



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Oliver Barrett (OB)
Jay Williams (JW)
Rama Sugiarta (RS)
Tom Pearce (TP)
Henry Walker (HW)
Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)
Zen Hatel (ZH)
Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)
Abby Rai (AR)
AJ Church (AC)
Blake Mercer (BM)
Emily Bunschoten (EB)
Hayley Paku (HP)
Tara Mishra (TM)
Xavier Anthony (XA)
Zered Robinson (ZR)
Insiah Riaz (IR)
Daniel Tyers (DT)
Jack Spagnuolo (JS)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MM)
Julia Suffel (JS) (Online)
Ava Ebbutt (AE) (Online)
Ruby Woodhill (RW) (Online)
Hannah Bygrave (HB) (Online)
Jonathon Tay (JT) (Online)
Reana Bose (RB) (Online)
Hukambir Kohli (HK)(Online)
Eva Coulter (EC) (Online)
Emma Meunier (EM) (Online)
Rojin Didari (RD) (Observer)
Samy Avijegon (SA) (Observer)
Ashri Fisher (AF) (Observer)
Ella Marchiona (EM) (Observer)

1.3 Apologies



Troy Wood (TW)
Jennifer Woo (JW)
Tony Goodman (TG)

1.4 Proxies

HF for TW
NC for JW
AK for JS
CB for IR

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

RS declares he is the NUS state branch president.

HW declares that his mother works for kings park and he is working on a volunteering engagement with them. It is a government job, so there is no financial incentives and no money being paid.

NC declares that Jennifer has secured a deal with a Pilates studio where there will be a discount for UWA students, but Jennifer is friends with the manager. NC declares that neither Jennifer or her friend will be financially benefitting from it.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 December 9th 2025 Council Minutes

Motion Passes

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NA

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

NA

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

6.2 Finance Director

6.3 Commercial

6.4 Student Services



6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

Managing Director Report

as tabled

OB notes that Managing director Tony Goodman is sick and off for leave. He passes to Mutya as the acting managing director.

Financial report

as tabled

Commercial report

as tabled

JS says the air conditioning for the tavern has been finalised, and will be set by march 31st. He also states that there has been a change of tenants.

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

LB asks MM how long until all the Guild banking will be moved online. MM states they are in the final stages but there is a bit of difficulty with how the files will be managed in the system. MM says it will hopefully be done by the end of February.

Procedural motion to move to item 20.

Motion passes.

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barrett

as tabled

8.2 Guild Vice-President: Reana Bose

as tabled

8.3 Guild General Secretary:

8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Yasaswi Shrestha

as tabled

8.5 Education Council President: Emily Bunschoten

as tabled

8.6 Societies Council President: Jonathon Tay



as tabled

8.7 Public Affairs Council President: Tara Mishra
as tabled

8.8 Women's Officer: Ava Ebbutt
as tabled

8.9 Wellbeing Officer: Jennifer Woo
as tabled

8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President: Jay Williams
as tabled

8.11 International Students' Department President: Ojaswi Shrestha
as tabled

8.12 Residential Students' Department President: Troy Wood
as tabled

8.13 Environment Officer: Zered Robinson
as tabled

8.14 Sports Officer: Zen Hatelý
as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Blake Mercer
as tabled

8.16 Pride Officers: Hayley Paku
as tabled

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers: Emma Meunier
as tabled

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Julia Suffel
as tabled

8.19 OGCs as follows

Henry walker
as tabled

Xavier Anthony
as tabled

Eva Coulter
as tabled

Hukambir Kohli
as tabled

Rama Sugiatha
as tabled

Tom Pearce



as read

TP speaks to what the situation of Australia and the world is. He says it is reaching a new era of violence, oppression, brutality and rivalry. TP notes that he is very disturbed to see what is happening in the streets of America.

Reana Bose

as tabled

AJ Church

as tabled

Abby Rai

as tabled

Daniel Tyers

as tabled

Louis Bird

as tabled

Ruby Woodhill

as tabled

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

RS asks TM what is happening with Social Impact Week as it was not mentioned during the SOCPAC meeting.

TM replies explaining that there will be a Social Impact Week and that she will be meeting with Leigh on Friday to discuss the logistics of it.

