

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Alejandro Villa Gomez (AVG)
Anushka Mukherjee (AM)
Ashley Lui (AL)
Bradley Carter (BC)
Charlotte Kennedy (CK)
Christopher-John Daudu (CD) – UDUB Radio
Claudia Bruce (CB)
Cooper Mason (CM)
Derrick Lim (DL) – TRCB Architect
Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)
Holly Mellor (HM)
Indi Creed (IC)
Joseph Pietrzak (JP)
Kaelin Abrahams (KA)
Kajol Sharma (KS)
Khoa Mai (KM)
Lara Dale (LD)
Laurence Lim (LL) – TRCB Architect
Luke Alderslade (LA)
Melani De Alwis (MDA)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MM)
Robert Whitehurst (RW)
Rutvi Timbadia (RT)
Sean Cheung (SC) – Online
Taleah Ugle (TU)
Tony Goodman (TG)
Viknash VM (VV)
Will Partridge (WP)

1.2 Apologies

Aishya Abdul Raman
Alex Knowles
Drishti Kripalani
John Nguyen
Meghana Maganti
Shiori Tan
Taniya Shrimali

1.3 Proxies

Seren Moulds (for Aishya Abdul Raman) (SM)

1.4 Observers

Abigail Lennon
Angela Aris
Audrey Sullivan
Chris Joseph
Dionne Sparks
Grego Gamier



James Hodgeman
Jayden Chunng
Laura Booth
Matthew Kane
Shuta Kamiya
Tobias Langtry

1.5 Absent
Liam Tubby

RW moved a procedural motion to accept the apologies, proxies and observers. 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

3.2 Approval of Committee Minutes

- Alumni Engagement (did not meet)
- Audit & Risk
- Catering and Tavern
- Corporate Services (did not meet)
- Election Culture (did not meet)
- Equity & Diversity (did not meet)
- Governance (did not meet)
- Publications
- Student Services (did not meet)
- Volunteering
- Welfare and Advocacy (did not meet quorum)
- Workplace Health & Safety (did not meet)

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

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

GJ moved a procedural motion to move to 16.0 General Business. This motion passed unanimously.

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 TRCB – Masterplan Presentation (LL)

LL presents to Guild Council about their Masterplan designs for the renovation of the Guild precinct.

Questions:

- CK asks where the ramp for the outdoor arbour area will be.
 - LL answers that there will be a ramp on each side, going up around 450mm.
- HM asks how many people to outdoor arbour area will have capacity for and is the rest of Oak Lawn remaining the same.
 - TG answers that the arbour should have capacity for 50-60 people.
 - LL adds that capacity will be largely based on arrangement of the area, but overall seating area will be increasing from its current state.
 - LL adds that the rest of Oak Lawn will remain the same.
 - TG adds that this is a key part of the plan as there have been many reports from the University that there is not enough outdoor seating.
- LA asks the timeframe for these projects.
 - TG answers that the timeline is dependent on the funding they can acquire and how long this takes, as these projects are expensive.
 - TG adds that they intend on talking to the University in April to discuss funding for the projects, especially universal ones such as access and lighting.
 - TG adds that they would like to start the smaller projects at the start of next year.
- LA asks if there is a plan to utilise more effectively the upper floor of the ref.
 - LL answers they only have a high-level plan so far. LL explains that given there are existing tenants in the upper level they have to consider their contract as well.
 - LL adds that they have an idea of what would be good in the upper floor, such as study spaces or student-use spaces, but haven't decided exact locations yet. LL adds they would like to have larger working spaces rather than lots of smaller tenancies, and move these elsewhere.
- CB asks if they have any plans for Cameron Hall and how they are going to accommodate current club tenants given the history tied to it.
 - TG answers that regardless of history, Cameron Hall is not compliant with regulations, so something needs to be done. TG adds that he understand we cannot simply kick clubs out of their clubrooms as they are the heart of this University, so will need to look for temporary solutions.
 - TG adds that Cameron Hall will change but designs have not been created yet as this is a much larger project than the others.

16.2 UDUB Radio Presentation (CD)

Questions:

- CM asks, concerning the finances, are they ongoing subscription costs.
 - CD answers that there are ongoing subscription costs but then there are also equipment costs.
- SM asks if they have the numbers for daily listeners of the radio, as he can see they have a lot for social media engagement.

