



1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1.1 **Attendance:** Bre Shanahan, Connor Price, Costa Toufexis, Anna Kimpton, Christopher John Daudu, Amy Hearder, Mike Anderson, Martha Mckinley, Rahul MS, James Haley, Omar Mcintrye, Sophia Perkins, Max Tran, Emma Mezger, Daniel Roden, Jacob Rosendaal, Ridhima Vinayachandran, Meizhu Chen, David Hallam, Zhen You, Viknash VM, William Norrish, Luke Thomas, Riley Dolman, Pauline Chiwawa,
- 1.2 **Apologies**
Saleem Alodeh, Ahmad Hafizuddin, Callum Lindsay
- 1.3 **Proxies**
James Haley for Vin Kalim
Connor Price for Riley Klug
Dickson Proxies For Steven Okbay
James Fox Proxies for Nicole Mcewen
- 1.4 **Observers**
- 1.5 **Absent:** Costa Toufexis, Zhen You

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

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Motion Passes unanimously.

2.0 DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 27 May as a true and accurate account.
Moved: Luke Thomas
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Motion Passes.

Abstains: Dickson Garbutt

- 3.2 The council confirms the minutes from the meeting on the 24 June as a true and accurate account.
Moved: Luke Thomas
Seconded: Bre Shanahan



Motion Passes.

Abstaining: Dickson Garbutt

- 3.3 The 10^{7th} Guild Council accepts all the committee meetings minutes in the one drive.

Motion Passes.

Abstaining: James Haley

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.0 BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6.0 BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

7.0 DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 7.1 Managing Director –

Tony states that the Guild is in a period of transition coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guild still has to abide by the university and government procedures. Tony thanks the directors for their co-operation in working through this unusual period.

Tony commends Amy and Bre's work on the Governance Committee in preparing the updated Guild regulations. The making of these rules is four years in the making and in putting these new regulations together is a huge achievement. Tony assures council that the university will be impressed with the updates and looks forward to getting them approved by Senate.

As most of Council would know the new Guild Volunteering Officer Clare Mcnish has started and from all accounts, she is managing the position really well. Tony also commends the work of Caitlin Mcphail the marketing officer about securing a deal with Champion for the UWA merchandise. Tony believes the Guild is miles ahead of other universities in Australia, let alone WA on the marketing front for clothing merchandise. He adds that the sales from these items will go back into the Guilds operations to pay for more student services.

Tony is meeting up with Luke this week to set a date for the student leadership summit, should update council next meeting on when a date is set for the summit.

Tony reminds council about the Senate dinner on the 31st of August and urges all members of council to let Chloe Keller know if they can attend as the Guild need to know any dietary requirements way in advance of the 31st of August. This will be a good opportunity to talk to the new Vice Chancellor as well.

Tony advises council on the changes to Guild elections. He states that this will be an unusual year because of the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Guild will try as best it can to stick to the recommendations of the election cultural working group. Of course, they will be no lecture bashing this year and hence most of the campaigning will be via online means.



Tony reads out some of the notices from the returning officer. Firstly, postal votes will be extended to the 24th of September. This is in light of students not coming to campus if classes are online and also fear of coming to campus because of COVID-19.

Tony reads out a letter from the WAEC to outline the code of conduct all candidates have to abide by even during this changed election format. The WAEC expect all stakeholders in the Guild elections to be considerate and due to the importance of health to all students, changes may be made to the voting schedule or the campaign weeks if the COVID-19 pandemic endangers student welfare or physical health. It is imperative that Guild elections keep in line with social distancing requirements in accordance with government restrictions.

Tony stresses that students may not be interested in voting and candidates campaigning need to respect that wish. All student voting must fall in line with the Charter of Student Rights and any breaches of that charter while campaigning will not be tolerated. Tony adds that any misconduct will be reported to the university or the police department if required.

Tony continues to read from the letter relaying that any accusations of misconduct will be treated seriously but is hoping that all candidates will be honest and full of integrity. The Guild is mindful that because the campaigning for this election will mostly be online, we are encouraging Pelican to factcheck the policies and positions of each of the parties and their candidates. Tony reminds council that all candidates need to be wary of defamation because if a candidate is accused of something without proof, they can take that to court and apply for defamation charges.

