



## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Attendance

Bre Shanahan, Amy Header, Anna Kimpton, Callum Lindsay, CJ Daudu, Costa Toufexis, David Hallam, Emma Mezger, Jacob Roosendaal, Daniel Roden, Luke Thomas, Martha McKinley, Max Tran, Meizhu Chen, Mike Anderson, Omar MacIntyre, Pauline Chiwawa, Rahul MS, Ridhima Vinayachandran, Riley Klug, Sophia Perkins, Steven Okbay, Viknash VM, Vin Kalim, Will Norrish, Zhen You, Neve Staltari

### 1.2 Apologies

Connor Price

### 1.3

### 1.4 Proxies

Amitabh Jeganathan for Costa Toufexis  
Ridhima VN for Meizhu Chen  
Abdul Rahman for Ahmad Hafizuddin  
Nick Brown for Nicole McEwen  
Floretta Susilo for Pauline Chiwawa

### 1.5 Observers

Brett Mongo (on behalf of WASAC), Saskia Mason, Reece Gherardi, (and over ZOOM), Daniel Kuzich, Adam Elyousef, Elena Wittkuhn, Shelby Robinson, Joey Nguyen, Pauline Chiwawa, Keerthana Murugan, Phuc Nguyen, Sean Lim, Milvert Ling, Dauda Janneh, Haseeb Riaz, Nicole McEwan, India Aniere.

### 1.6 Absent

Unanimous motion to move in camera.

Unanimous motion to move out of camera.

## 2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Amy Header declares she is on the national executive of the NUS.

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 29 July as a true and accurate account.

Moved: Luke Thomas

Seconded: Bre Shanahan

*Passed unanimously.*

## 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

## 6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

6.1 The 107th Guild Council:



- 6.1.1 Condemns the recent announcement from Minister Tehan that will see students who fail half of their units lose access to HECS assistance.
- 6.1.2 Recognises that students fail units for a variety of reasons which could never be accurately provided for in legislative exceptions.
- 6.1.3 Recognises that this change will disproportionately impact students with disabilities, students from low SES backgrounds and those experiencing hardship.
- 6.1.4 Reaffirms its opposition to the Fee Hikes legislation proposed by the Liberal Government.
- 6.1.5 Encourages all students to attend the National Day of Action on August 28

Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Luke Thomas

BS adds a friendly amendment to adjust the phrasing to “will see students who fail half of their units”. BS mentions that because of broadening units, students will be forced to change degrees without necessarily failing that degree’s core units. This will affect low SES students more – and we thank Mike for his work showing its impact on accessibility for students.

AH moves to a discussion and debate. No questions.

NB says that this policy will lock out poor and working class students. It is an ideological move to turn Uni’s into a class-divided system, a two-tiered system for working class and wealthy students. Liberals want to make the most of a crisis – as they haven’t asked for the profits of corporates.

EM says it’s a part of a packaged to leave students in higher education more disadvantage. Important not to take a defeatist attitude to this as protest are an effective means to make our voice heard. We need to show up on Friday, and encourages others to apply.

DH commends Bre’s motion, and says we should come out on force on Friday.

***Motion passes*** with abstentions by Rahul and Neve.

## 7.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

### 7.1 Managing Director

TG says that the University is talking about a new subject area of guild regulations, and want us to manage disciplinary actions. Darryl is leaving the Guild - he has done an immense amount of service to the Guild. TG and the Guild pass on commendation. Presidential debate set for a couple of weeks time, and the dates have been set with the original timetable. New areas were measured out to accommodated social distancing with the returning officer – tickets to be notified over next few days and weeks.

TG says we are looking at the knock-through idea downstairs, which is coming up very soon. We are underway with the feasibility study in Cameron Hall, and are in discussions with the University. On Friday Roll’d is opening in the Ref. COVID-19 slowed down some of the process with suppliers, but the Ref is now fully opened. Guild Venture is doing well and we are in discussion with the University to try and ramp it up as a platform. Senate Dinner on 31 August – an important date to make, and meet the senate and new Vice Chancellor. This is an opportunity to raise issues and concerns, and there are many areas of consensus.

7.2 Commercial

7.3 Finance



TG says it is a good month, 156k revenue to costs at this stage. Well and truly ahead of budget. A current operating surplus of 24k, and large surplus on the profit and loss statement. Other departments are within budget – Guild Council budget a bit lower than expected because of the changes. Much of this is down to jobkeeper. Asks for and receives no questions.

#### 7.4 Student Services

TG tables the above reports. There are no questions.

Amy moves to accept on block, and it **passes unanimously**.

