

## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 Attendance
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 **Proxies**
- 1.4 **Observers**
- 1.5 Absent

### 2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 26 February as a true and accurate account.
  Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan
- 3.2 The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 29 January as a true and accurate account.
  Moved: Luke Thomas
  Seconded: Bre Shanahan

### 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

- 5.1 The 107th Guild council:
  - 5.1.1 Stands with CAPA's "Support Australia's future, support postgrads campaign!"
  - 5.1.2 Calls on the university to apply an automatic extension for at least 6 months to PhD candidates
  - 5.1.3 Calls on the Government to support extensions to RTP scholarships for a minimum of 6 months
  - 5.1.4 Demands that all HDR and coursework postgraduate students who are on paid placements with industry partners be guaranteed funding for the duration of COVID-19 and thereafter
  - Moved: Rahul MS

Seconded: Bre Shanahan

- 5.2 The 107th Guild Council, for a period of 6 months:
  - 5.2.1 Approves that for a temporary period, a student can apply for an ordinary loan with proof of one month bank statement and a letter (or proof) from an employer stating they have been stood down from a work position
  - 5.2.2 Temporarily approves increasing Guild Grants to a maximum of \$500
  - 5.2.3 Temporarily allows approval of grants over \$250 to be given by the Guild President (or Acting President) and one other member of the Student Executive



5.2.4 Temporarily amends the policy on loans and grants to include living expensesMoved: Bre ShanahanSeconded: Luke Thomas

## 6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

### 7.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 7.1 Managing Director
- 7.2 Commercial
- 7.3 Finance
- 7.4 Student Services

# 8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President
- 8.2 General Secretary
- 8.3 Guild Chair
- 8.4 Vice President
- 8.5 Education Council President
- 8.6 Societies Council President
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President
- 8.8 WASAC Chair
- 8.9 Women's Officer
- 8.10 Welfare Officer
- 8.11 Postgraduate Students' Association President
- 8.12 International Students' Department President
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President
- 8.14 Environment Officer
- 8.15 Sports Officer
- 8.16 Access Department
- 8.17 Pride Officers
- 8.18 Ethnocultural Collective Conveners

### 9.0 QUESTION TIME

### 10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 10.1 The 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the 2020 election timetable, and the 2020 delayed election timetable as circulated.
  Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan
- 10.2 The 107th Guild Council approves the 2019 audited accounts, as endorsed by the Audit & Risk Committee and approved by the Strategic Resources Committee. Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan

## 11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)



- 11.1 The Guild upholds the decision of the Governance Committee to rule the PSA FABLE Research Representative election invalid. Moved: Amy Hearder Seconded: Ahmad Hafizuddin
- 11.2 The 107 Guild Council:
  - 11.2.1 Recognises and thanks UWA staff who have worked relentlessly in the transition to online learning, and who have extended support to students during this time of crisis
  - 11.2.2 Opposes cuts to staff, pay and conditions, recognising this will have a detrimental impact on student learning
  - 11.2.3 Stands in solidarity with the UWA branch of the NTEU in their efforts to protect staff

11.2.4 Calls on the Government to commit to further support for universities Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Emma Mezger

- 11.3 The 107 Guild Council
  - 11.3.1 Condemns the Australian Government's horrific treatment of refugees, which has come under renewed scrutiny due to the unsafe conditions which put all people in detention at heightened risk of contracting Covid-19
  - 11.3.2 Stands in solidarity with refugees protesting for safe conditions in addition to their freedom. This includes detainees in the Mantra Hotel in Melbourne, and Kangaroo point Hotel in Brisbane
  - 11.3.3 Supports demonstrations in solidarity with refugees, such as the car cavalcade in Melbourne outside the Mantra Hotel and the socially-distanced exercise event in Brisbane outside the Kangaroo Point Hotel where refugees are detained
  - 11.3.4 Condemns the use of fines against demonstrators by Victoria Police despite compliance with social distancing measures, recognising that this is a violation of civil liberties and freedom of speech unrelated to ensuring public health
  - 11.3.5 Affirms student's rights to protest and engage in activism, particularly in a way that is safe