Tony concludes that the Guild has a good election reputation and does not want that to be spoilt. While there must be room for political discussion this needs to be conducted in a respectful manner. Candidates need to respect student space and reflect the values of the wider community. Tony states that the ballot draw for this election will be done virtually as well as the zones for which each of the parties are able to campaign on the university campus.

Mike asks Tony about how the Guild will manage social distancing in each of the voting booths?

Tony answers that in the booths voters will have to stick to the two square metre rule and the voting booth will have lines on the floor indicating where voters are to stand to be in accordance with social distancing, similar to how each of the café's in the university have areas where patrons can line up to order.

Jacob asks Tony if the zones for each of the parties will be done at the same time as the ballot draw?

Tony says no, that will not be the case. The zones for each of the parties will be random to ensure fair and equitable placement of where the parties are allowed to campaign.

Tony adds that because they will be no lecture bashing that they will be a reduction in the printed material that each of the parties are able to print off and disburse. This will be confirmed with the returning officer closer to the date of the elections.

7.2 Commercial –

Jack explains the budget bottom line for the month of June and states that the revenue stream is down 52%. Jobkeeper has kept the Guild afloat and the management is glad that this stimulus is carrying on until March 2021 as it will mean the Guild will be in a competitive position after the initial pandemic is over.



Jack continues that the Guild will continue to manage expenditure and make sure that it does not overstretch itself financially. Jack concludes that although the Guild is mindful of its expenditure all the Café outlets are open except for the Nedlands café and that we should have a reasonably profitable margin in the latter quarter of this year.

Jack updates council on the Roll'd tenancy stating that all the equipment and groundwork for that tenancy will be done by the 4th of August. The Guild is hoping Roll'd will be open week four of the semester to serve students. Jack also states that three tenancy places are coming up to their renewal at the end of 2020, all of these tenancies have indicated that they would like to renew their lease.

Jack concludes his report with the feasibility report on the Cameron Hall elevator. The feasibility study is due to be finished by early August and will circulate to council if the report is not confidential.

Mike asks Jack that even if the report is confidential, can bits of the report that are not confidential still be circulated to council?

Jack states he cannot comment on whether the report is confidential as he hasn't seen the end report.

7.3 Finance –

Mutya states for the month of July was quite good financially with a projected budget loss of 4792 dollars and the Guild came in with a profit of 32,000 dollars. The budgetary balance was better than expected with an overall increase in the Guild's monetary bottom line of 163,565 dollars instead of projected bottom line of 123,578 dollars. Mutya explains this is primarily because of the Jobkeeper subsidy.

Mutya continues that the biggest loss is via the catering department who have been most impacted due to COVID-19. The Jobkeeper supplement been extended will mean that the Guild will be able to pay the catering department salary, and the casual staff that come under the catering department.

Mutya concludes her report saying the Guild's financial situation will be critical over the next few months and the Guild must be conscious not to overextend itself financially. Mutya will in particular be monitoring the catering department's progress in terms of keeping the budget balanced.

David asks Mutya with the tapering off of the Jobkeeper payments in late September will this have any effect on the Guild's financial bottom line?

Mutya answers that because the Guild is a non-for-profit organisation, the Guild only has to record a 15% drop in revenue to continue to receive the Jobkeeper payments and so the Guild is quite fortunate as some other companies have to record a 30% reduction in revenue to receive the payments. Mutya adds that as long as the budget is still relatively stable and balanced by the time Jobkeeper ends in 2021, the Guild will still be in a financially stable condition.

7.4 Student Services – As tabled.

Amy passes a procedural motion to accept all directors' reports.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

8.0 STUDENT REPORTS



- 8.1 President – As tabled
- 8.2 General Secretary – As read, Luke would just like to indicate that in his report it states that Saleem proxied for William. However, William was in attendance for this meeting.
- 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 would like to mention that Sue Ellory replied to email regarding international student welfare and in his report he mentioned she has not replied.
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President – As tabled
- 8.14 Environment Officer – As read, William would like to mention the Green Impact Program is being rolled out and extended to Clubs and FACSOCS and will be working with Jacob to cement this program.
- 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

9.0 QUESTION TIME

Christopher asks James Haley why PAC's report for June and July is identical?

James Haley does not have access to Vin's report will take the question on notice and Vin can get back to Christopher regarding this.

