



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Ollie Barrett (OB)
Jay Williams (JW)
Insiah Riaz (IR)
Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)
Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)
Eva Coulter (EC)
Zered Robinson (ZR)
Troy Wood (TW)
Xavier Anthony (XA)
Zen Hately (ZH)
Ruby Wood-Hill (RW)
AJ Church (AC)
Julia Suffell (JS)
Emily Bunschoten (EB)
Rama Sugiarta (RS)
Daniel Tyers (DT)
Blake Mercer (BM)
Louis Bird (LB)
Tony Goodman (TG)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MM)
Hana Giltrap (HG)
Hayley Paku (Online)
Elina Ita (Observer)
Isabelle Whiteland (Observer)
Madison Hall (Observer)
Rojin Didari (Observer)
Matilda Menne (Observer)
Claudia Hulvey (Observer)

1.3 Apologies

Jennifer Woo (JW)
Emma Meunier (EM)
Abby Rai (AR)
Tara Mishra (TM)
Reana Bose (RB)



Hayley Paku (HP)

1.4 Proxies

BM for AR

CB for RB

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 April 29th 2026 Council Minutes

3.2 Committee Minutes

Passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG notes that the Guild regulations have been sent to the University and they have come back with some reviews which will probably go out via circular in the next few days to have an official tick off. TG says there are no substantive changes mostly just formatting and slight alterations. TG notes that Christina will be talking to the council later on regarding the welfare check on staff. TG says the budget for the Guild masterplan has been approved and that OB will give a further update on this. TG adds that processes are underway for the Guild elections and that Mary is available for anyone who may have questions. TG discusses the PROSH anniversary and says some authors are coming to chat about the book they are planning. In regards to the Venture roll out, TG says the university has signed NDA's which is a positive step and means it can begin moving to a bigger scale and it is very exciting to see where this could help Venture go and to grow and touch more students in the future.

Procedural motion to move into camera passes.

Procedural to move out of camera passes.

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6.2 Finance Director



MM notes that for the month of April we landed at a very good place with income of 81 546 as opposed to an expected loss of 75k. MM says the year to date numbers are looking good and when comparing to this point in time last year, we are doing much better. MM says most of the student side is on budget and the only two that are higher than budget is Guild Council and SOC, based on grants and distribution. MM says on the staff side nothing is over budget except IT which is due to the tenant networking that was installed for faster internet but year to date number is still way better than budget. MM highlights the balance sheet and explains that investment numbers are looking very good and that it has increased this year in comparison to last year. She says some of this may have to be withdrawn around September and that when SSAF money is received it can be deposited more. MM adds that SSAF money is accrued monthly and the accrual has not caught up to how much many the university has paid, which is why that number is currently negative but it will balance out at the end of the year.

Procedural motion to move into camera passes.

Procedural motion to move out of camera passes.

6.3 Commercial

as tabled

6.4 Student Services

as tabled

6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

as tabled

Procedural motion to move to item 12 passes.

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

Directors reports passed.

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barrett

as read

OB notes a mistake in his report about the amount of meetings he went to. OB also talks about how 2.3 million dollars have been approved for the North wing work and says that he is excited for the progression there and to get more club rooms. OB discusses how UWA is looking to open branch campuses in Mumbai and Chennai and OB is working with the team to see if we can establish a Guild presence there or an Indian society over there. OB says if anyone has any feedback please let him know,



he also adds that they might look into making a small working group to come up with ideas of how to help out in India. OB adds that he has spoken to JT and shares that JT will be moving away from the role of SOC president and OB says they are looking to get someone new into the role.

8.2 Guild Vice-President: Reana Bose

as tabled

8.3 Guild General Secretary: Insiah Riaz

as tabled

8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Yasaswi Shrestha

as tabled

8.5 Education Council President: Emily Bunschoten

as tabled

8.6 Societies Council President: Jonathan Tay

not submitted

8.7 Public Affairs Council President: Tara Mishra

as tabled

8.8 Women's Officer: Hana Giltrap

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 Hately

as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Blake Mercer

as read

BM thanks the Curtin accessibility department and Murdoch disability representative for helping with the disability event earlier this month. BM says it went very well and thanks them.

8.16 Pride Officers: Hayley Paku

as tabled

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers: Emma Meunier

as tabled

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Julia Suffell

as read

JS thanks everyone who supported national volunteering week and coming down to Tav and helping out at the sausage sizzle. JS says it was greatly appreciated.

