#### 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Attendance
- 1.3 Apologies
- 1.4 Proxies
- 1.5 Absent

Lucinda Bartlett

#### 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 October Council Minutes
- 3.2 Committee Minutes

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

## 6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- **6.1 Managing Director**
- **6.2 Finance Director**
- 6.3 Commercial
- 6.4 Student Services
- 6.5 Marketing Reports
- 6.6 Venture Student Innovation Centre

### Managing director report

TG notes a recent news article regarding a potential merger but advises that no formal information has been received at this stage. He acknowledges the work on the Guild Regulations, thanking Aidan, Chloe Keller, and Jay for their significant contributions, noting the project is now in its final stages. TG reports that updates to the Money and Election Regulations are in progress with the University and he is aiming to take these to the March Senate meeting. TG states that the search for a new Student Services Leader is ongoing. He notes that most attendees have now booked their flights for



NUS and expresses his hope that they enjoy the conference. TG also reports that Jack and Barbara are currently attending the SCS Convention, and he is looking forward to seeing any new products they may bring back.

TG provides an update on the Guild Masterplan, noting that progress is positive. He highlights a productive meeting with the University and confirms that the lift installation in Cameron Hall is expected to proceed in 2026. The Guild app is now effectively live, with testing underway and a goal of full readiness for O-Week. TG reports several current IT issues, including CareerHub closing off and other disruptions that may affect departments such as Student Assist and Venture. He states that alternative options are being explored to ensure continuity of services. Alison is also progressing work on the new Guild website and holding briefing sessions to determine departmental needs. TG notes that "a lot is happening in that space" and that the progress is very positive.

TG thanks all members of Council for their work throughout the year, acknowledging the proactive efforts of the team and expressing his hope that everyone has gained something from their involvement. He gives special thanks to Nikki and Charlie, remarking that it has been a pleasure working with them and the wider group.

#### Finance report

TG reports that the Guild is currently making a profit of over \$200,000, which remains consistent with expectations. He notes that the Tavern is exceeding its budget for the month. Some timing differences are present in the accounts, including those related to the Guild Council budget, which was slightly higher due to costs incurred this year. TG states that he is satisfied with the financial report and the Guild's overall tracking for the month. He also notes that MMJ has been unwell over the past two weeks, which has caused some delays in preparing the 2026 budget.

Motion to move into camera passes. Motion to move out of camera passes.

# 7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

RS asks about the goals of the Guild app, including whether there is a specific target number of students for uptake. TG responds that during O-Week the aim is to have every first-year student download the app. He explains that one of the intended functions is to allow students to "tap" for the Guild discount, and that the cafés will be used as a key incentive point to encourage downloads.



TG states that the broader target is for more than 50% of the University's student cohort to adopt the app. He acknowledges this may be optimistic but emphasises the importance of setting ambitious goals. He adds that the Guild hopes to eventually extend access to staff as well. TG also notes that a desired feature under development is a real-time tracker showing users how much money they have saved through Guild discounts.

#### 8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Nikhita Talluri

as read

NT thanks everyone the council for the great year they had and congratulates everyone on their achievements

8.2 Guild Vice-President: Oliver Barrett

as read

OB says a massive thank you to Nikki and Charlie and that they will all miss them here. OB thanks the rest of council.

8.3 Guild General Secretary: Annika Leunig

as read

AL thanks the entire 112<sup>th</sup> council and the staff.

8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Aidan Kirby-Smith

as read

AKS notes the regulations are being pushed back to the 113<sup>th</sup> guild council. AKS wants to highlight that he didn't have a lot of these meetings in his report with Tony and he thanks Chloe, Tony and Jay for all their help with the regulations. AKS also mentions a 'How to guild guide' that he is working on for the incoming councillors and is open to any suggestions from

8.5 Education Council President: Jay Williams

as tabled

8.6 Societies Council President: Ethan Tan

as read

ET mentions the student clubs guide that he has sent around the draft for and asks all councillors to please read that and send him feedback.

8.7 Public Affairs Council President: Aimee Chan

as tabled

**8.8 Women's Officer:** Ruby Membry

as read



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Notes her report is short as she has done her handover earlier this month and thanks Nikki and everyone for everything this year.

8.9 Wellbeing Officer: Jeffrey Tang

as tabled

8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President:

Charlie Backshall

as read

CB thanks 112<sup>th</sup> guild council and her PSA committee for the PSA ball.

8.11 International Students' Department President:

Archit Menon

as read

AM thanks all staff and 112<sup>th</sup> guild council for all their work this year.

8.12 Residential Students' Department President

As tabled

TW expresses their excitement to take on this department and jokes that hopefully they won't have 3 difference presidents next year.

8.13 WASAC Chair

Ashleigh Petkovic

Not submitted WRC

8.14 Environment Officer: Julia Suffell

as read

JS shoutout students at Monash which convinced their university executive to cut ties with woodside. JS expresses her hope for the potential of what the council can do next year and thanks the 112<sup>th</sup> guild council and all the staff for everything.