James Fox asks Bre given the attacks on student education by the Liberal government why did she not attend the Edcon conference?

Bre answers that she was unwell and was on leave when the Edcon conference occurred. Bre adds that the responsibility for Edcon is with the NUS Education Officer to rally students to attend the event. Bre also states that the Guild played a pivotal role in laying the groundwork for students to attend the conference, and the conference was advertised through the Education Action Network.

Bre asks Christopher that in his report you detailed a proposal for waste management. Bre's understanding from the minutes of the Student Experience Committee is that this was put forward by a member of staff with no Guild co-authorship. Can Christopher explain why his report claims he put forward the proposal?

Christopher states that he was the person that suggested to Professor Keating that the University of Queensland uses the Warlpt model for waste management. This is what led him to investigate and communicate with the University of Queensland. Christopher re-asserts that he did not co-author the proposal but the suggestions he provided have been formative.



Jacob asks Christopher there is a lot of positive contributions surrounding clubs and collaborations with SOC and PAC which is great to see. Can Christopher link up with Jacob after this meeting to discuss more SOC collaborations?

Christopher says absolutely he will and will be in touch with Jacob after the meeting.

Christopher asks Jacob that in his report it states he has meetings with William about the Green Impact Program and environment SOC grants. In William's report there is no mention of a meeting with Jacob, can Jacob explain this discrepancy?

Jacob answers that he met up with William on the weekend before he submitted his report and William submitted his report before Jacob did, so it is merely a timing difference due to Jacob submitting report later on.

William clarifies that he did have a brief meeting with Jacob over the environment grants and two of his committee members are now working with SOC on putting that program into action.

Jacob Fox asks Emma why she did not attend Edcon given that she is the chief education activist for UWA?

Emma answers that there were personal reasons why she did not attend. Edcon was also organised with really late notice and hence could not fit it into her schedule.

10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 10.1 The Guild Council approves the 2020 Midyear Budget Review Deficit-Surplus figure of \$583,850 (deficit), as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.
Moved: Luke Thomas
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Luke speaks to motion thanking Mutya for putting this together, this figure is a very conservative amount and is really a worst-case scenario figure. Luke also states that the budget was organised in a very consultative approach with OB's asked numerous times to comment and work through how the Guild constructs its budget. The next motion discusses the line items which have been circulated to council and should be commented on by now since OB's have had time to submit feedback on the proposed line items via circular.

Amy passes a procedural motion to vote on the motion.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

- 10.2 The Guild Council approves the line items in the 2019 Midyear Budget Review, as recommended by the Strategic Resources Committee.
Moved Luke Thomas
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Luke speaks for the motion stating that the executive has circulated the line items from the previous motion regarding the mid-year budget review and if anybody has any specific questions on the line items please email Luke.

Amy passes a procedural motion to vote on the motion.



Motion passes unanimously.

- 10.3 The 107th Guild Council accepts the Student Guild Regulations as approved by the Governance Committee.
Moved: Amy Header
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Amy speaks for the motion stating that the Guild regulations are finished and will be circulated to council once approved. If anybody has any questions, please ask Amy.

Bre thanks Amy and all the previous Guild chairs hard work on formulating and editing the Guild regulations.

James Fox asks Amy about section fifty-seven part two and section sixty-nine part two of the new regulations about the reasoning for not allowing proxies for meetings?

Amy clarifies that this not for Guild Council meetings and that this is not a new process and has a long historical precedent. Amy continues that people can proxy other students into meetings but is just providing greater specific requirements on these proxies.

Amy continues that in regard to section sixty-nine part two, this is for the executive and it's important for the executive to be an exclusive group as they have set responsibilities that cannot be delegated to other members of council.

Tony agrees with Amy that in any company or board directory the executive is a core group, they cannot delegate their roles off to other students because that would be unprofessional. If the executive cannot meet for some reason, they should re-schedule that meeting.

James Fox asks why section seventy-one part two, states that if affiliated clubs and societies do not agree with Guild resolutions that they can be disaffiliated?

Tony clarifies that the resolutions are the by-laws of the Guild. The Guild has to have a code of conduct and resolutions are the code of conduct that student clubs have to abide by. Hence, resolutions are not political stances, but the overall governance rules that keep the Guild accountable. So, this section is providing for instances when clubs and FACSOC's break that code of conduct, that is when disaffiliation can occur.

