



## **1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

### **1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**

### **1.2 Attendance**

Nikhita Talluri (NT)  
Oliver Barret (OB)  
Annika Leunig (AL)  
Aidan Kirby-Smith (AKS)  
Ritika Menon (RM)  
Archit Menon (AM)  
Charlie Backshall (CB)  
Ethan Tan (ET)  
Jay Williams (JW)  
Ruby Membry (RME)  
Julia Suffell (JS)  
Lucinda Bartlett (LB)  
Olivia Stronach (OS)  
Finn Penter (FP)  
Selina Al Ansari (SA)  
Reihaneh Rezagholilou (RR)  
Casey Taylor (CT)  
Aryaman Bhoosrheddy (AB)  
Jude Kamalddin (JK)  
Kassidy Anderson (KA)  
Katrina Soares (KS)  
Tyler Cash (TC)  
Naveen Nimalan (NN)  
Ojaswi Shrestha (OSH)  
Rama Sugiartha (RS)  
Tabarek Alhaffar (TA)  
Tony Goodman (TG)  
Mutya Maraginos-Joseph (MMJ)  
Libby Bailey (LBa)  
Lauren Kohlen (LK)  
Kushagra Rathore (KR)



Jack Cross (JC) (Observer)  
Tom Pearce (TP) (Observer)  
Aveline Maglia (AMA) (Observer)  
Suchi Kalia (SK) (Observer)

### 1.3 Apologies

Damien Zhang (DZ)  
Jeffrey Tang (JT)  
Archana Ashok (AA)  
Aimee Chan (AC)  
Lachy Flavel (LF)

### 1.4 Proxies

TC for LF  
LK for AC  
KR for AA

*Proxies were accepted by council, moved by NT and seconded by AL.*

### 1.5 Absent

Ashel Siby

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

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the March Council Minutes

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Charlie Backshall

*Motion passes.*

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

5.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the February minutes.



Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

## **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### **6.1 Managing Director**

### **6.2 Finance Director**

### **6.3 Commercial**

### **6.4 Student Services**

### **6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre**

TG talks about it being a very busy month both commercially and activity wise. Going through reviews regulation wise and moving onto the next phase of going back to governance but the regulations look strong and robust so far. TG says thank you to MMJ and team for the financial audit. Looking to put out a sales manager which will help drive business and functions at the tavern. The guild precinct is onto Phase 2 and 3 and he is talking to the architects about the designs in Cameron Hall. Mary Petrou has been appointed the returning officer for the upcoming elections and more information about the election process will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Battle of the bands launch party will be in the second half of the year. The bar in the back of the tavern is being renewed and should be completed by late June but will be closed for 3 weeks while this happens.

Tony G tables the rest of the reports.

MMJ said the operations team went well for the month of March and landed close to \$121,000 profit as opposed to the budgeted \$82,000. YTD numbers is close to \$220,000 compared to a budgeted loss of about \$75,000. MMJ mentions that compared to last year we are doing better due to predominantly because of the SSAF and the opening of the Quobba Gnarning Café. For the revenue side, MMJ mentions how we have \$452,000 as opposed to the budget of \$447,000. MMJ outlines the YTD numbers as \$1.1 million compared to the budgeted ~\$1 million. In terms of the expenditure side, MMJ highlights that it was \$353,000 instead of the budgeted \$386,000. YTD numbers for expenditure is \$947,000 compared to a budgeted \$1.42 million. This is not yet due to savings but more due to timing differences.



## 7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

LB asks about the WA university review with expected outcomes in March/April 2025. TG replies that it is up to the state government, and they haven’t heard an update yet. And suggests the guild president to discuss with the governor in due time.

LB then asks if there are any time frames on the drafts for standing orders and agenda rules. TG replies that standing orders have been completed but just needs to go through governance. TG says that it is going to take a lot of time, but they are seeing progress. The club standing orders have come back from the lawyers too but there is still a lot of work to be done via governance. TG says he cannot see the regulations until October. LB asks if guild council will get the drafts, and TG mentions that it is up to governance, and he expects it will be around July at the very latest.