- CD answers that they have produced a recent report so he can send that through.
- SM asks if they have any plans for accessibility to the radio station.
 - CD answers that he will collect the info and report back.
- LA notes that in the UDUB report, it says they do not want to revolve around events entirely, so asks why there is currently much emphasis on events and why the utilisation of the UDUB space has been low.
 - CD answers that there is a large value in the events in promoting the station in its early stages and gaining listeners.
 - CD adds that they have several committee members dedicated to station content and have been collecting content and interviews to launch soon once they build their listener base.
- MDA asks how they intend on accommodating committee members who have disabilities or caring roles and may have difficulty attending last minute meetings.
 - CD answers that he will collect the info and report back.
- MDA notes that last year there were 5 people who stepped down from the committee due to claims of poor wellbeing and communication issues and asks how they will ensure this does not happen again.
 - CD answers that his committee are not having any communication issues. CD notes that he understands when starting a radio there are a lot of aspects to consider and tasks to do, but believes his committee has been doing a good job and will keep going.
- TU asks if they are able to play different playlists in different locations to match the feel of each building/space.
 - CD answers that currently they have the capability for one stream. CD explains that to have multiple streams they would need to have multiple stations, but they could look at other options for tailoring to each venue.
- CM asks what sort of interest there has been with programs.
 - CD answers that this has been pretty good and that they have had over 20 applications.
- LA asks how they are reporting the work of UDUB as they do not report straight to Council.
 - CD answers that this is true, and he reports to GJ who can then update Council.

16.3 World's Greatest Shave (LA)

- LA has been in discussions with GJ and Leigh Chalmers, who believes they can hold this event for virtually free.
- Tuesday Week 7 or 8
- Council members keep to be part of the planning committee: AVG, BC, JP, LD, MDA

GJ moved a procedural motion to move to 6.0 Directors Reports. This motion passed unanimously.

6.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG notes they have had positive succession planning with Renee talking over Volunteering Manager position, and Rhedyn and Jasmine taking over the Marketing role, and Georgia moving to help Volunteering a few days a week. TG adds there is no increase cost to the organisation with this. TG congratulates these staff members on their new roles.

TG informs that the Risk Control & Audit meeting is happening in a couple weeks.

TG informs that MM has been working on the Financial Audits. TG notes that they are still waiting on the final numbers.

TG notes they are still finalising the last parts of the Annual Report.

TG informs they are doing some basic regulation fixes, such as small fixes to the election regulations, led by RW.

6.2 Finance Director

MM informs that for February, the Guild has landed at a profit of \$22k rather than a budgeted loss of \$18,402.

MM explains that for the Revenue side of SSAF, they adjust this each month then finalise at the end of the year.

MM notes for Catering Property, we are better than budget, but this is primarily because of timing of expenditure coming in later than budgeted.

MM notes that the Second Hand Bookshop is worse than budget, which is primarily because of softer merchandise sales than expected. MM notes that there is an overall loss of \$2k rather than budgeted income of \$21k this month. MM notes another loss of revenue is the UniPrint Unit Readers, as the University is no longer printing them.

MM informs that she will talk about Catering & Tavern further in camera.

MM notes that actual expenditure has been \$232k rather than a budget \$292k for February, but most of this is timing differences with expenditures coming in later than expected.

MM notes that for the student side, most of them are below budget, except for the Student Innovation Centre, but this is still below budgeted expenditure YTD as budgeted January expenditure was spent in February. MM notes that for other parts of the student side, these are below budget due to timing in expenditure again, such as grants, activities expenditure, etc.

MM notes that for the employee side, there are real savings in Student Assist due to Annual Leave being taken.

MM notes that for Events, the revenue for big events such as O-Day has come through, but expenses are still to be paid as they are waiting on invoices.

GJ moves a procedural motion to move into camera.

6.3 Commercial

6.4 Student Services (AT)

7.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Directors Reports

GJ moves a procedural motion to move out of camera.

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

- HM notes that there will be a Cultural Awareness Seminar that Education Council is hosting in collaboration with SOCPAC. HM notes that this will be held on May 3rd 6-7:30pm. HM notes there are more details to come.

