



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Alejandro Villa Gomez (AVG)
Anushka Mukherjee (AM)
Ashley Lui (AL)
Bradley Carter (BC)
Charlotte Kennedy (CK)
Cooper Mason (CM)
Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)
Holly Mellor (HM)
Indi Creed (IC)
John Nguyen (JN)
Joseph Pietrzak (JP)
Kaelin Abrahams (KA)
Kajol Sharma (KS)
Lara Dale (LD)
Luke Alderslade (LA)
Meghana Maganti (MM)
Melani De Alwis (MDA)
Robert Whitehurst (RW)
Rutvi Timbadia (RT)
Sean Cheung (SC)
Taleah Ugle (TU)
Taniya Shrimali (TS)
Tony Goodman (TG)
Viknash VM (VV)
Will Partridge (WP)

1.2 Apologies

Aishya Abdul Raman
Alex Knowles
Claudia Bruce
Drishti Kripalani
Khoa Mai
Liam Tubby

1.3 Proxies

Jackie Shan (for Claudia Bruce) (JS)
Parham Bahrami (for Aishya Abdul Raman) (PB) – Online

1.4 Observers

Alevin Magila (AM)
David Hallam (DH) – Online

1.5 Absent

Sofie Gilmartin

RW 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

RW moved a motion to accept the previous Guild Council minutes. This motion passed unanimously.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

None

6.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG updates council that Caitlin MacPhail put in her resignation from her position in marketing as she will be pursuing a career opportunity over East. TG acknowledges the work that Caitlin has done and mentions that we expect to have a cohesive transition.

TG mentions that they are currently recruiting for the Guild cafés and the UWA Tavern. TG notes that they have had about 80 CV submissions and notes this is a mark-up from last year. TG notes they have been trying to get more people in after the effects of COVID-19.

TG updates council on a few changes around campus that have been or will be happening. TG mentions that the:

- Barber Shop in the Guild precinct is being fitted out
- Second Hand Bookshop has started moving to the ground floor of the Guild precinct and will be ready in time for O-Day
- Campus Kebabs pizza shop set-up is getting started soon
- Boost Juice tenancy location opening has had some responses of interest

TG notes that main project after these updates is the Masterplan. TG mentions he is hoping to receive the costing for some aspects of the plan next week. TG mentions that next council we might be able to have a presentation from the architects working on the Masterplan.

TG updates council that the new BPOS systems have been fitted out. TG notes that they are now able to move onto exploring promotions and the capabilities of the systems.

TG mentions that the Tavern updates will start soon, including new furniture and other design features.

TG reminds Council that if Guild Departments would like a stall at O-Day, they need to fill a registration form.

6.2 Finance Director (not submitted = NS)

TG mentions that there are normally no finance reports in January as there is a double reporting period in February. TG notes that they are still waiting for the major transactions to go through. TG mentions Finance is starting the Audit process and there is quite a bit of work to do for that.

6.3 Commercial (as tabled = AT)

6.4 Student Services (AT)

SC moved a procedural motion to move to 16.0 Motions on Notice (Representation). This motion passed unanimously.

7.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Directors Reports

8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (AT)
- 8.2 Vice President (AT)
- 8.3 General Secretary (AT)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (AT)
- 8.6 Societies Council President (AT)
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT)
- 8.8 Women's Officer (AT)
- 8.9 Welfare Officer (AT)
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President (AT)
- 8.11 International Students' Department President (AT)
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President (AT)
- 8.13 Environment Officer (NS)
- 8.14 Sports Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Access Department (AT)
- 8.16 Pride Officers (AT)
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Department Officers (AT)
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair (AT)
- 8.19 OGC (9/11)

9.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

LA asks GJ if he could elaborate on the Venture aspect of his report. GJ replies that he is working with Chloe Bull to try to make Venture the main innovation hub on campus. GJ mentions they are trying to secure some partnerships with external organisations and within the University, specifically Convocation, Alumni and the University Management. GJ explains that right now the Guild is funding Venture, so for it to expand we need more funding.

LA asks GJ to clarify if it is still compulsory to have a Safety Clubs & Events (SCE) Officer that was posed that year, given that he is working on improving campus safety. GJ passes to LD. LD clarifies that last semester it was not compulsory as it was just a trial but was supposed to be made compulsory this semester. WP adds that, based on the trial from last semester, it is compulsory for major events and there are certain requirements surrounding the position and what actions need to be taken. WP mentions that they received a lot of feedback that he an TU will be working on implementing before semester starts.