RS asks OB how the platinum tickets will work and what the incentive is for clubs to participate. OB says there are some clubs that have events with no associated costs so platinum tickets can be used as 10 dollars to the effect of going to an event or alternatively to join a club at the cost of \$5. OB is still working on finalising and implementing the platinum tickets.

All student reports passed.

10. NUS REPORTS

10.1 NUS Delegates

Jay Williams

as tabled

Alevine Magila



	<i>as tabled</i>
Charlie Backshall	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Nikhita Talluri	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Alyssa Iozzi	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Aidan Kirby Smith	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Ojaswi Shrestha	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Rama Sugiarta	
	<i>as tabled</i>
Louis Bird	
	<i>as tabled</i>

11. QUESTION TIME - NUS Reports

TP asks JW about comments regarding disaffiliation. TP states that it is a right anti-wing argument.

JW clarifies that he did not call for disaffiliation or mention a working group in his report.

Reports passed.

12. NAAUC REPORT

12.1 NAAUC Delegate

as tabled

13. QUESTION TIME - NAAUC Report

No questions.

14. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

14.1 The 113th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Annabelle Brennan from the position of Guild General Secretary

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Reana Bose



OB mentions that Annabelle has decided to step down from the position of General Secretary due to personal reasons.

No questions for the motion.

RS speaks for the motion. He thanks Annabelle for the work she put into the role and acknowledges that it takes a lot of effort to run for Guild.

Motion Passes.

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

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Reana Bose

OB states that this motion has come through the Guild governance committee. He explains that and under the regulations when there is a casual vacancy other than OGC it is appointed by Guild council. OB says Insiah has previously been the education council secretary for JW last year and is the president of the Music Students' Society this year and will be fantastic in the role.

RB adds that she is very happy to second this. RB thinks Insiah will be a great asset to the 113th Guild council as the general secretary.

No questions for the motion.

For: JW speaks for the motion. JW reiterates that he worked closely with Insiah last year on the Education Council so he has seen her help keep the committee together and maintain organisation.

Motion passes.

15. ELECTIONS

15.1 Returning Officer

Nominated member: Mutya Maraginot-Joseph

Nominated by: Oliver Barrett

Seconded by: Jay Williams



Mutya was elected unopposed as returning officer.

15.2 Academic Board

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

Nominated member: Reana Bose

Nominated by: Oliver Barrett

Seconded by: Jay Williams

Reana was elected unopposed 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.

Nominated member: AJ Church

Nominated by: Oliver Barrett

Seconded by: Jay Williams

AJ was elected unopposed as the Chair of the Alumni Engagement Committee

16. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

16.1 The 113th 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

OB states that UWA has contacted them regarding teaching space. UWA has requested use of the acorn room for the Department of Social Work and Social Policy & the Community Engagement Research Collective. They are looking to give them that space until the end of semester 2 this year. OB thinks it will be beneficial to let them use it for the remainder of this year,

QUESTIONS:

LB and RS ask similar questions about the use of the space and equipment. LB wonders if the desks and monitors are able to be moved somewhere else. AK asks if the changes would be permanent.



JS responds saying the space will only be used from 9-5.

No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

16.2 The 113th Guild Council accepts the new PROSH Rules on the recommendation of the Governance Committee.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Jay Williams

OB reminds everyone that PROSH is upcoming on the 18th of March. He says the PROSH committee need their rules in place prior to publication and there is currently still some confusion about the content guidelines hence it is likely there will be a version of it that comes via circular or to the February council before publication.

JW thanks everyone who worked on the rules like AK, YS and staff like Chloe Keller.

QUESTIONS:

LB asks why the regulations still refers to WASAC. OB responds that WASAC are still under Guild regulations so they can be referred to in things like the PROSH rules. To OB's understanding WASAC as an organisation does not exist anymore. OB says it is hard to refer to a body that they don't have and mentions that he will look more closely into it in the reviews as they come to next council.

LB also asks why media and publications is not referred to in the PROSH regulations given it is the committee that oversees PROSH. OB responds saying that the intent and purpose of PROSH is a satirical newspaper that gives to charity and provides entertainment. The lawyers are happy with the approval process currently and OB thinks that requiring approval from a committee would detract from the spirit of PROSH and the creative freedom they can take. JW adds that in media and publications the PROSH director and deputy director are present and attend to provide updates, inform committee and foster collaboration, however there may be some oversight given they have a responsibility to report to media and publications but no power to approve the PROSH paper itself.



