



## 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1 Attendance

Bre Shanahan, Vin Kalim, David Hallam, Callum Lindsay, Ahmad Hafizuddin, Ridhima Vinayachandran, CJ Daudu, Sophia Perkins, Rahul MS, Anna Kimpton, Omar McIntyre, William Norrish, Constantinos Toufexis, Amy Hearder, Martha Mckinley, Riley Klug, Max Tran, Emma Mezger, Daniel Roden, Jacob Roosendaal, Connor Price, Viknash VM, Steven Okbay, Pauline Chiwawa, Analise Wright, Riley Doleman, Neve Staltari, Meizhu Chen, Anton Lukas

### 1.2 Apologies

Zhen You  
Nicole McEwen

### 1.3 Proxies

Will Norrish for Luke Thomas;  
Annalise Wright for Mike Anderson;  
Constantinos Toufexis for Vin Kalim

### 1.4 Observers

Stirling Kain

### 1.5 Absent

None.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> of January as a true and accurate account.  
Moved: Luke Thomas  
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Bre has spoken to Luke and some of the motions were incorrect. Bre is deferring this motion until next council to make sure minutes are accurate.

## 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

## 5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

- 5.1 The 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:  
5.1.1 Commends University Hall on its decision to refund students who are unable to begin living at the college completely due to the travel band and its decision to also begin charging students who are delayed by the ban only after they have moved in.



- 5.1.2 Calls upon all Colleges on College row to not charge students who due to the travel ban, are not able to stay there this semester. The colleges should take lead from University Hall and adopt the same policy.
- 5.1.3 Calls upon the state and federal governments to provide more assistance financially and in areas of welfare to international students affected by the ban.
- 5.1.4 Recognises the University for its continuous efforts to support the students affected by the ban through means of academic and emotional support. Council calls for the university to continue its efforts to ensure they receive adequate support and work towards them having minimal to no disruptions in their duration of study and incur no financial penalties.

Moved: Viknash VM

Seconded: Ahmad Hafizuddin

**Motion passed.**

## 6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None.

## 7.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

### 7.1 Managing Director –

O-Day very successful with 11,000 attendance on the day. There was great engagement on the Guild stall and other stalls throughout the day. Tony was very pleased with engagement on social media and how many external stall holders they were.

Feedback from University was the day was a huge success, the University tagged the Guild in their Facebook posts which shows how the Guild had a great presence on the day. Tony applauds the efforts of Alice, Leigh, Caitlin, Xander and Elise for putting on a great day.

Other matters of interest are Roll'd are starting next month, with City of Perth planning session to determine the new café on the corner of Guild Village.

Guild finance is trying to prepare audit and risk meeting. This is in the final stages and Mutya will explain in her report later on about the financial situation.

Nicola from finance is leaving, have already hired new person to take over the position for a seamless transition.

The newly opened IGA is doing quite well financially. The only issue been SOC clubs buying all the bread from IGA. Tony just asks to give notice to IGA if SOC wants to get bread for IGA.

Pharmacy is newly refurbished and opened. Official re-open is 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Guild executive is preparing the Guild master plan and reviewing potential outlets to go in this space. Further meetings will be happening in the coming weeks to ensure spaces are filled.



Tony adds that the blackout is still in place for Guild elections. However, next council they will be some update on how the election procedures for 2020 will work.

Tony commends William Norrish for the work he did on the sustainability expo with Coca-Cola. Highlighting what the Guild is doing on recycling and sustainability initiatives with companies that want to make a difference and partner with the Guild.

Tony updates the council on the feasibility of Cameron Hall lift and mentions that they are still going over compliance issues with the university.

Convocation Day was Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, with convocation planting a tree in honour of Bre Shanahan. Highlights the great relationship the Guild has with Convocation.

- 7.2 Commercial – As tabled
- 7.3 Finance -

Mutya outlines to Council how the Guild is in the final stage of external audit. Task Major update to come in next week, improve functionality in tasks significantly.

Mutya outlines that the January loss was not as bad as expected with only been a 40,000\$ loss, but expected to be close to 85,000\$. Properties and loss of 15,000\$ at the start of the year mainly due to timing differences.

Other outlets such as the Tavern and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand bookstore are slightly over budget due to employee expenses. While finance office is slightly over budget due to timing issues.