*Motion to accept directors’ reports passes.*

*NT moves a motion to go into camera. Motion passes.*

*Procedural motion to move to agenda item 11.2 and 11.3 - Motion passes.*

## 8. STUDENT REPORTS

### 8.1 Guild President: Nikhita Talluri

*as read*

NT wants to say thank you and a big congrats to OB for doing a great job acting president while she was away. She also says she has seen a lot of good content on the social media so wants to congratulate everyone on that regard.

### 8.2 Guild Vice-President: Oliver Barrett

*as tabled*

### 8.3 Guild General Secretary: Annika Leunig

*as tabled*

### 8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Aidan Kirby-Smith

*as tabled*

### 8.5 Education Council President: Jay Williams

*as tabled*

### 8.6 Societies Council President: Ethan Tan



*as tabled*

**8.7 Public Affairs Council President:** Aimee Chan

*as tabled*

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

*as tabled*

**8.9 Wellbeing Officer:** Jeffrey Tang

*as tabled*

**8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President:**

Charlie Backshall

*as read*

CB wants to emphasize that they have secured half priced parking with the shuttle bus for post-grad students at the Claremont campus. CB asks everyone to let post-grad students know so they can apply for this parking permit and help alleviate some stress from the cost of living at the moment.

**8.11 International Students' Department President:**

Archit Menon

*as tabled*

**8.12 Residential Students' Department President**

Libby Bailey

*as read*

LBa mentions the RSD ball is being held on Saturday which has had 20% increase of sales from the last ball. LBa and the team is excited for Saturday.

**8.13 Environment Officer:** Julia Suffell

*as read*

JS shoutout Aimee, Ruby, Lucinda, Selina and Aryaman for speaking at the Guild departments Q&A panel at YLC and they did such an incredible job. JS also thanks Lachy, Ethan and Naveen for their help.

**8.14 Sports Officer:** Damien Zhang

*as tabled*

**8.15 Access Department:** Lucinda Bartlett &

Tabarek Alhaffar – *submitted late*

*as read*

LB mentions that they have been accepted to have a poster presentation at the PWDWA state conference and it will be very exciting to present at WA's peak body and talk about students. TA mentions it will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of June all day and they are not sure when they are presenting yet but they will send out further details when they know.



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

*as read*

AB thanks Lucinda for helping them out for outspoken. AB thanks OB for the shout out and they also thank their committee members, Amy and Hannah, for working almost all month to pull off a big and fun event.

**8.17 Ethnocultural Officers:** Selina Al Ansari &

Reihaneh Rezagholilou

*as tabled*

**8.18 Volunteering Chair:** Casey Taylor

*as read*

Volunteering has been invited to the national volunteering awards in two weeks' time.

**8.19 OGCs:** *as follows*

Archana Ashok

*not submitted*

Finn Penter – *submitted late*

*as read*

FP mentions the Club freedom festival happening soon and encourages everyone to be there. FP also discusses the recent attacks on the indigenous welcome to country's across the country have been outrages and a startling development and FP believes the guild council should stand very unapologetically for indigenous rights' and welcome to country's.

Jude Kamalddin

*as tabled*

Kassidy Anderson

*as tabled*

Katrina Soares

*as tabled*

Lachy Flavel

*as read*

TC mentions next Tuesday in the Tavern the Speakers union and PhilSoc will be doing an event Lachy would like to see people down there supporting.

Naveen Nimalan

*as tabled*



Ojaswi Shrestha

*as tabled*

Olivia Stronach

*Not submitted.*

*(with reasonable cause).*

Ritika Menon

*as read*

RM mentions how they are planning a multicultural art showcase next semester and would love to collaborate with any other department that might be interested and that it will be a fundraising event.