XA mentions that some logistical things in the guidelines may also change such as how finances are collected, but these will come back to council.

Motion passes.

17. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

17.1 The 113th 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

OB says he received it on Tuesday. OB states that some operational policies have been done by Christina Young who has been putting these policies into formal writing. OB notes that the TOIL policy recognises Guild staff for Guild work they have been doing outside regular occupational policy. OB says the second policy details a 20 percent discount for staff to use a Guild function or event space for their personal use.

No questions for the motion. No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

18. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

18.1 The 113th 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

OB discusses the antisemitic terrorist attack on the 14th of December that occurred at Bondi beach at a celebration of Hannukah. OB states that it was a horrible attack and his heart goes out to everyone affected. OB notes this is something the Guild needs to take an absolute firm stance against. He reiterates that there is no place for antisemitic violence in Australia or violence against any group of people in Australia.

JW expresses that it is deeply disheartening and disappointing that something like this could happen in Australia and that people do not feel fully safe to express their religious view among others. He extends his prayers to the families affected.

No questions for the motion. No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

18.2 The 113th 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 30 000 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.



Moved: Tom Pearce
Seconded: Rama Sugiarta

TP speaks to the democratic movement in Iran against the regime. TP states how Iran has been devastated and that the repression in Iran is horrific. TP says it is important that the Guild stands in solidarity with these people.

RS adds that he would like to thank everyone who gave input when writing the motion. He would like to echo the words of TP, standing in solidarity with Iranian people. RS notes that it is a workers movement and a movement about people but still acknowledges that there may be varying views on the matter, even within the Iranian community itself.

There are no questions on the motion.

Procedural motion to invite SA to speak.

Passes.

Procedural motion to have speech entered verbatim.

Passes.

SA: 'Thankyou to OB and JW and everyone. My name is Samy and I am speaking today as an Iranian student. I have lived my whole life here and my background is from Iran. But more importantly, I am speaking on behalf of people who no longer have a voice inside their country. I also personally speak on this matter as I have not been able to contact my family in Iran for over three weeks and due to regulations that the Islamic republic has proposed, I am no longer able to return to the country and I cannot see my family anymore. What's happening in Iran is not a political disagreement, it is systematic violence against unarmed civilians. According to human rights organisations more than 5000 protestors have been confirmed killed with individual investigators reporting up to 30 000 dead bodies. The lack of transparency is itself part of the violence that we have no clue what the exact figures are. Universities are raided. Students are arrested or disappear. This is terrorism. In many cases families are forced to pay the government an equivalent of \$7000 dollar to retrieve the dead bodies of their own relatives. Children who are killed, by security forces, women, men, everyone, no one is spared. They are threatened with silence. You are not to



speaking publicly, and sometimes prevented from holding funerals. Their relatives have to be buried within 24 hours if they do decide to pay. Even mourning has become an act of defiance. At the same time the government repeatedly cuts off the internet during the process. This is deliberate. It isolates people, prevents organisations and hides violence from the world. When the internet is shut down, people cannot call for help, share evidence or even tell their loved ones they are alive, something I'm still looking forward to this day. That's all I need to say. As I said the motion said that Iranians should fight for themselves and reject international involvement but when the killers are the police, who do we call. It is a very very similar situation to what Tom was describing before about the United States. People being shot by ICE border patrol agents, it is a similar situation but multiple times the magnitude in Iran. Who do we call when our normal call for help is a call for death. External pressure is not imperialism when it is requested by the people themselves. And thousands of Iranians do request this. Everyone is begging Trump for help because he is the only one who is sending them help. Sanctions, diplomatic isolation, international accountability and support for opposition movements are forms of solidarity. Many Iranians also support the return of the exiled crown prince, not as nostalgia, but as a potential transitional figure with international legitimacy. In the 1979 revolution, the king was ousted due to past failures. And now what's happened is an Islamic regime has come in and made it worse to the point where there was a very very famous saying, echoing through months after the revolution. I'm not suggesting, and the Iranian people do not necessarily suggest a return to the monarchy as it was before, but he is one of the only people who is supporting the transitional movements, and we all need to support that. I ask this university to stand with the Iranian people. Condemn the violence, amplify Iranian voices and support international accountability.'