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.**

### **8.0 STUDENT REPORTS**

- 8.1 President – As read – Bre adds that next Wednesday Robert Webster student forum on parking next Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Bre encourages everybody in council to attend to ensure that the student body is informed about the proposed changes and how they will affect students.
- 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 read – Jacob wants to add that SOC are adding a booking system similar to the one that staff use which will be operational half way through the semester. This will enable clubs to book out equipment easier.
- 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 tabled
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President – As read – Connor promotes the yellow brick road initiative that is currently happening at college row.
- 8.14 Environment Officer – As tabled
- 8.15 Sports Officer – As tabled
- 8.16 Access Department- As tabled
- 8.17 Pride Officers – As read - past month pride flag removed VC have it back, finally keeping up as a default flag. Anna commends the work of LGBT working group for their hard work in re-instating the flag
- 8.18 Ethnocultural Collective Conveners – As tabled
- 8.19 NUS Delegates (Neve Staltari and Anton Lukas) - As tabled
- 8.20 CAPA Delegates – As tabled

Bre moves a procedural motion to accept all reports.

**Motion passes.**

## 9.0 QUESTION TIME

Bre passes a procedural motion to give Anton speaking rights during question time.

**Motion passes.**

Bre asks Anton that all NUS delegates are expected to submit a written report on the policies they voted against, abstained or voted for. Bre asks why Anton's report was late and which faction he chose to sit with.

Anton answers that he was working interstate in Canberra and Melbourne and had family and work issues which impeded him from submitting a report on time.

Bre follows up on her original question that all NUS delegates need to report on which faction they sit with. She asks again which faction Anton sat with and also why this wasn't not reported in his account?

Anton answers that he had no real faction and sat independently. In the conference itself he sat with Neve and they were in the general vicinity of the ASL but never actually sat with that specific faction. Anton asserts that Neve and himself only sat within their general vicinity because they felt more comfortable sitting in that vicinity.

Anna asks Anton why he voted against every LGBT issue including been in favour of transitional gender effects and treatment? Anna also asks Anton why he does not condemn gay conversion therapy and the SOGISE movement that he voted against in the NUS policy document?

Anton replies that he does not condemn LGBT people but some of the wordings of the motions in the NUS went against his Christian faith. The scientific evidence that he has read has confirmed his believe that gender re-assignment is not a practice of his church and he believes that UWA students voted him to be a NUS representative to express his views.

Anna asks Anton why he voted against the Safe Schools program, even though it was dismantled by the Liberal government in 2017. Anna asks why he voted for such a motion when it has been proven to be a barrier to inclusive education?



Anton states that he believes it is not the best way to accept LGBT people. He argues that the terminology surrounding this motion is deceitful and doesn't reflect his world view of what a safe school should be.

Anna asks Anton why he voted against having LGBT counsellors available on campuses?

Anton answers that he doesn't believe that they should be a separate division of staff that caters just to LGBT issues. He states that counsellors should be accessible to all students. He adds that in regard to the main issue of the questioners are getting at are that he is anti-LGBT. Anton refutes that he is not anti-LGBT, but the motions were really expansive and that some parts of the motions he agreed with and others he didn't. He adds that the motions did not explain which context they would operate in. Hence, why he voted against or abstained on most of these motions.

Emma asks Anton why he chose to sit with ASL and states that Anton had the opportunity to sit independently and didn't do so. Emma asks why this was the case? Emma also asks Anton if UWA students would be proud in the way he voted?

Anton re-affirms his previous position that he sat independently. He only sat in the general vicinity of ASL but did not sit with them as a faction. He adds that the NUS provide opportunities for delegates to act on their own discretion and he believes he acted on his own values. Anton believes that UWA students would be proud at the way he voted. He adds that it is not the council's responsibility to judge the way he voted, but to ask him questions on why he voted in such a manner.

Daniel asks Anton if there is any such Christian dogma that makes gay conversion therapy an unacceptable practice?

Anton answers that under his version of Christian faith his church and personal religious believes would not allow him to vote in such a manner. He states that there are lots of versions of Christianity and is not well informed to tell the council over religious debates surrounding this subject. He re-affirms that his belief system is a traditional view of Christianity which would not accept such practices.

Bre asks Neve why in the UWA 2019 Guild elections she ran as an independent ticket and then at the NUS she decided to sit with an inherently political body?

Neve re-affirms that she is independent on Guild Council and everything that she votes on in this capacity is due to her own conscious. She believes that the NUS is an inherently political body and you cannot be independent. She also believes that UWA students that voted for her do not really care about the NUS. She argues that even in an inherently political environment like the NUS, she was still independent to some degree, voting according to her own values.

