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Guild Council Agenda
112th Guild Council
Wednesday 27th August 2025
Guild Council Room @ 6:00pm

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Apologies

1.4 Proxies

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 July Council 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 Venture Student Innovation Centre

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President

8.2 Guild Vice-President

8.3 Guild General Secretary

8.4 Chair of Guild Council

8.5 Education Council President

8.6 Societies Council President

8.7 Public Affairs Council President

8.8 Women's Officer

8.9 Wellbeing Officer



8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President

8.11 International Students' Department President

8.12 Residential Students' Department President

8.13 WASAC Chair

8.14 Environment Officer

8.15 Sports Officer

8.16 Access Department

8.17 Pride Officers

8.18 Ethnocultural Officers

8.19 Volunteering Chair

8.20 OGCs

9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

10.1.1 UWA Students censure the Australian government for its complicity in the genocide in Gaza. We demand an end to all weapons sales to Israel by Australia and Australian companies and call for sanctions on Israel.

Moved: Oliver Barret

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

10.2.1 UWA Students call on all Australian universities to end their complicity with Israel's genocide by ceasing all partnerships with weapons companies.

Moved: Oliver Barret

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

10.3.1 NUS Discussion

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1 The 112th Guild Council:

12.1.1 Recognises that the ongoing cost of living crisis affects a large number of UWA students.



12.1.2 Recognises that sexual health forms an important part of a student's overall wellbeing.

12.1.3 Directs Student Assist to stock condoms provided by the UWA Guild Pride Department in collaboration with WAAC.

12.1.4 Directs Student Assist to provide these condoms free of charge to any student who needs them.

12.1.5 Directs the Marketing Department to publicise the availability of free condoms.

Moved: Aryaman Bhoosreddy

Seconded: Lucinda Bartlett

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

The 112th Guild Council:

13.1.1 Welcomes the Education Minister's review into the powers of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) as an important step towards rebuilding trust in Australia's universities.

13.1.2 Notes with concern the findings of the Senate Education and Employment Committee Inquiry into University Governance, which highlighted serious governance issues at the Australian National University and raised broader concerns about university governance culture.

13.1.3 Recognises that current corporate-style governance structures, introduced under the Howard government, have created a disconnect between universities and their key stakeholders: students and staff.

13.1.4 Supports reforms to strengthen student representation in university governance, including:

- a) Amending the Higher Education Standards to embed student (including HDR and postgraduate coursework) participation in all governance structures.
- b) Empowering TEQSA to independently audit or appoint auditors to review the governance of Australian universities.
- c) Reducing reliance on external members disconnected from the institution in favour of greater representation of students, academics, and professional staff.

13.1.5 Affirms that postgraduate students, as researchers, academics, and future leaders, must be central partners in shaping governance structures that affect the quality of higher education and research.



- 13.1.6** Calls on the Federal Government to accompany governance reform with increased public investment in research and development to at least the OECD average, while ensuring such funding directly benefits researchers, academics, and HDR candidates.

Moved: Charlotte Backshall

Seconded: Jay Williams

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14.1 The 112th Guild Council:

- 14.1.1** Expresses its utmost disappointment and opposition to the Federal Government's for the further increases to the International Student Visa (Subclass 500) fees from \$1600 to \$2000, on top of the initial increase seen in 2024 from \$710 to \$1600.
- 14.1.2** Calls on the Federal Government to withdraw this policy that not only impacts international students but also sets a dangerous precedence to incoming students that they are not welcome in Australia.
- 14.1.3** Calls on the Federal Government to recognise the value of international students and their contributions to Australia's multicultural society and condemns how international students are being unfairly scapegoated for financial housing and cost-of-living crises.
- 14.1.4** Endorses the National Union of Students' Campaign " Welcoming Words, Exclusionary Policies: Stop the Student Visa Hike"
- 14.1.5** Encourages the Guild president alongside the International Students' Department to send a letter to the Minister for International and Tertiary Education condemning this increase.

Moved: Archit Menon

Seconded: Ojaswi Shrestha

14.2 The 112th Guild Council:

- 14.2.1** Expresses deep concerns about the "March For Australia" anti-migration protest being held on Sunday 31st August around Australia.
- 14.2.2** Affirms its commitment to inclusion, and diversity within our university community, and rejects scapegoating of migrants and international students for broader social and economic challenges.



- 14.2.3** Recognises that issues such as housing shortages, cost-of-living pressures, and job insecurity affect both domestic and international students alike, and that migrants are not the cause of these systemic challenges.
- 14.2.4** Acknowledges the significant contributions of international students and migrants to our campus, local economy, and broader Australian society, including cultural diversity, innovation, and global engagement.
- 14.2.5** Endorses the National Union of Students' Campaign "Unity Over Division: Addressing the Real Causes of Social and Economic Challenges"
- 14.2.6** Encourages the UWA Guild International Students' Department and Ethnocultural department to share and promote mental health and wellbeing services provided by UWA Student Guild and the university.

Moved: Archit Menon

Seconded: Selina Al Ansari

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday September 24th 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.