### 8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

#### 8.1 President

As tabled

#### 8.2 General Secretary

As tabled.

#### 8.3 Guild Chair

As read, and clubs grants policies are largely done.

#### 8.4 Vice President

As tabled.

#### 8.5 Education Council President

As read, with Week Zero approved for 2021.

#### 8.6 Societies Council President

As tabled.

#### 8.7 Public Affairs Council President

As read, and last month sent out – mistakenly submitted wrong report.

#### 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 tabled.

#### 8.13 Residential Students' Department President

As tabled // not accepted

#### 8.14 Environment Officer

As tabled.

#### 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.

#### 8.19 OGC Reports

Apologies from Callum Lindsay for not submitting. Those submitted are taken as tabled.

AH moves to accept those reports submitted before noon on the Tuesday before Council. This is all reports except for Vice President, RSD, and Women's This includes OGC reports by RK and DR.



***Passes unanimously.***

## 9.0 QUESTION TIME

MC: To CJ, MC was originally involved in Cultural Club plan, but does not know why she was not involved/notified of its resumption.

CJ: apologises for not keeping Meizhu involved.

MC: Mention a project for the BLM in the report. When did that happen, and why was she not aware of that?

CJ: Steven wanted to run it with other men of colour – CJ said he was keen on advising logistics.

MC: To Steven, who lists meeting with Meizhu as being about engaging ASU.

SO: Says that he now thinks ASU should be involved with the event.

VK: For CJ, On the topic of expanding representation for cultural clubs – why were some members of SOC/PAC involved but not SOC/PAC broadly.

CJ: OM expressed interest. Financial stuff came into play as it scaled, and wanted Dickson as treasurer on board.

SO: For VK, what have you done for the Black Lives Matter as PAC president?

VK: If you read my report, Equity & Diversity started a “UWA Lets Talk About it” collaboration between PAC clubs (international/domestic problems for POC addressed). A series of social media campaign posts sent to marketing. VK organised two theme weeks in a fortnight, and following that BLM events planned with clubs.

BM: For CJ, clarification on achievements listing indigenous training on SLT. How did you consult with WASAC? When did this process happen? Riley and Brett have not had any formal meetings.

CJ: Joey Chan, previous VP had suggested it. CJ asked Riley, who put him in touch with a corporation to potentially facilitate it. Those details were passed to Leigh at events.

OM: For Jacob, OM disputes truth of meeting with SOC members to check up on wellbeing. OM suggests Jacob approached Holly under guise of wellbeing, asked her questions about her Guild election policy.

JR: says he didn't ask her any sensitive questions, but gave her the opportunities available to all candidates to talk about policies. JR says he was checking in on how she was, and also said he was open to chat about policies if she needs.

BS: To OM: It's not good governance to include things on our report you've had no involvement with. What involvement have you had in the feasibility study?

OM: I have been speaking with Tony on feasibility study.

JR: Why is nothing in your report true? Timelines exceeded etc. No communication.

OM: Things delayed because of the Pandemic.

DR withdraws his question.

VK: for CJ, BLM movement piece says it is run by PAC treasurer. Dickson says that's not correct.

CJ: Dickson says it was his intention to bring it to PAC committee.

SO: for Vin, uploading the same document twice by mistake? It looks like you did it deliberately.

VK: I wrote June instead of July by accident.



VK asks if Steven has ever renamed a document. SO says no.

Steven Okbay is named a second time.

OM: For Vin, OM didn't consult with VK enough and made a formal apology. VK told him she organised a number of social impact meetings – OM suggests she has never organised a social impact meeting.

VK: Look at all the events we've done for social impact already.

NB: For Bre, why is there a factional fight?

NB named twice.

BS: Holding students to account – that's what we're doing.

BM: For CJ, Vin and Steven also. People talking about BLM movement but a lot of "saying" and not a lot of "doing". Here it says, "potentially work WASAC". Can we do more than just words?

VK: Vin, some members and PAC, covers broad range of social issues in the "Lets talk about it" campaign. Will consult WASAC with BLM.

CJ: Mostly involved with logistics and facilitating involvement with Guild Services.

BS: To CJ – Lyn Beazley Institute has not met and the advisory board hasn't met. Why has nothing happened?

CJ: The initial team is now running for Guild elections and are too busy to get involved in Lyn Beazley Institute.

BS: To CJ: Wellbeing Volunteers was not relaunched by you, why did you write that it was?

CJ: Put in report earlier in the year when Elliot said he wanted it continued. CJ invited Max and Dan to a meeting.

DR: May be more accurate to say – "we convened" instead of relaunch. There have been two events which could have been called a launch – EOIS at club carnival, and announcement of SOC. Neither of which CJ was involved with.

