



## **1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING**

### **1.1 Attendance**

- 1.1.1 Aishya Abdul Raman (AAR)**
- 1.1.2 Alexander Knowles (AK)**
- 1.1.4 Bradley Carter (BC)**
- 1.1.5 Charlotte Kennedy (CK)**
- 1.1.6 Claudia Bruce (CB)**
- 1.1.7 Cooper Mason (CM)**
- 1.1.8 Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)**
- 1.1.9 Holly Mellor (HM)**
- 1.1.10 Indi Creed (IC)**
- 1.1.11 Joseph Pietrzak (JP)**
- 1.1.12 Kaelin Abrahams (KA)**
- 1.1.13 Khoa Mai (KM)**
- 1.1.14 Luke Alderslade (LA)**
- 1.1.15 Melani De Alwis (MDA)**
- 1.1.16 Liam Tubby (LT)**
- 1.1.17 Robert Whitehurst (RW)**
- 1.1.18 Rutvi Timbadia (RT)**
- 1.1.19 Taniya Shrimali (TS)**
- 1.1.20 Tony Goodman (TG)**
- 1.1.21 Viknash VM (VVM)**
- 1.1.22 Will Partridge (WP)**

### **1.2 Apologies**

Alex VG

### **1.3 Proxies**

### **1.4 Observers**

N/A

### **1.5 Absent**

## **2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

## **3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **3.1 April Council Minutes**

*Minutes approved.*



#### **4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR**

- 5.1 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council appoints Claudia Bruce as Chair of the Diversity & Equity committee.
- 5.2 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the updates of the Guild Election Regulations.

#### **6.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS**

##### **6.1 Managing Director**

*TG mentions that he will take the reports as read and he highlights the following:*

- *Updates on the WA University Sector Review. Thanks, GJ and VVM for their work on the submission.*
- *Mentions that the Audit reports have been shared with the university for compliance reasons, and the Guild will be reporting about its financial status at the next UWA Audit and Risk meeting.*
- *Mentions the preparations for the Guild elections have started.*
- *Updates on the progress of the Masterplans project.*
- *Updates on the progress of the succession plan as per the recommendations of the Guild's Audit and Risk Committee.*

##### **6.2 Finance Director**

*Motion to move into camera.*

##### **6.3 Commercial**

##### **6.4 Student Services**

*Motion to move out of camera.*

*Motion passes.*

*Motion to accept the director reports.*

*Motion passes.*

#### **7.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Directors Reports**

N/A

#### **8.0 STUDENT REPORTS**

- 8.1 President
- 8.2 Vice President
- 8.3 General Secretary
- 8.4 Guild Chair
- 8.5 Education Council President
- 8.6 Societies Council President
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President

- 8.8 Women's Officer
- 8.9 Wellbeing Officer
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President
- 8.11 International Students' Department President
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President
- 8.13 Environment Officer
- 8.14 Sports Officer
- 8.15 Access Department
- 8.16 Pride Officers
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Department Officers
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair
- 8.19 OGC

*Motion to accept the reports.*

*Motion passes.*

## **9.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports**

*MDA asks GJ about his meeting with the Minister of Education. GJ replies saying there were conversations about the Universities, support for international students and the issues relating to Accommodation.*

*LA asks RT why her report does not give much of an update on ISD's work. RT replies saying her team is currently in the process of planning for Semester 2, hence, there will be a more detailed update next month.*

*KA asks GJ for an update on the Containers 4 Change initiative. GJ shares the latest updates on the matter with the Council.*

*KA questions GJ and VVM about the stance the Guild has taken on the University Sector Review. GJ and VVM replies saying that we should be open for the Review and see what the recommendations are, because it can be beneficial for the students at the end of the day.*

## **10.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

## **11.0 ELECTIONS**

## **12.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

- 12.1** The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the resignation of Kajol Sharma from the position of Ordinary Guild Councilor.

Moved: Lara Dale

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

*LD mentions that KS will be missed.*

*Motion passes.*

- 12.2** The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the updates to the Guild Standing Orders.