Emma asks Neve if you do not care about NUS why did your ticket run candidates?

Neve answers that she did not know what she was getting herself into. If she had her way, she would not go to the NUS conference or send delegates there. She believes that she went there to represent the UWA students which voted for her, but for no other reason.

Meizhu asks Anton why he abstained on the NUS ethnocultural policies?

Anton answers that there was not enough information dispersed to himself regarding ethnocultural policies. He believes that the battle grounds of ethnocultural policies are constantly changing and therefore cannot engage in the debate. Anton felt the majority of the motions were virtual signalling



and did not benefit the ethnocultural community at large. He adds that ethnocultural policy is close to his heart been a first immigrant Australian and parts of ethnocultural policy in the NUS policy document he agreed with. However, he was hesitant about voting whole heartedly on a subject in which may change after he put his name down as voting for the motion.

Sophia ask Anton why he voted against the Justice for Transphobic Deaths Motion? Sophia adds that the motion was commemorating the 331 deaths that were caused by abuse and neglect by transphobic people who were driven to take their own lives in 2019. The motion was also directed at providing better mental health resources to assist people going through phases of their transition.

Anton states that he does not have direct memory of the exact wording of the motion and he cannot answer the question properly and apologies for this. He re-affirms that he is not transphobic.

Anna asks why Anton voted against the motion of using preferred pronouns for people going through transition. Anna adds that the motion recognises that in not recognising the proper use of pronouns this has deleterious effects on the LGBT mental health which was mentioned in previous question.

Anton did not agree with this motion as it implies a dangerous slippery slope of compelling people to speak. He believes that a free society should be allowed to say what they want and should not be compelled to follow a certain type of speech pattern.

Anna follows up on this question stating that does Anton believe that using dead names, which are names before a person enters a transition are appropriate regarding the proven dangerous mental health effects of using dead names?

He answers that it is a mistake to dictate to people how to speak and is downgrading the importance of free speech by compelling a certain speech.

Christopher asks Neve if it is appropriate to prey on students' ignorance to the processes of the NUS? He adds that the UWA Student Guild has a responsibility to make NUS delegates accountable and he finds it a bit disturbing that Neve's ticket run a ticket to send delegates to the NUS but in all honesty do not agree with the process. Can she explain some of the rationale behind this?

Neve answers that if she had her own way, she would not run a ticket for NUS. She explains that she found nothing about the NUS conference really tangible to students' issues. She furthers that the NUS conference is one Labor faction arguing against the other Labor faction. She adds that most of the motions are just virtue signalling and have little impact to students who study on campus at UWA. She adds that 50% of the conference is just political manoeuvring and she personally has no interest in motions which do not conform to her values.

Martha asks Anton why his voting record seems to proliferate that he is anti-LGBT?

Anton states that most of the motions were on block and he agreed with some of the motions characteristics but did not agree with the overall motion. This is his rationale behind his voting record.

David asks both Neve and Anton that they do realise that LGBT and other minorities are represented at UWA? He adds that the UWA Student Guild is supposed to be inclusive of the whole of society and NUS delegates and Guild representatives should act accordingly and be informed on such issues.



Anton states where are the statistics on such issues? He adds that he does not feel comfortable voting on issues when he does not have the appropriate information and his role as a NUS delegates were to vote accordingly with his own values.

Neve answers that demographics are hard to prove, whereas values enshrined in a person are able to come to the forefront and guide a person on how they are supposed to vote. She adds that she voted for every issue at the conference on a case by case basis.

Omar asks Anton why he abstained on a vote condemning the Christ Church massacre?

Anton adds that he believes the Christ Church massacre was a terrible incident. He abstained on this motion as he believes that the motion was deviating from the facts of the incident. He wasn't sure on any adjustments within the context of the conference he could personally agree with. He added that because he sat independently from any major faction, he had no opportunity to speak against the wording of the motion.

Bre asks both Neve and Anton did they make any attempts to speak with any of the major factions to speak on behalf of certain motions?

Anton states that on the remaining last two days of the conference he did try and approach several factions that he felt comfortable with, specifically approaching Unity. However, they did not allow him to speak.

Neve answers stating that if you are not part of a major faction it is hard to speak on a motion, especially if members of those factions are already assigned to speak. Neve states that there was no real faction that she would have picked that had a nicely worded, appropriate motion that she could have spoken for. She knew it would have been counterproductive to seek out any of the major factions to speak, so she didn't do so.