LA asks GJ the reason as to why we are spending time upskilling students to be SCE Officers instead of bringing in organisations, such as the Red Frogs, who are trained in this area. GJ replies that we cannot constantly rely on other organisations to show up at our major events. GJ mentions that the main idea is to educate and upskill club leaders and community leaders within the university to stand-up if there is a necessity to do so.

MDA asks HM if she can provide more information on the anti-cheating campaign. HM replies that a huge problem was flagged within the University with the rise of AI. HM explains that the University has asked the Guild to run a campaign that is from students to students about topics like AI and cheating. HM adds that there is a problem with special considerations at the moment. HM mentions that this campaign is to primarily educate students on the consequences of cheating, such as not being able to complete your degree or having your degree redacted. HM mentions that she will be joining a working group that is focused on AI. GJ adds that in the last Senate meeting it was mentioned that there were about 45,000 special consideration applications last year but there are only about 25,000 students on campus. GJ mentions that the University knows that about half of these are fake medical certificates and students have been facing consequences for these.

CM asks HM if there will be any changes to the special consideration process. HM replies that they are working on a solution that will be applied Semester 2. HM mentions that before they come up with a solution, they are conducting an entire special consideration process review which is proving to be very time consuming.

LA asks HM with the reinvigorated class rep system, that is the nomination framework not the actual class rep position itself. HM replies yes, we have introduced a google form that will be used to nominate class reps.

LA asks LD to clarify what is meant by the rotating keg in the Tavern. LD replies that of the 12 taps at the Tavern, 9 of them are reserved for the main supplier, however we are hoping to be able to use one of the taps to alternate each month. JP explains that the idea is similar to the Grill'd charity voting system where students will be able to vote for the next month's beer on the rotating tap every time they purchase a pint.

KS asks HM how the University knows what special considerations are fake. HM replies that the fake medical certificates are identified by calling the GP to confirm if a medical certificate

was ever issued to the given student on the given date. HM notes the GP office is able to confirm whether a medical certificate is fabricated or not. HM notes that the University has to physically check for every medical certificate they think might be fake.

MDA asks CK and AM if the change in rules that are going to be put through Governance are the changes that she made last year. RW clarifies that these new changes are different and are all just formatting errors so far.

KA asks LA if he will do the personal honour of shaving KA's hair, given the Greatest Shave call-out in his report. LA replies "I'd love to".

KA asks GJ to clarify the meeting he had on the 19th of January where in his report he says he met with Jasmine and said he wanted to "take over the world". KA asks if we should be concerned. GJ replies that they were just talking about marketing and how they want to take over the social media world.

KA asks IC that considering a massive bombshell of a report came through with the National Student Safety Survey and considering RSD has a major part in identifying and working off the recommendations, how her work has gone in league with the recommendations of that report so far. IC replies that consent is a massive priority going forward. IC explains that they have looked at the recommendations and some of them weren't necessarily specific actions, more areas that they should focus on. IC notes that they are engaging with these issues as a department as they physically can and are forming an evidence based plan for the year.

JN asks GJ "how are you?" GJ replies "very good, thank you for asking."

10.0 NUS REPORTS

- 10.1 David Hallam (AT)
- 10.2 Holly Mellor (AT)
- 10.3 Kajol Sharma (AT)
- 10.4 Melani De Alwis (AT)
- 10.5 Parham Bahrami (AT)

11.0 QUESTION TIME – NUS Reports

VV asks HM with her experience at NUS, what she thinks it felt being a true independent there, how it can be improved and if they should align to a faction going forward. HM believes it is a shocking experience as a true independent. HM explains that they received the agenda less than an hour before the conference started, they never received the policy packs and buses were changed on them very last minute. HM believes factions are a strategic way for them to exclude people from NUS as much as they can. HM found it a humiliating experience being an independent at NUS. HM explains that in order to speak about something you're passionate about, you need to make a deal with a faction and prove your worth to them. HM emphasises that, regardless of these factors, she does not believe we should align with a faction. HM believes that the NUS is very egocentric, and their values do not necessarily align with us in WA. HM notes that if you are aligned with a faction because you share mostly the same views, you then cannot disagree with them on anything.