OB moves procedural to amend 18.2.4 to strike 'and is therefore opposed to intervention from the US or Israel, and rejects the Western backed monarchists.'

DEBATE:

SA says that Iranians cannot contact anyone or receive outside help. SA says this is not the first protest but it is a major one since the 1979 revolution. The Iranian government hires military from other countries. If this is about democracy it needs to be a level playing field and international intervention must be called for.



Procedural motion to invite RD to speak.

Passes.

RD speaks against the amendment to the motion. RD speaks as an Iranian woman, born and raised in Iran. RD speaks about family who recently participated in protests that occurred and talks about how they were brutally repressed by the police and counterrevolutionary forces on the ground and have now been forced to fled. RD says that within the Iranian community, there is a whole range of political opinions; not all Iranians support the monarchy, not all Iranians support western intervention. RD points out that the US government that is killing en masse and deporting immigrants from its own country is no friend to Iran. RD notes that this Guild council needs to unequivocally oppose US and Western intervention into the middle east that has no other goals than territory, oil, land, and power. RD criticises the Shah's son, concerned that he does not want to bring democracy, rather RD believes that he is actually against the religious, ethnic and racial minorities of Iran under his dads regime and has resulted in more repression. RD does not see the son of the Shah as a left-wing saviour of the Iranian people. RD suggests that people should be looking to the working class in Iran, hundreds of thousands of students, workers and women who come out against the regime and hence disagrees with the amendment.

HW states that given there is clearly a different between opinions and views from within Iranian people, it speaks to why the motion should not make a ruling on whether or not the Guild believes intervention from the US and westernised countries is a good idea.

AK suggest a similar thing to HW. AK says there is clearly conflict within Iranian people and rejecting one solution takes the voice away from Iranian people. He agrees with the amendment to 18.2.4.

Procedural motion to invite EM to speak.

Passes.

EM agrees with RD. EM does not think that US interventions have been good for Iran. EM brings attention to how it has panned out in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq. EM thinks the amendment is problematic. EM notes that if there is going to be true democracy and self determination for the Iranian people, it will



likely not come from any US intervention to the country. EM mentions the history that the Shah family has with oppression, dictatorship, brutality and a capitalist regime. EM says that the Iranian people have been heroically resisting.

OB speaks for the amendment. OB understands the previous negative implications of intervention from the US. OB says the main point of the motion is to stand in solidarity with the Iranian people, protests, workers and students. OB says including a divisive line at the of 18.2.4 end detracts from the point of the motion which is to support Iranian students on our campus. OB states that if the amendment is unfriendly, he would like to move a procedural to strike the amendment.

Procedural motion to pass the amendment.

Passes.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

18.3 The 113th 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 Sugiarta

TP spoke generally to how Maduros' kidnapping should be condemned and to the history of US interference in Latin America and this particular incidence reflecting a pattern on Trump dominating the world and shaping it in his favour, with the guiding principle that 'might is right'.

RS adds that while the Maduro regime was a far cry from democracy, and the regime should be condemned in the strongest terms, the imperialist military actions of the Trump administration are beyond unacceptable and present no promise of better lives for Venezuelans. RS states that the people of Venezuela have a right of self-determination and that should be respected over the oil hungry profit seekers of the United States. RS thinks a coup itself is hardly democratic.

No questions for the motion. No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

18.4 The 113th 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.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiarta



TP states that the genocide in Gaza needs to be stopped. TP discusses how Israel continues to go into Palestinian territory and TP states that it is crucial that we stand against various world leaders including Trump, Netanyahu and Albanese.

RS adds that the Guild should continue solidarity actions and continue to support this. RS encourages everyone to contribute to sharing materials and spreading the word.

No questions for the motion.

DEBATE:

OB states the Guild stands with Palestine against the ongoing genocide in Gaza. OB adds a proposed amendment to 18.4.5 to strike 'print posters and leaflets to advertise the student strike.' OB worries about the use of money for posters and leaflets on a national student strike all towards one day, as he recognises there are many organised throughout the year. OB explains that to stand in solidarity with Palestine through posters and leaflets could come at a cost to the Guild and he suggests that a better place to put the money and resources would be towards something longstanding for example a UWA student Guild banner that could be taken to protests.

