

110th Guild Council July Meeting Minutes Wednesday 26th July 2023

Guild Council Room @ 6pm

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance:

- 1.1.1 Bradley Carter (BC)
- 1.1.2 Charlotte Kennedy (CK)
- 1.1.3 Claudia Bruce (CB)
- 1.1.4 Cooper Mason (CM)
- 1.1.5 Geemal Jayawickrama (GJ)
- 1.1.6 Indi Creed (IC)
- 1.1.7 Joseph Pietrzak (JP)
- 1.1.8 Kaelin Abrahams (KA)
- 1.1.9 Khoa Mai (KM)
- 1.1.10 Luke Alderslade (LA)
- 1.1.11 Robert Whitehurst (RW)
- 1.1.12 Rutvi Timbadia (RT)
- 1.1.13 Tony Goodman (TG)
- 1.1.14 Viknash VM (VVM)
- 1.1.15 Will Partridge (WP)
- 1.1.16 Jaimee Bardsley (JB)
- 1.1.17 Taleah Ugle (TU)
- 1.1.18 Sean Cheung (SC)
- 1.1.19 Chido Mukomberanwa (CM)

1.2 Apologies:

- 1.2.1 Liam Tubby
- 1.2.2 Drishti Kripalani (DK)

1.3 Absent:

- 1.3.1 Meghana Maganti
- 1.3.2 Lara Dale

1.4 **Proxies:**

- 1.4.1 Alevine Magila (AM)
- 1.4.2 Finn Penter (FP)
- 1.4.3 Lorenzo Innuzzi (LI)
- 1.4.4 Jelena Kovacevic (JK)

1.5 **Observers:**

- 1.5.1 **Tobias Langtry**
- 1.5.2 Erin Williams

2.0 DECLARARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 June Council Minutes
- 3.2 Approval of Committee Minutes

- Student Services
- Volunteering
- Governance

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;

- i) he will take the reports as read.
- ii) he highlights the work that has been done with the University on the Guild Masterplans and the latest report released by the University Accords Panel and its implications to the Guild specially in the Wellbeing space.
- iii) the hiring of the new Creative Officer and the Volunteering Manager has been successful.
- iv) the nominations for the Guild elections will be opened next week.
- v) the Finance team has started the process of looking at potential options for External Auditors.
- vi) there have been minor delays with the Annual report of 2022.
- vii) Venture received some grant money from the NPILF Funding of the University.

6.2 Finance Director

TG mentions all the actuals are aligned with the budgets and the finances have had a good start for the year compared to the budgeted YTD.

6.3 Commercial (AT)

BC moves motion to go into camera. This motion passes unanimously.

BC moves motion to go out of camera. This motion passes unanimously.

RW passes motion to give all proxies voting rights. This motion passes unanimously.

6.4 Venture Student Innovation Centre (AT)

As tabled.

6.5 Student Services (AT)

As tabled.

7.0 QUESTION TIME - Directors' Reports

7.1 There were no questions for Directors.

8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (AT)
- 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 and Graduate Conference Report (AT)
- 8.11 International Students' Department (AT)
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President (AR)
- 8.13 Environment Officer (AT)
- 8.14 Sports Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Access Department (AT)
- 8.16 Pride Officers (NS)
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Officers (AT)
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair (NS)
- 8.19 OGC 6/11 (AT)

9.0 QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

IC asks GJ to elaborate about the "increased Halal food options" mentioned in his report. GJ says that <u>all</u> the Guild cafes now have Halal food options supplied by Boxed by Botak compared to last year where it was only at Quobba.

IC asks VVM, about the work that has been done on the Special Consideration policy mentioned in the report. VVM reveals that he and GJ sits on the UWA Special Consideration Working group, which aims to review the special consideration policy to make it more efficient and easier for students. VVM mentions that he and GJ had a preliminary chat with the Chair of the group, and proposed amendments to make it better for suited for students, for example, specifically mentioning the Ramadan holiday in the policy (that has been a huge issue students face with special considerations, in the past) and many more. VVM further mentions that he'll share more updates about it in the next council meeting.

10.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

10.1 Guild Masterplans

GJ mentions the Guild has been having productive meetings with the university thus far and he and VVM will presenting the Masterplans to Senate next week.

GJ confirms that Campus Management has agreed to pay for half of the cost of a new security camera system for the Guild Precinct and has agreed to pay the full cost of the lighting of the Precinct. He mentions, this will be likely done before the end of the year.

11.0 ELECTIONS

12.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

RW moves Chair to VVM

RW proposes an amendment to motion 12.2.3 from May Guild Council to ensure the committee could campaign and prioritise the YES campaign. Motion passes.

