



1.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Passed.

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

Passed.

2.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

- 2.1 The 107th Guild council:
- 2.1.1 Stands with CAPA's "Support Australia's future, support postgrads campaign!"
 - 2.1.2 Calls on the university to apply an automatic extension for at least 6 months to PhD candidates
 - 2.1.3 Calls on the Government to support extensions to RTP scholarships for a minimum of 6 months
 - 2.1.4 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

Passed by circular, noted in council.

- 2.2 The 107th Guild Council, for a period of 6 months:
- 2.2.1 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
 - 2.2.2 Temporarily approves increasing Guild Grants to a maximum of \$500
 - 2.2.3 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
 - 2.2.4 Temporarily amends the policy on loans and grants to include living expenses
- Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Luke Thomas

Passed by circular, noted in council.

3.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 3.1 The 107th Guild Council accepts the 2020 election timetable, and the 2020 delayed election timetable as circulated.
Moved: Luke Thomas



Seconded: Bre Shanahan

- 3.2 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

Passed.

4.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 4.1 The Guild upholds the decision of the Governance Committee to rule the PSA FABLE Research Representative election invalid.
Moved: Amy Hearder
Seconded: Ahmad Hafizuddin

Passed.

- 4.2 The 107 Guild Council:
- 4.2.1 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
 - 4.2.2 Opposes cuts to staff, pay and conditions, recognising this will have a detrimental impact on student learning
 - 4.2.3 We stand with NTEU members fighting to protect jobs, pay and conditions
 - 4.2.4 Calls on the Government to commit to further support for universities
- Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Emma Mezger

Passed.

- 4.3 The 107 Guild Council
- 4.3.1 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
 - 4.3.2 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
 - 4.3.3 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
 - 4.3.4 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
 - 4.3.5 Affirms student's rights to protest and engage in activism, particularly in a way that is safe
- Moved: Nicole McEwen
Seconded: Vin Kalim

Passed.



4.4 The 107 Guild Council

- 4.4.1 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
- 4.4.2 Commits to continuing environmental activism in any way that is possible and safe during the pandemic
- 4.4.3 Endorses and encourages students to attend the Uni Students for Climate Justice Digital Climate Strike on May 15

Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: Will Norrish

Passed.

4.5 The 107 Guild council:

- 4.5.1 Recognises the loss in revenue from the unavoidable reduction in international student enrolments, Australia's third largest export, impacting University income.
- 4.5.2 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
- 4.5.3 Commits to defending student and staff conditions where and when cuts are proposed

Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Passed.

4.6 The 107th Guild Council:

- 4.6.1 Stands in solidarity with the international students who were racially abused in Melbourne.
- 4.6.2 Condemns any form of racism anywhere and especially on the UWA campuses.

Moved: Zhen You

Seconded: Ridhima Vinayachandran

Passed.

4.7 The 107th Guild Council:

- 4.7.1 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.
- 4.7.2 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



- 4.7.3 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
- 4.7.4 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
- 4.7.5 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
- 4.7.6 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

Passed.

- 4.8 The 107th Guild Council would like to acknowledge and stand with students who observe religious and cultural festivities that have been impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Moved: Ahmad Hafizuddin
Seconded: Ridhima Vinayachandran

Passed.

- 4.9 The UWA Student Guild
 - 4.9.1 Supports the NUS SaveOurStudents campaign, and endorses its 7 key demands which include:
 - 4.9.1.1 Fixing Centrelink
 - 4.9.1.2 Securing Housing
 - 4.9.1.3 Reducing Fees
 - 4.9.1.4 Supporting international student financial assistance
 - 4.9.1.5 Free visa extensions
 - 4.9.1.6 Fair assessment adjustment
 - 4.9.1.7 Textbook accessibility
 - 4.9.2 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.
 - 4.9.3 Directs the Education Action Network to implement this campaign at UWA alongside a campaign against funding cuts to staff and students.

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Passed.

5.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE



5.1.1 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

Passed.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.0 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.