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**Guild Council Agenda**  
113th Guild Council  
Wednesday 28th January 2026  
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 December 9th 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 Environment Officer**

**8.14 Sports Officer**

**8.15 Access Department**

**8.16 Pride Officers**

**8.17 Ethnocultural Officers**

**8.18 Volunteering Chair**

**8.19 OGCs**

**9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports**

**10. NUS REPORTS**

**10.1 NUS Delegates**

**11. QUESTION TIME - NUS Reports**

**12. NAAUC REPORT**

**12.1 NAAUC Delegate**

**13. QUESTION TIME - NAAUC Report**

**14. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

- 14.1** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the resignation of Annabelle Brennan from the position of Guild General Secretary

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Reana Bose

- 14.2** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, appoints Insiah Riaz to the position of Guild General Secretary for the remainder of the 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council term.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Reana Bose



## **15. ELECTIONS**

### **15.1 Returning Officer**

### **15.2 Academic Board**

- a) Elects one member of Guild Council as a member of Academic Board.

### **15.3 Alumni Engagement Committee**

- a) Elects the Chair of the Alumni Engagement Committee from members of Guild Council.

## **16. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

- 16.1** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the use of the Acorn Room by UWA's Department of Social Work and Social Policy & the Community Engagement Research Collective until the end of Semester 2, 2026.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Jay Williams

- 16.2** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the new PROSH Rules on the recommendation of the Governance Committee.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Jay Williams

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

- 17.1** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the following operational policies:

- (a) Time Off in Lieu (TOIL) Policy; and
- (b) Personal Use of Guild Event Spaces Policy.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Jay Williams

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

### **18.1 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 18.1.1** Acknowledges that the antisemitic terror attack at a Hanukkah celebration in Bondi on 14 December 2025 has caused significant distress among the Jewish community and the wider Australian



community, including UWA students, and expresses condolences to the victims, their families, and all those impacted;

18.1.2 Condemns antisemitic violence and violence against all people, regardless of faith, ethnicity, or background, and reaffirms the importance of safety and respect within the UWA community and beyond;

18.1.3 Stands in solidarity with UWA Jewish students and staff, and the wider Australian Jewish community, and condemns antisemitism and hate in all forms, including any acts arising in connection with this tragedy;

18.1.5 Expresses gratitude to first responders and civilians, including the heroic actions of Ahmed al-Ahmed, who all worked to stop the attack, assist those injured and save lives; and

18.1.6 Encourages students impacted by this attack to seek support, including through Student Assist and other UWA wellbeing services, and directs the Guild to share relevant support pathways on its platforms.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Jay Williams

## **18.2 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

18.2.1 Stands in solidarity with the workers', students', womens', and protestors' rebellion in Iran;

18.2.2 Supports the protestors demands for gender and economic equality, political freedom, and the overthrow of the current dictatorial regime;

18.2.3 Condemns the use of military force against the protestors that has led to the death of over a thousand people, as well as condemns the imposed internet block-out; and

18.2.4 Recognises that it is up to the Iranian people to decide their own governance and is therefore opposed to intervention from the US or Israel, and rejects the Western backed monarchists.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiartha



### **18.3 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 18.3.1 Condemns the Trump administration's intervention into Venezuela and the abduction of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores;
- 18.3.2 Recognises that the United States of America government's stated intentions of running Venezuela and controlling its oil resources constitutes a violation of international law and the United Nations Charter;
- 18.3.3 Recognises that the US airstrikes on Venezuela's capital Caracas, the seizing of Venezuelan oil tankers, and the threats made to both Columbia and Mexico are an escalation of US aggression in the Latin American region;
- 18.3.4 Stands in solidarity with the Venezuelan people, whose right to democratic election of parliamentary representatives has been undermined by both the Maduro regime and the USA, and whose national sovereignty has been denied by the US intervention; and
- 18.3.5 Strongly supports the protester's demands for the cessation of US operations in Venezuela.
- 18.3.6 Supports students and their families impacted by these events.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiatha

### **18.4 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 18.4.1 Endorses the National Student Strike for Palestine happening on the 11th of March;
- 18.4.2 Stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people and recognises that Israel continues to commit a genocide, despite the so-called "ceasefire";
- 18.4.3 Condemns Israel's violations of the ceasefire, its ongoing aggression and colonialism in the West Bank, and its continued bombing campaign in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon;
- 18.4.4 Condemns Australian universities, including UWA, for their continued ties to weapons companies that are directly complicit in the genocide in Gaza; and



18.4.5 Will share information and promote the student strike through the Guild channels and social media and print posters and leaflets to advertise the student strike.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiartha

**18.5 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

18.5.1 Opposes the invitation of Israeli President Isaac Herzog to Australia by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese;

18.5.2 Recognises that Isaac Herzog is an alleged war criminal who has allegedly committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture and actions that constitute genocide;

18.5.3 Notes that Isaac Herzog is the head of a government responsible for the killing of tens of thousands of Palestinians and for actions that have caused famine conditions in Gaza;

18.5.4 Acknowledges that the invitation of Herzog to Australia will cause great distress and offence to the Palestinian community due to his complicity in Israel's ongoing, two-year genocide against the Palestinian people; and

18.5.5 Supports the upcoming nationwide protests against Isaac Herzog.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiartha

**19. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

**19.1 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

19.1.1 Recognises that political rights and civil liberties are at risk in light of new Federal and State Governments anti-hate speech laws which include limitations to political expression;

19.1.2 Acknowledges that the rushed nature of these complex new laws has limited the ability of the Law Council of Australia and other representative bodies to review the legislation in detail and provide considered views on the contents of the legislation;



- 19.1.3 Acknowledges that these new laws could be used against individuals or groups with valid criticisms of the actions of nation-states that violate international human rights laws;
- 19.1.4 Reiterates its support for students to engage in peaceful political debate and activism, including the fight for peace and against genocide;
- 19.1.5 Condemns the ways in which the Bondi terror attack has been exploited by the media and political parties to attack and blame the pro-Palestine peace movement, immigrants and the Muslim community more broadly;
- 19.1.6 Condemns all forms of hate, discrimination, and racism, including Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Tom Pearce

## **19.2 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 19.2.1 Condemns the attack on the Invasion Day protest that had the potential to be a "mass casualty event";
- 19.2.2 Recognises that the far right is insurgent, confident and emboldened, and that there was a racist counter-rally, the March for Australia, which drew thousands of attendees across Australia;
- 19.2.3 Condemns the way in which the police, the media, and the government downplayed the seriousness of this attack and calls out their hypocrisy in not taking the threat of the far-right and white supremacy seriously;
- 19.2.4 Acknowledges that the government is attempting to crack down on the Palestine movement, which has been peaceful and non-violent, whilst not treating the legitimate threat of violence from the far right seriously;
- 19.2.5 Reaffirms our commitment to standing in solidarity with Indigenous students, staff, and community members in their ongoing struggle for justice;
- 19.2.6 Reaffirms our support for Invasion Day protests on Jan 26; and
- 19.2.7 Encourages student participation in future Invasion Day rallies and Indigenous solidarity actions.

Moved: Rama Sugiarta

Seconded: Tom Pearce



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## 20. GENERAL BUSINESS

## 21. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**. 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.