



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance: Bre Shanahan, Connor Price, Costa Toufenexis, Anna Kimpton, Christopher John Daudu, Amy Hearder, Mike Anderson, Vin Kalim, Martha Mckinley, Rahul MS, Riley Klug, Omar Mcintrye, Sophia Perkins, Max Tran, Emma Mezger, Daniel Roden, Nicole Mcewen, Jacob Rosendall, Ridhima Vinay, Meizhu Chen, David Hallam, Riley Doleman, Zhen You, Ahmad Hafizuddin, Pauline Chiwawa, Viknash VM, William Norrish, Steven Okbay

1.2 Proxies: NA

1.3 Apologies: Saleem Alodeh

1.4 Absent: Neve Saltari

1.5 Observers: Jasreet Mann, Tyler Walsh, Tharani Sivakurman, Naomi Cauchi, Neelam Ganatra, Ella Kanchipuram, Buyanjargal Batsuuri, Shelby Robinson, Julia Chavez, Youssef Francis, Nick Brown, Jessie Gallagher, Tanya Goel, Yaali Varshini, Tharani Sivakumaran, Alexander Adam, Diana Onyoni, Milvert Ling, Daniel Frost, Esa Chrulew

Amy moves a procedural motion to move to an in-camera discussion.

Motion Passes.

Amy Moves a procedural motion to move out of an in-camera discussion.

Motion Passes.

2.0 DECLARATION OF POTNETIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NA

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

Motion Passes unanimously with an amendment by Mike Anderson to alter a

slight error in the February Minutes.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

5 BUSINESS COMPLETED BY 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

Motion passed.

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 expenses

Moved: Bre Shanahan Seconded: Luke Thomas

Motion Passed.

6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None.

7.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 7.1 Managing Director – As read
- 7.2 Commercial – As tabled
- 7.3 Finance – As read
- 7.4 Student Services – As tabled

7.1 Managing Directors Report

Tony states he has been working on governance committee statutes and has been working with Amy and Bre on updating the regulations for the governance of the Guild. Getting quite close to a submission on this and will get a final review to be overviewed by council soon.

Guild audit and risk committee was on the 21st of April. University commended the Guild for everything it's doing on health and safety, especially in regard to COVID-19.

Tony outlines that council needs to discuss SSAF acquittal document and needs to be circulated this evening, as only a short time frame for this to be approved. For clarification purposes, Tony explains that the SSAF acquittal document is the document the Guild sends to the university on how it spends it's SSAF allocation. Feedback from Chris Massey and David Saddler was positive, and Tony commends the councils work and the finance teams' efforts in the positive reviews the SSAF acquittal document has received.

The Guild is seeking the Job seeker allowance and has been approved to support the staff that have been affected by COVID-19. Welfare and support have been increased across various areas to support staff and the parts of the Guild that are still operational. The only two outlets which are operating currently are IGA and the pharmacy as they are seen as essential services.

All projects and tenancies in the western precinct have been postponed due to COVID-19.

The Guild election timetable has been drafted and there are two timetables that will be approved by council. Due to social distancing restrictions, the election may be postponed by a month, and hence two timetables are necessary if government restrictions are not lifted in time for the original election timetable. One development Tony is enquiring into is staff members can be trained up as returning officers to run the elections. This will be a pool of dedicated staff members that are trained to be returning officers by the WA Election Commission.

Tony mentions the external audit report by Deloitte, which was very positive overall.

Tony also mentions the assistance the Guild has provided the university in setting up an independent flu vaccine area in the old pharmacy tenancy building.

Roll'd has signed on to become a tenant with the Guild and received final paperwork from the university for them to become a tenant. Construction as long as social distancing is practiced will start in the coming weeks.

Tony also mentions the mid-year budget review will be highly conservative due to the COVID-19 situation and loss of some of the Guild's operational capacity.

Mike asks Tony with returning officer training will be available for students? And are there

any plans for the Co-op space?

