Council Meeting Resolutions

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TW: Sexual Assault

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Rashdina Ramil (RR)

Boni Riad (BR)

Adam Elyousef (AE)

Aidan Mansfiled (AM)

Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

Catherine Cheesman (CC)

Charlotte Kennedy (CK)

Chloe Bryant (CB)

Dana Fung (DF)

Daniel Roden (DR)

David Hallam (DH)

Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)

Iknur Virik (IV)

Jak Beard (JB)

Joeseph Kaddis (JK)

Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

Prisha Goel (PG)

Max Beard (MB)

Tony Goodman (TG)

Mutya Joseph (MJ)

Jak Spagnuolo (JS)

Paris Goel (PG)

Natasha Nicole (NN)

Maria Waters (MW)

Nicole McEwen (NM)

Julia Aguinot (JA)

Sapphire Carter (SC)

1.2 Apologies

Tanisha Kothari

Ethan Nicholas

Amira Nunn

1.3 Proxies

None

1.4 Observers

Jelena Kovacevic Tobias Langtry

1.5 Absent

Robert Whitehurst Louise Cheng Misha Riaz (MR)

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None



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3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RR passes a motion to accept the previous Guild Council minutes. This motion passed unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

None

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 6.1 Managing Director
- 6.2 Finance Director

RR moves a motion to move in camera. This motion passed unanimously. GC moved in camera for further discussion.

RR moves a procedural motion to move the chair to PG temporarily.

- 6.3 Commercial
- 6.4 Student Services

NOTE: The remaining reports were discussed during the in-camera session, and thus no formal meeting minutes will be recorded.

7. QUESTION TIME - Directors Reports

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

8. STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (As Tabled = AT)
- 8.2 Vice President (AT)
- 8.3 General Secretary (AT)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (AR = As Read)

DH mentions that Ed Council was the day before and the issue of incorporated clubs was raised.

- 8.6 Societies Council President (AT)
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT)
- 8.8 WASAC Chair (Not Submitted = NS)
- 8.9 Women's Officer (AR)

CB added that she met with JB regarding the Soc response to the NSS survey results.

- 8.10 Welfare Officer (AT)
- 8.11 Postgraduates Students' Association President (AR)

MB adds that progress has been made about the RGP scholarships and MB will be lobbying for them alongside Curtin PSA president.

- 8.12 International Students' Department President (AT)
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President (NS)
- 8.14 Environment Officer (AT)
- 8.15 Sports Officer (AT)
- 8.16 Access Department (AT)
- 8.17 Pride Officers (AT)



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8.18 Ethnocultural Department Officers (AT)

8.19 Volunteering Chair (AT)

8.20 OGC (6/13)

8.21 MASA President

PG moves a procedural motion to pass chair back to RR.

9. QUESTION TIME - Student Reports

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

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None

11 ELECTIONS

11.1 Welfare & Advocacy Committee. Election for Chair of Committee

AJ nominated PG for the role of Chair.

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

PG was elected unopposed as chair of the Welfare & Advocacy Committee

11.2 Sponsorship Working Group elections

11.2.1 Up to three (3) Guild Department representatives, one of whom must identify as a female or non-binary

AM nominated SC, JK, CB.

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

SC, JK, CB were elected to the Sponsorship Working Group

11.2.2 Up to three (3) Ordinary Guild Councillors, at least one of which whom must identify as a female or non-binary

AM nominated PG, MR, BR.

Moved by: Aidan Mansfield (AM)

Seconded by: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

PG, MR, BR were elected to the Sponsorship Working Group

12 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1The 109th endorses the following changes to council:

- 12.1.1 Adjusting point 105 of the standing orders accordingly to align with a new break structure.
- 12.1.2 An initial 5-minute break after the first 55 minutes is to be observed. With council not to exceed 1 hour and 10 minutes if it's disruptive to stop conversations at 1 hour.



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- 12.1.3 A second 10-minute break after the first hour and 55 mins is to be observed. With council not to exceed 2 hours and 10 mins without this break
- 12.1.4 A third 10-minute break after the second hour and 55 mins is to be observed. With council not to exceed 3 hours and 10 mins without this break.
- 12.1.5 The four-hour maximum of council to remain unchanged.
- 12.1.6 The only conversation allowed to continue after the break should have occurred is that which pertains to the current agenda item being discussed
- 12.1.7 Requests the General Secretary to timetable these in the agenda as reminders so that anyone on council can 'call-out' when these breaks are not observed in the times outlined. With a view to review this singular point at the next council if estimating the appropriate times is not feasible.
- 12.1.8 Mandating these breaks to be non-optional and not "majority-voted" for (e.g. "does anyone want a break now or do you mind if we keep going?")

