Guild Council Minutes

112th Guild Council Wednesday 28th May 2025 Guild Council Room @ 6:00pm

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Nikhita Talluri (NT)

Annika Leunig (AL)

Aidan Kirby-Smith (AKS)

Charlie Backshall (CB)

Jay Williams (JW)

Zered Robinson (ZR)

Julia Suffell (JS)

Ruby Membry (RMe)

Naveen Nimalan (NN)

Rama Sugiartha (RS)

Aimee Chan (AC)

Kassidy Anderson (KA)

Jude Kamalddin (JK)

Katrina Soares (KS)

Reihaneh Rezagholilou (RR)

Selina Al Ansari (SA)

Lachy Flavel (LF)

Lucinda Bartlett (LB)

Olivia Stronach (OS)

Aryaman Bhoosreddy (AB)

Ashel Siby (AS)

Ethan Tan (ET)

Jeffrey Tang (JT)

Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)

Ritika Menon (RM)

Tony Goodman (TG)

Jack Fairley (Observer)

Jack Cross (Observer)

1.3 Apologies

Casey Taylor

Oliver Barrett

Archit Menon Libby Bailey

1.4 Proxies

ZR for OB

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the April Council Minutes 2025.

Moved: Annika Leunig Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

Minutes were passed by the council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

5.1 The 112th Guild Council approves the new Postgraduate Students' Association (PSA) Rules.

Moved: Charlotte Backshall Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

Passed.

5.2 The 112th Guild Council approves the PSA 's appointment of Maximus Vinning to the role of PSA Vice-President (Welfare).

Moved: Charlotte Backshall Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

Passed.



NT moves a procedural motion to move to item 12. Motion passes.

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 how it has been a very busy semester and there has been a huge amount of engagement across all platforms. At the moment, the guild regulations are still being worked through. PROSH guidelines first draft has just been sent through as well as the guiding briefs of why changes must be done. TG mentions how it is an extensive overhaul, so he thinks the regulations are looking to be brought to council in July not June. TG talks about how the Guild Risk and Audit meeting has been scheduled soon and the two roles of Senior Marketing manager and Sales manager recruitment is underway and that the process is moving ahead. TG also talks about the masterplan and how they are meeting with stakeholders about the redevelopment of the area upstairs and the wing and Cameron Hall. TG about the group nominations for guild elections have opened and that's on the way and blackout is still in place. The tavern 50th is tracking along quite well and they have set up the guild alumni event which will likely happen early August. TG also talks about how parliament sits at the end of July and so he knows there will be a lot of interest from that. TG also talks about how they are in the process of deciding life members of the guild and how it will likely have to go through guild council via circular. The tavern will also need to be closed from the 9th of June to upgrade the bar and they are also investigating upgrading the sound system. TG also mentions how there will likely be a business case coming in June about the air conditioning.

Finances

TG says finances are doing well. We are on a \$220,000 profit compared \$103,000 loss. A lot of it is due to timing differences, such as Education council hasn't distributed some of the grants. TG mentions a loss of \$9000 for commercial for new bubble tea store installation. Catering outlets and functions are all on budget.

Motion to move into camera passes.

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NT moves to pass Directors reports, CB seconds. Directors reports were all accepted unanimously.

7. QUESTIONS TIME - Directors' Reports

NN asks about Kate Chaney activations and if that means the guild council is aligned with her politically? TG replies that they charge her at the corporate rate and that she had her election party in the tavern, so it was good for business but not favouring her politically in any way.

RM asks about the renovations in Cameron Hall and mentions how a lot of the clubs would like an update. TG replies that at this stage it is primary a university project and so we are waiting on the university for the logistics of it so he thinks there is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done. TG also mentions it is very likely we will have to reorganise club rooms but he is taking a look into how to do that the most effectively and possibly add more rooms.

LB asks about the guiding documents and if council would get access to it? TG talks about how they might consider organising a special guild council and including the lawyers with it because it is such a big overhaul and that they are far from the guiding documents so he can't show everyone yet. NT adds that there will be lots of consultation done and so it is likely everyone will see the documents before it needs to be passed in council.

JS asks about the coffee carts that are about to be thrown out and asks if there is a way that they could recycle it or clubs could use it? TG clarifies when they say dispose he means that they are selling them. TG also says how the coffee carts don't work very well on campus.