8.19 OGCs *as follows*

AJ Church

as tabled

Xavier Anthony

as tabled

Louis Bird

as tabled

Abby Rai

as tabled

Daniel Tyers

as tabled



Rama Sugiarta

as read

RS notes that the Federal budget is very disappointing and how it differently impacts students who are still studying compared to those who aren't. RS talks about the disproportionate impact that this federal budget could have on people who are on youth allowance or any other Centrelink. RS also notes that yesterday was national sorry day; a day of commemoration and sorrow and that it is an important day to recognise and RS adds that he finds it disappointing that it has taken the Guild so long to go through regulations to resolve the fact that WASAC is not a thing and get to a point where we have an Indigenous students representative on Council once again.

Thomas Pearce

as read

TP agrees with RS on his notes of the federal budget and also thinks the reforms that were passed are very minimal and ridiculous. TP thinks the reforms and sweeping cuts to the NDIS are disgusting, disgraceful and horrifying. TP says he has been reading through some reports of experiences of activists who were on the freedom flotilla to Gaza which was intercepted and the activists were detained and kidnapped. TP discusses that the reports detailed their torture, abuse and humiliation which are horrific and that some of these activists have been deprived of food, water and many of these activists are students from universities over east who have put their life on the line to try and bring food and medical aid to Gaza. TP says it is important to recognise their heroic and admirable efforts and that it is disgraceful that a lot of these students, including Ethan Floyd, were left on their own.

Henry Walker

as tabled

Ruby Wood-Hill

as tabled

Eva Coulter

as tabled

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

Student reports passed.



10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

11.1 The 113th Guild Council approves the date of Tuesday 13th October at 1:00pm for the 2026 Ordinary General Meeting.

Moved: Insiah Riaz

Seconded: Oliver Barrett

IR says that the proposed date for the OGM is the 13th of October at 1:00pm in the Refectory. IR encourages everyone bring their friends and come down and grab a free ice cream.

OB adds that this is the Tuesday of Week 12.

No questions for the motion.

No speakers for or against the motion.

Passes.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1 The 113th Guild Council accepts the following operational policies

- a) Acceptable use of IT policy

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

OB explains this motion was late because the policy was received on Tuesday

Vote to hear the motion passes.

OB says this is an IT policy around use of devices, technology and systems.

MM says it is about the safe use of devices and network provided by the Guild. MM says there is currently an increased risk with cyber-attack issues and that the university is very strict but MM says there hopefully won't be another one and this policy is to prevent that.



TG says these policies are in place anyways but this is an update.

RS says he is broadly for the motion but says most of the time the Governance motions come to council without notice, RS says if it is a Governance policy motion it should be uploaded prior with enough time, especially given Council occurs at the same time every month.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

This motion passes.

12.2 The 113th Guild Council on the recommendation of the Strategic Resources Committee approves the Business Case for the Provision Architecture Works – UWA Student Guild Village Stage 2

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiyah Riaz

Procedural motion to move into camera passes.

Procedural motion to move out of camera passes.

This motion passes.

Procedural motion to move from item 12 to 7.

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

13.1 The 113th Guild Council:

- 13.1.1** Condemns and opposes the alarming rise of Pauline Hanson's one Nation, which is a far-right, racist and anti-immigration party.
- 13.1.2** Notes with alarm their success in the most recent Farrer by-election, in which One Nation have secured their first elected representative to the Federal House of Representatives.
- 13.1.3** Recognises that Pauline Hanson is extremely Islamophobic and anti-immigration, and condemns her previous comments such as there being 'no good Muslims', and the immediate deportation of all Gazan refugees who have sought refuge.



13.1.4 Recognises that Pauline Hanson is backed and personally funded by billionaires like Gina Rinehart, and her policies increase tax cuts to the rich, slash public funding to healthcare and education, and attack union rights.

13.1.5 Recognises that the rise of One Nation and the normalization of Pauline Hanson's far-right and racist politics poses a real threat to students, education, and unions.

Moved: Thomas Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiatha

TP moves a procedural to invite Matilda to speak.

BM asks why TP is passing speaking rights

TP says observers have a right to speak to motions and that Matilda helped TP write and formulate the motion.

This procedural motion passes.