Moved: Sapphire Carter (SC) Seconded: Dana Fung (DF)

SC proposes ammendants to all the points of the motions. These ammendants were friendly and thus passed without discussion. DF reiterates the sentiment expressed by SC.

RR conducts a vote on motion 12.1. The motion passed.

12.2 The 109th Guild Council confirms the appointment of Rebeka Morrison and Nakita Humes as WASAC Co-Chairs, upon recommendation from WASAC.

Moved: Aidan Mansfield (AM)

Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

RR conducts a vote on motion 12.2. The motion passed unanimously.

12.3 The 109th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Anwar Farhan from the position of Pride Officer, effective immediately.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

RR conducts a vote on motion 12.3. The motion passed unanimously.

13 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13.1The 109th Guild Council approves the regulations for the Lyn Beazley institute upon recommendations from the Governance Committee

Moved: Aidan Mansfield (AM) Seconded: Rashdina Ramli (RR)

RR moves a procedural motion to move chair to PG.

DH moves a motion to have this motion be approved via circular so the regulations can be distributed.



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13.2The 109th Council approves the terms of references for the following committees upon the recommendation of the Governance committee:

13.2.1 UWA Student Project Board

13.2.2 UWA Student Research Hub

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ) Seconded: Rashdina Ramli (RR)

RR conducts a vote on motion 13.2. The motion passed unanimously.

PG moved chair back to RR.

14 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14.1The 109th Guild Council:

- 14.1.1 Stands in solidarity with Ukraine and Russian citizens resisting the Russian regime's authoritarian rule and attack on innocent civilians.
- 14.1.2 Recognises the impact war and imperialism inflict on everyone, which continue to fuel the refugee crisis around the world.
- 14.1.3 Opposes and recognises the double standard of the Western media's coverage of the Ukraine crisis, which shuns Ukrainians of colour and "uncivilised' refugees from different war-torn countries around the world.
- 14.1.4 Supports all refugees escaping war and recognises the displacement of culturally and linguistically diverse people around the world must receive increased recognition from its elected representatives, all students, and the media.
- 14.1.5 Supports all UWA students affected by crises occurring overseas and commits to sharing relevant support services available, such as Student Assist for welfare and academic support.
- 14.1.6 Endorses fundraising efforts by the Ethnocultural Department to raise awareness about crises happening globally, which include the Ukrainian crisis.
- 14.1.7 Stands in the tradition of UWA student's anti-war activism against Australian imperialism and the war drive of all imperialist nations
- 14.1.8 Condemns both Russian and western imperialism and recognises that Western countries like Australia and the USA and Germany are using this crisis to expand their militarism at the expense of civilian populations domestically and abroad

Moved: Adam Elyousef (AE)

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)

NM suggests 2 ammendants and speaks on them.

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This amendment was friendly.



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RR conducts a vote on motion 14.1. The motion passed unanimously.

14.2The 109th Guild Council:

- 14.2.1 Expresses deep concern about the horrific findings of the National Student Safety Survey of 2021 which outline not only the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault at UWA but the unclear and unsatisfactory reporting and response processes currently in place
- 14.2.2 Extends solidarity to students who have survived these incidences and who have been affected by the release of these results
- 14.2.3 Thanks students and survivors who were able to lend their voices to this survey and acknowledge the personal impact of these surveys and discussions
- 14.2.4 Demands that UWA:
 - 14.2.4.1 Immediately inform UWA students of their plans to confront this issue
 - 14.2.4.2 Promptly review and improve the current reporting as well as responding processes in place
 - 14.2.4.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of the Inclusion & Diversity Committee and the working groups supporting it
 - 14.2.4.4 Deliver workshops and training to all university staff on sexual misconduct and responding to student disclosures made through official reporting procedures or otherwise
- 14.2.5 Directs the Guild to:
 - 14.2.5.1 Run a social media campaign through the Student Guild page to raise awareness and understanding of the abhorrent prevalence of sexual assault and misconduct
 - 14.2.5.2 Create a subcommittee to review the NSSS results and explore all potential actions to combat and eliminate sexual misconduct
 - 14.2.5.3 Require the completion of SARC Sexual Violence training by all Guild councillors before the end of Semester 1

Moved: Chloe Bryant (CB) Seconded: Saphire Carter (SC)

RR conducts a vote on motion 14.2. The motion passed unanimously.