A side conversation grows to loud arguing across the room and AH names people so that the meeting can resume.

SO has been named three times and asked to leave Council.

Council breaks for five minutes.

AH reminds that OM has been named twice, CJ names twice, NB has been named twice, and BS named once.

OM: For Jacob about SOC Subcommittee applications. Upwards of 50 students applied for SOC Subcommittee – why did you appoint your brother?

JR: We admitted a lot of people into the subcommittee which is not a formal or regulated arm of the Guild, as the momentum to set it up is important. OM was in the meeting with JR when SOC decided to appoint the committee together.

JR: For Omar, Have you read my report?

AH rules that is not a question.

## 10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)



- 10.1 The 107th Guild Council approves the expenditure of \$76 000 on the advice of the Strategic Resources Committee for the relocation of the Guild Student and Volunteering Centres.

Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Luke Thomas

BS: The invoice was included in the agenda pack. Intention is to bring the Guild Student Centre and Volunteering together to revitalise the Guild Precinct. LT insists that this is the meat of what the Guild does, and observers should see this as the work – not the bickering that occurred earlier.

**Motion passed**, with an abstention from NB.

- 10.2 The 107th Guild Council approves the use of Room 113, Guild Village, by the university for the purposes of a chapel.

Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Amy Header

BS says The Uni asked to use the room for a chapel, as it is more appropriate closer to the student precinct. The University will be installing the airconditioning and other works – only for a three year contract. AH: Nothing to add.

MA asks about Location?

BS says this is next to UniPrint and STA.

BM asks if this is a nondenominational?

TG responds that it is designed as Anglican and Catholic, and that for the Catholic use it must be consecrated correctly. We have a lot of religious groups on campus, who are able to use the service – regardless of their personal faith.

MA: There are additional prayer rooms for other faiths around campus.

DR speaks for the motion, emphasising the importance of accessible places of faith. DR says quiet places of reflection are useful, and nonreligious students may benefit too.

**Motion passes** with the exception of NB, who abstained.

## 11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 11.1 The 107 Guild Council:

11.1.1 Supports all workers attempting to enforce safe COVID-19 practices in their workplaces and communities, including adequate cleaning, PPE, and social distancing measures

11.1.2 Stands in solidarity with all workers who strike to enforce safety measures, or to shut down non-essential work, including the Woolworths Liquor distribution warehouse workers in Laverton, Victoria, who walked out after a colleague tested positive

11.1.3 Recognises that the virus still poses a danger here in WA, as demonstrated by the recent cases of community transmission in New Zealand that were not linked to overseas travel or a known case

Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: Bre Shanahan

NB moved a procedural motion to grant speaking rights to James Fox, who is on Zoom. **Passed unanimously.**



JF discusses how students in the workplace need to be helped, that this pandemic has seen the rights of workers deteriorate in the workplace.

BS says students are far more at risk in the workplace, and this is an important motion to pass.

AJ asks if there are any actionable steps can be taken? For example, can we do things to make sure structures are in place for if there is a second wave.

BS says the motion broadly is in favour of strike action – standing with workers who do strike. We may not need to do additional work, as we already have concrete structures in place, and support for strike action is actionable.

VV says there are already things in place as established by the Guild in consultation with the Recovery Management Team.

The motion moves into debate.

MT is in support of the motion and commends the effort. To answer AJ's question, we find workers in stress because of lack of strength in the social safety net. We look to incorporate this motion's outcomes into the Welfare Department's Student Tenancy Advocacy program.

DH commends the motion and draws attention to health workers. Suggests there is a discontinuity between where the PPE is and who has access to it.

NB explains that the liberals are talking about the Post-Covid Economy, which is putting workers rights after corporate interests.

MA says unions have always stood at the forefront of maintaining rights and safety of workers.

**The motion passes** with abstentions from RM and NS.

11.2 The Guild Council:

11.2.1 Opposes the university management's consideration of cuts to the Asian Studies undergraduate major and postgraduate studies.

11.2.2 Recognises this as a cut to the Arts and part of an effort in to restructure university funding around the most profitable and in-demand degrees for industry.

11.2.3 This cut will negatively impact education quality and staff jobs, and UWA should deal with any reduced revenue as a result of COVID-19 and federal government cuts to education by using its cash reserves and other revenue to fund a high quality of education

11.2.4 Will release a public statement against the potential cuts to Asian studies and any potential job losses from this course cut, that is critical of the university management for this cost cutting measure

Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: David Hallam

EM ducked out of the Council Room for work downstairs, DH requests to second the motion.

