



## **1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING**

### **1.1 Attendance:**

- 1.1.1 **Aishya Abdul Raman (AAR)**
- 1.1.2 **Alejandro Villa Gomez (AVG)**
- 1.1.3 **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 **Mutya Maraginot-Joesph (MMJ)**
- 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:**

- 1.2.1 **Lara Dale**
- 1.2.2 **Liam Tubby**
- 1.2.3 **Taleah Ugle**
- 1.2.4 **Jaimee Bardsley**
- 1.2.5 **Drishti Kripalani (DK)**

### **1.3 Absent:**

- 1.3.1 **Meghana Maganti**

### **1.4 Proxies:**

### **1.5 Observers:**

- 1.5.1 **Tobias Langtry**

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

*VVM Identifies potential conflict for agenda item 14.1.*

## **3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **3.1 Approval of Committee Minutes**

- Student Services
- Volunteering
- Welfare & Advocacy

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

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

No business arising from previous minutes.

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

No business was completed via circular.

#### **6.0 DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

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

TG mentions that everything is heading in the right direction. TG updates on WA University Review. Mentions we have been receiving positive feedback across the board from different sectors.

TG updates Guild Council on staffing. Currently recruiting a Creative Officer. The new Volunteering Manager will be joining within the coming weeks, which will be great. Maternity cover has been put in to place to cover Finance and Student Assist.

TG updates on Guild Elections. Elections preparation is well underway. New handbooks are coming which is a busy period for everyone.

TG updates on Guild Master Plan. Going well with meetings being set with the University.

TG expresses gratitude to Mutya and her team in Finance as well as the student reps involved in preparing the mid-year budgets.

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

MMJ provides general update on the Financial Position of month of May, report as tabled.

##### **6.3 Commercial (AT)**

TG mentions Tutti Frutti outlet joining in the Refectory and announcing the Catering Review. The idea is to gauge how we are doing in the Catering side of the Guild and help identify opportunities in which we can do better and improve our structures.

##### **6.4 Venture Student Innovation Centre (AT)**

TG updates on Venture saying grant applications are pending. TG expresses gratitude to Chloe and her team for their efforts here.



## 6.5 Student Services (AT)

*GJ moves motion to go into camera. This motion passes unanimously.*

*GJ moves motion to go out of camera. This motion passes unanimously.*

## 7.0 QUESTION TIME – Directors’ Reports

7.1 There were no questions for Directors.

## 8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (AR)
- 8.2 Vice President (AT)
- 8.3 General Secretary (Absent)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (AT)
- 8.6 Societies Council president (AT)
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council (AT)
- 8.8 Women’s Officer (AT)
- 8.9 Wellbeing (AT)
- 8.10 Postgraduate Students’ Association (AT)
- 8.11 International Students’ Department (AT)
- 8.12 Residential Students’ Department President (AT)
- 8.13 Environment Officer (AT)
- 8.14 Sports Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Access Department (NS)
- 8.16 Pride Officers (NS)
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Officers (AT)
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair (NS)
- 8.19 OGC 5/11 (AT)

## 9.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

MDA asks GJ why in GJ’s report he said he is open to the University Review? GJ responds saying reasons are stated within the report itself and reiterated that the 110<sup>th</sup> GC endorsed the statement. MDA again asks because other Guild Presidents have a different stance and why he wasn’t at the united front. GJ responds saying he consulted various students on the matter. GJ and VVM reached out to different aspects of the university and the consensus of the feedback was they were not against a Review. As the UWA Student Guild, we represent the students at UWA. GJ says that MDA also had an opportunity to provide her feedback which was not received. This Submission is not just GJ vision, it is the Guild’s Vision. GJ mentions that within the report it states that various things still need to be considered, for example Staffing, Student to Staff ratio, Student Services and State Funding for example. VVM adds that because we are open to a review it doesn’t mean the result is a merger. He emphasizes that the focus is we need help in the education sector.