8.6 Societies Council President (AT)

8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT)

8.8 Women's Officer (AT)

8.9 Wellbeing 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 (Not Submitted = NS)

8.14 Sports Officer (NS)

8.15 Access Department (AT)

8.16 Pride Officers (NS)

8.17 Ethnocultural Department Officers (Discussed)

8.18 Volunteering Chair (NS)

8.19 OGC (9/11)

- CB reminds all departments that it is mandatory to attend Tenancy Consultation meetings and Busy Bees, and lack of attendance is recorded and considered in re-allocation.
- CB reminds Council that drinking in CCZ, and the Loft is not allowed.

9.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

AVG asks KA, HM and TS what is happening with the fundraiser and are they still intending on holding up to the promises made in the last Council. KA replies that ongoing from last Council, there was a conversation about ED, PAC and Wellbeing hosting a fundraiser and Ethnocultural hosting a separate fundraiser. KA explains that it was decided by all to

combine resources and host a singular fundraiser. KA notes that in a meeting of this working group, he promised that there would be collection bins for a small scale fundraiser, however every member of this working group is responsible. KA notes that PAC has reached out to MSA but has had no response so far, and ED has delegated their responsibility to the other collaborating groups.

KA asks AVG why the Ethnocultural Department has not done anything for this fundraiser within the collaboration. AVG agrees that, in the last Council, the Ethnocultural Department was extended an invitation to collaborate. AVG notes that they intended to do an independent campaign but were advised against this by other members of the working group.

AVG asks KA what his plan for this fundraiser is. KA replies that this is essentially AVG's his department is the Ethnocultural Department. KA adds he has talked to GSC and PAC has been contacting organisations to get involved. KA notes he is waiting on AVG to get back to him about his tasks and his plan for the fundraiser.

HM asks MDA who she consulted with for the Know Your Rights Guide project and where she is looking to get funding from, given she wanted to run this autonomously even though it aligns with the Education Council. MDA replies that she intends to contact the relevant Council members to review the content, especially HM. MDA notes that the content is done, but not finalised. MDA notes she also intends to take this to Xander for branding once content is finalised.

LA notes that the Sports Department hasn't been attending Council, nor has submitted reports, and asks RW if there is a process to check up on him and see how the Sports Department is doing. LA notes that he understands he is a standing invitee, so is not compelled to be at Council but believes it is still important to be here. RW replies that he will reach out to Liam and understands it is good for him to attend, especially to submit a report. GJ adds that the Sports Department has been doing their job, working on Interfaculty Sport and an initiative to form UWA All Stars (similar to College All Stars). RW agrees that Liam has been doing his work but agrees he should also be submitting reports.

LA asks if previous Council minutes and agendas get published to the Guild Website. GJ replies that LD finishes the meeting documents and sends these to Chloe Keller who handles the website. RW adds that he believes they only get uploaded every quarter or even half year. LD adds that the documents are public, so Council is allowed to share them if someone asks.

KS asks TU if she has set the collectives up and how she plans to utilise them. TU replies that there is a large submission of EOIs that she is getting through. TU adds that it was easier to do interviews before university had started but now everyone is busier. TU replies she plans to utilise the groups on Facebook to publish events as it is the best place to sell tickets.

LA asks BC what the status of the new environmental office is. RW replies that he got in contact with Marketing to put out the nomination form as soon as they could after Sofie's resignation. RW adds they have received nominations but now need to conduct interviews. RW explains he wanted to get a representative from each party to be present in the interview and sent a message to various members of Council but only CM replied to him.

RW adds he will reach out again and try to form that group again to get the interview process going.

KS asks HM what progress has been made with the campaigns she was running. HM replies that the anti-cheating campaign is up on the Guild Socials. HM adds they have received good feedback from the University and UWA Marketing have asked to share this on their pages as well. HM adds the libraries have asked to share the campaign on the screens at the libraries, but they are just waiting on Guild Marketing changing the size of the graphics. HM replies that the plagiarism campaign is more of a TLDR which is coming out on Monday. HM replies there is another campaign about fraudulent medical certificates which will come out just after Study Break. HM adds she is also sitting on a couple working groups, primarily Group Assessment working group, who come up with recommendations.

