



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1. Attendance

Emma Mezger, Jameson Thompson, Adam Elyousef, Joseph Chan, Eleanor White, Chloe Kam, Thomas Cotter, Will Norrish, James Haley, Aidan Mansfield, Doug Jackson, Omar Ali MacIntyre, Lucinda Thai-Letran, Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim, Viknash VM, Vaishnavi Radhakrishnan, Constantinos Toufexis, Simon Alpin, Elise Anthony, Franklin Lou, Marcus Lim, Jacob Cerin

1.2. Apologies

Avery Wright
Amitabh Jeganathan

1.3. Proxies

Lucinda Thai-Letran for Floretta Susilo
Thomas Cotter for April Htun
James Haley for Hala Salih
Simon Alpin for Esa Chrulew
Aidan Mansfield for Prakhar Bhandari
Vaishnavi RN for Lachlan McDonald
Doug Jackson for Armand Ruba

1.4. Observers

Nicole McEwen
Catherine Cheesman

1.5. Absent

Lily Hayward
Alkasim Ghanim
Ridhima Vinay

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approved unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 6.1. Managing Director
- 6.2. Finance
- 6.3. Commercial
- 6.4. Student Services

7. QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1. President – as tabled
- 8.2. Vice President – as tabled.
- 8.3. General Secretary – none for this month.



- 8.4. Guild Chair – as tabled.
- 8.5. Education Council President – as tabled.
- 8.6. Societies Council President – as tabled.
- 8.7. Public Affairs Council President – not submitted.
- 8.8. WASAC Chair – not submitted.
- 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.
- 8.14. Environment Officer – not submitted.
- 8.15. Sports Officer – as tabled.
- 8.16. Access Department – as tabled.
- 8.17. Pride Officers – as tabled.
- 8.18. Ethnocultural Department Officers – not submitted.
- 8.19. Volunteering Chair – as tabled.
- 8.20. OGC reports – as tabled.
- 8.21. MASA President – as tabled.

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

10. ADMINISTRATION

- 10.1. The 108th Guild Council approves Standing Orders as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Jameson Thompson

EM says the Standing Orders have been in the work for a while with Adam, Viknash and Tony working on them.

Motion passes – abstention: SA

11. ELECTIONS

11.1. General Secretary of Guild Council

TG nominated and appointed as RO
WN and CT nominated, WN appointed

AE moves motion 13.1. regarding Dauda (Daj) Jenneh's resignation as General Secretary

Motion passes unanimously

AE moves to appoint TG as RO, passes. AE opens the floor to nominations.

CT nominates, JC (PSA) seconds the nomination
EW nominates WN, JT seconds the nomination.

AE reminds council of the newly passed Standing Orders, stating that nominees have a maximum of 2 minutes to speak, and council can direct a maximum of 5 questions to each candidate.

CT speaks to his nomination outlining his experience stating he has been both the



Secretary and Sports Director of ECOMS, which has given him the opportunity to maintain records and manage budgets. He was also the Guild Sports Representative last year, working to make the position a department and expand on previous years – running the most in-person events out of any other officer bearer last year. He acknowledges that the Sponsorship Working Group, of which he is chair of, hasn't

been as effective as he had hoped but says this should not hinder his chances in taking on this role.

WN speaks to his nomination stating that the action of council in the lead up to this election has been disappointing. In outlining his experience, WN says that in his time at UWA, he has occupied a number of roles both on campus and at college. In college his roles have directly led to him managing large budgets for events. As both Environment Officer last year and Access Co-Officer this year, he has managed budgets for events and took on secretarial roles to maintain minutes and organise meetings and agendas. He says that he has always been an active member of the community and will continue to do so in this role.

EW asks CT about what he has achieved in his term, suggesting he has not accomplished anything, nor has he submitted any reports.

CT responds saying that he acknowledges he has not achieved as much as he had hoped for, citing mental health issues and limited opportunity stemming from not being part of the majority party.

JC asks CT about his financial experience

CT responds saying that he studies accounting and finance, which exposes him to budget management and financial policy providing him with essential skills to take on this role. He adds that he has been able to effectively apply these skills in his executive role in ECOMS last year and as Sports Officer last year. He further adds that he has had the opportunity to manage financial matters for his church and in internship placements.

JH asks WN the same question

WN responds says that he is also a business major, which has given him the opportunity to engage with business strategy. He reiterates that in his roles at University Hall, he has managed budgets for a variety of different portfolios for events and other activities. Similarly, in his two Office Bearer positions, he has been able to effectively navigate NetSuite and apply budgeting skills. He also notes that he recently interned for the Financial Counsellors Association, where he was able to look at financial issues facing low-SES communities.