MDA asks IC why Fever Pitch was put down as an achievement. IC responds in saying it was an achievement for RSD to bring more people to the event. RSD was able to bring discounts to students on college row which allowed students who were not able to come due to financial reasons, were able to come which is huge win. The turnout from college row was high, which is an achievement. MDA responds saying other Guild's were approached as a collaboration, but they didn't join due to the financial implications they saw from the event. IC responds saying Curtin Guild did sell tickets however finances are out of the scope of RSD. IC highlights for her and her department, the collaboration with the 5 colleges is an achievement in itself. GJ adds that every year the Events department has a budgeted amount to run a party like this and it happens every year.

WP asks the Chair to note down the Council Reports submitted late which are as follows:

IC asks MDA regarding the 'Know your rights'. IC refers to her report saying MDA has consulted several stakeholders around this project but doesn't say who these stakeholders are. MDA responds saying she has only met with one group so far in which they gave her feedback on the draft. IC asks to follow up asking if there are any other stakeholders. MDA responds by adding the Science Office and Robin Winkler Clinic. Has plans to reach out to meet up with other people from university.

KA asks LA regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Rejection from the DVE. Asks for more details as to why it was rejected. LA responds saying last month he submitted a proposal for \$30,000 over 10 years for the project. Feedback from proposal was concerns over the access for LSE students, participation of LSE students and the funding of the project. LA is working on the proposal following this feedback to lower the financial costs in applying. Should be set for Semester 2.

KA asks a question to WP regarding SLT reconstruction, how has the attendee feedback been and how long is it? WP responds saying in December he submitted a proposal to Jenny regarding the program. This new program will be implemented later in the year. If SLT is ran in semester 2 it will be with the new program. As for the length of the program, some models have been changed the model for Reducing the Risk of Sexual Harm has been ran with in-house programs increasing flexibility for students.

KA asks MDA if the human rights act campaign (noted in report) has been mainly pushed by NUS if so/ if not, what justification is she using within her personal campaign for a human rights act, and do you think it might dismember our anti-discrimination laws? MDA responds saying it's not a campaign run by NUS at the moment and instead is ran independently and is backed up by NGO's and Amnesty. No, it will not impact the laws we have but instead enhance them. MDA happy to send through some resources.

KA asks BC how he is feeling for the Guild Ball and MCW / Spring Feast. BC responds with excitement and is keen to start the preparation for next semester.

GJ asks MDA regarding the Know Your Rights Guide in her report. GJ asks how long this guide is as it has been in the works since December. A previous guide councilor put it together but needs an update. MDA is revamping it and through consultation she is adding sections to it such as welfare for example.

WP asks Chair for Reports submitted late to be noted in minutes (listed below)

- AAR
- AVG
- AK
- AM
- CK
- CB
- IC
- KM
- LT
- LC
- MM
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## **10.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

*GJ moves a motion to move into camera. This passed unanimously.*

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

## **11.0 ELECTIONS**

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

*GJ moves a procedural motion to move to item 12.6. This passed unanimously.*

12.1 The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Public Affairs Council. Moved: Taniya Shrimali Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

12.1.1 Speakers to the motion:

TS speaks to the motion. The committee has been working on regulations for the past week amending to update regulations to clarify and emphasize PAC's role in the Guild. The purpose is to bring more consistency with PAC and SOC. The regulations allow for more clarity, allowing for better communications with the community and focus more on Public Affairs and raising awareness of current topics and issues. New roles added to committee. Clarified affiliation requirements.

12.1.2 Questions for the motion:

WP asks if these regulations went through governance. RW responds saying they can go through Council first and then approval at Governance Committee.

12.1.3 Speakers for the motion:

GJ commends TS and the PAC committee for their efforts in updating the regulations.

*This motion was passed unanimously.*

- 12.2 The 110th Guild Council approves the presented updates and changes to the rules of the Public Affairs Council. Moved: Taniya Shrimali Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

12.2.1 Speakers to the motion:

GJ says that this is a sad motion to pass. He mentions that this has been a very active committee and she should be very proud of what she and her committee have achieved so far. GJ wishing TS all the best.