KS asks HM how they are addressing the root cause of cheating and fraudulent medical certificates. HM replies that the root causes are misinformation about the consequences, stress, and general life aspects. HM adds she met with the Welfare & Advocacy committee and Student Assist to talk about how they would like to address this wellbeing side of this issue. GJ adds that HM has been working hard around this campaign and has been working with many UWA Staff members, including David Sadler.

CB asks Pride if they intend on bringing back the collectives this year. KM replies that the collectives this year mostly exist on the Pride Discord server, so as of now is mostly autonomous.

VV asks MDA what she means by the independent review in her report. MDA replies that on February 23rd, the State Government announced that they will be conducting an independent review of the Universities in WA, without informing any of the Guild prior. MDA explains that the first change they have suggested that they may implement is a fusion of the Universities in WA, so we are able to rank better worldwide. MDA explains that this would mean the Guilds merge as well. GJ adds that himself and VV sit on the UWA Senate, and notes that the Senates were not informed of this prior either. GJ reminds Council that these are assumptions and possibilities of what could happen, but not guaranteed. GJ believes that as a Guild, the best way forward is to keep going as we are and deal with the issue if it becomes one.

HM asks MDA what she is doing to improve the relationship between UWA and the NUS as both a Guild Councillor and NUS Representative. MDA replies that she has been trying to plan out what she wants to do for the last few months. MDA adds that she has reached out to the Education representatives from other Universities. MDA explains that she had not reached out to HM yet as she wanted to have just one meeting addressing all the areas they need to talk about. MDA adds that she is meeting these representatives with the WA NUS President to talk about how the NUS can be more accessible.

HM asks MDA if she thinks it would be beneficial to have a more open means of communication as opposed to holding up these issue as she finds they are not working efficiently due to the current means of communication. HM notes that this is the first time she has been told of these plans even though MDA is a UWA student and has been doing these interviews throughout the month. MDA replies that she is going to the Education representatives and asking what she can do, rather than presenting issues. MDA notes she has noted a couple topics she would like everyone on board with.

VV asks MDA about the statement she made and if she consulted Council before. VV notes that as a Guild Councillor, she should also be doing work for the Guild, not just NUS. MDA replies she contacted GJ when she first wanted to make a statement. MDA notes that her statement was never published. MDA adds she did tell them she wanted to be quoted as an NUS representative rather than a Guild Councillor.

KA asks AVG why there was only one main event during Harmony Week which was posted the day before, why the Ethnocultural Department Committee was half an hour late to this event, and what they will do in the future to make sure the Ethnocultural Department maintains its purpose. AVG replies that he had GAMSAT the day after the event, so he had a high amount of stress, even though this is not really an excuse. AVG adds he is bad at delegating tasks and unfortunately came late to the event. AVG notes that everyone else in his committee was present and came early to set up. AVG promises that in the future, roles are delegated appropriately.

GJ asks AVG what Alex Knowles was doing for the event, given he is the other Ethnocultural Department Co-Officer. AVG replies that Alex Knowles brought in the materials for the event but ultimately it was AVG's event so Alex Knowles only knew limited details of the event.

VV asks MDA what she has done specifically as an OGC of the Guild rather than an NUS representative, as her reports are supposed to inform council what she has done as an OGC. MDA replies that when she is working for UWA Students she thinks of it the same way whether it is NUS work or OGC work, but she is happy to distinct it in her next report.

CB asks CK if there is a timeline for when they think their committee will be formed. CK replies that they are contacting everyone currently and have some students ready to be on committee, it is just a matter of formalising it.

AVG asks CK how the Access Department plans on running events and initiatives, given not much has been done so far. CK replies that due to personal and disability reasons, they have been a bit slow starting.

RT asks KS to explain her recycling project. KS replies that as students we use a lot of stationaries that ultimately gets thrown away. KS explains that they are working with Officeworks to get stationary bins on campus so they can be recycled instead.

10.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None

11.0 ELECTIONS

None

12.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 12.1** The 110th Guild Council approves the new Advance Payment Policy for Guild staff, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Lara Dale

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

GJ explains there have been a couple of incidents where staff have requested advance payments from their salary, however the policy has not existed until now. GJ explains that if a staff member needs money for an emergency, they can get an advance payment for up to \$2k which will be deducted from their salaries moving forward. GJ adds there are a lot of restrictions to this including having a certain amount of leave, being a certain amount of time before their contract ends, etc.

