises the hard work Aidan has put in throughout the year.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.3:

- AJ mentions that AM is now enrolled as a law student and due to his work commitments in a law firm, he will be unable to give the due time to his role as VP and has thus decided to take a step back.
- NG acknowledges everything Aidan has achieved in the last 6 months and that the council is very grateful for that

Question time for motion 10.3:

- AE asks whether a VP will be elected during council.
  - AJ replies Yes.
- AE asks what Aidan's achievements during council were.
  - AJ mentions really everything. To name a few: parking changes, UDUB radio, SLAC, changes to election regulations.
  - GJ adds that Aidan assisted during the time of international border closers. GJ also mentions that it was noble of Aidan to take a step back rather than half-committing to his role.
  - NG mentions that Aidan revived the Lynn Beasley Institute and helped focus Venture along with Chloe Bull.

RR conducted a vote on 10.3. This motion passed unanimously.



10.4 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council approves the appointment of Jasmine Hensley to the position of OGC.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.4:

• AJ mentions that Jasmine was already voted into council but had to take a step back due to personal reasons, but now those reasons have passed, and she is keen to be involved once again.

RR conducted a vote on 10.4. This motion passed.

10.5 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council accepts the resignation of Tanisha Kothari from the position of OGC due to personal reasons effective immediately

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.5:

• AJ mentions that Tanisha was very busy due to personal reasons and thus didn't have the capacity to fulfil her role as OGC

RR conducted a vote on 10.5. This motion passed.

10.6 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council approves the appointment of Kushagra Rathore to the position of OGC.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.5:

- AJ mentions that Kushagra missed out on OGC by 1 vote the last election, which shows the level of support behind this candidate.
- Question time for motion 10.5:
  - DF asks since Kushagra sits on some sub-councils; will these positions be filled.
    - AJ mentions yes, the vacancies created by the appointment of the new OGC's will be resolved internally and by exec.

RR conducted a vote on 10.6. This motion passed.

10.7 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council accepts the resignation Misha Riaz from the position of OGC due to personal reasons effective.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.7:

• AJ mentions that Misha due to personal reasons took a step back from council.

Question time for motion 10.7:

• AE asks what Misha accomplished during the first 6 months.



 NG mentions that Misha due to personal reasons didn't get to accomplish everything she wanted, and hence made the right decision in taking a step back.

RR conducted a vote on 10.7. This motion passed.

10.8 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council approves the appointment of Lara Dale to the position of OGC.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking for motion 10.8:

• AJ mentions that Lara is the current SOC Secretary and is involved in multiple clubs and will thrive in this role.

RR conducted a vote on 10.8. This motion passed.

# **11. ELECTIONS**

RR appointed TG as the returning officer.

11.1 Election for 1 OGC position.

Nominations:

- AJ nominated Anushka Mukherjee (AM). Seconded by NG.
- AE nominated Doug Jackson. Seconded by MDA.

RR moved a procedural motion to allow all candidate to speak for 2 minutes. This passed.

Candidate speech:

- AM mentions that she is an international student and is on multiple committee's within the Guild, with particular interest with the Access departments and environment department. AM mentions that she has the student's best interests in mind.
- DJ acknowledges country before speaking. DJ mentions that he brings a wealth of experience due to his time with many clubs and time as a shire counsellor. DJ also mentions that it is only fair to replace a STAR candidate with another STAR candidate.

Question time for Anushka:

- KA asks AM whether she is politically affiliated.
  - AM replies that despite running before in elections, she has the student's best interest in mind.
- NG asks what she wants to achieve in the next 6 months.
  - AM mentions that the disability sensitivity training is one thing she is passionate about.
- JA asks whether AM would be willing to be involved with YLC.
  - AM mentions that despite not entirely knowing what YLC is, she is very keen to involved with it.

Question time for Doug:

- JA asks whether DJ would be willing to be involved with YLC.
  - DJ replies that he is more than willing to get involved with whatever it asked of him



Outcome:

• Anushka won the election and was appointed as an OGC.