RT asks KS about the section in her report where she mentions that the ordinary international student fees are about \$30,000 a semester or more, and where she got this information from. KS replies that she was proxied in by Ananya Rao. KS mentions that because the forms weren't filled out correctly, she wasn't able to speak on the motions, so she got that figure from Ananya.

VV asks GJ what the delay in the forms for NUS being filled out. GJ replies that there was one candidate who was elected for NUS who had an ongoing disciplinary investigation within the University. GJ mentions that due to this the WAEC could not verify the results. GJ passes to TG. TG explains that the WAEC would not confirm the election results until the University was satisfied with its decision regarding the disciplinary investigation of the student. TG mentions he assisted conversations with the WAEC and the University but was not directly involved with any decisions. TG explains that the investigation has been inconclusive as of yet, however, the student was allowed to be elected as an NUS representative by the WAEC.

(No question asked) KJ acknowledges that there were delays. KJ mentions that Amitabh and GJ were responsible for completing the forms for NUS and believes these were filled out incorrectly. KJ mentions that PB, HM, MDA and herself were not allowed to put in motions or vote at NUS. KJ found the experience shocking and disheartening. KJ believes that it is still important that we attend NUS and represent WA. GJ clarifies that he had no experience with the NUS processes as they had not occurred for a couple years due to COVID but promises to ensure that NUS delegates this year do receive training. GJ mentions he read everyone's reports and would like to be involved with the NUS training this year. GJ highlights that the time constraints were a big factor for those errors as they were under a lot of pressure at that time.

MDA asks GJ if it would have been possible to still put through to the NUS the people who had not been involved in the investigation. GJ replies that they were waiting for the WAEC to verify the NUS election. GJ explains it is not possible to verify part of the election, so no one was confirmed until a decision was made about the student under investigation. TG confirms this. GJ adds that a person cannot be recommended to the NUS without the election results being confirmed. KS acknowledges these sentiments. KS mentions that the resources, such as the motions and agenda, were sent quite late. MDA agrees the resources were sent last but does understand it is out of the Guilds hands. KS mentions that the resources were sorted a week before NUS but they only received them a day before. HM clarifies that only the conference organisers had the resources a week before. GJ clarifies that he did not have them either and forwarded them as soon as he received them.

VV asks MDA if there were any concessions or exchanging of voting slips that happened in her nomination of Education VP, and if there were any conversations or alignment with factions. MDA replies that she received an email from an NUS delegate, Dylan Botica, who was going up for the State Branch Presidency and was looking for someone to fill the Ed VP role. MDA mentions that they had previous correspondence as she was UWA Access Co-Officer, and he was Curtin Guild President last year. MDA mentions that Dylan nominated her. MDA explains that she had no affiliation with factions and was un-contested for the position, so no vote took place.

VV asks MDA if there were any exchanging of voting slips for any positions at NSU. MDA replies that she voted using her own slip but yes, everything was predetermined. MDA explains that the factions would sign an agreement on who would get what.

CM mention to HM that in her report she says “I condemn the NUS for operating under the pretence of being the peak representative body for students whilst concurrently allowing financial mismanagement and embezzlement of student's SSAF money.” CM asks HM if she thinks her time at NUS was worth her time and the substantial amount of money it costs to send people to NUS. HM replies that her recommendation is that we disaffiliate from the NUS. HM believes that the NUS uses a lot of student money and there is not much worth for it for WA. HM believes that we do not benefit from the campaigns and the visits and the NUS resources where other states do. HM believes that they are not operating in an ethical way and is a bad use of student money. HM acknowledges that there is a lot of merit to the idea of the NUS and what the NUS could do, however she believes they are not operating in the way they say they do. HM notes that one benefit of it is keeping in touch with other Universities. HM notes that a good method for us might be to copy James Cook University and only send a few delegates but decide each year if they want to re-affiliate or not.

SC asks any delegate whether they have plans to participate in national campaigns. HM replies that she believes it is important that we commit to these national campaigns. HM believes these national campaigns are the strong point of NUS. HM believes we should try to shift NUS to the focus of these campaigns.