Jacob also provides clarification that this is also included in the SOC rules on the requirements and governance of clubs and this section is essentially ratifying what is already in the SOC rules.

Luke passes a procedural motion to vote on this motion.

Motion Passes unanimously with one abstention.

Abstaining: James Fox

11.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 11.1 The 107th Guild Council:
11.1.1 Acknowledges the extension of JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments to March 2021



- 11.1.2 Opposes proposed cuts of \$300 to JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments after September, as well as tighter eligibility criteria and the introduction of mutual obligations.
 - 11.1.3 Recognises that:
 - 11.1.3.1 Our welfare system pre-COVID, was already systemically inequitable and poorly structured
 - 11.1.3.2 Without JobKeeper support, the June reported unemployment rate of 7.4%, would be likely closer to 13%; and that there are around 12 job seekers for every job
 - 11.1.3.3 1.7 million people are reliant on JobSeeker payments to stay above the poverty line, and reductions will force them back under
 - 11.1.4 Endorses the NUS Raise the Rate campaign and calls for a permanent changes to the Australian welfare system to raise the rate for all.
 - 11.1.5 Commits to running a campaign on these issues through the Welfare Department in conjunction with the Tenancy Rights campaign, in collaboration with other interested departments.
- Moved: Max Tran
Seconded: Emma Mezger

Max speaks to this motion stating that it is acknowledging the tapering off of Jobkeeper and Jobseeker at the end of September, which may impact student's who are living out of home the most.

The tapering off of these support payments push students under the poverty line, which the Guild should oppose. Max also talks about the mutual obligations clause that is part of the criteria for these payments been tightened. Max states that this motion will be very much in line with the Guild's tenancy rights campaign arguing that even though we are students and are all different in some respects we all face the same challenges when it comes to tenancy rights and obligations.

Emma speaks to this motion stating it's a really good motion and will lend support to it.

James Fox asks Max why the Raise the Rate campaign has not had as much traction at UWA then elsewhere like over in the eastern states of Australia? And if the Tenancy Rights Campaign will include promotion for the Raise the Rate campaign?

Max states that we are looking to have a stall during common lunch hour and have interactive activities where students guess how much it is to live out of home to change perceptions of how affordable it is to live out of home. Max envisages that they will be more traction around the Raise the Rate campaign in UWA, especially when Jobkeeper is tapered in September.

Bre clarifies to James that the Raise the Rate campaign has been included into the education campaign and is also been promoted through the Education Action Network.

James Fox asks Max what the new tenancy rights representative will do? What will be there roles and responsibilities?

Max states that the representative will be under the Welfare Department portfolio and will have autonomy to run their own information sessions regarding tenancy rights and provide vital support to students who are experiencing financial stress of living out of home.

James asks what is the strategy of the Welfare Department in allowing for the representative to organise protests along with other NUS protests such as Raise the Rate?



Max agrees that the representative should have more responsibility than just information sessions but is not going to comment on what the representative should do as they have not been picked yet. Max agrees that if the incoming tenancy rights representative wanted to do a protest alongside the Raise the Rate campaign, the Welfare Department would support them.

Amy moves the motion into debate.

Bre speaks for the motion stating that the debate has turned into a question of specifics, but the motion is very good overall. Bre commends the work of the Welfare Department in recruiting a representative that is useful in gaining more traction to the Raise the Rate NUS campaign. We should be supporting students who are under the poverty line and this motion speaks to that.

James Fox suggest an amendment to include at the end of the 11.1.2 'and the introductions of mutual obligations'.

This amendment is friendly. The motion now reads:

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Moved: Max Tran

Seconded: Emma Mezger

Amy moves a procedural motion to vote on the motion.

Motion passes unanimously with two abstentions.

Abstaining: Neve Saltari, Rahul MS

Motion Passes.