Christopher asks Anton why he did not respect the rules and institutions of the NUS? Specifically, regarding his actions of being named and removed from the NUS floor regarding filming during the conference.

Anton denies that he was actually filming. He stated that he was sending a Snapchat that took a photo of the back of some delegates' heads. He stated that this might be misconstrued as filming and he believes that he was unfairly treated in this incident. He added that once the chant by several of the factions starts to expel a delegate it is difficult to stop that delegate from being expelled. He also voiced that it is difficult to voice your opinion on an action that you feel has been misconstrued. He added that he felt concerned for his safety after the chant went up for him to be removed from the conference so he left.

Amy moves a procedural motion to have a five-minute break from discussion.

**Motion passes.**

## 10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 10.1 That the 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the terms of reference of the Lyn Beazley Institute, as approved by the governance committee.  
Moved: Christopher-John Daudu Seconded: Luke Thomas



Christopher gives an introduction to the Lyn Beazley institute, elaborating that it is a forum other than the Guild where students can engage in policy and research debates and events. The institute will constitute a broad range of projects, based on six main areas. The institute will encourage students to solve grand challenges within these areas and will enable student interface co-operation with staff and other stakeholders within the university.

Christopher and the Guild executive approached Lyn Beazley to be the patron of this institute and she accepted. This will also commemorate the work she has done championing science and women's participation in STEM in a WA and Australia wide context.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

## 11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 11.1 That the 107th Guild Council accepts the Class Representative Advisory Committee Rules, as approved by the Governance Committee.  
Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Amy Hearder

Emma adds this is a logical move for the class representative system as it legitimises this process. The Guild's priority should always be the education of UWA students and allows for greater autonomy of the class representative system to meet with faculty representatives and to contribute to education council.

Amy adds that it is just making the class representative system a more formal process and allow for greater transparency to students on who the class representatives of a particular unit are.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

## 12.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 12.1 The 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:  
12.1.1 Recognises the impact the Covid-19 virus has on the affected students studying at UWA.  
12.1.2 Calls on the federal government to waive the costs incurred regarding visa extensions for the affected students.  
12.1.3 Calls on the federal government to give exemptions to students who wish to apply for the Post-study work stream visas (Subclass 485) in the event that they do not satisfy the requirements due to the Covid-19 travel ban.  
Moved: Viknash Seconded: Ridhima

Viknash explains why the motion was late, as he believes that information of the Corona virus is changing daily and even hourly. It is best practice to give the council the most up to date information possible.

Viknash explains that international students need to achieve a COE, to enable them to gain a visa. The travel ban has made the visa harder to access and has incurred an additional cost to international students of 500\$. Viknash states that it is not fair that the travel ban has incurred an additional financial cost to international students as it is outside of their control. Viknash states the financial penalty should be waived.





Viknash also explains for international students to gain a post study visa, they need to be studying in Australia for two years. The travel ban has affected the ability for students to attend classes, and hence their eligibility for international students to gain the post study visa. Other countries have waived this requirement and this motion encourages UWA to do the same.

Bre adds that this highlights how the Guild should be an objective political body that holds the federal government to account over issues of mistreatment of international students. She believes it is extremely inequitable that international that are paying fees to attend this university to better their livelihoods are now been punished because of forces beyond their control. It is the responsibility of the Guild to lobby the university and encourage UWA to be a safe learning environment that does not disadvantage one group due to a federal government initiative.

### **Motion Passes unanimously.**

#### 13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Ridhima adds that PROSH are looking for OGC marshals to be at a central location on PROSH day with an EFTPOS machine. She adds that all marshals need to complete their marshal training and urges council to contact PROSH if interested.

Callum informs council that he has been in consultation with Mcusker and they would really like to be involved with more Guild initiatives. If anybody is interested in having them on board for their event please contact himself or the Mcusker Centre.

Emma informs council on the Climate strike in Perth CBD on March 13<sup>th</sup>. FACSOC president have been instructed to hand out flyers promoting this event. She reminds council that there is no academic penalties for not attending class that date. They will be no buses taking students to the event. However, the 950-bus stop will enable students to attend event via public transport.

Amy congratulates Viknash and duly awards him as been this month 'legend of the 107', for his amazing work on dealing with the travel ban.

Jacob reminds people that Club carnival will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. They will be bumper cars and looking to engage a lot of clubs and stall holders. Urges council to attend and spread among networks.

#### 14.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held 25 March 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.