KA asks MDA that considering all reports from this year and all reports in years previous list that this is a dysfunctional union with a façade of impartiality and discussion, how does herself and Alex Knowles plan to hold this union, that we pay a substantial amount of money to, to account and justify staying affiliated to it. MDA replies that as Ed VP she does not think the NUS has done anything for activism in a very long time and no one has held them accountable. MDA mentions that Dylan and herself have action plans and will be sitting down with every OB of the NUS and ask them what exactly they will be doing for WA. MDA acknowledges that we do contribute a lot of money to the NUS. MDA explains that because we are so removed, and not part of factions, it is hard to reap the benefits of the NUS. MDA mentions that she plans to use the NUS resources and make sure that the resources are properly aimed at WA. MDA agrees that we need to have a conversation at a UWA Student Guild on how we move forward with the NUS. MDA believes we should stay affiliated, but also believes we can get more out of them by aligning with other Universities.

PB asks GJ why reimbursements for flights were withheld until reports were submitted. GJ replies that the Guild had already paid for everyone's ticket to the NUS conference. GJ mentions that the finances were a major factor for this decision, as well as many NUS delegates were sending proxies that were not directly affiliated with the Guild through clubs or departments. GJ mentions he did want the delegates to come back with recommendations that we can apply at the UWA Student Guild. GJ highlights that he was heavily reliant on the reports of the NUS delegates. GJ appreciates the reports that were submitted and everyone's recommendations. GJ explains that this was a decision made by the executive team and was made in order to hold people accountable and make sure that the Guild receives something in return for investing a lot of money.

LD ask KS what policies she believes should be applied at UWA, given this was missing from her report and is one of the main reasons we send people to NUS, and why it was missing from her report. KS replies there were a lot of motions about activisms and attending protests. KS believes we should bring that back to UWA and participate in the national protests. LD asks KS why it was missing from her report. KS replies that she believes that her highlight in her report was to vocalise her experience in NUS. LD asks KS

if there are any specific motions from NUS. KS replies that there were motions about climate change and abortion.

12.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None

13.0 ELECTIONS

13.1 Returning Officer

Nominated Member: Tony Goodman

Nominated by: Geemal Jayawickrama

Seconded by: Lara Dale

Tony was elected unopposed as RO of the Guild Council.

13.2 Tenancy Sub-Committee

a) Two (2) Members of the Guild.

Nominated Guild Members: Liam Blackwell and Freyja Dyson

Nominated by: Jackie Shan

Seconded by: Lara Dale

Liam and Freyja were elected unopposed to the Tenancy Sub-Committee.

14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

GJ moved a procedural motion to vote on all motions in 14.0 as a collective. This motion passed.

14.1 The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Women's Department, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

14.2 The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Societies Council, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

- 14.3** The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Education Council, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

- 14.4** The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Welfare Department, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

- 14.5** The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Postgraduate Students' Association, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

- 14.6** The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Guild Tenancy Subcommittee, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

RW speaks on all motion in 14.0. RW mentions that all these motions are under Governance. RW explains that five pieces of regulation have been updated. RW explains that the majority of updates are just formality and will not drastically affect the function of each Department or Association on Council.

GJ agrees with RW. GJ highlights that we are hoping to change 'Welfare' Department to 'Wellbeing' Department, as recommended by the University. GJ highlights that the Tenancy regulations did get some major updates as it was quite lacking before. GJ mentions that all changes are highlighted. GJ congratulates RW on getting five regulations updates in the first 2 months.

Questions for Motion 14.1 through 14.6:

- TU asks when these regulations will be up on the Guild website.
 - RW replies that once they pass Council, they will need to pass their respective department or council, then they will be sent to Caitlin to upload to the website.
- LA asks why there is a proposed change from 'Welfare' to 'Wellbeing'.
 - RW passes to KA
 - KA replies that the reason is that 'Welfare' is primarily relating to economic issues. KA acknowledges that when his department was created, it was to primarily tackle the economic issues students were facing. KA explains that his department now covers more than this, hence the change to 'Wellbeing'.

Debate of Motion 14.1 through 14.6:

- FOR: HM speaks on the updates to the Education Council regulations. HM mentions that before the changes, other departments were references incorrectly and they only had 2 OCM positions. HM believes that the activity of their council has increased so 3 OCMs would be more appropriate, which also aligns with SOC and PAC. HM highlights that one Ed Council OCM is responsible for the EAN, which essentially takes them of being able to help with other parts of Ed Council.
- FOR: VV highlights that the change of the Equity Officer to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer was accepted through the PSA AGM held yesterday.
- FOR: BC commends RW and the Departments for their work on these regulation updates.

The motion passed unanimously.