TP disagrees with OB, responding saying that the student Guild should have leaflets and TP says it is endorsed by the NUS. TP argues that it is a responsibility of the Guild to do promotion for events through a national body. TP thinks a banner is good idea but believes that more should be done that does not just showcase the Guild here, but also the national union and the national day of action.

RS agrees with TP and thinks the Guild should contribute even just a small amount to printing materials as it is a good way to show a sense of community and support.

AK argues that the motion sets a bad precedent for other clubs on campus. AK thinks more boundaries may need to be set about printing materials for a club and national days of action.



RS disagrees that it does not set a bad precedent for other clubs. RS states that for a national day of action, the Guild does need to take action, and this could be shown through posters and leaflets.

TP states that standing against a genocide is more important than helping other social clubs. TP notes that standing against a genocide means that the Guild should do the work required to spread awareness, initiative and activism. TP states that activism is about printing leaflets and doing promotion work to the extent of the guilds ability. The leaflets are there to make an argument that every single student at UWA should attend the national day of action and show that the Guild has made an investment into making it happen. TP thinks it is a great precedent to set, one that shows the student Guild supports activism and supports Palestinian students.

OB responds. He states that a more longstanding approach would be beneficial. OB explains how there are many events in support of Palestine and also many events that could be promoted. OB says that printing for one specific event would open this action up to every single event. OB worries about the use of SSAF money being put towards something that not all students are in support of could create problems. OB sees the concerns being raised over the use of the Guilds money from students when there are widely differing views. OB believes it does not make sense to use student resources to source printing and leaflets. OB reiterates that something like a banner is more longstanding and can be kept and utilised within the Guild for years to come, while posters and leaflets for a one off event are not the best use of Guild resources.

RB adds that environmentally speaking it may not be the friendliest idea to have posters and leaflets printed for every event. RB suggests taking a more digital approach where it is easier for students to access and share this information through an environmentally friendly way.

Procedural to pass the amendment.

The amendment passes.

No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.



18.5 The 113th 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 Sugiarta

TP notes that the President of the Israeli government has committed serious human rights crimes against humanity like genocide and talks about how Herzog is going to be arriving in Australia in February. TP criticises how Herzog is going to be welcomed and greeted with open arms by Albanese. TP says it is important that he is not made to feel comfortable or welcome and that it is made clear that the Guild stands against hate crimes upon the Palestinian people. TP states how outrageous this situation is and that the protest being called across the nation is very important.

RS does not see how anyone could welcome someone who is very clearly a war criminal into this country. RS talks about how it has already been established that there is a genocide in Palestine and that it is being committed by an Israeli regime. RS adds that it is disappointing and disgusting that this person is being invited into Australia. RS says there should be no diplomatic passes or normalisation of these relationships.

No questions for the motion. No speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

19. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)



19.1 The 113th 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 all forms of hate, discrimination, and racism, including Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Tom Pearce

YS asks OB why this motion was late. OB responds saying that it only happened very recently, being passed on the 21st of January.

Procedural to hear the motion.

Passes.

OB talks about the importance of addressing antisemitism and all forms of racism, particularly in the context of the Bondi terrorist shooting. He notes the recently passed Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026 (Cth), and recognises the need for a commensurate and considered government response to antisemitism. He raises that, as the Law Council of Australia (LCA) published in their response to the bill, it contains significant and complex changes to legislation that will likely impinge on freedom of expression and the right to protest. OB argues in support of a more considered bill benefitting from longer and more extensive consultation. He notes that the LCA was unable to provide considered views on it, risking conflating political debate, a central aspect of universities, with genuinely harmful hate speech.



TP states that racism and antisemitism is real and growing. This has been evident in the march for Australia where thousands of people marched against immigration and for racism. TP talks about how this bill aims to crack down on free speech and points to what is occurring in the Australian political sphere. TP expresses that the Guild needs to be able to criticise the action of nation states when they violate human rights. TP notes that these laws have been opposed by the left, the greens, human rights lawyers, and the Jewish consort of Australia who have all spoken against it. TP reiterates how essential it is that the student Guild stands alongside these people for free speech and the right to protest and against racism.