NB moves a procedural motion to give Esa speaking rights. **Motion passes.**

EC says that we have seen atrocious hours to pay and conditions (especially in moving to online lectures), and past years cutting of degrees. These are decisions actively made by the University to soften loss of revenue, despite the loss being smaller than other Universities. In the coming weeks and months, as these become more obvious, we must confront the VC and management.

DH says China is becoming the largest economy and it defies logic to be cutting these degrees.

MA says that coming from both a small and large arts major (employment relations and pol sci). Small major perspective suggests that it's clear that what isn't profitable for the University is



something they're going to cut. This should not be the focus of Universities. We should always stand up to oppose cuts to our education.

NB says the VC and administration have an orientation to transform Universities into a corporate pay system.

EM says It's so important for us to be in these meetings and stand up. It was something that was raised with her indirectly, and not something that was brought forward by the administration. Moving forward, it's important that we're paying attention and holding the University to account.

**Motion passed** with abstentions from Rahul and Neve.

## 12.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 The 107th Guild Council,

12.1.1 acknowledges the recent tragic explosion which happened in Beirut, Lebanon earlier this month

12.1.2 extends our thoughts and sympathies to Lebanese students and staff at UWA, and the wider Lebanese community, who have been directly or indirectly affected by the tragedy.

12.1.3 encourages and supports the Public Affairs Council and the Ethnocultural Collective to engage and support the Lebanese student community at large.

Moved: Vin Kalim

Seconded: Max Tran

VK says this needs to be heard now, as its critical to get involved with an issue going on for decades that has recently come to life. **Passed unanimously to be heard.**

MT says he is happy to second, as himself, and also on behalf of Meizhu. Important to transform this into action.

OM asks what's the action item?

VK says that they are looking for any upcoming protests or movements. Also will be discussed in the upcoming PAC discussion series.

VV says it is very tragic and caused a lot of devastation from UWA students. Important to support those students.

NB says it's important to follow and support the protests in the wake of the explosion. The whole world is on fire and we should be supporting.

LT says our positions and assertions are powerful, and that shouldn't be overstated in the search for an action plan.

**The motion passes** with an abstention from NS.

12.2 The 107th Guild Council accepts the updated Environment Department Rules, as accepted by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Amy Hearder

Seconded: William Norrish





AH says this is late because Enviro week was last week, and they were struggling to do both. Likewise, Governance was last week. WN has nothing to add on why it's late.

***Passed unanimously to be heard.***

AH says the rules were technically reviewed in June, but not updated until we knew where the regs sat. Wanted to be aware of which parts of governance needed to be moved from the regs to the rules and vice versa first. Removed parts that should have been removed years ago, and added new relevant components.

WN says he has nothing substantial to add, other than it is now more reflective of how the department is and intends to functions.

***Motion passed*** with NB's abstention.

12.3 The 107th Guild Council accepts the National Union of Students Key Performance Indicators for 2020, as passed by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded by Emma Mezger

BS says this is late because it needed to pass through governance meeting on Monday. NUS Accreditation hoping to be done next council, which this needs to precede.

***Passed unanimously to be heard.***

BS says the purpose of KPIs is to hold the NUS to account based on the money that we distribute to it (approximately \$1 per student). This is organised by the President and other Office Bearers, based on how national OBs engage with their local counterparts.

EM says she has nothing significant to add motion wise. In debate, Emma says it's critical to make sure our NUS OBs are accountable and provide value.

NB says that KPI's undermine the national union in a non-political way, and that he is hostile to the motion. NB suggests we should hold only hold the NUS accountable politically.

BS is in favour of KPIs, as there is a difference between standing up within the conference, and also expecting the NUS to stand by its constitutional obligations (contacting OBs, financial transparency, etc.)

MA says he is in favour of keeping national OBs and the NUS accountable. We can debate and argue internally, as well as keeping the bare minimum standards held to account.

NB against. CJ, David, Amy, and Omar abstaining. All else in favour. ***Motion passes.***

12.4 The 107th Guild Council:

12.4.1 Recognises the unacceptable physical state of the Nedlands Campus of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts (ALVA).

12.4.2 Commits to working in collaboration with the ALVA Student Society and Campus Management to fix problems that pose a risk to students health and safety.

12.4.3 Recognises that allowing this level of decline to go unaddressed despite student feedback undermines student trust in the University and the University's reputation.

12.4.4 Encourages students to lodge service requests upon finding any part of campus that is dangerous or faulty.



Moved: Emma Mezger  
Seconded: Dan Roden

EM says ALVA launched its campaign after call of motions, and must be heard immediately as it cannot be let to fester.

