



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

AJ Church (AC)
Jay Williams (JW)
Henry Walker (HW)
Reana Bose (RB)
Insiah Riaz (IR)
Ruby Woodhill (RW)
Eva Coulter (EC)
Blake Mercer (BM)
Emily Bunchoten (EB) (Online)
Louis Bird (LB)
Daniel Tyers (DT) (Online)
Rama Sugiartha (RS)
Bilal Akhtar (BA) (Observer)
Tony Goodman (TG)
Ella Marchionda (EM)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MM0)
Xavier Anthony (XA)
Julia Suffel (JS)
Abby Rai (AR)
Hukam Kohli (HK) (Online)

1.3 Apologies

Tara Mishra (TM)
Jennifer Woo (JW)
Emma Jane Meunier (EM)
Oliver Barrett (OB)
Zered Robinson (ZR)
Hana Giltrap (HG)
Thomas Pearce (TP)

1.4 Proxies

BM for OB
Verity Wilson for HG
EM for TP

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



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Passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG notes that the Guild and election regulations are done and are all up and running and thanks everyone who was involved in that. TG also says that there is an upcoming Guild Audit and Risk meeting with some new members from Council attending. TG congratulates council and convocation for signing the MoU between convocation and guild and talks about how it has been a few years coming and they are pleased about the relationship and the agreement. TG mentions that the new catering manager has been appointed to look after the Tav and various cafes. TG adds that an architect has been appointed and the uni has been involved in that process and working out how the North Wing development is coming along. TG says Guild elections are underway and that everything seems to be going to plan, as well as Mary being appointed as the returning officer again. TG says that the publication policy is still being updated and some HR things too. TG says they are also looking at upgrading the Acorn room on the far side and have started discussing it with architects to build it into a better conference/seminar area for students to utilise. TG concludes by saying negotiations have started for the new EBA.

6.2 Finance Director

MM notes that for the month of July there was a 9k income as opposed to projected loss of around 120. MM notes that year to date numbers are just over half a million income as opposed to a budgeted loss of 91 000. MM says that most of those are due to timing differences especially in the property side. MM explains that most of the tenants usually take rebates towards the end of year but we have already invoiced them in the beginning of year or normally throughout year so that loss will occur towards the end of the year. Regarding expenditure MM says only the Guild president is over budget primarily because we reallocated the smartrider grants which was previously charged in GSC. MM notes that the employee side is below budget on all sides but the only one which is not a timing difference is student assist because we have only just hired new people covering resignations this month but have not replaced them all yet and are still searching for one more which is why there is savings in the salary for student assist.

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

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

No questions on directors reports.

Directors reports passed.

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barrett

as read

OB gives a shoutout to the amazing volunteering and enviro fest this month and how vibrant they were. As well as pride week and in particular the human library that was run and the first ever end the violence week.

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: Indie Otway

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 Hatelly
as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Blake Mercer
as tabled

8.16 Pride Officers: Hayley Paku
not submitted

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers: Emma Meunier
as tabled

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Julia Suffell
as read

JS gives a shoutout to RW for doing an amazing job on the Fund Our Future Program and mentions the event of Pints for the Planet on the 8th of September.

8.19 OGCs *as follows*

Henry Walker
as tabled

Thomas Pearce
as read

EM discusses the student strike that happened against Pauline Hanson a few weeks ago where thousands of students gathered to oppose Pauline Hanson's fascist and racist politics. EM notes that the NUS was one of the main organisers of this strike and that a lot of Guilds around the country which supported it but also many high school students who actually attended with raw and spontaneous anger. EM said that this made a media splash and put a narrative into the media that young people do not like Pauline Hanson and that there are people who actively oppose her. EM says that so far, the media talks about her as neutral politician who isn't racist and EM thinks it's really good and important that there was a show of opposition. EM talks about how RS also helped and spoke from the NUS. EM concludes by saying they think it is a shame that Guild did not print leaflets and do more to reach UWA students.

Rama Sugiartha
as read



RS speaks briefly to his report and highlights that yesterday the university of Queensland Union had their protest against the University of Queensland who are threatening to withdraw majority of funding to prove political voice and getting heavily involved in governance procedures. RS thanks OB for taking the time to express solidarity.

Abby Rai

as tabled

Ruby Woodhill

as tabled

Aj Church

as tabled

Xavier Anthony

as tabled

Eva Coulter

as tabled

Daniel Tyers

as tabled

Hukam Kohli

as tabled

Louis Bird

as tabled

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

RS has two questions for JW which are taken on notice. RS asks what is audacity the dating platform and whose platform is it. RS's second question is what is project momentum and what is it about.

RS also asks a question for EM which is taken on notice. RS says it has been a couple of month since the last equity and diversity meeting and asks when the next one will be. question for EM when

RS asks a question for EB on notice. RS asks if EB is able to write any more insights on the graduates outcome for secure assessments as discussed in the university education committee.