Matilda says this is a really important motion and talks about how One Nation are surging in the polls at the moment. Matilda talks about recent statistics which predict One Nation to get 53 seats in the Federal Government if there was to be an election tomorrow, which makes them the major opposition to the Labour government. Matilda notes that this is horrifying and is catching up to a global trend of far right politics. Matilda further talks about how the politics that One Nation represents in Australia are intensely racist and anti-immigration. Matilda mentions the video of Pauline Hanson saying there are 'no good Muslims' and notes that Islamophobia is skyrocketing. Matilda thinks it is important as a student Guild that a stance is taken against this normalisation and rise of One Nation as they represent a serious threat to everyone in Australia. Matilda adds that this party is backed by people like Gina Rinehart and billionaires who make money at the expense of millions of regular working-class Australians and are happy to support the political project of a party that wants to blame vulnerable people in our community rather than blaming the system of equality. Matilda concludes by saying we need to condemn the rise of these politics which represent the rich and powerful and are a huge threat to workers, students and regular people across Australia.

RS says Pauline Hanson's One Nation is a terrible thing for Australia and that it is comprised of people who do not understand civics and are not sure what is happening



or what they have applied for. RS says these people are underprepared, take things at face value, and do not investigate or put effort into understanding what is going on or why Australia is the way it is. RS says these people are not necessarily misguided by ill intention but have not been educated, are unfamiliar and haven't had the same experiences as people who have lived in a multicultural society that is accepting of everybody and has everyone's best interests at heart. RS notes that as a Guild it is important to stand united with students, workers, immigrants, families and all Australians and welcome people in. RS says Pauline Hanson and the One Nation party are not people who do that.

TP disagrees with RS and says that he does not think people are just voting or running in One Nation seats because they are uneducated or don't understand civics but instead thinks that One Nation has grown from the Liberal party and a rearrangement of the politics of a right Australia. TP says One Nation has received many members from the Liberal party who have run in liberal seats and are just a hardened pro-business far right racist party which is fundamentally what they are about. TP also disagrees and does not think we live in a society that accepts everyone or flourishes in its multiculturalism. TP says if anything the rise of One Nation reflects the deep racism that exists in Australia and Australian capitalism.

BM asks about the ISIS rise and asks TP to elaborate on what he thinks.

TP says they have been slandered, dehumanised and refused the right to return to Australia. TP mentions the articles of women and children found in these terrible conditions and forced to make hard decisions in their lives. TP adds that they were also often economically coerced and says it speaks more broadly into the way in which the Albanese Labour party has brought up racism and islamophobia by painting these people as people who will import terrorism into Australia.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

This motion passes.

13.2 The 113th Guild Council

- 13.2.1** Condemns the disgusting abuse, degradation and torture which was directed towards activists on the Global Freedom Flotilla and cheered on by Israeli far-right minister. Ben-Gvir, as they try to break the humanitarian blockade and bring aid to Gaza.



- 13.2.2** Recognises that these heroic activists have been illegally kidnapped from international waters and tortured by the Israeli Government, which contravenes international law.
- 13.2.3** Recognises that this includes Australian citizens and students, such as Gemma Bean O'Toole from the University of Melbourne and Neve O'Connor from Deakin University.
- 13.2.4** Notes that Penny Wong has summoned the Israeli Ambassador in the light of these abuses, as well as other governments such as Spain, Italy, France and Canada, amongst others.
- 13.2.5** Recognises that the Australian Government has ties to the Israeli government and has continued to support them throughout their campaign of ethnic cleansing and genocide.
- 13.2.6** Stands in solidarity with the flotilla activists, and demands their release by the Israeli government.
- 13.2.7** Will circulate this motion to the student body through Guild channels.

Moved: Thomas Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiarta

TP says the torture, detention and kidnapping of these activists is horrific. TP notes that the activists who participated in a peaceful protest action against genocide and starvation were anti-war and anti-genocide and says the treatment at the hands of the IDF was disgusting. TP says the activists were deprived of food, and water, sexually assaulted, shot at with rubber bullets and the torture lasted for days. TP mentions some reports about their treatment which have just come out. TP reiterates that these anti-genocide activists who engaged in peaceful protest were abused and stolen from international waters and kidnapped. TP says that the ALP has said nothing about this, and that they have summoned the Israeli ambassador but haven't given a word of condemnation or notioned to any concrete material action which should be taken in light of these serious war crimes. TP says this could include severing economic, political and military ties with Israel which Australia has done with other governments in the past for example during Russia and Ukraine war. TP thinks it is important that the Guild stands in solidarity with these activists, many whom are students.