***Passed to be heard unanimously.***

EM moves to pass speaking rights to Grace, ***passed unanimously***

Grace says ALVA maintenance is severely lacking on campus management's behalf. CM was given three demands.

- 1) Full mould fix: mid-october, but after many years of advocacy after mould being present. Spends hours looking at mouldy leaky ceiling.
- 2) Clean windows: saying no financial budget for this year. Same excuse as last year, and the windows haven't been cleaned for 10 years – light quality is deteriorated.
- 3) Sanitary bins in toilets – yet to be done. Just the tip of continuous disregard for ALVA students and reputation of UWA.

DR says this is hurting students health, and is dangerous. While understanding the tertiary sector has budget problems, leaky sewerage and mould is unacceptable. Hopes other faculties will file service requests, or get in touch with the Guild for more support.

MA: Accessibility?

GW: The building is supposed to be accessible to students 24/7 after a specific workshop induction. After hours, the only way into the building is through the fire stairs as the lift does not work. No self opening doors etc.

WN says this is a super vital motion, as ALVA has been left in the dark for a long time.

EM thanks Grace for raising the motion, and encourages other faculties to take similar steps.

MA seconds the sentiment and gives support for motion, in particular as important to students with disability.

RV says coming from the campus myself, it's hard to see the campus in that condition. Tried to reach out to campus management for windows and mould, and while they respond positively, it's sad to see a campus you're from in that condition.

DR says it is too cruel an irony to let the architecture campus fall apart. Mould is toxic and can cause lung problems, or long-term health issues. Allows student leaders to be mindful and advance the same issue.

DH says UWA is most beautiful campus in Australia, and it's a travesty that this can happen.

Motion passes unanimously.

12.5 The 107th Guild Council:

- 12.5.1 Acknowledges that there is an ongoing copyright dispute over the rights to the Australian Aboriginal Flag.
- 12.5.2 Acknowledges that the AFL's Indigenous Round began on August 21st and was marred by copyright disputes with businesses that own rights to the Australian Indigenous Flag.
- 12.5.3 Supports the AFL's refusal to purchase rights to the Australian Aboriginal Flag for the purpose of the Indigenous Round.
- 12.5.4 Supports the free use of the Australian Aboriginal Flag at all events, especially those of important cultural significance to First Nations People.



12.5.5 Urges the Federal Government to intervene to resolve any and all copyright disputes with WAM clothing and legislate to protect the flag as a symbol for First Nations people.

12.5.6 Produces a media release in conjunction with WASAC supporting the Free the Flag campaign and urges students to sign petitions to change the licensing agreement around the Australian Indigenous Flag.

Moved: David Hallam

Seconded: Emma Mezger

DH says it's late because the indigenous round was this weekend, but missed the date had changed.

***Passed unanimously to be heard.***

DH says essentially the rights to the clothing has been moved to a corporate – the AFL refused to purchase the rights, which means it could not be displayed on any centre circles. Good to see that Indigenous people went to the game wearing their colours. This is a complicated issue and the Federal Government should intervene.

EM proposes a procedural motion to pass speaking rights to Brett. ***Passed unanimously.***

BM says when you look at the flag, it should be a point of pride. The Union Jack on the Australian flag shows the symbol of genocidal perpetrators – the first nations flag was one of the few things that brought all the different tribes together as one. It's a complicated issue, but the right to use the flag for free has been taken away. Instead, they are demanding that we pay to use the first nations flag.

RK says it's disappointing to see that even in the indigenous AFL round, that this company would not give the right to the flag to the people it is for. Encourages everyone to vote for the motion.

VV says that as an international student, learning the culture of the indigenous people has been an enriching experience. It is painful to see the symbol to be taken away, as you see it around the world where groups have their symbols and experiences taken from them.

AK says that it's deeply oppressive that a non-indigeneous corporation has the right to an indigenous symbol.

NB says he supports this motion, it's like a microcosm of how colonialism has expropriated and appropriated indigenous people of their lands and lives, inclusive of slavery. This is a final insult that they can't hold the symbol they built in the face of their oppression – it's a flag.

***Motion passed*** with Neve abstaining.

### 13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

BS: Senate dinner

MA: Sign the NUS letter

AK: Wear it purple day to support LGBT+ people, Woolnough lecture theatre

NB: A gofundme for a UWA Physics student protesting at Linda Reynolds office

AH: Legend of 107: for Vik, Emma, Jacob presented.

WN and CP are this months legend of 107.

### 14.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING



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**107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council**

August 27, 2020

Guild Council Meeting Agenda

Next meeting will be held 23 September at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto: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.