JW says he was in the meeting and can provide the update. JW says that there were 10 graduate outcomes that UWA approved at the education committee but it still has to advance to academic board. In terms of the secure assessment policy JW says it was of quite grave concern some of the stuff the university was trying to move in terms of



hurdle assessment and the impact it will have on studies and that there was a proposal of a 50% secure assessment but people wanted it higher up to 70%, however even though an assessment was deemed secure it does not mean students can not cheat in it. JW notes that they raised some equity concerns over these and they did not pass the proposal for a UEC because of the objections that himself OB and EB raised. JW says they will circulate it to college of schools to get the schools input as if a major change of secure assessment is passed it would have a detrimental impact on schools as they would have to review and redesign their assessment policies. It will be brought back to review of assessment working group for more discussion. JW adds that there are discussions of only having hurdles in degrees that are accredited, with it making sense for med and dentistry but not for politics or others. JW says the proposal was not passed by UEC proposal was not passed and can not imagine it being passed in the rest of this guild term.

RS thanks JW for the update and asks what is a graduate outcome.

JW says it is what every UWA graduate regardless of their degree should hold when leaving the university. JW gives examples like having an understanding or respect for indigenous knowledge or to be able to communicate efficiently or effectively. JW assumes that once it is passed through academic board it will be made public on the UWA website.

EM asks why BM did not say anything about the attacks on the disabled community considering the cuts to the NDIS passed in the last week and why the access department did not say anything.

BM says that that characterisation isn't accurate and that a motion has already been moved earlier this year about the NDIS reforms and didn't think there would be any benefit from this.

EM says that the motion which was moved did not oppose the actual cuts that were made. BM clarifies that they called for more consultation which has occurred. EM asks if BM agrees with the reforms which have now been passed through the parliament. BM says his beliefs or personal opinions are not relevant.

EM asks a question to the ethno and womans department if they can make a reel promoting the next protest against Pauline Hanson considering that her main target is migrants and people of different ethnic backgrounds and that these departments should stand up for the students they represent.

OB asks EM if this is an actual question on the reports.

EM says there was nothing about the protest in anyones reports and asks this can be passed on to them.

Students reports passed.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE



11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 11.1** The 113th Guild Council approves the Promotions, Publications, and Social media policy.

Moved: Reana Bose

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

RB says this policy is on the teams.

IR has nothing to add.

LB says there is a typo at 3.4.2b where the word social media is doubled up.

JW says that someone else also sent through some other grammar changes to OB and that they are proposing to pass the policy today but those few grammar changes including 5.1.4, 7.1.2 and 8.3 will be made and the updated edited policy will be put in the September agenda pack for people to read but won't go back to a vote.

RS asks in what policy is guild political parties defined as he is struggling to find it. This is taken on notice for OB.

No more questions for this motion.

RS speaks against this motion and thinks it needs to be revised more.

This motion passes.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 13.1** The 113th Guild Council:

13.1.1 Endorses the National Day of Action on the 17th of September against Pauline Hanson, which is organised by the National Union of Students.

13.1.2 Notes that the previous National Day of Action on the 13th of August was extremely successful, with over 15,000 students coming out across Australia to attend it, and around 2,000 in WA; and that it was the largest and most significant display of public opposition against the far-right in Australia since the high-school walk-outs in the 1990s.

13.1.3 Will advertise the protest on Guild digital screens and through Guild channels

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiarta



EM has mentioned the importance of the last student demonstration against Pauline Hanson and thinks it is worth thinking about student unions who have played a role in the social justice movements for example infighting against the Vietnam war and apartheid in South Africa. EM discusses the student protests in the 1990's against Pauline Hanson. EM think it is important that student guilds take up issues of social justice, anti racism and anti fascism and that is why they want the Guild to promote and endorse the next day of action. EM thinks it was one of biggest student protest in years in Australia and it was a defiant response to the rising popularity of Hanson. EM says we need to stop this rise and have an active show of left wing opposition. EM notes that this issue has direct implications on students for example Hanson being against funding for public education and actively against international students in Australia.

RS would like to echo what EM says and says it is very important with the rise of the far right. RS says we have seen terrorist attacks in Perth from the far right and it is important we get together and stand up against it. RS says students should be able to participate in democracies and stand up against Pauline Hanson and a party that rejects things that benefit students for example university and TAFE costs.

HW proposes an amendment regarding 13.1.4 and notes that this is not the Guilds mandate and the university still has to permit it and it is a university policy.

EM asks if the Guild can request access or permission.

HW says the Guild can side on side but the university also has to sign it and that both OB and the University has to sign it.

JW says you can put it the request through the Guild website and that OB will sign it but the rest of the decision falls on the University and the Guild has no control over.

RS proposes to use the word 'support' lecture announcements rather than permit. This is friendly,

HW proposes to remove 13.1.4 and 13.1.5 and notes that OB should be able to make his own decision and that the Guild shouldn't have the move to mandate to force any individual person to post about anything.

HW also proposes an amendment to 13.1.3, and thinks it would be bad precedent to spend students money towards political purposes and it would be better to say to advertise the prptest on screens and through guild channels.