TG adds that this is not a loan, it is an advance repayment, so we recuperate this back. TG notes this is to help staff member get out of a bit of trouble; it is not a pay increase.

Questions for motion 12.1:

- WP asks which level of staff can approve these requests.
 - TG replies that only staff in the Director level can approve. TG adds that these requests will only be approved if it is an emergency.
- HM asks how this operates alongside leave.
 - TG replies that this is more relevant if there is a special situation and is not related to leave as it comes straight out of someone's pay.
- LA asks how often the employee can get access to this.
 - TG replies every 6 months. TG adds this is to help staff in a wellbeing sense if they need money urgently.

No debate of the motion.

This motion passes.

- 12.2** The 110th Guild Council approves the new Tenant Business Case for Tutti Frutti, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Lara Dale

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

Questions for motion 12.2:

- VV asks why they are not bringing in a Mexican outlet as promised in campaigns last year.
 - LD replies that she has talked to Commercials, who explained that this sort of outlet needs a tenant location with an exhaust outlet. LD notes there are only limited spots with an exhaust, and all current tenants in these spots are doing well (Campus Kebabs, Campus Pizza, Toshine, Roll'd, Subway, Chinese Canton). LD explains they can look into potentially replacing one of these tenants with a Mexican outlet once these tenant contracts come to an end, however for now, they will be sticking with the current selection.

- LA notes that it was mentioned Boost didn't perform well as it was a seasonal product and asks how it will be different for Tutti Frutti given it is also a seasonal product.
 - LD replies that it similar to Boost being a seasonal product, however it will not be competing with Utopia in the same way Boost did.
 - HM adds that we are lucky we don't get much winter weather during semester so this shouldn't be a huge impact.

This motion passes.

RW moved a procedural motion to move the chair to AL. This motion passed unanimously.

12.3 The 110th Guild Council approves the 2023 Election timetable.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

RW notes he reviewed this with Chloe Keller. RW explains that is it mostly similar to last year, they just had to make a few changes to the dates and changes to make sure they are just abiding by the regulations.

Questions for motion 12.3:

- AVG asks why this didn't go to the Election Culture Committee.
 - RW replies that this item is separate and doesn't have to go to the Election Culture Committee.
 - TG adds this process happens every year to get the election process running and is normal procedure.

No debate of the motion.

This motion passes.

12.4 The 110th Guild Council requests the Managing Director write to the WAEC in order to conduct the 2023 Annual General Elections for the UWA Student Guild & NUS.

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama

Seconded: Robert Whitehurst

RW explains this is just telling TG to contact WAEC so we can have an election.

Questions for motion 12.4:

- GJ asks what the alternatives are for the WAEC.
 - TG replies that they would have to go through the Senate, which is more difficult.

No debate of the motion.

This motion passes.

AL moved a procedural motion to move the chair back to RW. This motion passed unanimously.

13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 13.1** The 110th Guild Council congratulates the PROSH team, led by Paris and Matt, for a successful PROSH.

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama
Seconded: Bradley Carter

GJ informs Council that we have raised \$33k thus far and have had much more engagement than previous years. GJ thanks the whole PROSH team for their hard work.

No questions for the motion.

Debate of motion 13.1:

- FOR: SM thanks the team for a great PROSH and notes there was a fantastic number of people present. SM looks forward to retiring from PROSH.
- FOR: CB congratulates the team on the massive effort that was required to bring it together, especially with the quick turnaround from PROSH being so late last year.

This motion passed.

- 13.2** The 110th Guild Council approves and accredits the election of the Albany Students' Association that occurred on Friday the 24th of March.

Moved: Kaelin Abrahams
Seconded: Taleah Ugle

KA explains this follows on from a conversation of TG. KA notes that this falls out of schedule due to the resignation earlier this year. KA explains that they can post the announcement on socials once it is approved through Council. KA notes that this will be the first Albany Students' Association since COVID.

No questions for the motion.

Debate of motion 13.2:

- FOR: GJ notes that KA worked hard with the Albany Staff so congratulates him on his work.

This motion passed.

