# **107**<sup>TH</sup> **GUILD COUNCIL MEETING | 29**<sup>th</sup> **January**Minutes

# 1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- **1.1 Attendance:** Bre Shanahan, Connor Price, Daniel Kuzich Costa Toufexis, 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 Roosendaal, Ridhima Vinay, Meizhu Chen, David Hallam
- **1.2 Proxies:** Max Tran carries Ahmad Hafizuddin's vote, Daniel Kuzich carries Steven Okbay's vote, Costa carries Viknash's vote, Anna Kimpton carries Pauline Chiwawa's vote.
- **1.3 Apologies:** Saleem Alodeh, Neve Staltari, Riley Doleman

1.4 Absent: NA

1.5 Observers: Caleb Holmes, James Daws

# 2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Amy declares she is an executive member of the NUS for 2020.

#### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**3.1** The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 2nd of December as a true and accurate account.

Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Bre moves procedural motion to accept the minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December on Block.

#### Motion Passed.

# 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

#### 5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED BY CIRCULAR

- 5.1 The 107th Guild Council:
  - 5.1.1) Reaffirms its commitment to the Change the Date campaign and stands in solidarity with WASAC and all First Nation students at UWA.
  - 5.1.2) Recognises Australia Day as a day of colonisation marked by the dispossession and marginalization of Indigenous people.
  - 5.1.3) Endorses the WA "Invasion Day Rally" on January 26.

Moved: Riley Dolman Seconded: Bre Shanahan

#### Motion passed.

**5.2** The 107th Guild Council:

5.2.1) Recognises that the bush fires happening throughout Australia are

unprecedented in their scale of destruction and are a result of climate change

5.2.2) Condemns the Morrison Liberal Government's inaction on the crisis

5.2.3) Calls for fire-fighting services to have increased funding from the Government and for firefighters to receive a union wage.

5.2.4) Endorses the "WA Climate Emergency Rally! Protest ScoMo, Fund Firies" on January 15, and the follow up demonstration on January 31.

5.2.5) Directs the Guild executive and management to coordinate a fundraising

effort

Moved: Bre Shanahan Seconded: William Norrish

**Motion Passed.** 

#### 6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

None.

#### 7.0. REPORTS

# 7.1 Directors Report

Directors have been away, no detailed financial reports to be tabled at this time. February's Council will be double up report on Guild finances. Nicole from finance team has resigned and has done outstanding job, now recruiting for this for position.

Recount of Guild election due to resignation of OGC – Congratulates Daniel Roden as being elected to the 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council.

O-Day looking good, with confirmation of 165 stalls, Leigh and Alice have done well in getting these stalls up and running for O-Day.

Guild is now in control and has ownership of Business School Cafe. The Guild has offered all members of staff at the café free affiliate membership for one year to help with guild takeover transition. The tenancy in the pharmacy and STA travel are now complete, with tenancy of the two empty outlets to be filled before semester two.

Guild Website is doing well, with new look. Caitlin is doing a great job in uploading the new student representative contact details in time for semester one

Guild is hosting a sustainability forum in conjunction with Coca Cola. This is an important step in organisations realising that we need to change business habits to maximise environmental benefit.

Mike asks Tony what is going to happen to the Co-Op?

Tony answers that the Guild is in commercial discussions with the university about the viability of Co-Op but does not have direct control over the operations of the Co-op.

#### 8.0. 8.0 STUDENT REPORTS

#### 8.1 President - as Read

Bre adds that in regard to Cameron hall accessibility that campus management is looking to install the elevator to improve access on campus earlier than expected.

Bre provides update on new university parking arrangements. Campus management has confirmed that they will not be an increase in fees for student parking.

Yet to be confirmed if they will be a postcode exclusion zone, to allow for people who live further away from campus priority.

University is yet to comment officially on issue. However, FAQ sheet is to be passed onto student population in a coming of days.

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

Amy passes procedural motion to accept all reports apart from NUS delegates who will table reports next Council meeting.

#### **Motion Passes.**

# Amy moves the Chair to Bre.

#### 9.0 Question Time

Nicole directs question to Will and Bre – ask's why in reports there was not much about the bushfire efforts?

Bre answers that the reports are an accountability mechanism for the council and if Nicole has any urgent issues with reports, she can table a motion for the council to vote on.

Will answers that the executive is in charge of bushfire effort and applauds that most of the departments are donating to bushfires by departments activities. Nicole states that in her report she did not report extensively about the March 13<sup>th</sup> Protests and why is the council not keeping her to account?

Bre adds that it's not her responsibility to advise what Emma puts in her report. Emma adds that Education Council talked at length about attending the 13<sup>th</sup> March strike. Will

echoes the same sentiment and that the blame should really be on the climate action network with lack of communication.

Mike asks question directed to all NUS delegates. Was there any sustained effort to get through all the policies in the policy book?

Amy states that Conrad passes several procedural motions to extends sessions and signed delegates in when they arrived so matters could be voted on in a timely manner.

Nicole states that she is believes that the point of the NUS is to enable the orientation of next year's conference which is a choice between environmental based activism and a campaign to keep SSAF at 50%. She believes that it doesn't matter about getting through policy book, most important thing is orientation of student activism.