Rama Sugiartha

*as tabled*

*All student reports were accepted and passed by the Guild Council.*

## **9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports**

AKS asks how many people attending RSD. LBa says 480 people.

JS asks about access reports and why they have been late 3 times and if they are taking any steps to make sure the reports are submitted on time in the future. LB explains its due to personal matters and mentions that she has noticed many guild councillors have not opened the reports and not reading them even when they have submitted on time.

AB asks RME about the women empowerment project and asks if there are any guidelines on who can apply. RME replies that it is just for women identifying students at this stage due to the limited funding with specific guidelines. RME mentions she will email AB the guidelines.

LB asks about NT's student report as a sentence cuts off. NT replies that she was aware of the issue as AL had mentioned it to her previously but she was still on holiday at the time and didn't have time to fix it but she will edit it before they are uploaded online.

*Procedural motion to take a welfare break passed.*



## 10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

## 11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

**11.1** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the 2024 Financial Audited accounts.

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

MMJ explains that made a profit of just over \$1,000,000 and that was due to SSAF which was \$500,000 over budget and the investment pool which was also about half a mil above budget. MMJ says it just came in time as we just spent 1.9 million in the guild village. TG says this is the first time we cracked a \$1M profit through running a very stable ship and allowed us to do the renovations in the guild precinct including the cut through, which is getting a lot of use. TG thanks the staff who have been involved to keep the organisation stable.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

*Procedural motion to move back to item 8 passes.*

**11.2** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the business case to implement a new role of Sales and Operations Manager.

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

*Motion passes.*

**11.3** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the business case for the tenancy of Chaffic in the Refectory.

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

*Motions passes.*





*NT moves procedural to move out of camera and return to item 11.1. Motion passes.*

## **12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

## **13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

### **14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

FP explains that he only got word that the NUS executive was going to support this motion recently hence why it was submitted late.

*Motion to hear the following passes.*

#### **14.1 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

**14.1.1** Supports the National Day of Protest that has been called by Students for Palestine on the 24th of May, calling on the Australian government to cut all ties with the Trump Administration.

**14.1.2** Recognises the need for students to resist Trump and Trump-style far right politics here in Australia.

**14.1.3** Encourages students to attend the protest at the Northbridge Piazza at 2pm.

Moved: Finn Penter

Seconded: Rama Sugiarta

FP explains the National Day of Protest that has been called and emphasises how many groups are calling for this, not just Students for Palestine. FP explains that it is a day of protest to demand the government cut ties with the Trump administration and how he believes it is important. FP explains how Trump has cut funding to UWA and how he believes that students across Australia should stand in solidarity with students in the USA. FP also mentions how ICE agents are abducting students that are peacefully protesting and how funding has been cut.

RS explains how the student guild has a long precedent of moving motions and how it is important that we take action on this matter. RS explains how this is a peaceful protest and there is no harm in attending and explains the harmful policies that the Trump administration has implemented such as enabling genocide,



reduction in international aide, mass deportation of people, cuts to higher education and more. RS says it is clear we cannot allow Australia to follow in America's shadow.

## QUESTIONS

OS asks what does "cutting ties with the US" entail considering the US is one of Australia's biggest trading partners. FP clarifies it is mainly political ties. FP stresses it is an important demand as the US government is a far-right government and there are many diplomatic and military ties. FP reiterates that the purpose of this protest is that we shouldn't have ties to a country that is deporting students and migrants that have a right to be there. FP clarifies the trading ties is not what is the main purpose, it is the military ties that this protest is referring to.

## DEBATE

AM suggests an amendment as follows;

*"14.1.3 Encourages students who are within their rights to attend the protest at the Northbridge Piazza at 2pm"*

*Amendment is friendly.*

*Motion passes.*

FP explains that the EMP was only approved a few hours ago so the motion had to be submitted in late.

*Motion to hear the motion passes.*

### 14.2 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

**14.2.1** Endorses the Club Freedoms Festival on May 6<sup>th</sup> to protest against new University restrictions that hurt student life, freedom of speech, campus culture and activism on campus.

