



## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Attendance

Narendra Gammanpila (NG)  
Rashdina Ramil (RR)  
Adam Elyousef (AE)  
Charlotte Kennedy (CK)  
Dana Fung (DF)  
David Hallam (DH)  
Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)  
Julia Aguinot (JA)  
Melani De Alwis (MDA)  
Paris Javid (JV)  
Tanisha Kothari (TK)  
Tony Goodman (TG)  
Saphire Carter (SC)

### 1.2 Apologies

Ethan Nicholas  
Amitabh Jeganathan  
Aidan Mansfield  
Amira Nunn  
Maria Waters

### 1.3 Proxies

Natasha Nicole (proxied by Sean Cheung - SC)  
Nicole McEwen (proxied by Scott Harney – SH)  
Catherine Cheeseman (proxied by Phoebe Burrage - PB)

### 1.4 Observers

*Camila Egusquiza*  
*Emma Forsyth*  
Mary Rose Macdonald

### 1.5 Absent

Jak Beard  
Max Beard  
Robert Whitehurst

## 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 Council Minutes



AE requests to meet up and discuss with NG regarding some perceived inconsistencies regarding the prior council minutes. NG replies that he sees no inconsistencies with the minutes. AE suggests a sit-down meeting to resolve the perceived inconsistencies and to not waste the council time discussing it here, NG agrees to this.

RR suggests that after the meeting, the council minutes can be approved via circular or at next council. The council is in agreeance.

### 3.2 Approval of Committee minutes

- Student Services

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

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

None

## 6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

### 6.1 Managing Director

TG highlights the wage increase, increase in inflation, and other associated costs and that the business structure will be reviewed to cope with these changes. TG adds that there will be some significant cost increases over the next few months. There are also vacancies that are still trying to be filled within the Guild. TG mentions that the election is well underway and reminds everyone that blackout is still in action. TG highlights a few of the new initiatives passed through governance, namely the rebranding of the bookshop and the new social media policy.

### 6.2 Finance Director

TG mentions the Guild is not doing as bad as they expected, and are currently over budget. TG expects activity to pick up over the coming weeks and months. TG mentions that most of the budgets are doing well with exception of the RSD budget which is over budget of \$24,000. The staffing budgets are underbudget too.

### 6.3 Commercial

### 6.4 Student Services

TG lists all other reports as read.

*RR moves a motion to move into camera. This passed.*

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

## 7. QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports

DH asks TG whether the orange colour can be used for the new bookshop. TG says this is the preferred colour.



*RR moves a motion to accept the director reports. This passed.*

## 8. STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (NS = Not submitted)
- 8.2 Vice President (NS)
- 8.3 General Secretary (AT = As tabled)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (AT)
- 8.6 Societies Council President (NS)
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (NS)
- 8.8 WASAC Chair (NS)
- 8.9 Women's Officer (AT)
- 8.10 Welfare Officer (AR = As read)  
Will be uploaded later tonight
- 8.11 Postgraduates Students' Association President (NS)
- 8.12 International Students' Department President (AR)
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President (NS)
- 8.14 Environment Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Sports Officer (NS)
- 8.16 Access Department (AT)
- 8.17 Pride Officers (AT)
- 8.18 Ethnocultural Department Officers (AT)
- 8.19 Volunteering Chair (NS)
- 8.20 OGC (3/13)
- 8.21 MASA President (NS)

## 9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

*RR moves a motion to accept the student reports. This motion passes.*

## 10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None

## 11. ELECTIONS

None

## 12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 12.1 The 109<sup>th</sup> Guild Council endorses the rebrand of the “second hand bookshop” to the “Guild Bookshop”

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)  
Seconded: David Hallam (DH)

NG moves a procedural motion to pass speaking rights to TG. This passed.

### Speaking on motion 12.1:

- TG mentions that this is a transition away from the name “second hand bookshop” and the change reflects the diversification of the bookshop moving forward. (Merchandise, books, stationary e.c.t.). The signage will also change and will include an additional cost of \$2-3k.



Question time on 12.1:

- DH asks whether there will be any overlap between the new bookshop and the library. TG mentions that there won't be any overlap between the library & the second-hand bookshop, and the services provided by the new second hand bookshop will be widened.