Tony states the Co-op is being looked at by a two-pronged perspective, one will look see if an appropriate tenant will fill that space, Covid-19 situation has put negotiations on hold for an appropriate tenant. Secondly, management are considering moving the Guild Student Centre and Volunteering into that space. It is a bigger space that will allow for better operational capacity. This will free up space for other student activities, and eventually create a flow in area from the student center into the refectory.

Omar asks Tony about lighting on campus. His understanding was an audit was secured but are there any actions that have come about from this audit?

Bre speaks to this question as she was the one that implemented the audit as Women's officer in 2019. The audit showed the University did not meet certain guidelines and committed to funding better lighting on campus. Since this audit the safer communities working group was postponed as the next meeting was when the university was shut down from COVID-19. Bre adds she will update Omar by next council meeting on the audit.

7.3 Finance Report

Mutya reminds the council that the financial team is still business as usual and still need same documentation when processing refunds or re-imburement. She adds they may be a slight delay in processing as this process is all online now.

Mutya proceeds with the monthly management report and landed significantly over budget for the month of March. Some of this is a timing difference, most of the overbudgeting is due to the catering and property budget been overbudget, due to giving rental rebatements in March. Catering is also at a loss due to the COVID-19 situation, with only Quobba Gnarning and the dental kiosk café been operational.

In regard to student departments, the only department that is over budget is the Guild Council primarily because of the utilities been higher than expected. The Guild is in negotiations with the university about utility fees and may or may not be adjusted in the coming months.

Some grants have been not been distributed yet but have been budgeted in March, such as the Education Council, SOC and PSA.

On the staff side, the events budget is the most notable, and this reflects the timing difference with the O-Day expenses coming in March but been budgeted in February. With expenses coming in at 40,000\$ overbudget. Engagement is overbudget due to advertising income that has not arrived yet, close to 9,000\$. Design is slightly overbudget due to PROSH overtime.

Omar asks Mutya what the knock-on effect of the COVID-19 situation will have on the pricing policy of the Guild in regard to catering?

Mutya states that the last increase in prices was about four years ago and management

was thinking about doing it this year. However, this will depend on how the financial situation of the Guild in light of the COVID-19.

Tony adds that this is something that we have to look at as we subsidize food heavily and also provide an additional discount to students. Guild membership adds up to 470,000\$ in discounts.

Amy moves a motion to accept all directors' reports.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

8.0. STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President – As read – Slight adjustment in report about transcript volunteer hours for clubs and societies. Currently it states that student will have to completed 26.5 hours of student leadership training. Amend that student undertake training, to compensate any changes in student leadership training that may happen in future.
- 8.2 General Secretary – As tabled
- 8.3 Guild Chair – As tabled
- 8.4 Vice President – As tabled
- 8.5 Education Council President – As tabled
- 8.6 Societies Council President – As tabled
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President – As tabled
- 8.8 WASAC Chair – As tabled
- 8.9 Women's Officer – As tabled
- 8.10 Welfare Officer – As tabled
- 8.11 Postgraduate Students' Association President – As tabled
- 8.12 International Students' Department President – As Read – Viknash just clarifies that some of the reports that were done about COVID-19 in January and February are included at the end of the April report.
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President – As Read – Amendment giving change in funding due to COVID-19 changing some plans for 2020.
- 8.14 Environment Officer – As tabbed
- 8.15 Sports Officer – As tabled
- 8.16 Access Department – As tabled
- 8.17 Pride Officers – As tabled
- 8.18 Ethnocultural Collective Conveners – As tabled

Amy moves a motion to pass all Student Reports.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

9.0 Question Time

Nicole asks question to Bre and Emma. In a lot of reports, there is a lot of nitty gritty educational changes that are important to students and commends the inclusion in

reports of changes to the census date. Has anything been done to mention the changes in the higher education restructuring that will be a result of the COVID-19 situation? How will the restructure affect UWA specifically?