Will asks Nicole why she voted for the 'no rain no rainbow' campaign at the NUS conference?

Nicole states that it was a symbolic motion about how Woodside and major companies who have a disproportionate sway on agenda setting in WA have a huge stranglehold on LGBT activism. She believes that you cannot separate any form of activism from the climate movement as it all coalesces into the Morrison government having a disproportionate advantage to push for the New Right sentiment in society.

Nicole asks a question to Amy why the 50% SSAF campaign was pro Labor campaign?

Amy answers that she did not support this campaign for political reasons and voted for it because It's important for Guild's to have appropriate funding.

Anna asks Nicole why she does not believe that 50% SSAF is an important issue?

Nicole states that she believes that 100% of SSAF should go towards student unions and the point is that activism is more effective, and council should support more activism. She uses the 10<sup>th</sup> of January protests as an example of effective activism with little funding.

Mike Asks Nicole why members of her faction were loud and raucous when they were told before conference to partake in ASL clapping?

Nicole answers that they were quieter in the Disability section and that motion was a political ploy to silence members of her faction for expressing views.

David asks Emma if she was surprised that there was NUS delegates that blocked key motions such as abortion rights and that if there are increasing parts of the NUS that hold these views?

She said that the NUS do has a small percentage that hold these views and that they should be condemned for holding these views. She adds that the members of the NUS are not necessarily increasing that hold these views though.

Nicole asks a question to all NUS delegates about how the NUS conference turned into the environmental activism campaign vs the education in our hands campaign. Why was this the case?

Amy answers and rejects the notion that the conference was this binary approach. As NUS delegates the approach is to represent students on a national level meaning that NUS delegates can vote on more than one subject.

Emma adds that she could have focused more on the 13<sup>th</sup> March protests a bit more in report and will endeavor to focus on more environmental activism in the future. She also adds that behavior in certain instances could have been better and that's why she focused on behavior in some instances.

Max adds that he wanted his report to be a first-hand account of NUS conference and as it was his first time attending.

Mike Asks Rahul why the CAPAX fees have increased for postgraduate students?

Rahul states that they have only increased marginally, and students will only be affected marginally due to inflation costs and extra events the PSA has added in the 2020 calendar year.

CJ asks all NUS delegates what they found useful from the NUS conference and how they can use their skills from the conference to benefit the UWA community?

Max and Emma states that NUS was beneficial for their personal development and how they were able to see what happens over east and will benefit them in their respective portfolios.

# **10.0 ELECTIONS**

#### 10.1 Academic Board

Amy Moves a procedural motion to make Tony Goodman the returning officer for this election.

# Motion passes.

a) Elects one (1) member from Council.

Bre Nominate Christopher while Riley nominates Callum Lindsay.

Christopher is Duly elected as a member of academic board.

#### 10.2 Strategic Resources Committee

Bre nominates Anna Kimpton.

Anna is duly elected to the strategic resources committee.

# 11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

**11.1** The 107th Guild Council appoints Medaavi Gopaul as the Chair of the Relay for Life Committee, on the recommendation of Guild Volunteering.

Moved: Luke Thomas Seconded: Bre Shanahan

## Motion passes.

#### **12.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

- 12.1 The 107th Guild Council:
- 12.1.1) Endorses the Uni Student Climate Strike on March 13, encouraging all students to attend instead of going to class
- 12.1.2 ) Condemns the Australasian Oil and Gas conference taking place on March 11-13
- 12.1.3 ) Recognises that such conferences are part of an expansion of oil and gas in WA. This is occurring at a time when there needs to be a rapid transition to renewables and shutting down of fossil fuel industries, in order to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

Moved: Nicole McEwen Seconded: William Norrish

Nicole adds that this is a national day of around climate and is pushing the agenda for climate activism to be embedded in student politics. Any progressive Guild would not be opposed to this motion as it strictly follows on from the motion about the oil and gas industry that was passed in previous councils about the detrimental affects the LNG industry is having in WA.

Will adds that it would be detrimental for the Guild to champion such industries which ignore environmental concerns.

Callum would ask if students would be adversely affected by not going to class and attending the strike?

Nicole states that's the definition of going to a strike.

Will adds that they will be no academic penalty in regard to students partaking in strike.

#### **Motion Passes.**

#### 13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

**13.1** The 107th Guild Council accepts the UWA Student Guild Climate Change Action Network Rules, as approved by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Amy Hearder Seconded: William Norrish

Motion was late because governance only sat on the Friday.

Speaking for the motion:

Amy states that it's important for the Environment Department to have an action network similar to the Education Action Network.

Nicole speaks against the motion stating that the new changes are extremely inefficient, and that activism moves faster than committee meetings. If anything from this action network was to passed by circular it would be unresponsive.

Amy states that there is no intention of the network been inefficient and is rather transparent with its intention posting on notice boards any developments.

Mike speaks in favour of the motion saying that the network can meet more often than Guild Council and can have student input.