BC speaks to the motion. Reiterates GJ sentiments in saying it's a bitter-sweet motion to second. BC says sad to see TS leave but is proud of what her and all of PAC has achieved this semester and reminds her to not be a stranger.

12.2.2 Speakers for the motion:

TS speaks for the motion. TS thanks GS and BC for their kind words. TS says it is sad to leave the team. TS mentions that this semester has been crazy, and she will cherish all the memories made along the way. TS mentions that a highlight and a takeaway from the role was to encourage cross department and council collaborations.

VVM speaks for the motion. VVM mentions how shocked he was to see this motion. After many years of being on campus, VVM mentions how incredible this year's PAC team has done, and this is echoed by many across campus. VVM congratulates TS on the team she has made this year and trusts they will continue the good work this semester.

KA speaks for the motion reiterating the previous sentiments. KA mentions that TS has been the biggest support to his team and Guild Council. KA cannot thank her enough for her work for UWA students.

IC speaks for the motion. IC adds that this is the first year she has heard of PAC on college row and that speaks for her work this semester. She will be solely missed by this council.

*This motion passed unanimously.*

- 12.3 The 110th Guild Councils appoints Akshata Jois to the position of the Public Affairs Council President. Moved Geemal Jayawickrama, Seconded: Bradley Carter.

12.3.1 Speakers to the motion:

GJ speaks for the motion saying Akshata has been working with TS all year. The committee knows her, and she knows how the team works and as the VP she has done exceptionally well in the role and looks forward to what

she can achieve as PAC President.

BC speaks for motion. Again, reiterating GJ statement. Akshata is definitely a familiar face around the Bob Nic. BC has no doubt that she will ace this position.

#### 12.3.2 Questions for the motion.

*VVM passes speaking rights to TS.*

KA asks TS what her advice would be to Akshata as well as future PAC Presidents. TS responds saying to make use of the different clubs and departments. Collaboration is so key. This is what PAC is also about.

#### 12.3.3 Debate – Speakers for the motion:

12.3.4 TS speaks saying how she is satisfied to pass the torch to someone so dedicated and passionate for PAC. She has complete faith in her ability to lead the committee and she looks forward to another successful semester.

12.4 The 110th Guild Councils appoints Chido Mukomberanwa to the position of Ordinary Guild Councillor. Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama Seconded: Bradley Carter

##### 12.4.1 Speakers to the motion:

MDA speaks for motion. MDA is excited to have Chido on board. Looks forward to working with her.

GJ speaks to the motion explaining how the election process works following the resignation in the previous council. GJ welcomes Chido to council and looks forward to seeing what she achieves this semester.

*This motion passed unanimously.*

*RW passed the Chair to VVM.*

12.5 The 110th Guild Councils approves to updated Volunteering Committee Constitution. Moved: Robert Whitehurst Seconded: Geemal Jayawickrama

##### 12.5.1 Speakers to the motion:

RW speaks to the motion saying Shori wanted to update the constitution which were sent for review and to Governance Committee for approval.

GJ commends RW and Shori for their efforts.

*This motion passed unanimously.*

12.6 The 110<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the 2023 Mid-Year Budget Review  
Move: Geemal Jayawickrama, Seconded Bradley Carter



12.6.1 Speakers to the motion:

GJ notes that the budget review was done considering the past semester of spending.

MMJ speaks for the motion, not much change in the student departments hasn't had a large change but instead a reallocation. MMJ updates council on the general changes to the Budget regarding commercial, employee departments, SSAF and property.

*No speakers for or against the motion. This motion passed unanimously.*

**13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

**14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTAION)**

*VVM moves Chair to LA.*

*VVM leaves meeting due to potential conflict.*

14.1 The 110th Guild Council:

- i. condemns the 2023 UWA Student Life Restructure proposal.
- ii. commits to protecting and advocating for the best interests of students.
- iii. condemns the proposed staff cuts and commits to working alongside the NTEU to protect staff rights.