8.15 Sports Officer: Damien Zhang

as tabled

8.16 Access Department: Lucinda Bartlett

not submitted

**8.17 Pride Officer**: Aryaman Bhoosrheddy & Ashel Siby

not submitted

8.18 Ethnocultural Officers: Selina Al Ansari &

Reihaneh Rezagholilou

as read

RR thanks everyone for all their help and their events. RR especially thanks ET, RS and AC for all their help during events.

8.19 Volunteering Chair: Casey Taylor

as read



CT thanks ET and JS for all their help throughout the year.

**8.20 OGCs**: as follows

Archana Ashok

as tabled

Finn Penter

as tabled

Jude Kamalddin

as tabled

**Kassidy Anderson** 

as tabled

Katrina Soares

as tabled

Lachy Flavel

as tabled

Naveen Nimalan

as tabled

Ojaswi Shrestha

as tabled

Olivia Stronach

Not submitted WRC

OS thanks Nikki, Charlie, Indi and CJ for all their support and for her last two years on council and OS talks about how amazing of an experience it has been on council.

Ritika Menon

as tabled

Thanks everyone and reminds the incoming councillors that they have such a big impact on student life.

Rama Sugiartha

as read

RS reminds everyone about the university review, like TG mentioned. RS talks about how this will probably catch university student off guard. He encourages us to keep talking about it and express their views on it. RS also encourages everyone to read up on it and let the incoming council know. RS also thanks everyone on council.

All student reports passed.

## 9. QUESTIONS TIME - Student Reports

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AKS about AL's report and her meeting with the incoming gensec for the budget. AKS

asks if there was anything that stood out. AL replies how after reviewing budgets and

actual spending, she was glad to see that almost all departments used their budgets well to throw great events and run initiatives. However, AL was disappointed to see

the Access department only used about 10% of their budget and AL stresses that this

would of meant students who fall under the access department may not have been

provided with the best experience this year and she hopes the Access department can

improve on this next year.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

11.1 The 112th Guild Council appoints Julia Suffell for Volunteering Chair for 2026 on

the recommendation of the volunteering recruitment panel.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

NT mentions that the panel has discussed and put forward who they believe will do a

great job.

**DEBATE** 

CT discusses about how great of a job JS has done this year as environmental officer

and she believes she will do such a great job next year, as was evident this year. OS

seconds what CT said, and adds that they believe JS will do such a great job.

Motion passes.

11.2 The 112th Guild Council approves the appointment of Cate Sonder-Sorenson

for Head editor and Jai Feist for Assistant Head editor for PROSH 2026 on the

recommendation of the 2026 PROSH directors.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

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NT explains that they put forward to council what the PROSH directors have recommended.

#### **DEBATE**

RS says he can't wait to see what they do next year. HB talks about how she has worked with both before and excited to see what they do next year. ET mentions how he believes both will do great.

Motion passes.

# 12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

**12.1** The 112th Guild Council approves the appointment of Isabelle O'Hara for Venture Chair for 2026.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

#### **DEBATE**

ET speaks for the motion and talks about how he got to work with Isabelle for the Venture pitch night a few weeks ago. He believes that they will do a great job. ET also thanks James and Ash.

# 13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

## 14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 14. 1 The 112th Guild Council:
- **14.1.1** Condemns the Iranian and Taliban regimes' practice of Gender Apartheid, which is an institutionalised system of authoritarian governance that dehumanises, persecutes and systemically segregates women and excludes them from public life
- 14.1.2 Acknowledges that the Taliban's Gender Apartheid practices constitute the most serious women's rights crisis in the world, as declared by Human Rights Watch and United Nations Women, with draconian rules imposed on women including bans on education past the 6th grade, moving freely in public without a male guardian, and female voices from being broadcast in public, amongst others.
- **14.1.3** Recognises that Gender Apartheid is a crime against humanity.

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14.1.4 Supports the global initiatives that are working on achieving United Nations

recognition of Gender Apartheid as a crime against humanity.

14.1.5 Encourages the 113th Guild Council to help raise awareness about gender apartheid through events, petitions and digital campaigns in consultation with

relevant stakeholders.

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Moved: Jude Kamalddin

Seconded: Selina Al Ansari

JK explains that she finished exams last week so it took her a few days to finish the

consultation process and that's why its late. Council agrees to hear the motion.

JK discusses the current state of women's rights globally. JK notes that the situation

under Taliban rule represents one of the most severe violations of women's rights in

the world. Women are prohibited from practising as doctors, and male doctors are

prevented from treating female patients, effectively excluding women from accessing

essential healthcare. JK highlights that this amounts to an institutionalised system of

discrimination and references the "End Gender Apartheid" campaign being proposed

as part of a UN treaty. JK emphasises the importance of public institutions speaking

out on this issue now.

SA echoes JK's concerns and adds that it is incredibly important that we continue to

talk about these issues and keep them at the forefront of public conversation.