No questions for the motion.

Procedural motion to invite AF to speak.

Passes.

AF thanks the council for allowing him to speak. AF is speaking to this motion as a Jewish student and discusses the experience of what it is like to be a Jewish person on campus at UWA and in WA. AF says he has experienced antisemitism on campus multiple times. He notes that the idea to politicise antisemitism by claiming that it is only from one side of politics and spanned across the whole spectrum is deeply alarming. AF says that it is correct to say that the neo Nazis in the far right demonstrations are concerned to Jewish Australians but so are the far left which include various demonstrations that have been seen across the country, specifically flying flags of registered terrorism organisations or other registered terrorists. AF notes that Antisemitism does not come from either the right or left. AF discusses his synagogue that is swarmed with police and armed security guards to make sure people praying are safe. AF states that these hate speech laws are to prevent those measures. He notes that the reason it had to go through parliament so quickly was due to the surge in antisemitism. AF urges people to consider who they represent as being representatives of the university. AF's experience on campus has been aligned with hostility and he believes that the words of these motion directly impact students, particularly Jewish students on campus. He talks about how these words hold power and are what cause and allow hate speech. AF recommends that it would be worth going through the consultation process again and doing further consultation if this is something people are very concerned about.



BM speaks on the motion echoing what AF said and thanks AF for providing that perspective and lived experience. BM discusses how One Nation opposes all these laws while both labor and liberal support these. BM says the concerns of thinking these laws may not be rushed or properly considered are valid. BM thinks there are good reasons to why these laws need to be quickly acted upon and there is quick action on antisemitism and all form of hate in Australia. BM hinks the laws are generally reasonable.

TP states that antisemitism is a huge problem in society. TP says it is important to acknowledge that there has been a serious rise in antisemitism and this is something that students have been actively standing against. He talks about how the free Palestine movement is stronger when people stand together and it becomes a strength. TP mentions some Jewish people who have also raised concerns about the hate speech laws. TP talks about how these laws could be used to criminalise or dehumanise people who speak out.

BM poses a question by putting this in the context of the voice referendum in 2023. BM discusses how large components of the no campaign were seen within the indigenous community for speaking on behalf of all indigenous people. BM asks for personal reflection, do these voices for example JDP speak on behalf of a majority of the Jewish community or for all of the community.

OB thanks AF for speaking on their experience. OB speaks more broadly to the purpose of this motion. He acknowledges that it is a very complex situation especially in the immediate aftermath and OB understands the need for urgency however he cannot personally take a considered view of the legislation as it was rushed.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

19.2 The 113th 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 Sugiatha

Seconded: Tom Pearce

YS asks RS why the motion was late. RS says the motion was late as this occurred on Monday.

Procedural to hear the motion.

Passes.

RS states that on Monday at the Invasion day rally there was a bomb thrown. It was an act of terror and a hate crime against first nations people. RS states that there was a failure in response and communication in a safe way about what was happening. He says that people were being pushed and there was a clear systematic failure to protect protestors who were exercising their democratic right. RS says the media response has been extremely disappointing. RS notes that what took place on Monday has been under reported and buried under other 'Australia day' posts on Asian news outlets, while the real focus should be on media like the National Indigenous Times. RS declares that the council needs to look at how invasion day rallies are legitimate expressions of resistance to the ongoing genocide and colonisation that occurs in Australia. He says the Guild should acknowledge the courage of those who attended and the organisers who continued to rally and do planned activities throughout the day. RS notes that there needs to be a systematic change in the way things are approached and the way media acts and reacts. He says the Guild should be



committed to standing in solidarity and taking action and making clear our stance and make investments where necessary such as moving with the procedure or proper establishment of an Indigenous students department as discussed in the December council.

TP adds that this is one day of the year where left-wing activists and anti-racist protestors come together in solidarity for indigenous people and stand against the horrific racism that happens every day in this country. TP thinks the attack that occurred at the rally could only happen in the context of what is a deeply violent and racist society. TP notes that these things are being normalised by the far right every day and furthered by Albanese and the Labor Party who want to maintain relationships with people like trump. TP agrees with what RS about the response from the police. TP states that the police are an institution of racism in society and on this day of anti-racism they took on their own agenda to repress and prevent people from marching.