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama Seconded: Robert Whitehurst

14.1.1 Speakers to the motion:

GJ mentions the restructuring which might been proposed to Student Life at the University. GJ mentions some major changes: Changes to Student Central, Student Offices and the Health Promotion Unit.

RW adds the issue of job insecurity. He mentions that staff can not support students when they are unsure if they are unsure if they will have a job.

14.1.2 Questions for the motion:

WP asks GJ if this restructure is another review or is this 'phase 2' of the review which occurred in 2021. GJ responds from the best of his knowledge saying this has been separate and in the works for a while.

14.1.3 Debate – speakers for the motion

MDA speaks for motion. MDA adds that this is horrific news and pleased we are passing this motion condemning the restructuring. MDA points out that with the removal of some key staff in this department, more students will turn to the Guild for assistance.



KA speaks reiterating MDA's points. KA adds how terrifying this restructuring is with the addition of technology. Moreover, this restructuring is reactive to issues not preventative. KA provides example of HPU running campaigns on mental health, addiction, and other foundational work. This is so essential. Something which hasn't been discussed is the additional tasks, those that make it through the restructuring, will be taking on, KA adds. KA points out that it will be a good idea to add additional staff to Student Assist to help support students during this time.

IC adds that HPU has been such a pivotal part of campaigning health promotion. IC points out that these cuts are coming at a time when we are already seeing the impacts of under staffing at the university. College row Health Promotion Unit has been stalled already in light of this restructure which is so concerning.

14.2 The 110th Guild Council acknowledges:

- i. The UWA Accommodation Concierge's efforts in assisting over 1000 students with their accommodation needs in Semester 1, 2023 and future proposals to expand accommodation options on campus especially for students with families;
- ii. That there are students who are still struggling with the rental crisis and directs them to the resources currently available;
- iii. That there is a cost-of-living crisis, and that no student should be left behind.

Moved: Geemal Jayawickrama Seconded: Viknash VM

14.2.1 Speakers to the motion

GJ updates Guild Council with figures from UWA Accommodation Concierge.

VM adds saying it is great to see figures of students helped. VVM mentions that there is a cost-of-living crisis and from a Post Graduate perspective it is even harder with unpaid placements included in their degrees. As a Guild we have been providing support and give students' services and we need to continue in areas such as Student Assist and the Food Pantry.

14.3 Questions for the motion:

14.3.1 MDA asks why this wasn't brought up to the education minister? GJ responds asking for clarification. GJ mentioned that he did bring up accommodation concierge to the education minister. GJ mentions that as Guild Councilors we can direct students struggling to our Services to help support them.

VVM adds that what we are looking at now is not just a combination of accommodation / cost of living crisis. Instead, we should be asking what

the Government is doing about this. There should be an expectation of the Government to provide these services. This responsibility shouldn't fall on the Guild or University, it should fall on the government. We are just thankful we do provide these services. VVM adds every chance he has to mention living crisis to ministers and staff he does.

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#### 14.3.2 Debate – speakers for the motion.

MDA speaks for the motion adding that Housing Rights are human rights at the end of the day.

*VVM proposes an amendment to 14.2 adding “ iv) directs the Guild to work with UWA to ensure more visibility of the service and ensure students are aware that help is available, and no one falls between the cracks”*

*This amendment was friendly.*

*This motion passed unanimously.*

### **1.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTAITON)**

### **2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **2.1 Second Semester Plans**



GJ will be reaching out to OB's and OGC's in the coming weeks to discuss your plans for semester 2 and how GJ or the Guild Exec can assist.

## 2.2 The Voice Campaign

GJ asks for updates on how we can promote the Voice Campaign. As a council we have endorsed this campaign, but we should start having conversation to educate students how the referendum works and what it means.

RW and IC add it may be better to add suggestions in the Guild Council Chat or email.

KA peaks on the current status of the referendum which highlights the urgency of education. Suggested that we work with the 'yes campaign'.

## 2.3 Council Jumpers

LA asks GJ about the Council Jumpers. GJ said that this project was originally with Kajol but following her resignation GJ will investigate it.

## 3.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th July 2023 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met