Moved: Robert Whitehurst  
Seconded: Geemal  
Jayawickrama

*RW gives an update on the new changes made.  
GJ congratulates RW and the team for getting the Standing Orders ready in time.  
Motion passes.*

**12.3** The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the creation of an ongoing Guild committee to adequately address student living and empowerment, as recommended by Governance committee, in which the committee:

- 12.1.1 Shall be named the Student Living Committee to define its expansive role,
- 12.1.2 Shall develop beyond the preceding Welfare & Advocacy Committee by incorporating professional development for students, standing invitees for cost-of-living oriented UWA staff and an increased orientation towards international and regional/rural/remote students,
- 12.1.3 Shall adopt the necessary constitution as deemed appropriate by the Governance Committee,
- 12.1.4 Shall be made up of members deemed appropriate by the Governance Committee, and
- 12.1.5 Shall be appointed and elected per Guild Year, at the direction of the Guild Council.

Moved: Robert Whitehurst  
Seconded: Geemal  
Jayawickrama

*RW passes speaking rights to KA.*

*KA mentions the purpose of the committee is to focus on more than the Guild's services, the University's as well, and provide feedback. Further, he adds that the plan is to invite UWA staff members to speak at the meetings.*

*Motion passes.*

### **13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

- 13.1 The 110th Guild Council endorses the UWA Student Guild's submission to the WA University Sector Review Panel.

**Moved by Geemal Jayawickrama**  
**Seconded by Viknash VM**

*GJ:*

- *mentions a lot of students were consulted in the process, including FACSOCs, Clubs and the Guild Council.*
- *mentions that the submission revolved around a few key areas such as staff to student ratio, staff working conditions and the State Government's interest in the Sector.*
- *Thanks, Viknash and the rest of the team for contributing and getting the submission ready.*

*LA thanks GJ and VVM for their efforts.*

*Motion passes.*

## **14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

### **14.1 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 14.1.1 Reiterates its prior sentiments and deep concern regarding the results of the National Student Safety Survey (109<sup>th</sup> GC, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022),
- 14.1.2 Acknowledges that its prior sentiments did not constitute a comprehensive response to the ongoing prevalence of sexual harassment and assault within the UWA community, particularly regarding UWA College Row,
- 14.1.3 Thanks external stakeholders, notably the College Row Resident Support teams, UWA Student Incident/Support, and UWA Student Life, for their existing efforts towards addressing the prevalence of sexual misconduct at the UWA Residential Colleges, whilst acknowledging that efforts to review and subsequently enhance safety on campus should be ongoing and student-centric,
- 14.1.4 Acknowledges that modern literature and accepted best-practice:
  - 14.1.4.1 Reinforce that holistic, collaborative, and consistent action to address sexual harm and misconduct at residential colleges should be the principal form of action taken by relevant stakeholders,
  - 14.1.4.2 Reinforce that student leadership and consultation with student leaders is integral, not supplementary, to educational institutions when taking action against sexual misconduct,
  - 14.1.4.3 Recommend that the means to track policy implementation efficacy regarding sexual harm be cross-institutional, and re-assessed frequently,

14.1.5 Notes that Initiative 6.3 of Experience *UWA 2025* directs the Safer Communities Working Group to develop a Safer Communities Framework, with an explicit deliverable to evaluate recommendations from the *College Row Cultural Review 2018 Report* and the *Change the Course 2017 Report*,

14.1.6 Notes that the College Row Cultural Review Taskforce is suspended, and acknowledges that no widespread effort has been made since 2018 to universally evaluate the effects of implementing recommendations from the *College Row Cultural Review 2018 Report* or the *Change the Course 2017 Report* on the UWA Residential College community, and

14.1.7 Directs:

14.1.7.1 The Guild President and RSD President, with support of Guild Council, to make formal recommendation to the Executive Officer of the Safer Communities Working Group and the Interim Director of Student Life that the upcoming *UWA Safe and Respectful Community Framework* include a second *College Row Cultural Review* within its timeframe, with specific aim to:

14.1.7.1.1 Universally evaluate the implementation of recommendations from the *College Row Cultural Review 2018 Report* and the *Change the Course 2017 Report*, and

14.1.7.1.2 Consult directly with College Row Resident Leaders as equal stakeholders to College administrations,

14.1.7.2 The Inter-College Council, with the RSD President, to provide signatory support to the recommendation of 7.1.

Moved: Indi Creed

Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

*IC speaks for the motions.*

*Motion passes.*

## 15.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15.1 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

15.1.1 Acknowledges the 18th of May as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day as a day

of mourning for Sri Lankan Tamils

15.1.2 Acknowledge that to date, no war criminals have been held responsible for these crimes, that Sri Lankan Tamils continue to bear the consequences of the genocide and that Australia, among other nations, ignored and continue to ignore the plight of Sri Lankan Tamils.

15.1.3 Encourages the Public Affairs Council to continue to raise awareness for the struggles faced by ethnical minorities around the world, even if the media fails to do so

Moved by: Viknash VM

Seconded by: Taniya S

*VVM speaks for the motion.*

*Motion passes.*

15.2 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

15.2.1 Acknowledges the struggles that are occurring in Iran and Sudan

15.2.2 Recognises that students who have loved ones in the affected nations will be undergoing a difficult time

15.2.3 Acknowledges that there was a support session organised in consultation with the International Student Department and the Postgraduate Student Association attended by students on the 18th of May 2023

15.2.4 Encourages students who need support to reach out to relevant services at UWA and through student Assist.

Moved by: Viknash VM

Seconded by: Rutvi Timbadia

*Amendment to 15.2.1 proposed: Acknowledges the struggles that are occurring in Iran, Myanmar and Sudan.*

*Amendment is friendly.*

*VVM speaks for motion.*

*Motion passes.*

15.3 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

15.3.1. Condemns Labor's May budget for hanging students, workers, welfare recipients, and people with disabilities out to dry as the cost of living pushes living standards down every day while giving handouts to the rich

15.3.2. Notes that the Government received advice from independent reviews, lobbying groups, and unions that the cost of living crisis needed serious, immediate action, and still chose not to provide substantial relief, offering only a paltry increase to JobSeeker of \$2.85 a day.

15.3.3. Condemns the Labor government's decision to ignore the needs of vulnerable people at the same time as it commits \$368 billion towards nuclear submarines and maintains stage 3 tax cuts that overwhelmingly benefit the very wealthy.





Moved: Sean Cheung  
Seconded: Holly Mellor

*Amendment proposed: 15.3.4 Directs students to emergency funding provided by Guild Student Assist to aid with financial relief in the coming time affected by this Budget.*

*Amendment is friendly.*

*SC and HM speaks for the motion.*

*Motion passes.*

#### 15.4 The 110th Guild council:

15.4.1. Recognises a shocking and toxic trend of increased racism and racist dog whistles internationally and in Australia, particularly against migrants.

15.4.2. Condemns Peter Dutton's remarks that the Indigenous Voice to Parliament will "re-racialise" Australia and his racist and divisive allusions that the Voice will grant Indigenous people special privileges or benefits above others.

15.4.3. Notes a rally of Neo-Nazis was held in Melbourne against immigration just days after Peter Dutton made comments suggesting Labor's budget lets in too many immigrants.

15.4.4. Condemns Mark McGowans comments in relation to detainees at Banksia Hill rioting, invoking racist tropes and denigrating them as criminals, rapists, and engaging in a "form of terrorism."

Moved: Sean Cheung  
Seconded: Holly Mellor

*Amendment to 15.4.3:*

*Notes an increasing number of Neo-Nazi and fascist rallies are occurring within Australia, and that ASIO has defined right-wing extremism as our greatest domestic terrorism threat.*

*Amendment is friendly.*

*SC and HM speaks for the motion.*

*Motion passes.*

## 16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 16.1 Guild Halloween Party

*WP gave an update to the council.*





**16.2 Cultural Awareness Seminar on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 6-7:30pm, Social Sciences LT**

*HM updated the council on the upcoming event.*

**17.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.