15 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

RR moves a procedural motion to move chair over to PG for this motion.

15.1The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.1.1 Wishes all Muslim UWA students a happy Ramadan and extends support to those fasting away from their families and/or in isolation due to Covid-19. 2.
- 15.1.2 Encourages UWA students in isolation or overseas who are fasting to interact with the Muslim Students' Association, the Ethnocultural & International Students' Departments for support during Ramadan, and to reach out to the Guild's support services for extra support.
- 15.1.3 3. Directs the University to work with relevant Guild Departments to cater to the needs of students whose assessments (e.g., quizzes, tests) coincide with religious celebrations. 4.
- 15.1.4 Commits to promoting the Guild's academic support services & guidelines for how to apply for Special Consideration on religious grounds, on the Guild's social media.
- 15.1.5 5. Supports the upcoming 'Open Air-Iftaar' hosted by the Ethnocultural Department and the Muslim Students' Association on April 13.

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Moved: Adam Elyousef (AE) Seconded: Rashdina Ramli (RR)

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.1. The motion passed unanimously.

AJ moved a procedural motion to limit discussions amount each motion to 10 min. This motion passed.

15.2 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.2.1 Condemns the Federal Government's 2022 budget which is a near-sighted, in some cases punitive, document which fails to address the long-term needs of Australians.
- 15.2.2 Opposes the Federal Government's continual failure to address the needs of university students including but not limited to:
 - 15.2.2.1 Youth Allowance which supports over 300,000 students but only sitting at approximately 37 dollars a day.
 - 15.2.2.2 The hidden 5.4% cut in real terms to the higher education budget which is hidden behind the smokescreen of "record level funding."
 - 15.2.2.3 Lack of action in reducing or abolishing student HECS debt
- 15.2.3 Expresses serious concern for the blatant disregard for university students in the budget document.
- 15.2.4 Recognises that the so-called "cash-splash" is an irresponsible measure that will not relieve rising inflation and cost of living pressures.
- 15.2.5 Stands in solidarity with the statement issued by the National Union of Students and supports the "It's Time for Change" campaign and acknowledges the failure of both major parties to address the aforementioned issues.

Moved: David Hallam (DH)

Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

NM moves a procedural motion to hear all of the late motions without prior explanation. This motion passed.

Debate:

- For:
 - o NM puts forward the following amendment:
 - "15.2.5 ... campaign and acknowledges that both labour and liberal governments are not prepared to support student needs"
 - DH is friendly but AJ is not friendly to the ammendant because the labour budget hasn't come out yet.
 - DH puts forward an alternative amendment to 15.2.5: "... and acknowledges the continual failure of both major parties to address the issues.
 - This ammendant was friendly to NM, DH and AJ. Passed automatically.

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.2. The motion passed unanimously.



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15.3 109th Guild Council:

- 15.3.1 Welcomes the NZ Government's offer to accept refugees from Australian detention.
- 15.3.2 Condemns the Australian Government for taking over nine years to finally action the agreement.
- 15.3.3 Urges the Australian Government to immediately grant visas to all remaining refugees in detention.
- 15.3.4 Opposes the retroactive nature of the policy which denies safety and asylum to all future refugees.
- 15.3.5 Endorses refugee human rights movements and supports all efforts to free refugees from detention.
- 15.3.6 Endorses the Students for Refugees club, praises their efforts and endorses their campaigns for all refugees.

Moved: David Hallam (DH) Seconded: Chloe Bryant (CB)

NM suggests an amendment for 15.3.1 to include "Refugees from Australian detention and temporary visas". DH is friendly to this

Debate:

RR conducts a vote on motion 15.3. The motion passed unanimously.

15.4 The 109th Guild Council:

- 15.4.1 Supports the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association's March 31 statewide strike against the Perrottet Liberal government, building on their February action which was the largest strike of Australian nurses in a
- 15.4.2 Stands in solidarity with staff demanding safe nurse-to-patient ratios, better pay and better working conditions, all of which have declined over the course of the pandemic
- 15.4.3 Recognises that the Australian public health system is in crisis as a result of years of government underfunding, with staff working record amounts of overtime and double shifts in wards that are consistently dangerously understaffed, putting the health and lives of staff and patients at risk

Moved: Nicole McEwen (NM)

Seconded: Catherine Cheesman (CC)

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

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16 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Guild Ball Theme Suggestions – Can everyone please send their top 3 theme suggestions to secretary email (listed below) by 4th April 2022

17 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 27th April 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.