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Nikhita Talluri

as read

NT wants to say thank you to Likes to thank Selina, Rei, Jude and Aimee. They recently had a good chat with the senior executive alongside with the executive of Palestinian cultural society and she is looking forward to ongoing discussions.

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 read

RMe wants to say that she just got confirmation that she can use the undercroft for the survivor art exhibition today.

8.9 Wellbeing Officer: Jeffrey Tang

as tabled

8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President:

Charlie Backshall

as read

CB walks through the two changes that she made that morning. There are two meetings that were outside business hours that she had just forgotten to include. The PSA regulations have also now been passed. CB also gives context that she wanted to make a dedicated welfare portfolio for the PSA especially with the high cost of living crisis and the international student caps looking, CB stresses it is hard to be a PSA student at the moment.

8.11 International Students' Department President:

Archit Menon

as tabled

8.12 Residential Students' Department President

Libby Bailey

as tabled

8.13 Environment Officer: Julia Suffell

as tabled

8.14 Sports Officer: Damien Zhang

as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Lucinda Bartlett &

Tabarek Alhaffar

as read



As of the afternoon of guild council, the Access department has distributed free foam earplugs into two libraries and LB mentions how last time they went through 2 boxes in reid.

8.16 Pride Officer: Aryaman Bhoosrheddy & Ashel Siby

as read

AB thanks Gus and the amazing tavern night for helping host a fabulous quiz night.

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers: Selina Al Ansari &

Reihaneh Rezagholilou

as tabled

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Casey Taylor

as tabled

8.19 OGCs: as follows

Archana Ashok

not submitted

Finn Penter

as tabled

Jude Kamalddin

as tabled

Kassidy Anderson

as tabled

Katrina Soares

as tabled

Lachy Flavel

as read

LF thanks those who came to guild debate night and that it was a pretty exciting first event and hopefully they get to do it again.

Naveen Nimalan

as tabled

Ojaswi Shrestha

as tabled

Olivia Stronach

as tabled.

Ritika Menon

as read

Multicultural art showcase event next semester. RM has already talked with ethnocultural department but she is opening up the

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floor up again to anyone who would be interested in collaborating in this event.

Rama Sugiartha

as tabled

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

9. QUESTIONS TIME - Student Reports

LB had a question for JS; LB was wondering what the process was and the application where Julia is using guild advertising revenue in exchange for subsidy or removal of costs for a program of yours? JS clarifies Rottnest foundation reached out and said they can offer them a free day at Rotto in exchange for advertisement in the newsletter. JS has talked to marketing about it, but they would need to talk about it further. The value of the marketing would be the ferry tickets would have to be roughly equal. LB clarifies that they never offered cash and JS confirms that it was not and it is still early stages so this has only been a short conversation with Rhedyn and she will updated LB as it progresses.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

11.1 The 112th Guild Council approves the date of Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 1:00pm for the 2025 Ordinary General Meeting.

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

AL says that this seems like a good date and thanks TG for picking a great date.

NT also adds that this OGM is part of the compliance.

AB asks if there will be ice cream. OS asks if there will be magnums. TG says to be confirmed.

DEBATE

OS speaks for the motion and is delighted we didn't put it on her birthday again.

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Motion passed by guild council.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the appointment of Ashleigh Petkovic as

Western Australian Student Aboriginal Corporation Chair.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

NT explains she forgot to send this motion to AL and that's why it is late. NT explains how she is super excited to have a WASAC representative as the guild council has not had one for 5 years and that she believes this is a really important position. AL adds that everyone is excited to welcome Ashleigh into the 112th

Guild council.

QUESTIONS

LF asks why the position has been vacant. NT replies that it is an appointed role and no one has shown interest in the role in the last 5 years so for the first time.

Ashleigh had been keen to get involved which led to her being appointed this role.

DEBATE

RS speaks for the motion. RS welcome Ashleigh and says it's about time we have first nation representation in this council as we are claiming in our charity

agreement that we have first nations representation.

OS speaks for the motion and says how she thinks its really great that we can finally secure a WASAC representative and admits it has been embarrassing to

not have a WASAC representative when speaking to other universities and thanks

NT for helping find a representative.

TG clarifies that WASAC is an outside organisation and so needs to be appointed

and it wasn't the council's decision to not have a WASAC representative.

