



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Oliver Barrett (OB)
Jay Williams (JW)
Insiah Riaz (IR)
Eva Coulter (EC)
Reana Bose (RB)
AJ Church (AC)
Zered Robinson (ZR)
Jennifer Woo (JW)
Rama Sugiarta
Daniel Tyers (DT)
Blake Mercer (BM)
Louis Bird (LB)
Tom Pearce (TP)
Henry Walker (HW)
Zen Hately (ZH)
Troy Wood (TW)
Emma Meunier (EM)
Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)
Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MM)
Jack Spagnuolo (JS)
Abby Rai (AR) (Online)
Jonathon Tay (JT) (Online)

1.3 Apologies

Tara Mishra (TM)
Julia Suffel (JS)
Emily Bunschoten (EB)
Ava Ebbutt (AE)
Ruby Woodhill (RW)

1.4 Proxies

CB for XA
ES for TM
HM for JS



NC for EB

RF for AE

HF for RW

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

JW states that he was able to secure a 50% deal for postgraduate students at the University Club for until the middle of March, but as PSA President he is also on the board of University Club. JW states that he has no financial interest in it.

OS states that she got an offer last week to work as a casual on the student engagement team.

EC declares that she is working as a lab facilitator for some of the engineering units.

ZH recently started a position with the UWA wellbeing team in the living room.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 January 28th 2026 Council Minutes

RS notes that the recording was not able to be properly heard and so he has concerns that the minutes are not accurate. RS flags that the Guild should invest in proper equipment if there are going to be online options for the Guild council meeting.

Passes

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

NA

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

NA

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

as tabled

6.2 Finance Director



MM notes that for the month of January, we landed on a 27k income compared to a budgeted loss of 112k, which was mostly due to the timing differences in budgeting. For example, the Guild President, Guild Council, and commercial budget have legal and consultancy expenses all budgeted at the beginning of the year but the expenses are expected to occur throughout the year, hence the timing difference. MM also notes that Venture came in notably under budget as well, but this is primarily because there is one invoice with a delay, and it was only just released this week. The income from this might come in March, which again is another timing difference. Most of the staff departments are lower than budget, mostly because a lot of staff have taken their annual leave at the beginning of the year. MM also talks about how there has been a transfer to a new payroll system, so some allocation of the finance and administration has not been allocated to those departments yet.

Motion to move into camera passes. Motion to move out of camera passes.

6.3 Commercial

as tabled

6.4 Student Services

6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

No questions.

Directors’ reports passed.

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barret

as tabled

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: Jonothan 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 read

JW gives a shoutout to OS and the International Student Department team for the Lunar New Year event. JW notes that it is the first time this event has been run during his time at UWA and it was incredible. He says that OS and her team put a lot of long hours and effort into the event, and he thinks this council should commend OS for her hard work on the event.

8.11 International Students' Department President: Ojaswi Shrestha

as read

OS says that the Lunar New Year event was a long project, but she would like to thank her committee and anyone who gave their support and help during the time.

8.12 Residential Students' Department President: Troy Wood

as read

TW thanks OB for taking a lot of time this week to help with things happening in the RSD department. TW thanks everyone who came down to the fresher dances and expresses that it was a very successful event .

8.13 Environment Officer: Zered Robinson

as tabled

8.14 Sports Officer: Zen Hatelty

as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Blake Mercer

as tabled

8.16 Pride Officer: Hayley Paku

as tabled



8.17 Ethnocultural Officer: Emma Meunier

as tabled

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Julia Suffel

as tabled

8.19 OGCs as follows

Xavier Anthony

as tabled

Reana Bose

as tabled

AJ Church

as tabled

Rama Sugiarta

as tabled

Daniel Tyers

as tabled

Louis Bird

as tabled

Tom Pearce

as read

TP notes how Australian politics is becoming more racist and violent. TP talks about recent comments made by Pauline Hanson saying that there are ‘no good Muslims in Australia’, as well as the threatening and violent language that was directed at a Mosque in Sydney. TP notes that this is all importantly linked to the pro-Palestine movement and shows that racism is being seriously nationalised.

Henry Walker

as tabled

Eva Coulter

as tabled

Ruby Woodhill

as tabled

Hukam Kohli

as tabled

Abby Rai

as tabled

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports



LB recognises that the start of the year is a very busy time for clubs, with O-Day and new club executives needing support. LB was wondering if any provision was made, bearing in mind that JT has not been in Australia, about how to support clubs through the first two to three months of the year where he wasn't present. LB thinks clubs may have lacked that support from one of the most important student bodies on the Guild and asks JT what steps he took to manage this difficult time while he was not in Perth.

This question was taken on notice.

Student reports passed.

10. NUS REPORT

10.1 Guild President

as tabled

11. QUESTION TIME – NUS Reports

No questions.

NUS report passed.

12. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

12.1 The 113th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Ava Ebbutt from the position of Equity and Diversity Chair

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

OB mentions that AE has a lot going on personally and she does not think she would have the capacity to be able to Chair the Equity and Diversity committee for the rest of the year. OB thanks her for chairing the most recent meeting.

IR has nothing to add.

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

Motion passed.



13. ELECTIONS

13.1 Returning Officer

Nominated Member: Mutya Maragiot-Joseph

Nominated by: Oliver Barrett

Seconded by: Jay Williams

Mutya Maragiot-Joseph was elected unopposed as Returning Officer.