Bre states she is happy to do a public statement regarding changes to higher education sector and promises to mention this restructuring in future reports. Bre has not heard specifically what is happening at the UWA level, but Emma is coordinating the action against university restructuring through the Education Action Network.

Emma states she has just received the care pack for the Save Our Students campaign. Has not heard anything specifically about restructuring.

Jacob asks for clarification on if Semester two is confirmed to be fully online including exams? As that was what was included in the ISD report on page four.

Viknash states the Vice Chancellor emailed out to students that was what was happening in semester two. She said that they are prepared to do it online and is specifically meant for international students who may have had to go back home due to COVID-19.

Bre clarifies that because government restrictions have not been lifted, they will continue to offer units online. Should the restrictions be lifted and its safe to go back to campus, classes will be offered face to face. However, classes will still be offered in an online format for international students who cannot stay in Perth. That does not necessarily mean that exams will be entirely online.

Omar asks Vin does she believe it to be appropriate that considering the financial situation of the Guild that PAC should be using funds to buy prizes for PAC's talent show?

Vin states the prizes were in partnership with the UWA events team and the event has already been underway, and PAC was going to spend the money regardless as the event has already been underway for ten days. Needs to an incentive for the competition we are running. As a committee, we have postponed all our other events to semester two and this is the only event we have run that has used PAC's fund. Half of that money has come from Guild events, so it's not just PAC's money it was split 50/50 with Guild events.

10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

10.1 The 107th Guild Council accepts the 2020 election timetable, and the 2020 delayed election timetable as circulated.

Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Luke states that as Council is aware COVID-19 has affected normal student life and as such the two schedules will enable students to vote either by the original schedule as planned or the delayed schedule.

Mike asks why the delayed schedule is a week longer? Is that just to account for semester break in the middle of the schedule? How will this play out if we have a 2nd study break in semester two?

Bre answers that the schedule was moved to the latest possible time without having the study break in the middle of the schedule. It will still only be one week of polling, one week of campaigning.

Bre clarifies that if they were to be a 2nd study break then that would be at the start of the semester two. At present, study break in semester two is in week nine. She furthers that the study break will not affect guild elections, but if it does, we as a council can establish an alternative schedule and adjust as necessary with Council approval.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

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

Luke states this is in regard to the Deloitte audited report and financial from last year. We need council to approve these. If any specifics on report, ask Tony and Mutya.

Bre thanks Mutya and the finance department for putting this report together.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

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

Amy passes the chair to Bre for the duration of 11.1

Bre states that Amy has passed a motion regarding the PSA fable representative, both of the letters for this are in the Guild Council OneDrive.

Amy speaks for the motion, stating that she received an appeal for the beginning of March and the Governance Committee upheld the appeal ruling the election of the PSA FABLE representative invalid. Rahul appealed this and Governance reviewed again and upheld its original decision, Rahul has appealed the decision again which is why council is reviewing this decision. Rahul's letter to council cites rule 6.6.5 of the PSA rules which state that the PSA committee can determine vacant positions. Amy states this is correct but doesn't give the PSA Committee the power to overrule other rules. The letter also cites that Amy has in the past stated Microsoft forms for voting is an acceptable form of running an election. Amy states that regardless of what she said in the past are not official rules of the Governance Committee.

The issue is not necessarily the use of Microsoft forms, but the way they were used with student numbers. The concern the Governance Committee had was the PSA president been involved as a scrutineer and been able to touch and handle votes. This is a violation of Governance Committee rules, specifically 9.2.4 which states scrutineers cannot handle votes or otherwise interfere with votes. In his letter, Rahul state he emailed the votes to the returning officer which is a violation of rule 9.2.4. Amy also said the Microsoft forms did not constitute a secret ballot and is more than happy to elaborate on why the Governance committee came to its decision.

Ahmad adds that there are five points in the Governance Committee decision that show how the election was not done correctly. It is really up to the Guild Council to deliberate the decision.