11.2 The 107th Guild Council

- 11.2.1 Endorses the NUS's National Day of Action "No Fee Hikes!" on August 28th 2020
- 11.2.2 Commits to running an NDA campaign and endorses its key demands which include



- Opposing tuition fee hikes
- Opposing cuts to higher education
- Condemns the education reforms proposed by Dan Tehan
- 11.2.3 Recognises the detriment of the proposed educational reform by Dan Tehan to quality of education and its negative impact on student experience.
- 11.2.4 Directs the Education Action Network to implement this campaign at UWA.
Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Bre Shanahan

Emma speaks to this motion, adding context that all the NUS officers have a national day of action for their portfolio. This year the national day of action for Education is the “No Fee Hikes!” on the 28th August. This will be endorsed by the Education Action Network on Monday and will be looking to get feedback from students through that network on how the proposed fee-hikes have impacted students.

Mike asks Emma will there be an accessibility plan for the protest and also confirms that Emma will work with disability representative to ensure accessible education is available for them.

Emma confirms she will work with disability representatives regarding this motion.

Amy moves the motion into debate.

James Fox states this is a great motion and is vital that the Guild takes ownership of the campaign to combat the Liberal governments cuts to the tertiary sector.

Amy passes a procedural motion to vote on this motion.

Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.

- 11.3 The 107th Guild Council
 - 11.3.1 Condemns the governments treatment of refugees seeking asylum in Australia
 - 11.3.2 Calls on the government to strongly reconsider its current policy of indefinite and mandatory offshore detention.
 - 11.3.3 Commits to writing a letter to Peter Dutton, Jason Wood and Celia Hammond formally requesting that they urgently reviewing the circumstances surrounding the Biloela family’s detention citing Priya’s numerous health concerns and the sustainability of detention for young children.
 - 11.3.4 Endorses any future protest which demands freedom and safety for refugees
Moved: Omar Macintyre
Seconded: Steven Okbay (proxied by Dickson Garbutt)

Omar speaks to the motion stating that this past week marked seven years of the instituted policy of mandatory detention of refugee and asylum seekers and this runs in contradiction with the Refugee Convention signed by the UN. As an advocacy body the Guild should be taking an active stand against these issues.

Omar continues that the current circumstances of the Biloela family is systematic of the inhumane treatment that the asylum seeker mandatory detention regime represents. This motion ticks all the boxes as it encourages a formal position of authority to consider the consequences of their policies. Omar encourages everyone to support this motion as it is made in good faith and has consulted OB’s in the process of making this motion.



Dickson echoes many of sentiments Omar has expressed and that it is in the purview of the Guild to international condemn the deplorable human rights betrayals that asylum seekers experience in their plight for freedom. Dickson states the motion takes an activist stance and like the previous motions in the council concerning Jobkeeper, the Guild should be conscious that we do not leave the most vulnerable behind in this time period.

Emma asks if Omar consulted the Ethnocultural collective when formulating this motion?

Omar states that due to time restraints and lack of seconders for this motion that Omar did not consult Ethnocultural Collective. Omar states that if he had more time formulating the motion, he would have consulted Ethnocultural Collective.

Connor asks that with the wording of the motion is really appropriate considering that we are in the middle of a pandemic. Would Omar consider re-wording this motion?

Omar confirms he will re-word this motion if need be.

Jacob asks Omar that its really not good enough that you did not have time to work with other relevant departments when considering this motion. Why did you not at least not consider collaborating with PAC when formulating this motion?

Omar re-affirms that this was a really last-minute motion and he will try better next time to consult with relevant departments. He contends that it was a matter of time constraints as Nicole had originally supported this motion and then withdrew support. Omar states this is the main reason why he did not have time to consult other relevant parties.

James Fox proposes an amendment to change 11.3.4 to 'endorse the Friday protest in Murray Street for the Bilolea family'. This amendment is not friendly and lapses. James also argues that the motion should remove 11.3.3 as he believes that writing letters to government ministers is a waste of Guild resources. This amendment is not friendly and lapses.

Daniel proposes an amendment to 11.3.4 which follows 'Advocates for the freedom and the safety of refugee's and encourages peaceful and informed activism towards that goal, in particular 'Perths Actions for Priya'. This amendment is friendly.

Jacob also moves an amendment to 11.3.2 to 'condemns the government's current policy on indefinite and mandatory detention offshore detention'

Luke lends support to Jacobs amendment saying that it is condemnable due to the long amount of time they asylum seekers have been in offshore detention. It is a human rights violation and is condemnable.