**Vote: Against - Nicole** 

#### **Motion Passed.**

**13.2** The 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council: Approves the appointment of Byron Ellis and Rn Van Der Westhuizen as Ordinary Committee Members of the Tenancy committee.

Moved: Jacob Rosendall Seconded: Omar McIntyre

Jacob states that the motion was late as the application process only closed today. Omar and himself have full confidence that the committee members will do an outstanding job. Especially in light of new club room storage that is coming in 2020.

#### **Motion Passes.**

# 13.3 The 107th Guild Council:

- 13.3.1) Advocates for affordable parking for all UWA students.
- 13.3.2) Opposes the decision made by UWA to pay as you go parking and condemns the lack of communication and student consultation around this decision.
- 13.3.3) Acknowledges the lack of communication and student consultation around this decision
- 13.3.4) Recognises that demonstrated detrimental impact pay as you go parking has had on other universities such as Curtin University.
- 13.3.5) Recognises that the system will disproportionately affect students from a low socioeconomic background and non-metro areas, and students with high course attendance requirements and caring responsibilities.
- 13.3.6) commits to running a campaign against the proposed change

Moved: Christopher John Dadau Seconded: Emma Mezger

Christopher explains that it is late because the announcement to move to pay as you go parking was only issued last week.

Bre states that the decision by the university is unequitable and impacts low socio-economic students that the Guild has a duty to represent students concerns.

Emma states that she is shocked that the university has not consulted the student population about this issue as it affects so many different students. The university should be promoting accessible education not moves that dissuade students from coming to campus.

Callum asks if it is possible that we get student permits back?

Bre states that phasing out of the student permits will occur in semester two because of this change.

Nicole speaks in favour of the motion stating that what the university is doing is appalling. It will drastically affect low socio-economic students. She adds she is not surprised the university has not communicate this change, as they normally never do so with education cuts.

She adds that university parking should be free as students are one of the most impoverished groups in society.

Nicole asks if the proposed campaign against the pay as you go parking will be critical of university?

Bre adds that it will be critical due to lack of consultation with Guild on this issue. Bre adds that possibilities are for a whiteboard campaign and statements by the Guild condemning the university decision.

# Motion passes.

- 13.4 The 107th Guild Council
- 13.4.1) Condemns the appointment of Bettina Arndt to the Member of the Order of Australia
- 13.4.2) Recognises the university campaign led by Bettina Arndt to "close down illegal kangaroo courts in campus" is primarily focused on vilifying and characterising survivors of sexual violence as vigilantes as opposed to analysing and recommending methods for just processes within the university investigative processes for sexual harassment and violence.
- 13.4.3) Recognises statements by Bettina Arndt like "no doesn't always mean no" and that women should "behave sensibly and not exploit their seductive power to ruin the lives of men" are at odds with legislation which explicitly say that consent can be withdrawn by any persons including men and women, University policy on Sexual Misconduct and research based-practise on strategies for violence prevention.
- 13.4.4) Recognises the appointment of Bettina Arndt sets a harmful precedence for policy development, reporting and prevention and cultural change strategies which impact the ability of men, women and people across the spectrum to feel empowered to report disrespectful behaviour on university campuses and in the wider community.
- 13.3.5) Stands with survives and calls on the UWA to take a proactive approach to policy development, prevention and cultural change strategies and support service implementation regarding disrespectful behavior.
- 13.3.6) Calls on the Governor General to retract award

Moved: Pauline Chiwawa Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Nicole asks Bre to expand on part five of motion

Bre states that the reason why this was amended was to hold the university to account and the group that originally was credited in the amendment has not done enough work to help raise sexual violence awareness.

Anna speaks for the motion explaining how Bettina Arndt has labelled the lighting audit the university has made a myth and an attack on men in university life.

Nicole adds that she is disgusted by such an appointment, but will be abstaining just because she is unsure about amendment.

Motion goes to vote. Nicole Abstains.

Motion Passes.

# **13.5** the 107<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

- 13.5.1) Condemns any forms of racism on the UWA council in line with the Council of International Students Australia's (CISA) latest press release.
- 13.5.2) Recognises that international students may have family back home who are having to deal with the Coronavirus and would case them distress.
- 13.5.3) Encourage students to seek help from UWA counselling services or from the Guild's well-being Counsellor should they need it.
- 13.5.4) Calls on UWA to ensure that counselling, course administration and housing services are able to accommodate the needs of international students who may be affected, an ensure they are accessible to students whose first language is not English.

Moved: Viknash VM Seconded: Ridhima Vinyachandran

Nicole suggests an amendment, but withdraws it.

Motion passes.

#### 14.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Multicultural week is looking for a sponsorship and logistic officer if you are interested please contact Bre.

Amy is setting up election culture working group, if interested please contact Amy. Also looking at a sponsorship working group which is an ongoing project which need OGC's to manage projects.

Ridhima tells council that PROSH are looking to do head marshal training soon. She urges head marshal's to attend PROSH events such as PROSH O-Day stall.

Mike adds that the Acess are still recruiting for their committee, if anyone is interested please contact Mike or Martha.

#### 15.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 26th February 2019 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.