14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 14.1 The 110th Guild Council reaffirms its stance as outlined in Motion 15.1 of the March 30th meeting of the 109th Guild Council and as follows:
- 14.1.1 Wishes all Muslim UWA students a Ramadan Kareem, as well as students from other religions celebrating their own religious holidays, extending our support to those fasting away from their families during their overseas studies,
 - 14.1.2 Encourages UWA students who are away from their families that 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,
 - 14.1.3 Directs the University to continue their ongoing work with relevant Guild Departments to cater to the needs of the students whose assessments (e.g. quizzes, tests, assessments) coincide with religious celebrations,
 - 14.1.4 Supports the upcoming 'Grand Open Air Community Iftar' hosted by the Ethnocultural Department and the Muslim Students' Association on March 31st, and
 - 14.1.5 Directs the Ethnocultural Department and International Student Department to share a guide as to how students can get adjustments during the month and broadly.

Moved: Alejandro Villa Gomez

Seconded: Seren Moulds

AVG explains that Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar where Muslim communities come together to fast and connect spiritually. AVG explains that MSA is hosting an Open Air event in collaboration with the Ethnocultural Department. AVG notes that people from other faiths are welcome to attend. AVG notes that tickets are open until tomorrow night.

Questions for motion 14.1:

- KS asks why promotion for Fever Pitch was posted after the 'Happy Ramadan' post.
 - GJ replies that the post for Fever Pitch was time sensitive as it is the main Guild Event currently, but he will take that feedback on board and report back to Marketing.

HM suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Remove 14.1.3.
- AVG finds this amendment non-friendly.
- HM suggests an alternative amendment for 14.1.3 to instead say "Directs the University to continue their ongoing work with relevant..."
- AVG finds this amendment friendly.

HM suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Change 14.1 to add "...reaffirms its stance as outlined in Motion 15.1 of the March 30th meeting of the 109th Guild Council and as follows:".
- AVG finds this amendment friendly.

VV suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Add 14.1.5 which says, "Directs the Ethnocultural Department and International Student Department to share a guide as to how students can get adjustments during the month and broadly".
- AVG finds this amendment friendly.

CK suggest an amendment to the motion:

- Add mention of other religions who may be going through fasting periods as well.
- AVG finds this amendment non-friendly.
- CK suggests an alternative amendment to add "..., as well as students from other religions celebrating their own religious holidays..."
- AVG finds this amendment friendly.

This motion passed unanimously.

14.2 The 110th Guild Council:

- 14.2.1 Stands in solidarity with Cherish Kuehlmann and commits to sharing the open letter to drop the charges on the UWA Guild Facebook and Instagram pages: <https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/drop-the-charges-against-cherish-kuehlmann>,
- 14.2.2 Commits to posting a solidarity photo and a public statement on its social media platforms ~~demanding that the charges against Cherish be dropped~~ to show that the 110th Guild Council stands in solidarity with Cherish,
- 14.2.3 Urges all office-bearers and members of the 110th Guild Council to sign the above open letter and share it, and
- ~~14.2.4 Endorses taking a solidarity photo with Cherish at the end of the current Guild Council meeting.~~

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Holly Mellor

RW moved a procedural motion to give SC speaking rights. This motion passed.

SC informs that last month the UNSW Officer Cherish Kuehlmann was arrested by police in her home for protesting rising rent and cost of living crisis. SC explains this is a violation of the right to protest and activists have shown frustration. SC believes we should all sign the petition for Cherish's charges to be dropped.

HM believes we should have the right the protest and believes it is concerning what has happened to Cherish. HM notes that we are in a cost of living crisis, and it is disproportionately affecting students. HM believes that as students it is important we

take a stand and demand certain things. HM believes it is important we support people like Cherish and the things they stand for.

LA suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Remove 14.2.4 as attendance in person at Council is low today, so might be better to take it at a later date.
- SC finds this amendment friendly.

GJ suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Add "Stands in solidarity with Cherish Kuehlamm and..." to 14.2.1.
- SC finds this amendment friendly.

Debate of motion 14.2:

- AGAINST: CM notes that his understanding is that the protestors trespassed onto RBA property and pushed against the security of the building.