11.2 Election for VP

Nominations:

• AJ nominated PG. Seconded by NG.

Outcome:

• PG won the election and was appointed as an VP of Council.

11.3 Election for Deputy chair.

Nominations:

• AJ nominated DR. Seconded by NG.

Outcome:

• DR won the election and was appointed as a Deputy chair of Council.

### **12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

12.1 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council approves the mid-year budget subject to the amendant that SOC, Enviro, PSA transfers \$500 each to the Access department for Auslan class. (available to view in the agenda pack) + 0.5% increase in bonus

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila (NG) Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

Speaking on 12.1:

- NG commends SOC, Enviro and PSA for ensuring the Auslan classes can come to fruition.
- AJ commends NG for his work on the mid year budgets and helping encourage departments to use their money to help bring students onto campus.

Question time on 12.1:

None

Debate time on 12.1:

- DF moves an amendment to change the wording to "\$500 each" and not "\$500". This was amendment friendly.
- FOR: MDA highlights the importance of having a non-uppercase spelling for Auslan. MDA highlights she is excited alongside the Access department to help bring Auslan classes to prospective students.
- FOR: AE commends everyone who was involved in making this happen.

RR conducts a vote on the motion 12.1. This passed.

12.2 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council endorses the formation of the Student Legal Advice Centre (SLAC), and approves the SLAC budget of \$9,628. (Available to view in agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)



# Speaking on 12.2:

 AJ mentions that SLAC is the student legal advice centre and was worked in conjunction with Blackstone. AJ mentions that this is very exciting to see this coming to campus and will be handling a range of student centric legal problems.

## Question time on 12.2:

- CJ asks why this council was able to make this project a reality whereas other councils were not able to.
  - AJ mentions that this idea came up during conrad's time too and it was dismissed due to expense and steep costs.
     However, AJ mentions this year alongside Aidan Mansfield's help we were able to make a budget that makes sense.
  - NJ adds that there was a lot of back and forth on the budget and with everyone's hard work, we were able to make it a reality.
- AN asks how SLAC will be logistically run.
  - AJ mentions that law students will be working as paralegals alongside an outside council, and it will be based under the GHC, which will be fitted out to transform it into the legal centre.
- AE asks how the lawyers working in it will be paid.
  - AJ mentions that this work will be under "probono work" and will contribute to lawyers CBD. Also students will be gaining valuable work experience and experience in the non-for-profit sector.
  - NJ mentions the only funds spent will be the ones approved today, with much of it coming out of AJ's presidential budget.

RR conducts a vote on the motion 12.2. This passed.

12.3 The 109<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the permanent position of Associate Director Innovation to be created, and that current staff member Chloe Bull be appointed. (position description can be viewed in the agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Speaking on 12.3:

 AJ mentions that Chloe has been doing the current position for 2 years, and that venture has been growing and growing under her guidance. NG reiterates this sentiment.

Debate time on 12.3:

• FOR: AE highlights the work that Chloe Bull and the venture committee have done to help make venture what it is today.

RR conducts a vote on the motion 12.3. This passed.

# **13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

None



# 14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

None

# **15. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

The 109<sup>th</sup> council:

15.1 Acknowledges the causal relationship between climate change and natural disasters occurring all over the world, not limited to: Floods in NSW and Eastern States. Wildfires in Alaska, California and across the United States. Wildfires across Europe

15.2 Acknowledges that working class people are disproportionately affected by natural disasters (especially heatwaves) and suffer in unsafe workplaces with inadequate air-conditioning and services.

15.3 Acknowledges the 2021 State of the Climate Report which highlights the need for immediate action on climate change to save the environment.

15.4 Condemns the delay in the report's release date to avoid national outrage in the midst of the previous federal election.

