



## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

### 1.2 Attendance

Oliver Barrett (OB)  
Jay Williams (JW)  
Insiah Riaz (IR)  
Reana Bose (RB)  
Zered Robinson (ZR)  
Xavier Anthony (XA)  
Blake Mercer (BM)  
Julia Suffell (JS)  
Louis Bird (LB)  
Rama Sugiarta (RS)  
Thomas Pearce (TP)  
Mutya Maragiot-Joseph (MM)  
Christina Young (CY)  
Tony Goodman (TG)  
Tara Mishra (TM)  
Abby Rai (AR)  
Troy Wood (TW)  
Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)  
Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)  
Hukam Kohli (HK) online  
Indie Otway (online)

### 1.3 Apologies

Zen Hately (ZH)  
Daneil Tyers (DT)  
Eva Coulter (EC)  
Emma Meunier (EM)  
Henry Walker (HW)

### 1.4 Proxies

BM for HG  
JS for RW

### 1.5 Absent

## 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

BM declares he has recently begun working for Hon Matt Koegh MP.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



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Passed.

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

**5.1** The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council appoints Jay Williams to be Acting Guild President from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

### 6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

#### 6.1 Managing Director

TG congratulates everyone for O-Day 2 and specifically to the events team and everyone who helped organising it and ensuring that all elements came together. TG says O-Day 2 was well received. TG says regulations will soon be approved by Senate and thanks everyone who was involved for the last few years. TG notes that they are in the process of getting some social workers and have just appointed a new catering manager who will hopefully start soon. TG adds that HR is still updating policies and there should be more coming out in august council including the updated one regarding conflict of interests. TG adds that a small group will be going to SEN in November. TG discusses the masterplan and say it is going along well and that the election is also well underway with nominations opening on the 27<sup>th</sup>. TG says the new website should be launching in August and that Lia, Aidan and the team has done a fantastic job. TG concludes by saying they will be trying to get a gardener for the Tavern,

#### 6.2 Finance Director

MM says for month of June we landed at a loss of 67 667 as opposed to a budgeted loss of 28 000, so it was off by close to 40k. MM says the year to date numbers are still looking good at close to a 494k income as opposed to budgeted income of close to 80k. MM explains that most of this loss is attributable to little expenses this month that were budgeted at the beginning of the year. MM notes that for other expenses, they are likely related to guild council lines. MM says the ESA is also a timing difference but year to date numbers are still looking under budget. MM notes that club grants are higher than what was budgeted at the start of the year but year to date numbers are also a bit higher. MM says that we are still lower than the full year budget and they are keeping a close eye on it because it seems like for Semester 2 hopefully they are not going to overboard. MM says aside from this most of the student departments are on or below budget. For the employee side, student assist is higher than budget due to the director who has not been allocated this month but it has been all charged to student assist rather than different departments. MM discusses that all other departments look healthy with the GSC a little higher than what was budgeted but a manager hasn't been



allocated yet and the volunteer centre is way better than budget because some of her salary was allocated to GSC and this can be corrected in the next year.

*Procedural motion to move into 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**

LB asks about the suggestion in Jacks report about the Nedlands café and asks what that was referring to. TG says they are looking at repurposing the whole building and have asked us if we would like to operate it, and that it will probably be a smaller café size to make it more economical.

*Directors reports passed.*

*Procedural motion to move to 10.1.*

## **8. STUDENT REPORTS**

### **8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barrett**

*as read*

*OB gives a massive shoutout for O-Day and everyone who helped and to the clubs who showed up. OB gives a special mention to TM, EB and IO for their amazing work.*

### **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**



*as tabled*

**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

*as tabled*

**8.17 Ethnocultural Officers:** Emma Meunier

*as tabled*

**8.18 Volunteering Chair:** Julia Suffell

*as tabled*

**8.19 OGCs** *as follows*

**Xavier Anthony**

*as tabled*

**AJ Church**

*as tabled*



Abby Rai

*as tabled*

Rama Sugiarta

*as tabled*

Tom Pearce

*as read*

*TP says there was a big protest on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at 7am which is when Pauline Hanson was meeting with CEOs in Perth. TP says It was an angry protest with migrants, teenagers and younger kids which is great and it is good to see public displays of opposition in the face of her rising popularity of Pauline Hanson and One Nation.*

*Ruby Woodhill*

*as tabled*

*Hukam Kohli*

*as tabled*

## **9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports**

BM asks a question about RS's report regarding the NUS working group and asks what the update is. RS says he did not receive much interest and says LB and him were talking about it earlier today and hoping to get something up soon.

*Students reports passed.*

## **10. NUS Reports.**

Emily Bunschoten

*as read*

EB says it was very interesting and that it was a valuable experience overall getting to meet everyone from other universities and see what was happening and what they were up to. EB says there were some great workshops on accessibility and wellbeing. EB notes that it was unfortunate to see that a lot of workshop couldn't take place or were not as productive as they could have been because of some peoples behaviour. EB says that if people were able to engage in more respectful conversations it could have been an even better and more productive experience.