Questions:

BM asks a question as to what people think the proper police response to this would be. They say that a bomb being thrown into a crowd does requires quick, swift action from the police so they wonder what the most appropriate action in this scenario would be.

RS responds saying that the police seemed to be having a very calm conversation with the suspect. It took a few minutes before police sirens started coming in, and you could not see what was happening as there were thousands of other people there. RS thinks there was no real need to form a police line with no gaps and people had no clue where they were going, as there was a lack of communication and people were being pushed.

TM asks how the Palestine movement relates to the motion.

RS responds saying the way he views it is through the rise of the far right. He says that the Palestine movement being left becomes solidarity to these sorts of events in support of people in Australia who come to to fight got Palestine at other protests or events.

TP adds that the Palestine movement is inherently connected to racism of Indigenous people in Australia today. TP discusses Palestinian people standing



against the domination by the government and how it is linked to the Australian context. He reiterates that all of it is about standing against the far right who are against these kinds of protests. TP believes there is a united struggle between these groups and it is important to stand in solidarity with both.

No more questions for the motion.

DEBATE:

AK states that including Palestine in this motion regarding invasion day may detract from the point of invasion day itself which should be the key purpose of this particular motion.

RS acknowledges that he sees AK's view but the way the motion has been structured is based on the link between the experiences of both communities, and showing solidarity for both.

Procedural motion moved to invite EM to speak.

Passes.

EM talks about how the Palestine movement has been under attack and ridiculed from the right, ruling class and mainstream media. EM says the Palestinian movement has been criticised but no one criticises the white man who threw a homemade bomb into a rally. EM stresses that they do not call it terror or hate, only chaos. EM notes the way media talks and responds to Palestine is now linked to how the invasion day hate crime is being discussed. EM states that a majority of the people at the invasion day protest also support Palestine and recognise the joint struggle of Palestinian people and Indigenous people who fight for the same things in Australia. EM suggests that the idea of justice for these people is shared.

A procedural is moved to strike 19.2.4 from the motion.

The amendment to the motion does not pass.

TP states how this is the biggest rally of the year that has been threatened by the far right. He mentions how many people could have been killed or injured. He reiterates that the Palestine movement has been ongoing and consistent



throughout the year, and thinks it is important for these things to be linked. TP views an attack on one protest as an attack to any protest and speaks for this motion being moved in its entirety.

HW thinks that for future motions it should be clear what movement and representation each motion is related to. HW thinks there should be better evidence for including multiple movements in one motion and providing an increased explanation for the relationship between varying movements or representation that may come up within one motion and how they are strongly linked.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passes.

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

HB announces that the theme for POSH this year will be 'Proshtunes'. HB reminds council that PROSH will be on the 18th of March.

OB moves a procedural motion to move back to item 8.

Passes.

RS encourages everyone to read the NUS reports and asks for recommendations about the NUS. RS discusses the purpose of the NUS and how it is to unite student unions and Guilds across Australia to coordinate action and share resources. RS discusses some struggles of the NUS like campaigns being weakened and people being less engaged. RS is very supportive of an NUS working group that is actively monitoring the actions of the NUS throughout the year and changing the website and making it publicly available. RS points to some faults in the way the NUS is currently functioning, specifically regarding some number and cost related points. RS stresses and recommend that the council surveys students (not just online) and talk to people about their satisfaction and what could be improved. RS says there should be cross promotional activities with the Guild, posters and digital communication, setting clear performance expectations for the NUS. RS also says the Guild needs to ensure that OB's are actively completing their role. He also says It is important that the KPI's are known to people earlier to know what to expect and when to intervene. RS suggests that there needs to be more advocating for the quorum rules to be reformed. RS talks about how the policy book is rewritten every year and hence it takes time to do the policy up again. He notes that a policy book



staying the same would make it easier to make amendments to. He also says there needs to be a development in the direct relationship with government departments and representatives.