Callum asks to Amy in the Governance Committee's decision, was Rahul consulted previously to this decision? And does it not seem unfair that an Office Bearer would not be consulted with a body removing someone from his committee?

Amy answers that in her letter, the Governance Committee is not required to consult with PSA on this matter. The appeal process is a chance for the PSA to address that appeal process. Practicality is not part of the decision-making process in the governance committee and our job is to find out if there has been a breach of the rules. The priority is assessing if there has been a breach and then we can look at support in regard to filling that election vacancy. Amy reiterates that the PSA is more than capable of running an online election and the rules allow the PSA to run an election online. It is also possible to have an interim FABLE representative on the committee, so the PSA is not adversely affected by this decision.

Callum asks Amy what would the Governance Committee suggest other than Microsoft Office and people identifying themselves via there student number to run an election? Particularly since Microsoft forms has been used by the PSA in past elections. How long does Rahul have to re-run this election?

Amy states that online elections are run all the time and PSA has run them in the past. In Amy's letter, she cites software that can be used. Even though this is a difficult time, it is still possible that PSA can run an online election. She states that the Governance Committee has not taken this decision likely and Guild management staff are always there to support student representatives that run elections in this manner.

Riley asks what solutions Amy might have regarding not using student numbers in an election where potentially students could vote twice?

Amy reiterates the issue was not to do with student numbers, the issue is the integrity of the election and anybody that has worked with elections before would know that if there is any identifying feature on the ballot, that vote is invalid. The issue the Governance Committee had was the student number and the casting of votes were on the same form. If the vote was printed out, you would see the student's identity along with their vote which would make that ballot, not a secret ballot anymore. To deal with this Amy suggest sending a voting link which allows the student to only vote once to mitigate the risk of voter fraud and people more than once.

Rahul states that in the 2019 PSA AGM election, votes and student numbers were on the same ballot, specifically a paper ballot vote. Can Amy explain this decision in light of this?

Amy answers that the Governance Committee has been aware of similar issues occurring in the past including the PSA AGM election of 2019. She states that this appeal only applies to this one election and no other elections occurring at the same time. She explains that the Governance Committee is looking forward to working with Rahul in the future to make sure voter anonymity in PSA elections is preserved and mitigate against any future appeals.

Bre states that Nicole has moved a procedural motion to move directly to a vote without undertaking debate. Bre moves this procedural motion.

For: Nicole Mcewen

Motion Fails.

Bre moves to debate on the motion.

Mike speaks for the motion, stating that he read over the document and there were clear issues on how votes were handled, and forms were constructed. If scrutineer knows the format of the form, they can see individual responses, especially when the student number is attached. Nobody should have access to the forms other than the returning officer and this disrupts the secrecy of the ballot if the President did have access to the forms. In essence they are programs that can do this in a way that is fairer and are viable options for PSA to pursue and encourages PSA to take on these platforms. He also encourages PSA and the Governance Committee to clean up their rules so appeals like this do not happen in the future.

Callum speaks against the motion and agrees with Mike there are a lot of problems around online voting. The facts remain that this motion removes the FABLE representative for postgraduate students at a time of real stress. When these elections have been held online in previous years, there has been no difference in the way that they have been conducted. Some elections that have occurred when it's the appointment of a casual position, they have just Facebook messaged the head of that Department. With the student numbers he states in postgraduate elections you need to know with certainty who a postgraduate student and students are not voting twice. The returning officer was a UWA staff member making any form of voter fraud unlikely. Rahul has debated on how to improve the elections and the alternative was to pay 900\$ for an external company to host the election. He agrees the proposals need to be looked at going forward, but the Governance Committee cannot cherry pick this election to be invalid.

