

June 26th, 2022 Guild Council Agenda

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

1.2 Apologies

Ethan Nicholas Amitabh Jeganathan Aidan Mansfield Amira Nunn Maria Waters

1.3 Proxies

Natasha Nicole (proxied by Sean Cheung) Nicole McEwen (proxied by Scott Harney) Catherine Cheeseman (proxied by Phoebe Burrage)

1.4 Observers

Camila Egusquiza Emma Forsyth Mary Rose Macdonald

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Council Minutes
- 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

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR
- 6. DIRECTORS REPORTS



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- 6.1 Managing Director
- 6.2 Finance Director
- 6.3 Commercial
- 6.4 Student Services

7. QUESTION TIME - Directors Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

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

9. QUESTION TIME - Student Reports

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

11. ELECTIONS

12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

1.1 The 109th Guild Council endorses the rebrand of the "second hand bookshop" to the "Guild Bookshop"

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila (NG) Seconded: Aidan Mansfield (AM)

1.2 The 109th Guild Council approved the new social media policy and the publications and promotions policy (available to view in the agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Aidan Mansfield (AM)

13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)



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15. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15.1 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.1.1 Rejects all forms of misogyny and abuse, recognising the gendered dynamics of sexual and domestic violence, with Mission Australia showing that 1 in 6 women have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner, while for men it is 1 in 16.
- 15.1.2 Understands that wealthy men from elite backgrounds are socialised to dehumanise women as an exercise of their power, which was exposed during the #metoo movement and its aftermath, most notably in Australia with the allegations against UWA graduate Christian Porter
- 15.1.3 Recognises that the Depp/Heard trial sets a precedent that undermines women's confidence to speak out against sexual violence, which is a direct backlash to #metoo in order to reassert the misogynistic silencing of women who are abused whilst protecting powerful men
- 15.1.4 Stands in solidarity with survivors of abuse and commends those who seek to hold people in positions of power accountable, whether they be in parliament, boardrooms and Hollywood films, in there face of immense structural barriers like loss of employment opportunities and media vilification
- 15.1.5 Directs the Guild to post on social media affirming its ongoing support of #metoo and provide information for students to report abuse who may be discouraged after witnessing the treatment of Heard throughout this trial

Moved: Nichole McEwen (NM) Seconded: Melani De Alwis (MDA)

15.2 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.2.1 Recognises that the Woodside-led Burrup Hub project, which includes the controversial Scarborough Gas project, would, according to the Conservation Council of WA, be the most polluting project "ever to be developed in Australia" with "estimated total emissions of over 6 billion tonnes (gigatons) of carbon pollution across its lifetime"
- 15.2.2 Is appalled that federal and state Labor have steadfastly supported this project, which will blow through the ALP's already insufficient 2030 climate target of reducing Australia's emissions by 43% on 2005 levels.
- 15.2.3 Reiterates its commitment to fighting to limit warming to 1.5 degrees and calling to shut down the fossil fuel industry and rapidly transition to renewables, which includes ending UWA's ties to the industry and the Centre for Long Subsea Tiebacks
- 15.2.4 Endorses the Climate Action Network campaign for UWA to divest from fossil fuels

Moved: Nichole McEwen (NM)

Seconded: Catherine Cheeseman (CC)

15.3 The 109th Guild Council:



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- 15.3.1 Is concerned about the ongoing cost of living crisis, with inflation at 5.1% and set to rise to 7% according to the Reserve Bank of Australia, which is impacting the cost of food, transport, housing, power, and other necessities for students and working class people
- 15.3.2 Recognises that this crisis is occurring at a time when the wealth of Australia's 47 billionaires has doubled to \$255 billion.
- 15.3.3 Rejects any measures which increase the burden of the cost of living on students and workers, including the cut to real wages implemented by the fair work commission at the request of the Albanese Government
- 15.3.4 Affirms that fighting for better wages and conditions is best achieved through union activity, including strike action as displayed recently by aged care workers and NSW train drivers and nurses.
- 15.3.5 Encourages all students to join their union by:
 - 15.3.5.1 Making a post on social media explaining the significance of unions and providing information about how to join a union
 - 15.3.5.2 Providing information leaflets in the Guild office about how to join your union, targeting sectors students commonly work in such as hospitality

Moved: Nichole McEwen (NM)

Seconded: Catherine Cheeseman (CC)

15.4 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.4.1 Rejects and condemns the overturning of the 1973 landmark Supreme Court ruling on Roe v Wade, by the undemocratic 6 out of 9 majority judges on the United States of America (USA) Supreme Court, appointed by Republican presidents.
- 15.4.2 Acknowledge that in doing so, it has effectively ended the constitutional right to an abortion for millions of people in the USA
- 15.4.3 Understands that forced pregnancy will further entrench existing inequalities, especially within lower socio-economic areas, ethnic communities and LGBTQIA+ communities in the USA.
- 15.4.4 Recognises the many countries where abortions are restricted or prohibited and the people around the world who aren't able to take to the streets to defend their rights due to limits on public demonstrations.
- 15.4.5 Recognises that Australia has inconsistent abortion care, costs, and inconsistent access to abortion services which affect Indigenous Australians disproportionately.
- 15.4.6 Stands in solidarity with people seeking abortions, and recognises that the existing systems violate their human rights and do not offer compassionate and essential care.
- 15.4.7 Directs the Guild to make posts on social media making aware of available services on campus to support students who have/had an abortion or have been affected, including mental health and wellbeing services
- 15.4.8 Supports the rally hosted by Defend Abortion Action Group that will be held on Saturday, 2 May, in solidarity with USA protestors.



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15.4.9 Requests the 109th Guild Councillors to RSVP their attendance at this rally to the Women's Officer by the close of day, Friday."

Moved: Melani De Alvis (MDA) Seconded:

15.5 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.5.1 Acknowledges the current economic instability in Sri Lanka including, inflation and shortages of necessities such as medicine and fuel.
- 15.5.2 Condemns the Rajapaksa government and it's actions over the last 2 years.
- 15.5.3 Encourages all students affected by this crisis, to seek help from Student Assist.
- 15.5.4 Recommends that ISD run a fundraiser to grow awareness of the issue and raise funds for Sri Lankan people in need.

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ) Seconded: David Hallam (DH)

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Productivity, accountability at councils – Chloe Bryant

17 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 27th July 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.