Debate time on 12.1: none

*RR conducted a vote on 12.1. This motion passed.*

12.2 The 109<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approved the new social media policy and the publications and promotions policy (available to view in the agenda pack )

Moved: Charlotte Kennedy (CK)

Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

CK doesn't speak on the motion. NG doesn't speak on the motion.

Question time / Debate on 12.2: none

*RR conducted a vote on 12.2. This motion passed.*

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

None

**14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

None

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

15.1 The 109<sup>th</sup> 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 their 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: Phoebe Burrage (PB)  
Seconded: Melani De Alwis (MDA)

Speaking on motion 15.1:

- PB mentions that there is systemic sexist backlash against women's rights who speak against their abusers. PB believes that the Depp vs Heard trial is an example of this, and this sexist environment is being wholeheartedly embraced by the commentary around the trial. PB believes that this is having an impact on women who speak out about sexual assault. PB mentions that this motion is to "cut back against the trend of misogyny".
- MDA agrees with the sentiment expressed by PB, and highlights how she believes Heard was ridiculed after speaking out about her experiences with sexual assault. MDA states the advances made by the #metoo movement have been halted and experienced a set back after the 6-week trial. MDA expresses disapproval for the publicly televised nature of the trial and believes it lead to more backlash for Heard, and that the trial all together discourages individuals to not come forward as they will be publicly ridiculed. MDA believes all together, this compels victims to remain in silence rather than coming forward.

Question time for 15.1:

- CB asks whether 15.1.5 needed further assistance to fulfil that point.
  - RESPONSE: PB mentions that perhaps using the central Guild Facebook page. PB also suggests conveying the guilds stance on misogyny, and assistance on how to report. MDA mentions that she was thinking of a collaborative effort and engage other parties to convey this.
- NG seeks further clarification about 15.1.2 and what was so damaging to the #metoo movement, whether it was the actual online backlash Heard received because of the trial, or the simple fact that there was proven to be a male victim in a sexual assault / defamation trial.
  - RESPONSE: PB mentions that she believes that "it is pretty clear that Depp did abuse Heard". PB highlights that Depp did lose the trial in UK and was proven to be a "wife beater". PB mentions that this trial was also incorrectly done (jury not sequestered) and that many misogynistic tropes were evident throughout the trial. PB believes that this trial is a representation of what is happening in society.
  - QUESTION: NG asks what the case would be if a man was in fact abused, and whether he would be automatically deemed as "manipulative" still.
  - RESPONSE: PB mentions that there is "very little evidence to suggest Heard was lying" and that this is "conspiratorial". PB mentions that it is clear who was abused in this trial. PB mentions that this trial is a prime example of what happens when a woman comes out about assault.
  - QUESTION: NG asks whether it is appropriate to include PB's interpretation of the trial and use it as evidence to support the motion.

- RESPONSE: PB mentions that “the entire internet has jumped to interpretation on this case, and that I (she) believe the entire internet is wrong”. PB mentions that voting for this motion will reaffirm NG’s stance on sexual assault and sexism.
- QUESTION: NG mentions that it isn’t right to not to pay any recognition to the verdict that was in favour of Depp in the US, and that this will not set a good precedent for male victims moving forward.