15.5 Recognises the Federal Government's new 43% renewable target is seriously inadequate in terms of addressing the climate catastrophe and opposes the Labor Governments commitment to increasing fossil fuel.
15.6 In consultation with the Curtin Student Guild host a National Day of Action on Climate August 5th at Forest Place, affirming the demands outlined by the National Union of Students:

15.6.1 Real zero emissions by 2035

15.6.2 No new coal, gas or oil

15.6.3 100% publicly owned renewable energy

15.6.4 Tax the billionaires to fund a just transition for affected workers 15.6.5 Land rights not mining rights protect ecosystems and stop logging native forests

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ) Seconded: Nicole McEwen (NM)

RR asks why this motion is without notice. GJ mentions he did it last minute and hence it was without notice.

RR moves a procedural motion to hear the motion. This passed.

Speaking on 15.1:

- GJ mentions that the world is currently burning due to the lasting impact of fossil fuel companies. GJ mentions that there is a protest on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and encourages everyone to show support by coming.
- NM mentions that this came out of the NUS education conference. NM mentions that people have been dying at work due the "crazy" heat waves and thus mentions that we have a role to play in all this as students, especially in raising awareness of this.

Debate on 15.1:

- FOR: AE mentions that indigenous are vulnerable to the effect of climate change and can have a lasting impact on mental health. AE encourages to people to attend the protest.
- KA moves an amendment to 15.4 to replace "condemns" with "encourages". Seconded by NG. This was not friendly
   NM suggests a counter amendment. This was not friendly.



- Speaking on amendment to 15.4:
  - KA explains that when climate change become a political issue, only because the past governments considered it not enough of an issue which lead to 10 years of no action. KA mentions that the 43% is a baseline and is not the ceiling, and rather "encouraging" the government is a better approach.
- Debate time on amendment to 15.5:
  - AGAINST: Alvin mentions that "labor is shit on climate change". Alvin mentions that due to the expansion of coal & gas, this 43% target is unachievable. Alvin lists several labor political candidates that are closely tied with increasing coal and gas in Australia.
  - FOR: CK mentions that the language that we use is important, especially since no alternatives are put forward in 15.5
  - AGAINST: NM mentions that the current political party puts capitalism over the climate interests of the nation. NM puts forward another counter-amendment that "recognises the new target as inadequate and condemns the Labor government". This was not friendly.
  - FOR: IV suggests "Demands" instead of "condemns". KA was not friendly.
  - RR conducts a vote on the amendment to 15.5. This did not pass.

RR conducts a vote on the motion 15.1. This passed.

15.2 The 109<sup>th</sup> Council:

15.2.1 Endorses the upcoming rally demanding justice for the Bankshire Hill Youth and encourages all students to attend

15.2.2. Condemns the racist nature of policing and prisons in WA and opposes the youth prisons like Bakshire Hill.

15.2.3 Acknowledges that children as young as 14 are locked up in cells unsuitable for human habitation.

Moved: Nicole McEwen (NM) Seconded: Alvin

RR asks NM why this motion is without notice. NM replies that because this rally was just called.

RR moves a procedural motion to hear the motion. This passed.

#### Speaking on motion 15.2:

 NM mentions that children that were in Bankshire Hill were moved to maximum security adult prisons after rioting against the conditions they were in. Encourages students to attend the rally and show support.

Debate on motion 15.2:

• FOR: AE mentions that the system disproportionately affects children and little has been done to address them, and the children are only in



there due to the lack of support they have received in the community. AE encourages people to attend to the protest.

RR conducts a vote on the motion 15.2. This passed.

### 16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Head of security chat

- Head of security, Gansham chats about security on campus, including the new app "safe zone" being implemented on campus. He also opens the floor to council to gain their input on "safety escorts", upcoming posters and how better to involve students and ensure they are using the safety features on campus.
- If anyone has any ideas, concerns or issues to raised regarding security he can be reached on his email.

16.2 Gender diverse representation and inclusive language

### 17 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 31<sup>th</sup> Augsut 2022 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.