Oliver Barrett

*as tabled*



*NUS reports passed.*

## **10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

### **10.1 HR Update**

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

### **11.1 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the Guild Stage 2B Business case.**

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

*This motion passes.*

### **11.2 The 113<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the Venture transfer Business case**

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Insiah Riaz

*This motion passes.*

*Procedural motion to move out of camera and move to point 8 passes.*

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

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

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

13.1.1 Supports the National Day of Action against Pauline Hanson which is organised by the National Union of Students

13.1.2 Notes that recently Pauline Hanson met and was interviewed by Tommy Robinson, a notorious British extremist and islamophobic activist who has incited pogroms and attacks against migrants and Muslims; in which she blames the end of the White Australia policy for 'migration issues' in Australia, and states that 'mass Islamic migration' will lead to the decline of Australia.

13.1.3 Will cross promote the NUS' National day of Action around Guild Channels subject to the Guild President's approval of materials to be promoted.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiatha

TP says this motion is about supporting a national day of action against Pauline Hanson who is becoming more popular and risking creating an extreme atmosphere of racism and violence. TP says Australia is one of the most diverse countries in the world and there is now more heightened racism. TP notes that if Pauline Hanson and her ideas are



continued to be normalised it will be quite shocking. TP says that in an interview with Tommy Robinson she implied that the end of the white Australia policy was something bad, negative and poor for Australia which is quite extreme racism. TP says it is important that student bodies and unions in each state stand against this and support days like this by putting aside money and spreading the word by helping print leaflets and posters which help make these days successful.

RS says it costs less than 50 dollars to do printing through the university. RS says it is a great way to get involved in the fight against the far right. RS says if you are not comfortable going to the protest there are other ways to get involved if protesting is not accessible to you by sharing online or talking to your friends and family.

BM asks a question about the part of the motion which says Guild will print 1000 leaflets and is curious about the distribution of these materials.

TP says the printed materials will be publicly available to students or for anyone to put them up and for anyone who wants to contribute.

TW speaks against the motion due to the wording within the motion that refers to Tommy Robinson as a fascist. TW notes that while he personally agrees with it, he mentions that it can leave us open to defamation law suits especially with Pauline Hanson being known to do this. TW suggests it may be best to reword this to ensure we don't get into any legal battles.

IR agrees about the specific use of the word fascist and suggest a friendly amendment to 13.1.2.

TP responds saying that Tommy Robinson has been called a fascist by other organisations which are publicly larger than the Guild but is happy to change the wording if it will be better to move the motion with alternate wording.

BM asks about the removal of the mention of him 'incited pogroms and attacks...'

TP says no, as it is factually accurate and he is known for organising mass protests against migrants.

OB asks who has previously detailed them as 'pogroms and attacks'.

TP says a pogrom is an event of prosecution and direct attack on a mass scale which is what those protests did, and that other left wing British media sites like democracy now and maybe the guardians have also noted them as pogroms.

JS says she is concerned about the printing of this number of leaflets and its environmental impact.



TP says 1000 leaflets would only be 200 pieces of paper and that it would only cost 50 dollars and that realistically the Guild does other printing in a similar scale.

OB says he is broadly for the sentiment of this motion but is going to speak against the motion in its current format. OB says he accepts the points around cost and says we can look more into the scale but says it could be viewed as putting money towards one thing that pushes students in one way. While OB agrees that Pauline Hanson is a far-right activist, he is not sure that it is a justifiable expense to politically push students one way or another and that we could look into putting it in a Guild channel in a less costly way. OB says after talking to lots of students he feels that very socialist organised things can actually push people further to the right instead of to the left as intended because some students may feel they are being harassed or bothered. OB says he will not be supporting this motion and that reiterates that Pauline Hanson is diabolical and not a good person and as Guild we should be condemning her but can't support the motion in its entirety the way it currently is.

RS responds to JS and says that we are about to do Guild elections and there is a lot of printing involved. RS notes that most people in this room have run in the Guild election and have been involved in printing in one way or another. RS thinks it is important to get students involved in political conversations through advocacy in this way. RS also says that allied health prac payments pushing students towards one political direction and so does the jobs ready graduate package also push students towards one direction and that those are also political and policy issues. RS says if we can push students to that then we could do more in the political advocacy side for this issue too.

TP says this is outrageous and that the question should not be about pushing students in one direction. TP believes we should be pushing students to fight this and the question is actually about if the Guild is going to stand up for migrants who are right now being targeted by Pauline Hanson. TP says he has talked to students who are terrified for this rise of Pauline Hanson and TP asks why 50 dollars can not be put towards this initiative that is being pushed nationally to stand up for migrants. TP concludes by saying it would be shameful if the Guild can't put 50 dollars towards students and migrants and the issues facing these students.