No questions for the motion

**DEBATE** 

FOR: RMe expresses about how important it is to speak on this issue and notes that

she will inform the next Women's officer to also speak out and encourage social media

campaigns.

FOR: RM speaks for the motion and how important it is to speak out about this

especially in universities and thanks JK and SA for this motion.

FOR: OS thanks JK and SA for coming back straight after exams to put this motion

forward in council and encourages other coucnillors to vote FOR.

FOR: AKS speaks for the motion and expresses how concerning gender apartheid is

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in the world. AKS talks about his South African friends and family and how this has affected them. AKS also informs the council that currently, gender apartheid is declared a national crisis in South Africa.

Motion passes.

14. 2 The 112th Guild Council:

14.2.1 Recognises that the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan have committed a series of brutal attacks and war crimes in el-Fasher, as recognised by Amnesty International.

14.2.2 Recognises that Sudan is facing a humanitarian crisis affecting 30 million people, as well as mass displacement and confirmed famine

14.2.3 Acknowledges the role of countries such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in funding the war and brutality, as recognised by Amnesty International

14.2.4 Calls on the Australian government to review defence exports to the UAE and demand an international arms embargo on the whole of Sudan

14.2.5 Directs the UWA Student Guild alongside the Ethnocultural Department to create an informational post for students standing in solidarity with the people of Sudan, including any Sudanese students at UWA, and affirming the Guild's stance of anti-racism

14.2.6 Boycotts companies complicit in the UAE's human rights violations such as, but not limited to, Emirates Airways, Etihad Airways, and ongoing boycott targets.

Moved: Selina Al Ansari

Seconded: Rama Sugiartha

SA talks about why the motion is late, noting it is a developing issue and they wanted to ensure all their info is up to date. Council agrees to hear the motion.

SA discusses the situation in Sudan, noting that the country is currently facing one of the largest famines in the world. SA emphasises the importance of the Guild standing with students who are affected and highlights the need to keep students informed while ensuring that the Guild is not contributing in any way to the funding of the conflict.

RS expresses that it is important for the Guild to respond to these situations and support affected students. RS reflects on how difficult it can be to navigate UWA STUDENT GUILD

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conversations with friends who are personally impacted, and notes that the Guild can help bridge this gap by providing accurate information to students. RS also comments on how individuals can try to avoid supporting genocide, such as by being mindful of not flying certain airlines or supporting companies linked to these actions.

**QUESTIONS** 

NN asks how the Guild can boycott the companies mentioned in the motion. TG clarifies that the Guild currently does not associate with these companies, and that the motion applies to the Guild, not the University. TG also asks whether consideration has been given to international students who may need to fly with Etihad or Emirates to travel to Australia, and whether this could create issues for the India campus where students may need to travel using these airlines. SA responds that the motion does not force students to boycott these companies; rather, it focuses on the Guild and Guild-funded flights, noting that there would be alternative options available.

**DEBATE** 

FOR: OS thanks SA and RS for bringing this motion forward and states that she believes it is important to raise awareness about human rights violations committed by the UAE, noting that these concerns extend beyond this conflict and also include issues such as human slavery.

FOR: AM also thanks RS and SA for bringing this item to Council.

FOR: LF speaks in favour of the motion. However, LF raises concerns about the severe violence occurring against Christian communities in Nigeria and notes that members of the Christian Union often feel under-represented within the Ethnocultural Department. SA responds by explaining that no students have approached the Department requesting advocacy on this issue, and encourages any students who wish for this matter to be raised to contact them directly, as the Department aims to represent all students.

Motion passes.

### 15. GENERAL BUSINESS

AL reminds everyone to sign up for guild council alumni and to use their personal email, as their guild or student emails will not be accessible at some point in the future.

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ET thanks everyone, including NT, the Guild Executive, TG, and all those who have supported the team throughout the year.

OB gives a shout-out to ET, noting that he has been one of the hardest-working members of Council and commending him for his dedication and contribution.

RMe raises concerns regarding a recent U.S. bill that proposed sentencing women to 30 years in prison for having an abortion or experiencing a miscarriage. Although the bill ultimately did not pass, RMe expresses alarm that such legislation is even being considered, describing it as a terrifying ideology. RMe shares her horror that a medical procedure for miscarriage or abortion was being equated with the sentencing of convicted murderers.

NT reminds Council about the going-away party occurring on Friday.

OS shares that a student recently complimented the Guild's work and wanted councillors to know that their efforts do make an impact. JS shares a similar experience.

AKS provides an update regarding department heads and the creation of a Teams channel that will assist with record-keeping. AKS explains that documents will now be automatically handed over, emphasising the importance of maintaining records. TG adds that while files are not deleted immediately, they can be difficult to access later, which is why the Teams channel is needed. AKS asks all committee chairs and office bearers to upload their files to the new Teams drive.

CB shares words of wisdom: "It's not a coincidence that all these incredible people are on Guild Council — it's because you are all passionate and you care."

AKS also reminds councillors that card access will be removed soon.

# 16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday December 1st 2025**. 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.