Dickson is also in favour of Jacobs motion stating that condemning the government adds to the seriousness of the motion and further empathies the plight of asylum seeker in offshore detention. Omar agrees that this is a friendly amendment.

The two amendments proposed by Daniel and Jacob are friendly. The motion now reads.

11.3 The 107th Guild Council

11.3.1 Condemns the governments treatment of refugees seeking asylum in Australia

11.3.2 Condemns the government's current policy of indefinite and mandatory offshore detention.

11.3.3 Commits to writing a letter to Peter Dutton, Jason Wood and Celia Hammond formally requesting that they urgently reviewing the circumstances surrounding the Biloela family's



detention citing Priya's numerous health concerns and the sustainability of detention for young children.

11.3.4 Advocates for the freedom and the safety of refugee's and encourages peaceful and informed activism towards that goal, in particular 'Perths Actions for Priya'.

Moved: Omar Macintyre

Seconded: Steven Okbay (Proxied by Dickson Garbutt)

James Fox questions the use of 'Peaceful Protest' in 11.3.4 stating that there are many instances of the protests surrounding refugee rights been not peaceful. He cites examples of Kangaroo point and the drive by protests in Melbourne that may be construed as not peaceful.

Jacob supports the amendment by James stating that many of the issues that refugees are under requires an activist stance that are not necessarily peaceful. Jacob states that as a student body representing students from diverse backgrounds, we should continue to stick up for progressive values especially surrounding refugee issues.

Luke asks James if he would be ok if we change the amendment for 11.3.4 to 'peaceful' to 'non-violent' because he is concerned that when people read the minutes that the Guild may be endorsing something that they may be liable for and may give off the wrong impression the Guild is supporting something that is violent.

James Fox argues that nobody reads the Guild minutes and in watering down the motion even more, the motion is detracting against the good parts of the motion such as condemning the government's policy on indefinite detention. James argues that 11.3.3 is already soft in not applying an activist stance to the issue and does not believe writing letters to Liberal party members are going to change their policies that they themselves have implemented.

Tony agree's with Luke that people are going to read the minutes for this meeting and question the motives behind why the Guild removed peaceful from the motion. Tony argues that language is not disconnected from political issues and we must be careful in the language that is used to not give off the wrong impression.

James argues that the fact that this motion is getting more conservative is not doing it any favours and argues that protests movements such as the Black Lives Matter Protests in the USA are actively combating the US state and that in order to enact social change, refugee rights and issues need a similar strategy of disobedience that may be construed as not peaceful. The fact that this motion is giving into that strategy negates the act of protests being a vital part of democracy.

Jacob withdraws his support for supporting James amendment.

Bre suggest an amendment to withdrawing 11.3.4 entirely from this motion. She states the reason for withdrawing this part of the amendment is because the Guild should not endorse something that they may be liable for and may be misconstrued as non-peaceful and violent. The motion also calls on the Guild to take action by writing a letter to Peter Dutton and other members of parliament, so it is not like this motion does not have tangible impacts.

Omar states that this is friendly amendment. The motion now reads.

11.3 The 107th Guild Council

11.3.1 Condemns the governments treatment of refugees seeking asylum in Australia

11.3.2 Condemns the government's current policy of indefinite and mandatory offshore detention.

11.3.3 Commits to writing a letter to Peter Dutton, Jason Wood and Celia Hammond formally requesting that they urgently reviewing the circumstances surrounding the Biloela family's



detention citing Priya's numerous health concerns and the sustainability of detention for young children.

Amy passes a procedural motion to vote on this motion.

Motion passes unanimously with three abstentions.

Abstaining: Ridhima Vinyachandran, Neve Saltari, Rahul MS

11.4 The 107th Guild Council:

- 11.4.1 Rejects the Liberal government's increased military spending of \$270 billion.
- 11.4.2 Recognises that this money that would be better spent on supporting social services, providing funding for students and university workers throughout the COVID crisis.
- 11.4.3 Rejects militarism on campus, including weapons research and the recently established Defense and Security Program as universities should conduct research for social good, not war and conflict.
- 11.4.4 Encourages students to join campaigns against militarism and military spending and views such campaigns as broadly in line with existing education campaigns for free fully funded education.
Moved: Nicole McEwen
Seconded: Omar Macintyre

James passes a motion to wave speaking rights to Catherine.