KA suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Remove 14.2.2.
- SC finds this amendment non-friendly.
- HM suggests an alternative amendment to the motion to change 14.2.2 to say, "Commits to posting a solidarity photo and a public statement on its social media platforms to show that the 110th Guild Council stands in solidarity with Cherish."
- SC finds this amendment friendly.

This motion passed.

14.3 The 110th Guild Council:

14.3.1 Recognises that the rental crisis is severely undermining the capacity of students, especially low-income and international students, to find a ~~decent~~ and ~~affordable~~ suitable place to live,

14.3.2 ~~Rebukes UWA management for its failure to organise adequate logistical and financial support to students who are struggling to find an affordable rental~~ Acknowledges the work UWA has done through the establishment of the Accommodation Concierge which has assisted close to 800 students in 2023 and would like to see more financial support given to students,

14.3.3 Calls on the McGowan state government to impose rent caps to relieve the pressure of housing costs on students and low-income earners, and

14.3.4 Endorses the 'Get a Room – Students for Affordable Housing' campaign and commits to preserving affiliated posters and other materials disseminated by campaign activists.

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Rutvi Timbadia

SC notes that we know there is increasing rent prices currently and increasing general cost of living. DC notes that the median rent has increased from \$470 per week last year to \$545 per week this year. DC explains that this has especially hit rural and international students hard as they do not have family and friends to turn to. SC explains that this motion asks the State Government to impose rent caps to protect students.

RT acknowledges the work the UWA Accommodation Concierge has done so far and notes that they have helped about 800 students to find accommodation. RT believes that this is still not enough and there are a lot of students who are still struggling to find accommodation.

GJ suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Remove “logistical and” from 14.3.2.
- SC finds this amendment friendly.

AL suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Change 14.3.1 to say, “...find a suitable place to live.”
- SC finds this amendment friendly

RT suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Change 14.3.2 to say, “Acknowledges the work UWA has done through the establishment of the Accommodation Concierge which has assisted close to 800 students in 2023 and would like to see more financial support given to students.”
- SC finds this amendment non-friendly.

RT moved a motion to amend the motion as described above.

Questions for the amendment:

- LA asks if it is financial assistance or financial accommodation assistance.
 - RT replies it is financial accommodation assistance.

Debate of the amendment:

- FOR: VV believes this amendment is to ensure we recognise the staff who are working fixing this problem as well as possible. VV believes that the 800 students that we have helped compared to other Universities who have not done much at all is a step in the right direction.
- AGAINST: SC believes that there is a lot more that the management at UWA can do for this issue SC believes we still need to hold management accountable for not doing enough. SC is open to including acknowledgement of the UWA Concierge staff.

This amendment passed.

This motion passed.

RW moved a procedural motion to make welfare break 5 minutes instead of 30 minutes. This motion passed unanimously.

14.4 The 110th Guild Council:

- 14.4.1 Condemns the AUKUS submarine deal as an escalation of an imperialist arms race and increase militarisation,
- 14.4.2 Denounces the acquisition of nuclear submarines as a step towards nuclear proliferation, which risks devastating environmental impacts and facilitating the development of nuclear weapons,
- 14.4.3 Recognises the AUKUS submarine deal as a gross abuse of taxpayers' money, which should be spent on addressing the current cost-of-living crisis, and
- ~~14.4.4 Calls for Australia to withdraw from the AUKUS alliance to avoid being drawn into a US-China conflict.~~

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Holly Mellor

SC believes that the AUKUS submarine deal is an escalation of imperialist tension between China and the US. SC believes this is a step towards nuclear proliferation and is a general waste of tax-payers money. SC believes this only benefits the rich. SC believes we should support Australia's withdrawal from the AUKUS alliance and oppose the submarine deal.

HM believes that as a Guild it is our role to support students. HM believes we should be demanding our government to support students, given we are in a huge cost of living crisis. HM believes the submarine deal isn't benefitting us as students.

Questions for motion 14.4:

- VV asks what withdrawing from the alliance will do to our US partnership.
 - HM replies that this is the amendment she wants to propose.

HM suggests an amendment to the motion:

- Remove 14.4.4.
- SC finds this motion non-friendly.

HM moved a motion to amend the motion as described above.