AK speaks about the conference he attended. He thought it was very dysfunctional at times and the behaviour of some of the people from some factions was appalling. AK notes that the entire rooms chapter was moved en block which was disappointing to see, specifically for the women delegates that were there and prepared a lot to speak for that chapter. AK would like to advocate for disaffiliation. Overall AK says while there could be a big difference in the policy side of things, the conference was a good experience and allowed him to talk to people from other unions across the country and make connections which was his biggest takeaway.

Procedural motion to invite EM to speak.

Passes.

EM clarifies the reason why socialist alternative did not attend 2 days of the conference. They say that all of the parties/factions made a deal to purposely block socialist alternative to have any positions in the NUS this coming year. EM says that the people from socialist alternative are the ones who want to build a campaign and use the NUS to their privilege to take action about issues that students care about. EM thinks it matters that socialist activists have a position on the NUS.

LB agrees that there needs to be some kind of working group for the NUS and establish it early in the year and encourage engagement of the Guild with the NUS and set key indicators of performance to make a generally informed choice and communicate with necessary student bodies to figure out what the NUS represents and acts upon. LB states that the organisation is one that lacks transparency and the environment created at the conference for people who attend is not positive. LB says this needs to be recognised and thinks that the conference does not seem like an effective forum for WA students to engage and share in a meaningful and respectful way.

TP thinks that the NUS is pro-Labor and TP thinks that disaffiliating from the NUS is a right-wing argument and believes that the Guild is a union that should stand with the national union and it is the only way we can enact change on a national level.



LB says we are at the NUS to represent WA students on a national level and the possibility of operating separately to the NUS should be considered seriously. LB says that building connections and competencies as well as looking to communicate within our state and different universities may be a more effective way to represent UWA students. With many delegates coming back with a sense of disappointment, LB says this issue needs to be more thought on and deliberated to find a way of how to best support students,

JW speaks about his experience at the NUS and clarifies that he did not call for disaffiliation in his report. JW says the Guild should re-evaluate their relationship with the NUS and look at how much funding is sent but is not sure if disaffiliation is the right move currently. JW thought there was a lot of value in going to workshops that people across Australia were presenting about things they are doing on their campus and different ideas and history lessons about the union movement itself. For JW, the best value was meeting the representatives from other Guilds across the county and learning about what they are doing and how they respond. JW says the NUS office bearers spend most of the term meeting with Labor ministers and he thinks that is good but understands that they have a responsibility to reach out to us and JW says it has not been happening. JW suggests that the UWA Guild office bearers could be the ones to reach out first and push the NUS to start supporting us and coming here and offering the value. JW supports the idea of this working group to explore these ideas and possibilities. JW expresses that he is excited that the NUS has a new environment officer and hopes that ZR gets a chance to work with them in the coming year. JW adds that it is disappointing that over 500 000 dollars of student money was wasted on the conference to not run for 2 days.

ZR adds that he has already received an email from the NUS and are sorting out a time to discuss.

TP says that some of the NUS reports suggest that the UWA is doing so well and do not need the NUS, but TP argues that UWA is leading the way for authoritarianism and repressing the Palestine movement. TP states that students should have the right to poster, leaflet, stall and exercise their free speech rights.

JW agrees that the Guild should stand against the banning of posters and leaflets and states that the Guild campaigned heavily for that last year. It was disappointing that the university did not respond.



JS gives perspective as someone who paid to go to the NUS. JS reiterates the inappropriate behaviour but thinks overall the NUS has the potential to be very beneficial and it was a great opportunity to meet other students who care about the environment and womens' issues. JS met with the environment officer for NUS for 2026 and it seems like it is a great resource that JS did not have in her term . This communication with other environment officers and having national body will be great for connection and action.

LB clarifies that he is not trying to cap the entire union movement but simply trying to draw attention to the fact that a lot of Guilds do not have funding for attendance or the history or supporting students to go to NUS.

OB discusses who the membership of the NUS working would contain. He says that delegates, proxies and OB's with an NUS counterpart and any other people who are interested would be good to have involved. RS suggest to just offer it to those people and see what they say.

DT hopes to get the Guild social sport going and figure out what sport everyone would be keen to participate in.

OS talks about the lunar event happening on the 24th of February (Tuesday, week 1) which was organised by the international student department and is supported by UWA. OS says there will be performances and it would be great to have people helping out or coming to support the event.

21. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday February 25th 2026**. 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.