**14.2.2** Encourages all Guild Council members, clubs, societies and students to

- a)** Attend and participate in the Festival;
- b)** Publicly stand against UWA's crackdown on student life and freedom of speech;
- c)** Continue organising for a campus that respects campus culture and students' democratic rights.



**14.2.3 Calls on UWA management to immediately reverse all restrictions that have been imposed and enforced in 2025.**

Moved: Finn Pentter

Seconded: Jay Williams

FP talks about how this has been a big project from a lot of the people in the room. FP talks about how the purpose of the festival is to push back against the restrictions against student culture and freedom of speech such as poster bans, lecture announcement bans and all other crack downs on activism that the university has done this year. FP mentions how he has been promoting this a lot the last two weeks and a significant number of students wholeheartedly support this festival and how he also knows a lot of clubs are interested in participating in this festival.

JW wants to say thank you to Finn, Olivia, Rama, Aimee, Lauren, Nikki and Charlie and all those who has worked together in the working group to help organise this and SOC and PAC's collaboration and he encourages everyone to attend it if they can.

**DEBATE**

CB suggests amending the motion to as follows;

*"14.2.1 Endorses the Club Freedoms Festival to protest against new University restrictions that hurt student life, freedom of speech, campus culture and activism on campus."*

and

*"14.2.3 Calls on UWA management to immediately reverse all restrictions on student speech and club activity that have been imposed and enforced in 2025."*

*Both amendments are friendly.*

LK wants to applaud the work of the working group on this project. LK mentions how it has been a long labour of love, but it is great to see the engagement from the student body. LK mentions how university is quite political in nature and to see the university disregard that is concerning. LK also speaks about how these restrictions diminish club culture, so she is excited to see this event go ahead.



OS says it's great to see so many people on council working together on this and the restrictions at UWA have become some of the worst on the country and this could help other universities across the country. OS mentions how it is important for us to fight back on these not only for us, but for other students at other universities also facing similar restrictions.

*Motion passes.*

*JW wants to move a procedural motion to go into camera. Motion passes.*

*NT moves a procedural motion to move out of camera. Motion passes.*

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

AL asks the chairs of committees to please email and get on to the OCM applications and to let her know the outcome as soon as possible.

RS wants to raise from the discussions earlier today that there are obviously knowledge gaps that the councillors may have, and some things may arise that we are not sure how to deal with especially when it comes to interactions with the university and disciplinary processes, and he believes this knowledge gap is a barrier to taking action. RS mentions it would be worthwhile to gather the university resources that describe the processes in ISU and the regulations around that and putting it in an accessible format. RS says that today shows that we need to do that, and previous efforts have been insufficient.

LB would like to echo that there is a risk when interacting with the university and advocating when going to ISU. LB agrees there is a knowledge gap and risk that the councillors are exposed to.

NT would like to raise that she is thinking of doing a guild council social to thank everyone for the hard work they have been putting in and to bond. She will put options and dates in the group chat to organise.

AB mentions how pride has a quiz night on Friday and if anyone would like to win some free vouchers from the court they should come down.



AM mentions how ISD and PSA are having their quiz night tomorrow if anyone would like to come by. AM mentions he will also be sharing a petition in the council group chat that some international students have started. AM explains the petition is about international student visa fees and how the international student visa application fee was \$700 3 years ago, last year it was \$1,500 and now it has changed to \$2,000. AM also asks if anyone hears any concerns about this from anyone, he would appreciate it if they can be sent his way and send across the petition too.

AKS would like to raise the issue of compensation. AKS explains there should be no compensation for any university committee that you sit on of any kind and to please inform committees of that. NT also adds that if a guild councillor gets a benefit of any kind, it is due to something else, not their guild role. AB asks about the university providing things for their department, AKS replies that it is fine – the problem lies if you use your position that you were elected for, for personal benefits.

## **16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday May 28th 2025**. 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.