Amy passes a procedural motion to give Catherine Speaking rights.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Catherine speaks on behalf of the motion by first contextualising that Australia is in the middle of a pandemic and that the Liberal government is passing through these massive education cuts that effect students. Yet, money that should be going towards our education and funding ordinary people's health and physical well-being is being used to fund weapons of mass destruction and the imperialist ambitions of the Australian state. We must actively combat these 270 billion dollars spent by the government which will not be used to benefit ordinary people.

James Fox speaks for the motion arguing that this motion is particularly relevant as the new Vice Chancellor the first thing that he does is thank the Defence Minister on the extra funding for the research that will ultimately go towards the imperialist ambitions of the new military spend the government has just implemented. The new university administration wants to run the university like a business and the Guild should not support the university in its decision to help this research fuel the war ambitions of the Australian state.

James continues that we cannot be naïve that this funding expenditure is in direct response to increased militarisation of the South China Sea and that these weapons will come directly from UWA's research grants that are tied to this funding expenditure.

Omar states that he will be supporting this motion as he believes that this funding increase comes at the expense of DFAT expenditure and DFAT losses. Omar believes that the government should be funding the diplomatic services rather than funding this increase in military expenditure.



Luke asks James if he is open to amending 11.4.3 in removing the Defense and Security program at UWA?

James Fox states that he is not open to amending 11.4.3

Jacob seconds Luke amendment for 11.4.3

Luke speaks to 11.4.3 stating that he is working in similar field to the Defense and Security Program that this motion attacks. This is not something the Guild should endorse as it is actively attacking a part of the university that is doing really good research that is actually preventing wars not fuelling them. We should not be undermining the really good arts research that is coming out of UWA from this program.

Bre supports Luke's amendment stating that we know from previous experience from the Books not Bombs campaign that engineering students go into areas of employment where this may be a feature of the employment landscape for engineering students. The Guild should not undermine students future employment areas and that internships and other areas engineering students rely on areas connected to the research coming out of this centre, which this motion is directly attacking.

Amy moves this motion into debate.

James speaks for the motion stating that the funding applied to the centre is due to the escalating conflict in South East Asia and is reflective in the governments defence whitepaper, which is totally different from previous whitepapers, reflects the deepening conflict. We must be critical of how the government is funding areas and how the interplay is between the neoliberal interests of the university and this centre for Defense and Security program is beholden to government funding.

James continues that the argument of engineering students been affected is not a good argument as it is not worth UWA producing weapons which are ultimately going towards undemocratic and sinister causes for the sake of employment and continued funding. James concludes that the Guild should be promoting a better society for students to go into, rather than be beholden to the university administration.

Luke states that the centre is all about promoting peace and peace and security and stopping war rather than being a forum to create war. He disagrees with James on the fact that this will fuel imperialist interests and will not support the motion in its current form because of that reason.

Daniel speaks to Luke's amendment stating that we need to be careful of proportionality and degree when discussing this motion, and also be conscious of those studying engineering. Obviously, it is not good to endorse UWA creating war weapons, but this may not be the case. If Luke who is knowledgeable in this area says that the centre does not promote war, we should listen to Luke.

James argues that there is no nuance when it comes to war, the heightened militarism that is promoting this funding expenditure is directly correlated to the increased militarism in South East Asia.

Amy moves a motion to vote on Lukes amendment to remove 11.4.3

Motion passes with one vote against the amendment.

Against the amendment: James Fox

The motion now reads.



11.5 The 107th Guild Council:

11.4.1 Rejects the Liberal government's increased military spending of \$270 billion.

11.4.2 Recognises that this money that would be better spent on supporting social services, providing funding for students and university workers throughout the COVID crisis.

11.4.3 Encourages students to join campaigns against militarism and military spending and views such campaigns as broadly in line with existing education campaigns for free fully funded education.

Moved: Nicole McEwen

Seconded: Omar Macintyre

Motion passes with five abstentions.

David Hallam, Ridhima Vinayachandran, Neve Staltari, Rahul MS, James Fox

12 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1 The 107th Guild Council approves the expenditure of 30,000\$ to construct the Guild Departments of the third floor of the west wing in the Guild Village.

Moved: Bre Shanahan

Seconded: Jacob Roosendaal

Motion passes unanimously.