

109th Guild Council November 30th, 2022 Guild Council Minutes

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Amira Nunn (AN) - Online Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Boni Riad (BR) - Online Dana Fung (DF) - Online Ethan Nicholas (EN) - Online Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ) Jack Beard (JB) Lara Dale (LD) Max Beard (MB) Melani De Alwis (MDA) Natasha Nicole – Online Paris Javid (PJ) Prisha Goel (PG) Rashdina Ramila (RR) Rutvi Timbadia (RT) - Online Saphire Carter (SC) Seren Moulds (SM) Tony Goodman (TG)

1.2 Apologies

Charlotte Kennedy Chloe Bryant David Hallam Iknur Virik Jasmine Hensley Joseph Kaddis Narendra Gammanpila Robert Whitehurst

1.3 Proxies

Alex Knowles (for Adam Yousef) (AK) Ashley Lui (for Anushka Mukherjee) (AL) Phoebe Bee (for Nicole McEwen) (PB) Sean Cheung (for Catherine Chelsea) (SC) Will Partridge (for Maria Waters) (WP)

1.4 Observers

Angela Aris Emma Forsyth Holly Carter-Turner Matthew Jongenelis

1.5 Absent

RR moved a procedural motion to accept the online attendees and the proxies. This motion passed unanimously.



2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 December Council Minutes

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

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

There were no committee minutes to approve.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

None

6.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director (as tabled = AT)

TG thanks the whole council on behalf of the staff and management team. TG congratulates Council on finishing their term. TG reminds Council to not underestimate the connections they have made in Council and to remember them in the future.

6.2 Finance Director



TG informs that they are forecasting a \$63k deficit which is considerable down from predicted. TG explains this is due to an uptake in sales, increase in SSAF and being tight on budgets. TG explains that this is a good result under the circumstances of the year. TG is hoping that next year trade will increase based on the prediction that more students will be on campus.

- 6.3 Commercial (AT)
- 6.4 Student Services (AT)

RR moved a procedural motion to move into camera. This motion passed.

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

7.0 QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports

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

8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (AT)
- 8.2 Vice President (NS)
- 8.3 General Secretary (NS)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (NS)
- 8.6 Societies Council President (NS)
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (NS)
- 8.8 Women's Officer (NS)
- 8.9 Welfare Officer (NS)
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President (AT)
- 8.11 International Students' Department President (NS)
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President (NS)
- 8.13 Environment Officer (NS)
- 8.14 Sports Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Access Department (AT)
- 8.16 Pride Officers (NS)
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Department Officers (NS)
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair (NS)
- 8.19 OGC

9.0 QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

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

10.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None



11.0 ELECTIONS

None

12.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1 The 109th Guild Council appoints Shiori Tan as Volunteering Chair for 2023.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

AJ believes Shiori would be great. AJ thanks EN for his hard work this year. AJ adds that Shiori has been involved with Relay for Life and did great in the interview and showed she has some great ideas.

GJ adds that she was in ISD last year.

No questions for the motion. No debate of the motion.

This motion passed.

12.2 The 109th Guild Council appoints Matthew Jongenelis and Paris Javid as PROSH Co-Directors for 2023.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

AJ believes they will both do amazing.

No questions for the motion. No debate of the motion.

This motion passed.

12.3 The 109th Guild Council appoints Angela Aris and Holly Carter-Turner as Pelican Co-Editors for 2023.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

AJ thanks this year's editors. AJ explains he wasn't there for the interview but believes they will do a good job.

No questions for the motion. No debate of the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)



14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- **14.1** The 109th Guild Council:
 - 14.1.1 Stands in solidarity with the Australian Nurses Federation who are undertaking industrial action to ensure better pay and safer working conditions for nurses and mid-wives, including implementation of staff-topatient ratios,
 - 14.1.2 Commits to sending a delegation of UWA Guild members to the rally on 1st of December at 111 St Georges Terrace to oppose the Industrial Relation Commission's decision to de-register the ANF after its 1-day strike and will post a social media statement by 9:30am on the 1st of December to express solidarity with the ANF,
 - 14.1.3 Opposes the unprecedented move by the IRC to deregister the ANF as well as prior attempts to gag the union and ban it from taking industrial action or communicate with members about said action, and
 - 14.1.4 Rejects the narrative posted by the McGowan government and mainstream press that strikes are a danger to patients and the public and recognises the hypocrisy of such a narrative when unsafe staffing levels and underfunding of hospitals that are serious dangers that have led to the death of patients such as 7-year Aishwarya Aswath.

Moved: Phoebe Bee Seconded: Natasha Nicole

PB believes that the industrial action surrounding the nurses is incredibly inspiring. PB explains that nurses are paid barely above minimum wage, despite working through the pandemic. PB adds that nurses are suffering from understaffing in all levels and terrible nurse-to-patient ratios. PB adds that currently babies don't count as people so are not included towards the ratios. PB adds that nurses are under a lot of pressure, and many are doing double-shifts as their norm.

PB explains that the nurses are fighting for is basic safety for patients and for them to be paid a decent amount for the work they do.

PB believes it is important we take a stance in solidarity with the ANF. PB explains that if the IRC were to deregister the ANF, nurses would have no union to represent them and no way to defend themselves. PB adds that this has never been the response for any industrial action before. PB believes this is a low-handed tactic to suppress the strike.

PB adds that the doctor's union has already come out in solidarity with the nurses and critiqued the IRC's decision.



PB believes it is important we attend the rally tomorrow and show solidarity, especially since the government refused to negotiate a decent pay deal with the nurses.

Questions for motion 14.1:

- AJ asks what the narrative that has been posed by McGowan government is.
 - PB answers that all the press coverage of the strike so far has portrayed them as dangerous and that the nurses aren't taking patient's health into account and putting people's lives at risk. PB believes this is blatantly false. PB adds that the strike has made sure that emergency departments and ICU departments have stayed staffed, and postponed elective surgery to the day after the strike. PB adds that the nurses have made sure that patients have still been cared for. PB believes this is hypocritical and adds that the severe understaffing has led to people dying in Ambulances.

No debate of the motion.

This motion passed.

15.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

17.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Thursday 1st December 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.