15.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

16.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

16.1 The 110th Guild Council:

- 16.1.1 Recognises that Australia plays a disproportionately large role in contributing to the accumulating concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere as the third highest export-emitter of CO₂ in the world,
- 16.1.2 Condemns the climate policy of the federal Labor government, which permits the ongoing development of 72 new coal projects and 44 new gas and oil projects and will only expand the volume of annual national greenhouse gas emissions,
- 16.1.3 Endorses the National Union of Students' national day of climate action on March 17th, and
- 16.1.4 Commits to practically supporting the mobilisation of students to the action of the WA section of the NUS NDA on March 17th by ensuring the circulation of relevant promotion posts and Facebook events to social media and student email lists.

Moved: Sean Cheung
Seconded: Holly Mellor

SC mentions that he believes that Labor has been poor on climate. SC highlights the development projects mentioned in the motion that were permitted by the Labor government. SC mentions that Labor has not been delivering on their promises on acting on climate change. SC believes we need to pressure the Labor government to deliver on their promises surrounding climate change.

SC believes that, as agreed upon by the NUS, the UWA Student Guild should put all their effort into the National Day of Action. SC believes it is important to protest to demand action.

HM believes the environment and climate change is looking dire. HM is disappointed that Australian governments are allowing these development projects to go ahead.

HM believes that the Guild as a Student Union has a strong voice to say something about this. HM notes this is an urgent matter so believes it is important that we make these calls-to-action.

HM believes that the UWA Student Guild should commit to the NDA. HM mentions that other Universities around Australia will be protesting on the same day and believes it is important that UWA pulls our weight.

Questions for motion 16.1:

- LA asks for the source that 13.1.1 and 13.1.2 have come from
RW moves a procedural motion to approve speaking rights for AM. This motion passes.
 - SC replies that these are sourced from the NDA.
 - AM agrees with SC that the main source is the NDA
 - AM mentions that across the country, students are going to be protesting and believes WA should participate. AM explains that the main involvement for UWA would be a speak-out on campus, protest-type event. AM mentions that this event would be early in semester and be aimed at the education of students: *"What does climate in action entail? How is the University Vice Chancellor contributing to the problem in WA? What are our investments in fossil fuel companies?"*
 - AM believes that the point made about Labor is important. AM notes that this is the first entire year where we have a Labour government for some time. AM believes that the Labor government has been green-washing and creating an environmental façade.
- AM asks if the Guild will commit to building the movement practically and what resources the Guild can commit.
 - HM replies that she believes the Guild has a strong social media presence at the moment. HM believes that social media is an easy first-step the Guild can take. HM adds that the Guild can also give out flyers, put up notice boards, speak publicly via social media and on-campus, as well as the email list. HM believes this is relevant to all students so should be shared with all students
 - HM clarifies AM's previous point that the planned event is a speak-out not a protest and its purpose is to help people learn about the issue.
- CM asks if the protest will be happening on campus or externally.
 - HM replies that the plan at the moment is to have it at the Lawn outside Reid.
- CM mentions that students have classes on Friday. CM asks if there is a way they could hold the event so students didn't have to miss classes to attend.
 - HM replies that the time of the event isn't set yet. HM mentions that we can set our own day, but the effect of the event wouldn't be as strong as the rest of the country is holding the event on that day. HM notes that this date was agreed upon by the NUS and was selected so that there is enough time between the NDA and International

Women's Day on 8th March. HM mentions that the event will likely start at 12 when people usually have lunch.

Debate of motion 16.1:

- FOR: MDA mentions that HM, SC, AM and herself are in a planning group for the event. MDA encourages others in Council to join the group. MDA mentions that student organisations have previously pressured the government enough so that projects like these were reversed. MDA believes that we should be empowered by this as it is possible.
- FOR: AM believes that is it not that flippant to say "the planet is being destroyed" so he believes it is fair to skip class for the speak-out. AM highlights that a lot is already being done for this issue so believes it is important that UWA plays its part.
- FOR: VV believes that this is important. VV mentions that when he and GJ went for their induction to senate they highlighted that this was a main area of focus for them. VV believes that, within the Guild's control, we need to show the University that we want transparency.

This motion passed unanimously.