Motion passes.

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12.2 The 112th Guild Council approves the date and time of Saturday 4th October

2.00pm until Sunday 5th October 7.00am for Relay to Life.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

AL explains it is late as it got lost in her emails and apologises for adding to the

agenda late.

NT mentions how the timing changes is the only thing that's really different. NT

mentions how the timing changes is so the event can engage more people. AL

mentions how Lizzie explains why it is shorter the best and asks the guild council

to read her explanation. AL adds that their committee has come to the decision

and is advising us that these times are more accessible to people. AKS adds that

this time might be more accessible for the wider community.

QUESTIONS

RS asks why 7am is the end time and questions if its not too early. AKS clarifies

that while the event ends at 7am, there is a breakfast and ceremony and pack

down. AL adds that it is to try and have most of the Sunday still available for

people with other commitments.

NN asks if there are students that have given feedback that the 24 hours is too

long? NN stresses that the event loses the '24 hour' milestone if it is shortened.

AL replies that although the 24 hours does provide that milestone, it is more

accessible for not only clubs but the wider community to shorten it. AL also doesn't

believe this will affect club participation.

OS asks why we would also try to appeal to the wider community as well?

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

Motion to move out of camera passes. No speakers FOR or AGAINST the motion.

Motion passes. Move back to item 6.

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

JS explains how the motion is late as they had to change it today as it was approved on the day of guild council.

Motion to hear the following passes.

14.1 The 112th Guild Council:

- 14.1.1 Condemns the Albanese Labor Government, Cook Labor State Government and Environment Minister Murray Watt for the extension of Woodside's North West Shelf gas project, which will have severe climate, ecological, and cultural impacts, despite Labor's stated commitment to the climate and net zero
- 14.1.2 Recognises that Woodside's North West Shelf fails to uphold indigenous rights and cultural heritage, in contravention of United Nations Convention and condemns the governments refusual to undertake adequate consultation with Traditional Owners including Murujuga Custodians. Calls for the immediate protection of over one million pieces of ancient Murujuga rock art that is being destroyed due to greenhouse gas emissions causing acidification to the rocks which hold immense cultural, spiritual, and historical significance for Ngarda-Ngarlie people
- **14.1.3** Authorises the Guild President and Environment Officer to write a letter addressed to the Hon. Murray Watt, MP, Minister for Environment and Water and the Hon. Josh Wilson, MP, Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy condemning this recent decision and calling for its reversal
- **14.1.4** Supports the Environment Department in campaigning against the North West Shelf extension via social media channels
- 14.1.5 Encourages students to sign petition The Australia Institute's petition against the North West Shelf extension https://nb.australiainstitute.org.au/reject_north_west_shelf

Moved: Julia Suffell

Seconded: Annika Leunig

JS talks about how the North West Shelf Extension project has just been approved today which is terrifying. JS talks about how climate change is exacerbating extreme weather. Currently, droughts are sweeping through Victoria and South Australia, whilst New South Wales and Queensland are experiencing severe flooding. JS stresses how people's lives



are in danger and how that this project locks in 6 billion tonnes of carbon pollution and breaks the government's plan of committing to net zero by 2050. JS explains that the project proposes 50 gas wells to surround Scott reef which is one of the most ecologically significant marine environments in the world. JS also talks about the cultural side of it and how the minister had come to WA and didn't even speak to the Traditional Custodians of Murujuga. JS further talks about how she doesn't understand how this can be approved when there is so much scientific evidence of its negative impacts and the cultural impacts it has too. She would like to write a letter to the government to oppose the approval.

AL adds that this extension is projected to output 4.3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide over its extension of the next 50 years which especially as someone who is studying a Natural science major, she knows how damaging this is to the environment. AL is disappointed how this government is putting their resources to something so damaging to the environment and she believes these resources could be used elsewhere. AL also expresses how she feels disappointed that we are not trying to progress to a greener energy country.

QUESTIONS

LF asks if any engineering stakeholders were consulted on the motion. JS explains she believes this motion focuses on the environmental issues of this project rather than the company itself. AL also adds that it is not an industry focused motion, so they do not believe engineering students needed to be consulted.