Amy speaking for the motion addresses the points Callum has raised, reiterating this is the last thing she wants to do in this trying time. She states that appointing an interim FABLE representative that is on the committee already, will allow for FABLE postgraduate students to still have adequate representation. She reiterates this is an

appeal raised by a student and is no way a partisan attack. This is why the Governance Committee has made the decision for this one election and does not cover other elections. She states it's the duty of the Governance Committee to make sure the PSA Committee is following the PSA rules, and albeit other departments have different rules, proper procedures still need to be followed. With the PSA president having access to votes, the rules state the PSA president can be a scrutineer, but this does not exempt the PSA president from having access to votes. This includes nominations forms, access to responses to the forms, as only the returning officer should have access to these forms, and this is the crucial issue in this case.

Rahul states that he has asked Kelvin who is the Guild IT staff member if he could enact the login feature that was present in the previous year's elections. Since UWA has moved from G-suite to Office 365 he was unable to enact this log in feature. The only way that he can identify if a student is postgraduate is by their student number. He consulted with previous PSA presidents and they advised him to follow rule 6.3.5.

Luke adds that this is a problem that the PSA is better for having addressed now, as going forward elections are run with this in mind. Luke says that someone having data on how everybody voted is problematic, particularly if that data can be seen by people other than the returning officer. It is also problematic, because if you knew somebody else's student number and could vote on their behalf. If a student made an appeal, Governance procedure would say we have to rule this way and cannot forsake rules because it's convenient.

Callum adds that if you are holding PSA to this standard other Guild Departments need to be held to this standard.

Bre passes a vote on retaining the Governance Committee's decision

Abstention: Viknash VM, Nicole Mcewen,
Against: Riley Klug, Callum Lindsay, Rahul MS

Motion Passes.

Bre passes' the Chair to Amy.

- 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 with NTEU members fighting to protect, jobs, pay and conditions
 - 11.2.4 Calls on the Government to commit to further support for universities
- Moved: Bre Shanahan Seconded: Emma Mezger

Bre speaks for the motion and states the first half of the motion is to thank the staff that have worked overtime to ensure the transition to online learning has been a smooth transition. Important to stand in solidarity with staff who are now facing job losses and decreases in their pay and conditions. Additionally, the Guild calls upon the government to support universities further, as the federal government has proposed nothing to save universities who are adversely affected by COVID-19.

Emma adds that it's an important motion to support and that we should be looking to the federal government for support.

Nicole asks what strategy you have for calling on the government to better fund universities? She states that the NTEU has a job protectionist standpoint and this contradicts fighting for protecting university jobs.

Bre states that Emma and she have been working on this as part of the Save Our Students campaign. They put together a campaign calendar which they are happy to circulate with the rest of Guild Council. The motion in particular draws upon some of the NUS strategies such as zoom sit in's and writing to local members of parliament, as well as putting pressure on the university through the position some members hold on university committees. Intention of motion is to stand with staff and their union, not to get into NTEU politics.

Nicole speaks for the motion; the thrust of motion is correct, and we should oppose cuts and call on the government to increase funding. However, the political cannot be exempt from its impact on students, due to the NTEU's position of been friendly with the university management and overseeing cuts. There is no guarantee that job losses will not occur and in fact, lots of casual workers have already lost their jobs at UWA. We can't afford to not take a stand on this, and staff will exude confidence and be more willing to take a stand if they know the student body is behind them. She asks if Bre and Emma would be friendly in changing the wording 11.2.3 to 'stands with NTEU members fighting to protect, jobs, pay and conditions', instead of the original wording of 'Stands in solidarity with the UWA branch of the NTEU in their efforts to protect staff'.

Bre and Emma agree to this friendly amendment.

Motion passes unanimously.

- 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

Nicole asks council if she can give speaking rights to Esa Chrulew

Amy reminds council that 2/3 majority of council is required to have observer speak.

Amy moves a procedural motion to give Esa speaking rights

Against: Jacob Rosendall, David Hallam

Motion Passes.

Esa speaks for the motion stating that Australian government has advertised the importance of social distancing but is forcing refugee's into detention centers which have limited social distancing capabilities. Peaceful protestors in Sydney and Melbourne protested in supporting these refugees in which they drove past in their cars around the hotel where these refugees have been detained to show solidarity. The protestors did not break social distancing rules, but protestors were fined a total of up to 43,000\$. Shows that this health crisis disproportionately puts at risk those who are vulnerable like refugees. She states that it is the role of student unions to stand up for refugee freedoms and protect the right to protest.