RS agrees with TP and adds that the Governments reaction has been inadequate and miserable and that not enough action has been taken. RS says there is a lot in public dialogue that makes people caution and RS thinks there should be international outrage that needs to be supported by people showing up and supporting petitions, direct action and fundraisers where they can. RS also thinks the international community should



reflect about if any other country did this what would happen. RS says it is one thing to kidnap them and deport, but it becomes way more severe when they are being forced, and tortured and it is frankly horrible and something the Guild should continue to support.

OB speaks for motion, and notes that as mentioned this is horrific. OB thinks RS raised a good point of double standards around if any other country tried this that there would be absolute uproar and OB says it is very sad to see.

No more speakers for or against the motion.

This motion passes.

13.3 The 113th Guild Council

- 13.3.1** Condemns the Federal Government's inadequate consultation, service planning, and communication of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) cuts, leaving people with a disability their families and carers fearing for their future and livelihood.
- 13.3.2** Calls upon the Federal Government to ensure Disability Services continue to change lives in Australia, not just of participants but their families and carers.
- 13.3.3** Recognises it is the fundamental moral and social responsibility of governments to ensure that every person, regardless of their physical, cognitive, or psychosocial disability, has the resources, access, and support required to live life to the fullest as outlined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- 13.3.4** Calls upon the Federal Government to launch a rigorous, independent investigation into service provider fraud, price-gouging, and unethical billing practices within the NDIS.
- 13.3.5** Calls on the Federal and State Government to meaningfully co-design any Disability Service reform with:
 - a) People with a Disability and,
 - b) People with Caring responsibilities of someone with a Disability.
- 13.3.6** Directs the Guild to:
 - a) Share the People With Disability Australia's petition in the Guild Newsletter.
 - b) Share UWA support resources to students with a disability in the Guild Newsletter.
- 13.3.7** Directs the Guild President to formally communicate our position to:



- a) Mark Butler, Minister for Disability and NDIS
- b) Hannah Beazley, Minister for Disability Services

Proposer: Troy Wood
Seconder: Blake Mercer

TW says as we know the government in their latest budget has announced massive cuts to the NDIS which has left a lot of families and carers unsure of their futures and livelihoods and it is important that the Guild condemns the inadequate consultation, the service panning and communication with people who are directly or indirectly impacted by these changes. TW says it is really important to stand in solidarity with the disabled community. TW discusses how the Government has a moral and social responsibility to ensure people no matter of their physical, cognitive or psychosocial disability have the resources to live their fullest life and thinks that we need to ensure we uphold the convention and rights of social contract. TW hopes that through sharing resources in the Guild newsletter, we will be able to support people with disabilities. TW mentions he was very happy to be able to consult with BM, through the access department and the youth disability advocacy network and their employees and his friends with disabilities or people who are carers about this motion.

BM adds that in his experience and role as access officer, he thinks that a lot of what has been put forth in this motion is more or less in line with the views of the disabled community at UWA. BM says he has had a couple of opportunities in the last month, including the joint event that was held with Curtin and Murdoch where he has been able to talk to the community about the issue. BM thinks this a good representation of where the community is at and is a reasonable, well thought out motion and thanks TW for working with him and bringing this forward.

No questions for this motion.

TP speaks against this motion as he thinks it does not do justice for disabled people and says the motion doesn't condemn the cuts to the NDIS itself and doesn't condemn the devastation to their lives or the deaths that will emerge from the cuts and from the services that lack. TP thinks the only thing this motion condemns is the communication and consultation aspect and that there is no way or level of communication or consultation of these cuts that would make them any more justifiable. TP says the materiality of the effect of these cuts are one of devastation and horrific impacts. TP also adds that it is hypocritical to move this motion when the motion from last months did condemn the cuts to the NDIS and TP also refers to how BM had previously said that these cuts are necessary for the legitimacy of budget. TP says it is disgraceful to say that this is in line with disabled people and TP believes it is not a supportable motion at all.