*RR moves a motion to move into camera. This passed.*

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

#### Debate for 15.1:

- FOR – MDA mentions that the #metoo movement is regressing and that this motion shows the students that the Guild stands with them.
- AGAINST – SC suggests that the inclusion of 15.3 makes the motion less digestible for the average student who those that haven’t kept up with the trial and might alienate students who think otherwise. SC suggests that this collectively takes away from the core point of the motion.
- FOR – SH openly rejects the ideas bought up by SC and mentions that such a view isn’t a very “progressive” stance to take, and this isn’t in agreement with the student populous. SH states the motion clearly conveys that “rich powerful men can silence women who have been abused through their money and prestige” and that this sets a bad precedent. SH also mentions that Heard wasn’t the “perfect victim” and that this aspect was glossed over and that the trial was a broader attack on women’s rights.
- AGAINST – SC clarifies she believes that anyone who thinks differently regarding the trial should have the chance to learn and be educated regarding the effects of the trial, rather than be condemned at every chance. SC also adds that 2 sentences isn’t enough to educate a wider population regarding the impact of the case. SH rejects SC views.
- AGAINST – TK puts forth that the trial is a very subjective event and that the motion may not encapsulate everyone’s views. TK also believes the trial isn’t regressive of the #metoo movement. TK also mentions that from her personal experience, some women have been known to take advantage of the liberties granted to them by the public’s opinion.
- FOR – PB mentions that people that find more information regarding the trial if they want. PB responds to TK by saying in the overwhelming amount of cases, women are branded as liars when they come forward regarding sexual assault. PB mentions that Depp is a “shit guy” and that she is “convinced he abused Heard”.
- AGAINST – NG mentions that the consequences of false allegations against a man are significant and hence the high burden of proof is required. NG quotes from a commentary regarding the trial, that in summary states that the Depp vs Heard trial wasn’t regressive of the #metoo movement, and that all victims ask for is to be heard without prejudice. NG states that in this case the victim was a man as proven by jury and that they should be given the same respect as any other victim.
- FOR – CB believes that this trial is regressive of the #metoo movement. CB mentions she is “embarrassed to be in this council and wants to leave” as she can’t believe this motion is contested.
- FOR – AE responds to NG by saying “keep your mansplaining quotes to yourself”. AE also mentions that people that do their own research

and learn more about the issue if they so wish. AE encourages everyone to educate themselves regarding this.

- NG proposes an amendment to 15.1.2 to remove the mentioning of Christian Porter. Moved: NG Seconded: GJ. This amendment was not friendly.
  - Debate time on amendment to 15.1.2:
    - FOR – NG mentions that the mentioning of Christian Porter’s name is unnecessary and doesn’t add anything to the substance of the motion. NG adds that if this gets implicated in legal troubles, this will be a waste of Guild’s resources.
    - AGAINST – SH mentions that is “overwhelming the case, that the allegations are true”. SH mentions that it is not surprising that someone like him can conduct “sexually grotesque acts”. SH opposes NG’s stance on this. SH mentions that we should not fear the legal consequences of this, and he doesn’t believe Christian Porter can pursue the Guild financially.
    - FOR – GJ mentions that he is concerned about the legal consequences of mentioning Christian Porter’s name.
    - AGAINST – PB mentions that the Guild should set a precedent of taking a stance against misogyny and “wealthy powerful men”. PB mentions that the Guild should take risks and fight back against this.
    - AGAINST – MDA asks whether the inclusion of the word “allegedly” protect the Guild form legal trouble. CB mentions that this still opens the Guild up to liability.
  - RR conducts a vote on the amendment to 15.1.2. This failed.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.1. This passed.

## 15.2 The 109<sup>th</sup> 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: Sean Cheung (SC)  
Seconded: Scott Harney (SH)

### Speaking on motion 15.2:

- SC mentions that the climate crisis the most issue concerning us right now. SC claims that WA is leading the charge on climate destruction, under the labour government. SC mentions that it is

important for the Guild to take a stance and encourages Guild to divest away from fossil fuels.

- SH mentions that it is important as students to publicly oppose this, and look internally at our own campus to see how the big polluting fossil fuel companies are integrated into our everyday learning, and actively move away from them to take a stance.

Debate on motion 15.2:

- FOR – DH mentions that this is further reiterating that Labor has a weak stance on climate, and hence the Guild needs to actively oppose this. DH mentions that we are still at risk of a climate emergency and every effort counts in preserving this for future generations.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.2. This passed.

15.3 The 109<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

- 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: Scott Harney (SH)

Seconded: Sean Cheung (SC)

Speaking on motion 15.3:

- SH waives his speaking rights to Alvin (AV). This passes.
- AV mentions that inflation will rise to 7% by the end of the year, alongside fuel and everyday groceries are increasing. These pressures are felt more by working class people. AV mentions that the minimum wage increase is not adequate to cope with the intensifying cost of living. AV encourages the Guild to support workers unions and push them to fight back against employers and to push for salaries to keep up with inflation. AV mentions that making a post informing students about unions and the information about unions should be made.





- SC mentions that the Guild has an important role in encouraging students to join their union, and hence the Guild should provide information regarding this.