EM asks if this means that HW is saying there should be no money involved.

HW confirms this.

EM speaks against the amendment and asks what the point of moving the motion if it does not commit the Guild to do anything practical apart from putting in on screens and dnotes that the guild president is elected to represent what the Guild passes in these motions and what they stand for. EM argues that it does not set a bad precedent for the



guild president to say they are against racism and Pauline Hanson. EM says the motion is useless if it doesn't fulfill that purpose. EM says the Guild could send emails and that everyone could make a reel on how Hanson is a threat to so many students and this feels like a ridiculous cop out. EM notes the Curtin guild president puts out things all the time and asks if there can be any social media presence on the UWA page as the guild president. EM agrees with RS ammendment for using the word support instead of permit.

JW raises a point of clarification on a few things EM raised. JW says to his understanding the amendment HW made still takes that stance and says Guild channels. JW also notes that he knows OB has personally offered and agreed to take a public left wing stance on the socialist alternative account.

LB speaks for the amended motion. LB says Pauline Hanson is broadly pushing an anti student agenda and dividing the community and is not promoting the inclusive community that the UWA Guild stands for and would like to promote. LB says the amendment should be supported and should not be caught up in concerns of how exactly it should be promoted and that as students we should oppose Hanson in order to promote a pleasant and inclusive community. LB says that we should take whatever action we need to make sure that continues in the univeirsty and beyond it where it affects students.

RS speaks against the amendment. RS challenges the premises on 13.1.5 and says it matches Guild regulations pretty well on role of what president is and that it does not conflict with that. RS says that if anything it could be the VP to promote the policies of the Guild. RS speaks on the idea of not wanting to set precedent for funding political action he says that the Guild does and should serve a political purpose and that notes that other policy work in education, womens or fund our future campaign is inherently political and something we should engage with. RS also notes that we do fund NUS and that is also a political body and that we should be maximising money that is being put in through source of campaigns. RS says being able to make lecture announcements is not on the guild but would like to see support for that change.

RB speaks for the amendment and speaks to what the Guilds capacity is and being reasonable about it. RB says it is an important motion overall and should be passed. RB says it will still be advertised through guild channel and social media. RB says it is not the best use to spend guild money on things not directly about and for UWA students and that lecture announcements isn't on guild and that it is up to the university. RB says it would be a shame if this motion has to be voted down because of the amendment not passing.

HW says if the motion is not amendment he will still vote for the motion. HW believes that the group of students who elected him don't believe their money should go on political issues and that it should go to issues on campus and in saying that he is just trying to represent the students who elected him.

EM says it is really problematic to say the Guild shouldn't spend money on political issues that do impact students. EM says as people have outlined Hanson impacts so



many students and poses a threat to all marginalised group on this campus and we should give those students confidence that the guild is taking an active stance and standing against Hanson by promoting a protest against her. EM says that people feel empowered when institutions like the Guild take a stance but right now she thinks we are sitting on the sidelines and making excuses for why the protest can't be bigger and more promoted. EM says the guild president publicly speaking up can offer confidence to students. EM says that the amendment should be that the Vice President has to do it as RS suggested. EM asks if RB would make a video on this.

RB says *'I happy to make the video as vice president. I think the whole problem here is that it is not a good look to target a particular someone to be on this reel. I am happy to do it as vice president as you noted but it is not a good look to target people. I am happy to make the reel, let me know when you guys are free. You have my Instagram, facebook whatever.'*

EM asks if RB can make it from her Vice president account.

RB says she does not have a vice president account.

EM says can RB say 'hi Im reana, the vice president...' and post if from the Guild account.

RB says she is not too sure how the UWA student guild account runs and that she does not even have access to it but she is more than happy to sit with EM and talk about it more.

No more speakers for the amendment.

Vote for the amendment passes.

Procedural motion to enter RB's response verbatim into minutes passes.

JS speaks for the motion and notes that Pauline Hanson is a terrible person standing for terrible things and it is good for the student Guild to promote it to students.

BM speaks for this motion, and notes he strongly disagrees with Hanson on many things and says that as this motion still states guild channels, EM or anyone else from socialist alternative is more than welcome to reach out to the access department.

This motion passes.

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

JW says as per department rules in December the ethno access and pride elections will be run online similarly to how PSA election currently run. There



will be a formal policy about how those department elections run and they will come via circular.

JW says OB will be doing a call for annual reports and that it is for all office bearers and committee chairs. People will need to write what they have been doing for the year and the deadline is September 30th.

JW also says the Cruickshank Routley memorial award nominations open now. He notes it is a very historic award and has been around for 70 years recognising someone in UWA community who has had a significant impact on student life, leadership, moral character etc and if you know anyone who you know, and would be good for the award you should look at the website and put that person forward,

JW reminds committee chairs to please send committee minutes to Chloe Keller so they can be approved by the Executive management committee to then be uploaded onto the Guild website.

JS says the volunteering awards night is coming up on 29th September. If you think you know anyone who deserves clubs or societies volunteering award or a person please nominate them.

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday September 30th 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.