OB responds to RS and wants to make a point that the Guild does not put money towards the materials for different parties in the Guild Elections.

OB moves an unfriendly amendment to 13.1.3 to be amended to 'Will cross promote the NUS' National day of Action around Guild Channels subject to the Guild President's approval of materials to be promoted.'

TP responds saying Pauline Hanson has said that Islam is a social cancer and thinks that these are the kind of politics that we should openly stand against and we should print leaflets and posters that are publicly available for students, which is what the whole motion is about.



IR asks a question about OBs proposed amendment. She asks in regards to sharing through Guild Channels and asks what the process is around that and EMPs'

TP says they will be applying for an EMP through the Socialist Alternative.

OB says the EMP will need to be approved before any advertising is able to happen.

TW asks if the EMP is approved whether we take liability for anything that happens at the event.

TG says that with an EMP there will have to be a risk assessment and management plan. TG says there have been approved National Day of Actions before and that these EMPs are crucial. TG gives an example from the past where the City of Perth and Transperth were trying to find who to bill for people sticking things on bus stops as vandalism. TG reminds everyone that any materials should be mindful of keeping within UWA bi-laws. TG also adds that it can go on rotundas if it is approved.

*Vote for the amendment passes.*

*This motion passes.*

## **14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

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

14.1.1 Notes with grave concern the widespread systemic irregularities, paper leaks, and allegations of corruption surrounding the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) in India, affecting millions of young people and tertiary-bound students.

14.1.2 Condemns the excessive use of police force, violent baton charges (lathi-charges), tear gas, and mass detentions deployed by authorities against students, youth activists, and medical personnel peacefully exercising their democratic right to protest.

14.1.3 Recognises the severe emotional, mental, and academic distress experienced by UWA's international and South Asian diaspora students who are watching their peers and families face state violence for demanding educational integrity.

14.1.4 Reaffirms the UWA Student Guild's firm belief that freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of speech, and equal access to fair education are fundamental human rights that must be defended globally.

14.1.5 Stands in solidarity with student unions and young people in India campaigning for systemic educational reform, transparency, and justice.

14.1.6 Recognises that India is currently functioning as a fascist state, with little democratic rights, no freedom of expression, and a history of extreme violence, which protestors have bravely opposed.



14.1.7 Releases a public statement on Guild social media channels standing in solidarity with the affected students and reaffirming the Guild's commitment to academic integrity and democratic rights.

Moved: Reana Bose

Seconded: Ojaswi Shrestha

YS asks RB why the motion was late.

RB says it was late because she was away in Singapore and she lost her login and she wanted to research properly. OB and her were able to consult with students at UWA and that is very important to her.

*Vote to hear the motion passes.*

RB says this motion addresses one of the most glaring attacks on student rights and educational integrity in recent history. RB explains how over 2 million students spent years risking their families' life savings, and studying for the NEET medical entrance exam but notes that the entire process was fundamentally compromised by systemic corruption, organized paper leaks, and institutional cover-ups. RB adds that these students, medical personnel, and youth activists exercised their basic human right to gather peacefully at Jantar Mantar and across the country to demand transparency, but the state responded with brutal violence. RB notes that these students and people were met with violent baton charges (lathi-charges), tear gas, mass arbitrary detentions, and physical assaults. RB believes that standing against paper leaks, police violence, and demanding educational fairness are universal principles. She says that by passing this motion and releasing a public statement, our Guild will join student unions globally in refusing to look away while young people are beaten for demanding a fair future.

OS says that RB covered most of it but wants to speak on behalf of international students. OS talks about how she is from Nepal and has experienced what it is like to be here while protests and violence is happening back at home. OS notes it is common to feel left out and require extra support and that these students mental health can be impacted. OS says it is very concerning to see so many students and young people met with violence in India when they are just peacefully demanding for accountability and educational security. OS believes they still deserve fairness, transparency and confidence that their hard work for these exams will be rewarded through a fair and incorrupt system.

*No questions for the motion.*

TP speaks for the motion and thinks it is very important and inspiring and is a huge student movement in an authoritarian intense society. TP notes the horrible oppression from police using tear gas and hitting students. TP says these protestors are inspiring



and are demanding a better education system. TO believes that them demanding a more democratic and fairer society free of intense wealth disparity is huge.

*This motion passes.*

## 15. GENERAL BUSINESS

OB says a publication policy will be coming to next council.

JW says a Mace bearer is needed on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August at 6pm. JW adds that Matthew Pavlich is getting an honorary doctorate and is a guest speaker at this graduation so if that peaks anyones interest and you want to meet or sit on the stage with him to et JW know.

JW also says he got reached out to for someone seeking feedback on unit outlines and UWA is going and comprehensively redesigning unit outlines so if anyone wanted to be involved in that, please let JW know and he can pass on the information of who to contact.

## 16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2026**. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.