Question time on motion 15.2:

- GJ asks whether a list of unions will be posted on the Guild socials. AV mentions that there is a list online which can be attached to the socials.

Debate time on motion 15.2:

- FOR – DH highlights how the pandemic worsened the inflation and the governments role in bailing out large companies, alongside risky investments have all contributed towards the inflation crisis. DH mentions the country is close to a “wage spiral” and that the Guild’s stance should stand with the Unions and encourage students to join their respective unions.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.3. This passed.

15.4 The 109<sup>th</sup> 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 women and people who experience pregnancy 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 women and people who experience pregnancy 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 July, in solidarity with USA protestors.
- 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: Chloe Bryant (CB)

Speaking on motion 15.4:

- MDA reminds the council just how recently abortion was removed by statutes in Australia and how there is still a push for compassionate abortion medical care to be a part of essential

healthcare provided by governments. MDA mentions that the example set by USA sets up a terrible precedent for other conservative nations / anti-abortion groups to follow. MDA mentions that the overturning recent progress made on abortion and puts millions of people at risk. MDA also mentions that lower SES areas, ethnic and LGBTQI areas will be disproportionately affected.

- CB mentions that this is a step backwards and is an example of governments flexing control over women and gender diverse people. CB mentions that this is still an ongoing global and domestic issue (cost, transport, availability). CB states RSVP attendance to the upcoming protest to her is compulsory.

Question time on motion 15.4:

- SH puts forward an amendment to replace in 15.4.2 and 15.4.6 “people” with “women and people who experience pregnancy”. This was friendly.

Debate time on motion 15.4:

- FOR – PB encourages the Guild’s to oppose the overturning. PB mentions that the “far right in America has been mobilising to push women’s rights back”, and it has gotten to the point where they were able to take it to the supreme court in an attempt to push back and control women’s rights. PB mentions that this will have flow on effects to other oppressed groups and sets a precedent for future attacks by the far right.
- FOR – MDA adds that this has been in the works for many years and that there is a long history of the far right opposing abortion and setting back women’s rights. MDA mentions that this occurs in other nations too. MDA mentions that people in the LGBTQI community will be disproportionately affected.
- FOR – GJ mentions that this is sad to see and that the Guild stance should be made public regarding this. GJ sends his apologies for the protest.
- FOR – DF mentions that pro-life supporters have sparked violence in the community and lead to many deaths and injuries. DF commends the recognition of better maternal health care for Aboriginal mothers.
- FOR – CB mentions that you don’t have to be a big presence at the protest. CB encourages everyone to attend.
- FOR – SH echo’s the idea that this is not the end. SH mentions that the far right is gaining confidence and will keep going. SH highlights how Australia has very restrictive Abortion access laws and thus the Guild should fully get behind this motion.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.4. This passed unanimously.

15.5 The 109<sup>th</sup> 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)

Speaking on motion 15.5:

- GJ highlights the difficulties faced by Sri Lankans because of bad political decisions. GJ highlights the massive increases in inflations and the potential of mandated lockdowns. GJ encourages the Guild to raise awareness and encourage the council to make an impact.
- DH reiterates the sentiments of GJ. DH highlights the staggering amount of debt owed by Sri Lanka alongside the staggering inflation rate and rising cost of living. DH mentions that despite our contribution being a “drop in the ocean”, it is about raising awareness and solidarity around this issue.

Question time on motion 15.5:

- MDA asks why she wasn't consulted on this motion. GJ mentions that he didn't have a lot of time and hence didn't reach out before council.

Debate time on motion 15.5:

- FOR – SH mentions that the rich in Sri Lanka are pushing the crisis onto the working-class people. SH mentions that consistent protests and mass mobilizations are happening and encourages the Guild to take part in this issue.
- FOR – MDA adds that the government is responsible for the current crisis which disproportionately affects women. MDA mentions how the government is a family run operation instead of a real government.
- FOR – AE encourages the Guild to take political stances on this to help uplift the community. AE mentions they will be happy to help with the fundraiser.
- FOR – JA mentions that the stance the Guild takes is uplifting and encouraging.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.5. This passed unanimously

## 16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Productivity, accountability at councils – Chloe Bryant

## 17 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto: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.