13.2 Equity and Diversity Committee

a) Elects the Chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee from members of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Emma Meunier

Nominated by: Oliver Barrett

Seconded by: Ojaswi Shrestha

Emma Meunier was elected unopposed as the Chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee.

14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

14.1 The 113th Guild Council approves the updates to the PROSH rules, as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Yayaswi Shrestha

Seconded: Eva Coulter

YS reminds everyone that PROSH is coming up on the 18th of March and the committee needs the rules in place before the publication. YS thanks Aidan Kirby-Smith, Chloe Keller, OB, JW and all the other people who helped in making the PROSH rules. YS confirms that the updated rules have been uploaded in the teams.

EC has nothing to add.

No questions for the motion.

OB speaks for the motion and gives a massive shoutout to YS for all the work she has put into it.



No more speakers for or against the motion.

Motion passed.

15. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

NA

16. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

NA

17. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 17.1** The Guild recognises the significant and ongoing impact of the drought which is now into its third year in the Gascoyne and Murchison region.
- 17.2** The Guild recognises that the drought has now resulted in a lack of feed for cattle and other animals in the region and led to destocking across the region. The ongoing drought has created animal welfare concerns as well as impacting the financial viability stations in the region. These issues combine to result in substantial mental health implications for those living in the region.
- 17.3** The Guild commends Farmers Across Borders for providing hay to farmers in the affected areas and calls upon the State Government to support the organisation and provide further support to affected peoples living in the region.
- 17.4** The Guild suggests that students check in on their friends who have returned to University from the Gascoyne and Murchison and further suggests they seek assistance from Guild Student Assist and University-provided mental health services.
- 17.5** Directs the Guild to share the donation link on Guild Social Media of Farmers Across Borders.

Moved: Louis Bird

Seconded: Troy Wood

YS asks LB why the motion is late.

LB responds saying that he took a little more time to consider the motion and discuss it with a few more people.



Vote to hear the motion passes.

LB explains that the motion notes the circumstances of the drought up North, that has been ongoing for 3 years now. LB talks about how there has been no rain, or very minimal rain during this time and he discusses the impact this has on people living in those regions and how the period of extreme difficulty has also affected animals. Many people have run out of water and feed and there have been many applications of serious assistance. LB shares that one of the main organisations assisting people during these times was Farmers Across Borders, who have provided hay across the region. He says there are some serious welfare concerns for animals, but Farmers Across Borders have been supporting thousands of cattle that are at risk. LB notes that the Guild needs to recognise what is going on and take a moment to reach out to people who have been affected. LB states that the Guild should remind people that there are systems provided by the Guild and the university that can help them through this understandably stressful time.

No questions for the motion.

OB speaks for the motion. OB notes he is very supportive of this motion but also raises that a motion coming in the day of council or a few hours before limits the time that people have to research. OB recognises that while there may have been more consultation on LB's end which is beneficial to the motion itself, there is less opportunity for Guild council members to go about their own consultation and education to do their due diligence on motions like this. OB asks that people avoid putting motions in without notice or get it in to IR as soon as possible so people can better consider the motion. OB also notes that Farmers Across Borders have previously celebrated 'Australia Day', which is not something that the Guild endorses. OB does not think this motion risks endorsing that, he thinks it is very well written to commend them for their efforts in providing hay to farmers, but it still speaks to a broader point that there may be underlying things that need research and thought.

RS thanks LB and TW for bringing this motion to council. RS thinks it is a very important motion and it is very relevant to more students than people may realise. RS notes that the drought effects are a long-term consequence of climate change, and the activities of fossil fuel companies have drastic effects on all sorts



of communities. These effects can be pretty explicit and restrict people's mobility in the long term and place restraints on them like food security.

TW speaks for the motion. TW notes that a lot of residential students come from these areas, and he says that the department recognises how important this issue is and recognises the organisations that are helping and supporting people in regional areas, especially with the cost of living going up.

No more speakers for or against this motion.

Motion passed

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

RS mentions the NUS working group. RS would like to get the working group started soon and he says he is happy to take it on as a project. RS says he will send an email to council members in the next few weeks regarding the NUS working group.

OB suggests that RS could be the Chair of this working group.

IR notes that as mentioned in her report, she was having some technical issues and she apologises for any inconvenience this may have caused. IR agrees with RS and says she would like to look into some recording equipment. IR notes that with the previous minutes, she made sure to ask everyone who was cut out in the recording what they were saying to ensure there was no inaccuracies, but if anyone has any problems or edits for minutes in the future it is important to let her know as soon as possible. IR confirms that her emails and teams are now working but thanks everyone for their patience.

OB thanks everyone for their work and help at O-Week. OB is grateful for everyone's support and mentions that Leigh and Alice from the events team were also very grateful and appreciative. OB hopes this enthusiasm and support can continue on throughout the year. OB gives a shoutout to all the Guild staff who put huge amounts of time into O-Week. OB notes that it was a big success.

19. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday March 25th 2026**. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with apologies or proxies. If



UWA STUDENT GUILD
The University of Western Australia
M300, 35 Stirling Highway | Crawley, WA 6009
(08) 6488 2295 | hello@guild.uwa.edu.au
facebook.com/UWASStudentGuild | [@UWASStudentGuild](https://twitter.com/UWASStudentGuild)

Guild Council Minutes
113th Guild Council
Wednesday 25th February 2026
Guild Council Room @ 6:00pm

unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.