Vin adds that it is the duty of student leaders to realise how political issues do affect students.

Bre speaks for the motion stating that UWA students often come from refugee backgrounds and also to support students right to protest.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

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 15

Moved: Nicole McEwen Seconded: Will Norrish

Nicole asks if Alex Adam can speak on behalf of this motion.

Amy passes a procedural motion to grant Alex speaking rights.

Against: Jacob Rosendall, David Hallam

Motion passes.

Alex states that there is an inherent unwillingness by political leaders to act on key environmental decisions have galvanized students into action. The Australian government has used COVID-19 as a smokescreen to allow for the approval of damaging environmental projects. We have to continue our activist strategies to facilitate a conscious student body that can act on any adverse environmental actions that do arise.

William reiterates the need for activism in this time, in light of the approvals of the rail line to carry coal the Adani coal mine to Abbott Point and the permanent ban of indigenous activist. We need to push for climate activism in light of these environmentally unsound projects.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

- 11.5 The 107 Guild council:
- 11.5.1 Notes the economic impacts of the pandemic, particularly the unavoidable impacts of international student enrolments, 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

Nicole states there has been an amendment to 11.5.1 amending it to 'Notes the economic impacts of the pandemic, particularly the unavoidable impacts of international student enrolments, resulting in a nation-wide university restructure' instead of the original wording which was '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'. This was just a rewording to clarify that international students were not at fault for the university restructure.

She furthers that this restructure is not a minor restructure, as the university has lost millions of dollars in revenue, which they will be unlikely to recapture. Higher education in Australia has run on the basis of international students, with COVID-19 this will be massive loss of revenue. The university sector will be re-gearred and will not be a big export for Australia anymore, this is evident by the government failing to act to save university funding's. This virus will impact the industry for decades and we need a strategy and puts forward what students want their universities to operate.

This loss will be pushed onto staff and students and we need to reject the premise that students should pay for the virus. Even before the crisis UWA was planning a 50 million dollar cut. Students should not have to give up courses due to privatisation of the universities. We need to show in practice that we oppose cuts centred around an education campaign. Even though I support the NUS campaign to support student welfare, we need to tackle the overarching issue of student cuts.

Bre states that universities have been forced into this position by the imposition of cuts to funding over many years. If we do not support this now, we will continue to see the corporatisation of universities, which disadvantage student's university experience.

Jacob moves a procedural motion to move straight to a vote without a debate.

For: Jacob Rosendall, Luke Thomas, Emma Mezger, David Hallam, Riley Klug, CJ Dadua, Omar McIntyre

Against: Bre Shanahan, Amy Header, Nicole Mcewen, Viknash VM, Ahmad Hafizzudin, Pauline Chiawa, Callum Lindsay, Rahul MS, Vin Kalim, Riley Doleman, Ridhima Vinyachandran, Zhen You

Motion Fails.

Amy continues debate

Nicole speaks for the motion saying the Guilds strategy is that you say you do not support cuts to education, but the strategy does not state that. What Nicole wants to do through this motion is state that we cannot limit ourselves to just supporting student welfare as predicated by the NUS campaign. The NUS campaign does not take on cuts to staff and cuts to courses. How are we putting pressure on the government towards these negative cuts to students?

Amy moves a procedural a vote on this motion.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

- 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

Zhen states there was an incident where students of Asian descent were identified as and were abused due to the COVID-19 situation. Zhen reinforces that the Guild stands in solidarity with international students and condemns this act of racism.

Nicole speaks for the motion and is relevant in Perth as the far right have hung up racist banners around the CBD, and how we need to take an activist stand in the fight against racism.

