109th Guild Council
October 20th,
2022Ordinary General
Meeting Minutes

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Amitabh moved a procedural motion to confirm the previous minutes. This passed.

4. GUILD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Amitabh reports on the years activities, making special mention of the starting of SLAC, fighting against the removal of student representation off Academic board and the master planning of the Guild Precinct amongst other things. He also mentioned that the full report is online for anyone interested, and for now is as read.

5. CONSIDERATION OF 2022 BUDGET

Narendra mentions that these reports are online and as read.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

Amitabh mentions that these reports are online and as read.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Narendra mentions that these reports are online and as read.

8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8.1. The 109th Guild Council accepts the results of the referendum held between Sept 19 to 23 in which students voted for the University of Western Australia (UWA) to take action on the climate crisis by divesting from fossil fuels.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila

Speaking on the motion:

- Amitabh highlights that this was the follow up from the referendum from the election period.

Question time and debate:

- None

Amitabh conducted a vote on this motion, and it passed.

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9. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 9.1 The 2022 Ordinary General Council Meeting:
 - 1) Urges the withdrawal of the current proposal to close down SymbioticA, a world renowned biological art research centre.
 - 2) Recognises that this proposal is a continuation of UWA management's profit-driven 2021 restructure, and is emblematic of their total disregard for students' futures as well as the role of the arts in our society.
 - 3) Calls for any proposal to cut the SymbioticA laboratory to go through the proper channels, (i.e. consultation with students and Academic board) and reaffirms that decisions with regards to academic matters should require approval from the student body and the Academic Board.
 - 4) Demands the acknowledgement of the students who would be affected by the closure of SymbioticA; and an apology from the university for the erasure of said students in the proposal, which falsely stated that no students are enrolled in the institute.

Moved: Sean Cheung Seconded: Scott Harney

Speaking on the motion:

- Sean highlights the importance of this keeping the SymbioticA program alive, and the necessity to fight against the university, in this round of proposed cuts.
- Scott reiterates the same sentiment as Sean, and the importance of standing up to the university regarding this, highlighting the value and diversity to the field that SymbiotcA brings.

Question time:

- None

Debate time:

- FOR: Nicole McEwen mentions the universities efforts to cut off funding to stop this program from continuing this program.
- FOR: Geemal Jayawickrama speaks on the motion and mentions the importance of pushing back on the university regarding matters like this, as if we don't this could set a dangerous precedent moving forward.

Amitabh conducted a vote on this motion, and it passed.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

11. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next Ordinary General Meeting will be held in 2022 on a date yet to be decided.