16.2 The 110th Guild Council:

- 16.2.1 Commits to continuing the campaign for free and accessible abortion in WA led by the Defend Abortion Action Group, encouraging all students to attend the protest on International Women's Day on March 8th, 5:30pm at Forrest Place,
- 16.2.2 Acknowledges that this protest fits with the history of IWD as a day of protests and strikes against systemic women's oppression, which is the only way serious gains have been made for oppressed groups,
- 16.2.3 Recognises the significant impact protests have had in pressuring the WA Labor Government to address legal inequity surrounding abortion law, including proposed legislation to remove abortion from the criminal code and allow women access without the need for multiple approvals,
- 16.2.4 Demands that the McGowan Government take immediate action to increase healthcare funding and making the procedure widely available in GP clinics and hospitals, addressing the key barriers women and pregnant people face: cost (approximately \$800) and availability (a mere 3 private clinics offer on-demand abortion services for the whole of WA), and
- 16.2.5 Directs council to:
 - a) Ensure all Councillors RSVP to the IWD protest by show of hands at the preceding Guild Council Meeting and on the event, and to promote the rally in their networks to encourage engagement from all students
 - b) Promote the IWD rally via any relevant channels such as social media, all-student emails, printing and putting up posters and leaflets,

announcements or agenda points in lectures and meetings, materials at O-Week, and a display in library foyers in Week 1 (to be implemented by the Women's Department and EAN)

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Taleah Ugle

SC believes that International Women's Day (IWD) is an important day for fighting for Women's rights. SC mentions that this protest on IWD is following the campaign from last year, which focused on expanding abortion rights in WA. SC highlights that since the protest last year, the McGowan government has proposed an amendment to the abortion laws. SC mentions that this amendment is not as great of a change as requested, hence the protest this year.

TU notes that the theme of IWD this year is 'Embrace Equity'. TU believes that one way we can embrace equity is by having free and accessible abortion clinics and being able to have the choice without the barrier of financial hardship or accessibility. TU believes it is important to be at these rallies and hear people's stories so you are able to see yourself in other people's shoes.

Questions for motion 16.2:

- CM asks how would 16.2.5 a) function? Would the show of hands be minuted? Can it be minuted?
 - TU replies that the point of that section is to express that it is important for Councillors to make an appearance, especially as a council as we represent students who may be in this type of situation. TU mentions that it is not an obligation to attend but it is suggested.
 - TU replies that yes it will be and can be minuted. RW and LD agree.
- CM asks if the reason will be minuted at the Council meeting where 16.2.5 a) will take place if people cannot attend?
 - TG replies that we cannot do that.
 - TU adds that this is not the point of that section. TU mentions that would be done in order to hold people accountable if they say in Council that they will attend.
 - HM suggests that he could speak for the motion at that Council meeting if he cannot attend.
 - LD clarifies that only the people who say they will attend will be noted in the minutes. LD notes that this is so people cannot say they will attend during Council, then not turn up. LD clarifies that the people who don't respond as they may have something on will not be recorded.

Debate of motion 16.2:

- FOR: HM believes this is a really important motion. HM believes this is one of the biggest movements that we will have as a Council to support. HM believes this is something that is well overdue so we should not take it lightly. HM believes that the McGowan government making a small commitment shows that, by applying more pressure, we can achieve more. HM highlights

that even within Perth it is difficult to get an abortion and is close to impossible regionally.

- FOR: MDA agrees with HM. MDA highlights that abortions are not free and are not accessible in WA. MDA mentions that the care that is given is not kind or compassionate care, which she believes is as important as our other demands. MDA encourages Council to help with the organisation of the movement and mentions they are still looking for speakers for the rally.
- FOR: CM believes it is ridiculous that we have a healthcare system that doesn't give women access to abortions. CM believes this is just as much a Federal Government issue as it is a State Government issue as they are the ones that fund healthcare services.

This motion passed unanimously.

16.3 The 110th Guild Council:

- 16.3.1 Reaffirms its commitment to the Change the Date campaign and stands in solidarity with all First Nations people,
- 16.3.2 Recognises 'Australia' Day as a day of invasion and subsequent colonisation marked by the dispossession and marginalisation of Indigenous Australians,
- 16.3.3 Acknowledges the 26th of January as Invasion Day, and all Guild correspondence relating to the day with dually acknowledge the date as Invasion/Australia Day, in that order, and
- 16.3.4 Endorses the WA "Invasion Day Rally" on January 26th, and endeavours to promote the rally through the Guild's social media.