Omar states there has been a notable increase in the incidence and frequency of discriminatory behaviour, even in aftermath of COVID-19 they will be more animosity towards ethnic diversity. He suggests that the Guild needs to take more active steps in denouncing racist behaviour and partnering with external organisations to combat discrimination.

Viknash supports this motion and states he is happy that there were no incidents of racist behaviour on Perth campuses. Before campus shut down, ISD put up posters in the Guild Village to show it condemned racism. Domestic students also called out anybody who was openly racist. He states that we are going in the right direction we just need to keep re-affirming our position that racism affects everybody and is inherently abhorrent.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

- 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 Secinded: Zhen You

Viknash states that calling on the federal government is necessary as there is no changes in regard to Visa requirements. When the government changes the Visa requirements then UWA can allow for part-time study for international students. Visa conditions are such that you have to finish your degree in a stipulated amount of time. Even if UWA allowed for international students to move to part time study or extend their study, the Visa does not allow for that extension.

Zhen states that international students have withdrawn from studies and had their Visa cut off due to the fact they postponed their studies to next semester. They need the extension of Visa's to continue their studies.

Nicole asks a query about 11.7.5 saying the way this part of the motion is worded states that we only want the stimulus to go to postgraduate students. Why is it not all students, and just specifically postgraduate students?

She also asks what is the logic behind giving financial support to the institutions that house international students rather than directly to international students?

Viknash clarifies that the motion is specifically for postgraduates as in the previous council we passed a motion for undergraduate students. The previous motion was very detailed about what the NUS and the International Students Council of Australia were planning to do to support international students. This motion is from consultation with the Australian Council of International Postgraduate Students, showing solidarity with them.

Viknash states the logic behind giving it to the colleges and housing institutions is due to support the institutions that international students will choose to stay in if they are still studying at UWA. Colleges provide welfare and other mental health issues that colleges provide that are also beneficial to international students.

Rahul speaks in favour of the motion, stating that 11.7.3 was formulated in consultation with the Australian Graduate Research School to provide support for HDR students. PSA worked on this motion to support all the international students, including course work and HDR postgraduate students for extension of student Visa's. Rahul furthers that 11.7.4 was put forward by the international postgraduate representative and CAPA in supporting domestic and international students. This was to ensure that stipend HDR students can access this stimulus and was put forward to the National Education Minister in conjunction with Australian Graduate Research School.

Rahul also adds PSA have formed a working group that allows for scholarship and stipend extensions to secure funding international students and domestic students.

Omar states that international students provide pivotal financial support to universities and their contribution is invaluable. We need to support international students as they have been the most adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The government needs to take appropriate changes to Visa extensions to allow for these accentuating circumstances.

Callum thanks Viknash and Rahul for their outstanding work on protecting international students in these trying times.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Bre moves a procedural motion to discuss the SSAF acquittal document.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Tony outlines the SSAF acquittal document will be circulated after the council meeting. It is a full outline of where SSAF expenditure goes, it is different to our full Guild operational expenditure.

A negative SSAF deficit of 591,000 means the Guild plugs that gap and contributes that to the university and supplement other services. This deficit does not count towards the subsidisation of food and drink through your Guild membership and totals out at just shy of 1 million dollars of deficit that we give back to students on an annual basis.

If there is a reduction in SSAF the Guilds deficit figure will be larger due to COVID-19 situation.

11.8 The 107th Guild Council:

Would like to acknowledge and stand with students who observe cultural and religious activities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved: Ahmad Hafizuddin Seconded: Ridhima Vinayachandran

Ahmad moves an amendment that states 'The 107th Guild Council would like to acknowledge and stand with students who observe cultural and religious activities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic' instead of the original wording of 'The 107th Guild Council would like to acknowledge and celebrate with students who are partaking in the following festivals in April:

11.8.1 Easter

11.8.2 Pesach

11.8.3 Start of Ramadan

11.8.4 South Asian New Year, Celebrated uniquely in different parts of India, Nepal and in Sri Lanka

11.8.5 South-East Asian New Year, Celebrated uniquely in Burma, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand

Ahmad states there is a lot of cultural activities that are unable to be celebrated with our families and loved ones because of the COVID-19 pandemic and this motion is stating that we stand together with affected students.