DEBATE

RS thanks JS and AL for moving this motion. RS talks about how this approval shows the government's ignorance of the climate and cultural significance of this project and how the economic benefit is overstated and how not every Australian is going to have a stake in Woodside and the money is not coming back to us and is certainly not going back to the people whose culturally significant sites are being destroyed.

OS talks about how this is very disappointing that it is going ahead however, that this is what the current legislation allows. OS suggests an amendment of the motion as follows:

Amend 1.4.1.3 to "Authorises the Guild President and Environment Officer to write a letter addressed to the Hon. Murray Watt, MP, Minister for Environment and Water and the Hon. Josh Wilson, MP, Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy condemning



this recent decision and calling for its reversal as well as calling for environmental protection legislation to be strengthened to prevent future similar projects"

And

Amend 14.1.2 to "Condemns the fact that Woodside's North West Shelf fails to uphold indigenous rights and cultural heritage, in contravention of United Nations Convention and condemns the governments refusal to undertake adequate consultation with Traditional Owners including Murujuga Custodians. Calls for the immediate protection of over one million pieces of ancient Murujuga rock art that is being destroyed due to greenhouse gas emissions causing acidification to the rocks which hold immense cultural, spiritual, and historical significance for Ngarda-Ngarlie people"

RM and AKS brings up that condemning Woodside might change the motion substantially from an environment focused motion to an industry one too. RM suggests maybe passing a separate motion industry wise.

Both amendments were friendly.

DEBATE

FOR: SA says how it is really disappointing the government has not taken into consideration the traditional custodians and mentions how projects such as this have a huge impact on people, community and culture and it is important that that is recognised when making policy.

AGAINST: LF says he believes that this affects engineering students and how there are many clubs that receive financial support from Woodside and he believes it should have been considered what the effects of this motion would have had on the engineering body. LF also mentions how he believes this project is also pro-UWA as it creates jobs, reduce the cost of energy and how the single factor of reducing poverty is to reduce energy as it allows us to produce more things and therefore afford more things. LF also mentions how if we are focusing on net zero we need reliable energy from either gas or coal. AL replies that she does not believe this is not supporting WA if it is contributing significantly to the demise of WA in 50 years and if we are not putting our resources towards green energy and instead approving more damaging projects, there will be no future for us to look towards. AL mentions how the effects of climate change are almost at a point of no return and she doesn't believe that this project is supporting the people who are making money

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from oil and gas and this project doesn't actually look to support the future generations of WA. JS also rebuts that gas is not the cheapest form of energy, it is actually solar and she asks why we are not switching to renewable energy like the Labor government promised. JS mentions how in 30 to 40 years' time there might not be any coral reefs left in the world with the way our climate is projected to go. JS discusses how eco-tourism is also a massive industry in Western Australia, especially Ningaloo Reef, that we are also damaging from this project being approved. She believes this is a terrible decision from the government. OS also rebuts his point about engineering students and the woodside company. OS mentions how the motion does not call for engineering students to cut ties or not get jobs at Woodside, it is simply stating a fact that Woodside is doing something bad for the environment.

FOR: NN mentions how this is a criticism of inaction that although may criticise woodside's part, this motion focuses more on the governments' inaction in limiting these companies and therefore this is not actively against the engineering student body.

Motion passes.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

NT asks the council as the next meeting many of the council will be away and puts it out to the council if they would like to move it to the following week or online? Most of council agree it would be best to move it to the following week from the 25th June to the 2nd of July.

AL asks for updates about OCM applications if they have not been sorted. AL asks for an update due by the end of the following week.

LF talks about how many people leave a lot of older projects in their student reports and so he finds it difficult to keep track of what is new. LB agrees such as she thought JK had gotten the microwaves this month, but it was left in from the previous month. TG clarifies that the updates ('Started', "In progress' or 'completed') should help clarify. AKS says we can just add a line that says "same as last month" if there are no updates from the previous month or to add all their older projects towards the end of their reports.

OS raises how there aren't the netsuite screenshots at the end of their student reports. RMe mentions how she isn't sure of how they need to be attached to the end of their



reports. NT and CB clarify that they will resend the finance training or do a refresher so that everyone can be on the same page.

AB wants to mention the update from WA police that there is someone on campus after hours that is harassing students and AB reminds everyone about the safezone app and asks if the guild council could reshare the post the university put out about this so that students are informed.

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday July 2nd 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.