HW speaks for the motion. HW says the difference in why he thinks this motion is more acceptable than last months is because it has gone through extensive consultation and



that the other motion had far less actionable outcomes that would come from it. HW says this motion more clearly outlines what action will be taken and who it will be distributed by or who to call upon to get things done. As such, HW thinks that from an operational perspective HW believes this motion is more acceptable.

TP responds and says it isn't about consultation or actionable outcomes and that it is actually about politics and the politics of outwardly saying that disabled people in Australia deserve to live dignified lives and that they rely on people to engage and have access in public life and the world. TP reiterates that there is no homogenous block of disabled people in Australia who have the same experience and political opinions. TP adds that the vast majority of disabled people have not been able to access it in the first place or looked at the NDIS as a legitimate institution which has changed their lives. TP says the last motion was directly more condemnatory of the government and the actual cuts.

BM responds to TP. BM thinks all the concerns TP has are actually addressed in 13.3.3 where it is recognised that it is the fundamental moral and social responsibility of the government to ensure that every person regardless of disability has the support to live their life to the fullest. BM says he does not think it is accurate to say that this motion is leaving disabled people behind. BM says TP's thoughts on consultation are his own and that BM himself believes that consultation is very important when dealing with a disadvantaged community such as the disabled community. BM concludes by saying it is very important that the government and Guild do consult with disabled people and students before decisions are made. To respond to what TP said about BM's personal opinions on the NDIS, BM says that they are not relevant and are not necessarily the view of the access department.

An observer interrupts and is given a first warning.

TP asks what about the hundreds of thousands of disabled people who will be kicked off the NDIS and did they consult with every one of them.

BM says the changes to the NDIS are multifaceted and he does not think it is productive to condemn them all as he thinks some of them are necessary and some of them as acknowledged last council by RS like the change to functional review system is a positive step and the right thing to do which is necessary for the continued function of the NDIS.

HW touches on the idea of consultation again and agrees that while there is no one correct group to consult with for people with disabilities but that it would be good for a motion about disabilities that any group is consulted and clarifies that the issue with the last motion was that no group had been consulted with, not that the wrong group was consulted.



TP says they did consult disabled people and there are hundreds of disabled people and lots of articles that note their experience and what the reality of being cut from the NDIS would look like.

HG agrees with what HW and BM said about the role of department heads which is to have someone to consult on motions about representation.

LB thinks it is ludicrous that he is sitting in a room of student representatives and that the argument is about whether or not we should speak to the students we represent. LB says he is looking at a motion that uses the word condemn, recognises moral and social responsibility that the government has, recognises that the cuts have possibly been done without consultation and thinks it is important that as a Guild that we do something that focuses on students. LB says we are sharing this with students and advocating for them as a Guild which is exactly what we should be doing as an organisation and it is a prime example of the work we should be doing every day and that these are the motions we should be passing.

TP says the only thing this motion criticises is the consultation and communication which conveys that inherently the cuts to the NDIS are fine, justifiable and supportable and that the student Guild will continue to defend the Labour Government.

BM addresses what TP said about having consulted with disabled students in the previous motion and wanted to point out that last meeting when TP's motion was being discussed TP was directly asked whether or not he had consulted with disabled people and his response was no and wanted to give TP an opportunity to correct that record if it was not the case.

This motion passes.

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

OB says the regulations will be coming back for a final tick off on the basis that they have gone through the legislative committee and this will be done via circular prior to the senate coming up.

HW wants to speak to the way we speak to one another and how we give speaking rights to observers. HW says the best way for everyone to be able to share their opinions in an orderly way is to follow the standing orders even if you believe political discourse should be done in a different way.



TP says it is a democratic right to pass speaking rights because it is written into the procedures of the council. TP says the more important thing is about accountability to the general student population and that any member of the student general body should be able to come and speak on matters and motions that they are interested in supporting which broadens up the council from being just a small group of elected people. TP thinks procedures are not more important than politics and that is why it is important we have a normalised culture of political debate and that we should have an active, participatory political culture.

TW says he wants to talk about the standing orders and how they are interpreted. TP says as elected representatives we represent different communities and we speak on behalf of them and it is our job to consult with our members and to bring it here. TW reminds people that when raising points of order it can be points of clarification and points of explanation. TW says these exist so we can communicate in a way that can accurately reflect and be recorded in the minutes and reflects the work we do in the student body and that there is a difference between direct democracy and representational democracy. TW says people who are interested in participating in direct democracy can attend the General meeting in October.

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

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