Mike asks if the amendment changes any of the cultural festivities that the original motion incorporates?

Ahmad states that is correct.

Jacob asks what is the utility of this as a motion?

Ahmad states that it is to acknowledge and understand how students may be adversely affected by not celebrating their cultural and religious activities.

Viknash speaks for the motion and states that cultural awareness on campus will be raised by this motion. Because Campus is closed, we cannot acknowledge we cannot celebrate these events on campus, but when social distancing and restrictions are relaxed, the Guild and ISD will be able to bring these events back on to campus for people to celebrate and partake in. This is the first step for achieving cultural awareness on campus.

David speaks for the motion stating that this motion is specifically relevant especially those who are ethnically diverse on council. The fact the way we can't observe our cultural festivities reinforces how COVID-19 has created a really hopeless situation for those who would normally celebrate these traditions. It is important to publicly declare we are with all students that makeup UWA.

Daniel states that this motion will give us a good platform to turn these festivities into a social media campaign and an avenue to engaged with the culturally diverse community.

Amy moves to a vote.

Abstaining: Jacob Rosendall

Motion Passes.

- 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
 - 11.9.1.3 Supporting international student financial assistance
 - 11.9.1.4 Free visa extensions
 - 11.9.1.5 Fair assessment adjustment
 - 11.9.1.6 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 alongside an anti-cuts campaign

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Emma speaks for this and states that students are under immense hardship and this motion will endorse NUS campaign we will be rolling out as soon as possible. Campaign was discussed at education council, where it was discussed and supported. One of the key demands that resonated was tuition fee reduction. The survey will be coming out soon, which will survey the concerns students have in this current COVID-19 climate and then applied to a more UWA centred context. Planning on expanding campaign around concerns to parking and staff cuts.

Bre adds that following the NUS campaign does not preclude us from also doing a staff campaign and a campaign against cuts that was also endorsed by council earlier in the meeting.

Nicole asks what your overall strategy is in opposing cuts? and suggest an amendment to 'directs the Education Action Network to implement this campaign alongside an anti-cuts campaign'.

Bre states that she has already answered Nicoles' question in a previous motion but is agreeable to the motion amendment.

Mike states his main concern is not with the NUS campaign but the lack of mention of peoples with disabilities and carers. What will the Guild do to support these students?

Bre states that in the NUS demands is included under 'Fixing Centrelink' and is a specific component of the campaign.

Jacob speaks for the motion in that it recognises the scope of COVID-19 and need for a national voice to co-ordinate students.

Nicole speaks for the motion with the added amendment as it prevents protesting against cuts to education from a concessionary position. It will also mobilise students to fight and protect against course cuts.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

12.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 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

Bre states it is important to thank our PROSH Editors and directors especially in light of pandemic.

Amy passes motion to hear motion without notice.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Bre sincerely thanks Curtis White, Michael Bablett, Paris Javid and Annelise Jansen for their splendid efforts in PRSOH this year. The restrictions for COVID-19 came in on the Friday and PROSH was supposed to go out on the coming Wednesday. Bre reiterates that her thanks for their contribution.

Luke adds they were very innovative because PRSOH was one of the first events that was cancelled. Did a good job to still be able to sell PROSH online.

Mike acknowledged the amazing work the Directors, Editors and Head Marshalls took to ensure people with disabilities were included in this years PROSH.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Luke will be circulating the SSAF acquittal after this meeting for review.

Amy declares Pauline Chiwawa as March Legend of the 107th as Pauline Chiwawa. She ran the first ever online Guild themed week.

Mike thanks everyone for their support during this trying time.

CJ echoes Amy's sentiment that Pauline has really led the way in regards to leadership in this time.

14.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 29th May 2020 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.