Debate of the amendment:

- AGAINST: SC believes this is still the same issue. SC believes that the submarine deal is part of a larger imperialist conflict. SC believes we should distance ourselves from the imperialist interests of the US.
- FOR: IC believes it is important to consider the level of protection we get from the AUKUS alliance and believes condemning something that protects Australian people is not something we should be doing as a Council.

This amendment passed.

Debate of motion 14.4:

- **AGAINST:** CM believes it is ridiculous that Council should be involved in foreign policy. CM believes the motion has nothing to do with the Council's role of representing and fighting for students at UWA. CM believes the alliance is essential in order for Australia to maintain our presence in a growing hostile Indo-Pacific region. CM notes that this alliance is supported by both sides of politics. CM is disappointed that Council is getting involved with defence and foreign policy. CM believes this motion goes against what the 110th Council seeks to achieve to deliver tangible benefits and increased engagement for students at UWA.
- **FOR:** HM explains that her involvement in this is from the side of the way this deal is using tax-payers money which is not in the direct benefits of students or students' interests. HM believes this is why we should support this motion as a Guild. HM believes we are not seeing the welfare responses for students that we would like from our government at this point.
- **AGAINST:** LA believes this council should not be a means for point scoring or political debates. LA believes we should only address motions that directly affect students at UWA.
- **FOR:** MDA agrees with HM. MDA notes that Education cuts are continuous and believes education should be as important as the protection of this country.
- **AGAINST:** LD believes the wording of the motion doesn't speak to its true intension and poses more of a political stance rather than a student stance. LD reminds Council that these submarines are only nuclear powered and are not nuclear weapons themselves which she believes is indicated in 14.4.2. LD believes it is a good idea to make a stance that the government should be directing more tax-payer money to students, however this is not evident in the motion.
- **FOR:** SC believes it is clear in 14.4.2 that it is stating these submarines can lead to the development of nuclear weapons and believes this would give Australia nuclear reactor technology. SC agrees with HM and MDA and believes the money intended to be put into this deal should be put towards the cost of living crisis.

This motion failed.

15.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

RW moved a procedural motion to finish skipped sections. This motion passed.

5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

- 5.1 The 110th Guild Council approves the updates and changes to the RSD Regulations which have been applied to improve the functionality and efficiency of the Department, including the addition of 3 OCMs, as recommended by the Governance Committee.

5.2 The 110th Guild Council:

- 5.2.1 Endorses the protests called by the National Union of Students (NUS) Queer/LGBTQIA+ Department against the speaking tour of UK-based anti-transgender activist Kellie-Jay Keen, also known as Posie Parker,
- 5.2.2 Affirms the right of transgender people to be recognised as their identified gender and condemns ongoing attacks against trans people globally by transphobes and the far-right,
- 5.2.3 Calls on students to participate in the national campaign against Keen's speaking tour across Australia by attending the protest in Perth on March 14, 11:30am at Solidarity Park outside Parliament House, and
- 5.2.4 Commits to promote the protest through official Guild channels, such as social media, emails, digital noticeboards, etc.

Questions for motion 5.2:

- CB asks LD and SC why the turnaround for this motion was the way it was, on behalf of the Pride Officers. CB notes that as a result there was very short notice for the event and not many Councillors were able to attend.
 - HM answers that she was the one who sent it to LD not SC.
 - LD answers that she understand the motion was only passed the day before the event. LD notes that she was sent the motion on 7th March and unfortunately was only about to send it out on the 12th March due to being busy, which is 4 working days. LD apologises for the delay given it was an urgent matter. LD reminds Council that if there is an urgent motion to be moved via circular to message or call her in case she is not able to get through her emails at the time. LD notes that she was sent the motion a week before the event, which is not enough time given the process and it taking a day to be moved through Council via circular.
 - HM believes it is a bigger issue than just this and extends to the beginning of forming the motion. HM explains that the seconder changed and the process of forming the motion was messy. HM believes it is not fair to place the blame on just LD.
 - GJ notes that this event was at the same time as Club Carnival, which explains why there was low attendance from Councillors.

5.3 The 110th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Meghana Maganti from the Young Leaders' Council (YLC) committee.

5.4 The 110th Guild Council approves the appointment of Geemal Jayawickrama to the Young Leaders' Council (YLC) committee.

RW moved a procedural motion to accept all motions passed via circular. This motion passed.

17.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 26th April 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.