14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTAION)

14.1 The 110th Guild Council

- i. Affirms that the right to poster is a basic right student are entitled to as a means to communicate with the student body.
- ii. Acknowledges that there is no complete student democracy without the right to poster.

Moved: Sean Cheung Seconded: Melani De Alwis

AM questions TG as why the Guild is not allowing clubs/students to put up posters on the Rotundas around campus. TG replies saying, the UWA bylaws and the Guild policy doesn't allow any party to put up posters around the campus without the Guild's or the university's official approval.

The motion passes.

14.2 The 110th Guild Council

i. Recognises that AUKUS is a provocative and dangerous military alliance that increases the risk of war between the West and China.

- ii. Acknowledges that the Australian acquisition of nuclear submarines is a cornerstone element of AUKUS, which will have an overall cost in excess of AU\$368 billion.
- iii. Condemns the spending of billions of dollars for nuclear submarines and other modern killing instruments by the federal government when we are in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis and where public funds should be directed towards supporting ordinary people.
- iii. Condemns the AUKUS alliance and calls for the withdrawal of Australia from the US-Alliance.

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Melani De Alwis

SC speaks for the motion. He mentions that students should condemn the federal government for spending large sums of money on military exercises rather than on more pressing issues.

The majority of council share similar consensus.

The motion passes.

14.3 The 110th Guild Council:

- Supports the National Union of Students Welfare not Warfare National Day of Action on August 9
- ii. Commits to mobilising resources including displaying e-posters and sending an email update to the student body to promote the event.
- iii. Commits to printing 50 posters to promote the August 9 National Day of Action and putting these up around campus.
- iv. Commits to printing as many leaflets as NUS prints and mobilising guild volunteers to hand these out throughout week 2, semester 2 to promote the event.
- v. Encourages all OGCs to attend the event.

Moved: Sean Cheung

Seconded: Melani De Alwis

KA speaks for the motion. He shares that it is great that NUS is doing campaigns like this. He further mentions, it be better if the NUS is more consistent with its communication about events like this with the elected Officer Bearers of the Guilds in the West.

The motion passes.

14.4 The 110th Guild Council:

i. Recognises and acknowledges the purpose, necessity, and significance of national student bodies, especially during this period characterised by multiple reviews of tertiary institutions on a federal and state level,

- ii. Recognises that representation on a national level is an essential right for all students at tertiary institutions, and it is the responsibility of the Guild to uphold and bolster that right,
- iii. Directs respective Guild office bearers to work with their national counterparts in these national bodies, to increase engagement with NUS and other unions going forward, and yield better outcomes for students,
- iv. Directs the 110th Guild Council to organise a briefing explaining the role, function, and processes of NUS, as well as facilitating discussion regarding the interests of UWA students, for all incoming 2024 UWA NUS delegates prior to the commencement of the 111th Guild Council term

Proposed: India Creed Seconded: Viknash VM

IC speaks for the motion. She reiterates that it is important for the Guild to continue to affiliate itself with the NUS, especially considering the current higher education reviews happening both in the federal and state level. Further, she mentions that having a training in place for the new NUS delegates will allow them to understand the in and outs of NUS and will help these delegates to do their best on the national level for students at UWA.

VVM mentions that his recent visit to the Graduation Conference in Queensland did show him the value of these national bodies as it helps student representatives to learn more and do better for the students we represent.

CM speaks against the motion. He mentions that he believes NUS could do better in terms of reaching out to our student representatives and helping the student unions over in the west.

AM highlights that the NUS represents the principal of unionism and the students across Australia. He further adds that if there is a student movement across the country, it will be the NUS that will coordinate it and bring all the other unions, including the UWA Student Guild, together to make sure students' rights are best represented and protected.

The motion passes.

14.5 The 110th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Kaelin Abrahams as Wellbeing Officer.

Moved by Geemal Jayawickrama Seconded by Rutvi Timbadia

GJ notes all the work Kaelin has done in the role as the Wellbeing Officer thus far, and shares that everyone will miss him at the Guild.

The rest of the council share similar consensus.

The motion passes.

14.6 The 110th Guild Council invites the nomination of Erin Williams as the interim 2023 Wellbeing Officer until the end of Kaelin's term and accepts her nomination.

Moved by Geemal Jayawickrama Seconded by Rutvi Timbadia

GJ mentions that the following recommendation was made by the Wellbeing department and encourages all the councilors to vote for the motion.

The motion passes.

15.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTAITON)

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 Uni Accords

GJ updates council on the Interim report released by the University Accords Panel led by Mary O'Kane and its potential impact to the UWA Students and the Guild.

VVM leaves the room.

16.2 Student Life Restructure

GJ updates council on the latest restructure proposal approved and signed by the Vice Chancellor.

17.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30th August 2023 at 6.00pm. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (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.