Moved: Nicole McEwen Seconded: Vin Kalim

- 11.4 The 107 Guild Council
  - 11.4.1 Recognises that during the Covid-19 pandemic, state and federal governments are still approving environmentally destructive projects. This includes further approvals for the Adani coal mine, as well as approvals to mine coal underneath a water reservoir in NSW
  - 11.4.2 Commits to continuing environmental activism in any way that is possible and safe during the pandemic
  - 11.4.3 Endorses and encourages students to attend the Uni Students for Climate Justice Digital Climate Strike on May 15Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: Will Norrish

- 11.5 The 107 Guild council:
  - 11.5.1 Notes that the economic impacts of the pandemic, particularly the loss of revenue from international students, is currently resulting in a nation-wide university restructure



- 11.5.2 Recognises this restructure of the higher education sector will table job cuts, course cuts, and other attacks on student and staff conditions, which will further the corporatisation of our universities
- 11.5.3 Commits to defending student and staff conditions where and when cuts are proposed Moved: Nicole McEwen Seconded: Bre Shanahan
- 11.6 The 107th Guild Council:
  - 11.6.1 Stands in solidarity with the international students who were racially abused in Melbourne.
  - 11.6.2 Condemns any form of racism anywhere and especially on the UWA campuses.

Moved: Zhen You

Seconded: Ridhima Vinayachandran

- 11.7 The 107th Guild Council:
  - 11.7.1 Calls on the federal Government to extend all Subclass 500 Student Visas by 12 months, in recognition of the interruption to international student's education during this crisis.
  - 11.7.2 Calls on the federal Government to extend temporary graduate VISAs (subclass 485) to the individuals who are on Bridging VISA-A or Bridging VISA B as of 25 March 2020
  - 11.7.3 Calls on the federal Government to provide for visa extensions to HDR students that have submitted their thesis, for the duration of Australia's and their home country's, COVID-19 travel restrictions
  - 11.7.4 Calls on the federal government to ensure International postgraduate HDR and coursework students who withdrew from their studies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have secure funding, VISA protection and OSHC permitted
  - 11.7.5 Calls on the federal Government to provide stimulus package payments or equivalent, to all international postgraduate students who remain enrolled for the entire duration of the pandemic, including to those who are recipients of the RTP stipend and/or tuition fee offset scholarships
  - 11.7.6 Calls on the state and federal government to provide more financial support to the institutions which are housing international students such as residential colleges and to Universities as well.

Moved: Viknash VM Seconded: Zhen You

Seconded: Zhen You

- 11.8 The 107th Guild Council:
  - 11.8.1 Would like to acknowledge and celebrate with students who are partaking in the following festivals in April:
    - 11.8.1.1 Easter
    - 11.8.1.2 Pesach
    - 11.8.1.3 Start of Ramadan
    - 11.8.1.4 South Asian New Year, Celebrated uniquely in different parts of India, Nepal and in Sri Lanka
    - 11.8.1.5 South-East Asian New Year, Celebrated uniquely in Burma, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand

Moved: Ahmad Hafizuddin

Seconded: Ridhima Vinayachandran



- 11.9 The UWA Student Guild
  - 11.9.1 Supports the NUS SaveOurStudents campaign, and endorses its 7 key demands which include:
    - 11.9.1.1 Fixing Centrelink
    - 11.9.1.2 Securing Housing
    - 11.9.1.3 Reducing Fees
    - 11.9.1.4 Supporting international student financial assistance
    - 11.9.1.5 Free visa extensions
    - 11.9.1.6 Fair assessment adjustment
    - 11.9.1.7 Textbook accessibility
  - 11.9.2 The UWA Student Guild recognizes the negative impacts the pandemic has had on all students at UWA and commits to working with the NUS to advocate for all students on a national level.
- 11.9.3 Directs the Education Action Network to implement this campaign at UWA Moved: Emma Mezger

Seconded: Bre Shanahan

## **12.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

12.1.1 The 107th Guild Council thanks Curtis White and Michael Barblett, the 2020 PROSH Directors, and Annelise Jansen and Paris Javid, the 2020 PROSH Editors, for their efforts in coordinating the 89th PROSH.
 Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Luke Thomas

### 13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 14.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held 27 May at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.