Moved: Holly Mellor
Seconded: Taleah Ugle

HM believes this is an important motion. HM mentions that tomorrow is Invasion Day. HM believes it is important that, as a Guild and as a Council, we recognise that this is a difficult day for a lot of people. HM mentions that the aim of this motion is to recognise the intergenerational harm that has been caused by invasion and colonisation, and to recognise what Invasion Day marks.

HM mentions that she is moving this in solidarity with Indigenous People. HM encourages Council to attend the rally tomorrow (26th Jan).

TU agrees with HM. TU explains that with Invasion Day, the best thing you can do is educate yourself on why it is seen as Invasion Day or a Day of Mourning for Indigenous and First Nations People, if you are unable to attend a rally. TU explains that long before January 26th was made Australia Day, it was seen as a Day of Mourning and a strong movement by Indigenous People. TU explains that for the government to make this day a celebration disregards everything that the day means.

SC suggests an amendment for the motion:

- SC suggests amending 16.3.1 to eliminate preference for the Change of Date campaign. SC believes that celebrating Australia Day on a different day is still problematic. SC believes that even though changing it away from marking the beginning of genocide in this country is good, this country still perpetrates crimes against humanities against refugees by locking them in refugee camps, and against Indigenous People by continually oppressing them. SC believes that Australian nationalism should not be celebrated and Australia Day should be abolished.
- HM finds this amendment non-friendly.

SC moves a procedural motion to amend point 16.3.1 to remove the preference for the Change of Date campaign. This motion did not pass.

Questions for motion 16.3:

- TG asks, if the motion passes, how do you intend to promote the rally on social media, given that the rally is tomorrow.
 - TU replies that they have already made a post and have it ready for if the motion passes.

Speakers for motion 16.3:

- FOR: AVG notes that as an Ethnocultural Officer, he would like to express his support for the motion. AVG believes that we are finally at a point where we can question these issues. AVG mentions that he will be attending the Invasion Day protest. AVG hopes that through this we will be able to educate people and give a voice to First Nations People.
- FOR: KA agrees that changing the date is potentially problematic. KA explains that the designation that it was a mourning day happened 60 years before it became a federal public holiday by the Howard Government. KA notes that he supports changing the date rather than abolishing it. KA believes that arguing about nationalism is a slippery slope as you could designate any religious or any form of cultural expression as a form of nationalism. KA believes that because of cultural norms, Australian people will want a day to celebrate being Australian and living in Australia and not only welcome the future of this country but also criticise it. KA fundamentally believes that January 26th is a day of mourning, and that Australian people should have a different time to celebrate their country.
- FOR: TU explains that the reason she likes the Change the Date campaign is that it is a foreseeable change that can be put into government. TU believes that the majority of Australia is starting to agree with this as well. TU mentions that another option is 'Rename, Reframe' which entails reframing what Australia Day is about and renaming it to acknowledge the mourning on that day. TU acknowledges that no one can change the past but still believes that we lucky to have freedom of voice and lucky to be able to express ourselves. TU notes that she would still like to have a time to celebrate our country.

- **AGAINST:** SC acknowledges that changing the date is a step forward but believes this is still problematic. SC does not believe that celebrating Australia is not the same as celebrating religious holidays. SC believes that Australia is perpetuating inhumane crimes against people living in this country and people trying to come into this country. SC believes that changing the date has a whitewashing effect on the intergenerational crimes.

This motion passed.

17.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

18.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

18.1 Guild Council T-shirt updates – LD, KA

- The Guild Council T-shirts, designed by KA have arrived.
- The T-shirts for councillors will be funded by Guild out of the respective Departmental budgets or the Guild Council budget or OGCs.
- Other members of Departments who are not on Guild Council will need to purchase their own T-shirt out of pocket as they traditionally don't use these as often and it's not the best use of Council budget.
- T-shirts can be purchased from the Second-Hand Bookshop.
- KA will be posting on the Guild social media with an explanation of the meaning behind the T-shirt design.

18.2 Committee and Chair Information – LD

- Chloe Keller has sent an email to all Committee Chairs with information about agendas, minutes, and regulations.
- If you have any questions, reach out to LD or RW.
- It is important that all Chairs host their first meeting as soon as they can.
- With setting a meeting time, just pick a time that suits your schedule and see if it works for everyone else.
- For the initial meeting agenda, it will likely be quite bare, but you could get each member to give an update or introduction.

19.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 22nd February 2023 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.