EW asks CT what will change in his work ethic should he be promoted to General Secretary

CT responds reiterating that he understands he was not able to be as engaged as he had hoped for, but promises that in this role, he will be more effective because it allows him the opportunity to do so.

JC moves a procedural motion for a 5-minute break

Procedural motion passes.

WN duly elected as General Secretary

11.2. Ethnocultural Officer



EM nominates Jerry Mattias (JM)

JM duly elected at Ethnocultural Co-Convenor

JC asks why this needed to be elected through council, as there is no rule saying this process needed to occur.

EM responds saying that this was done to be more formalised as per RV request.

12. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

12.1. The 108th Guild Council:

12.1.1 Recognises the atrocities occurring in Afghanistan caused by the Taliban's hostile takeover.

12.1.2 Recognises women, children and the LGBTIQ+ community living in Afghanistan faced danger such as but not limited to, enslavement, sexual assault, and harsh living restrictions as a result of the takeover.

12.1.3 Opposes Islamophobia in all forms and condemns all forms of religious and racial discrimination.

12.1.4 Fights for the freedom and liberation of all women

12.1.5 Stands with Afghan students on campus and encourages the UWA Student Guild to facilitate support groups for affected UWA students.

12.1.6 Encourages the UWA Student Guild to host an event to raise awareness and

Moved: Adam Elyousef

Seconded: Emma Mezger

AE passes the chair to VV

AE says that what is happening in Afghanistan is horrible and that the impact of the Taliban and other terrorist organisations had real impacts on him growing up. He urges council members to support this motion and notes the success of the Women's Department event surrounding this issue.

EM notes that with consultation with Avery, the LGBTIQ+ community was added.

Motion passes unanimously

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13.1. The 108th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Dauda Daj Janneh as General Secretary effective immediately.

Moved: Jameson Thompson

Seconded: Emma Mezger

Motion passes unanimously

13.2. The 108th Guild Council:

13.2.1. Overturns the election held for the position of Chair in the last Guild Council

13.2.2. Re-runs the election for the position

Moved by: Viknash VM

Seconded: Abdul Rahman



VV passes chair back to AE

VV notes that this appeal has gone through governance, but he is going further with his appeal hence why it is being heard in council. He expresses that need for

guild councilors to be heard and to voice reasonings for getting elected into positions democratically. Historically, candidates were always given the chance to speak and is thankful that it has been put in the new standing orders and used during the General Secretary election. He acknowledges that, at the time, the new processes around elections were not implemented, but highlights that it was also expressed that best practice should be followed. With this in mind, he urges council to vote in favor for the motion and will respect the outcome.

EW to VV why does this appeal needs to be heard in council given the outcome of the special governance meeting where it was unanimous that the election was conducted fairly and according to the regulations.

VV responds saying that guild council functions similarly to that of the relationship between the high court and supreme court in that if a decision made in governance is unsatisfactory, then it can be brought to council same as the systems of law.

JT to AR why is AR seconding this motion given that, in the governance meeting of which he is a part of, a unanimous decision was made.

AR responds saying he disagreed with a number of the conversations and decisions made during that meeting.

JH asks what would happen if this motion was passed

VV responds saying that the election would be re-run in line with the new standing orders.

EW to VV how the newly allocated 2 minutes of speaking time would impact the vote enough to overturn the previous decision

VV responds explaining that similarly to campaigning during guild elections, candidates should be heard out and questioned in council. He notes that he was never formally made aware of governance's decision.

JT asks VV why the precedent should be followed now, given that the election of chair earlier in the year did not follow this process

VV responds saying that the election earlier in the year was a one-time and explains that this shouldn't override other processes followed in previous councils. He was not nominated for chair at the start of the year so wasn't in the position to appeal, now he is.

OM asks what precedent this sets in future regarding elections in council, and would there then be room to overturn the election of EA as OGC due to similar processes not being followed

VV responds saying that the OGC nominee had every opportunity to appeal if they saw it fit.

JC asks AR what his judgement was during the governance meeting, given the unanimous verdict

AR responds saying that he didn't agree with the outcome and did not vote for the



decision made during the governance meeting suggesting that a unanimous decision was not made.

JT asks AR why he is saying this now, given the discussions had in governance where he explicitly said that procedurally the election was conducted fairly

AR responds saying the minutes have yet to be approved by governance. He consolidates on his previous statement saying that his position was still that the election needs to be overturned and that no total agreement was made.

EW asks AR if his governance perspective has changed?

AR responds reiterating that during the meeting no procedural vote was made.

JC expresses his support of VV and notes that the changes to the standing orders rectified issues and provided clarity on previously held elections. He was shocked in the way last council was conducted, saying that everyone needed to understand the processes around these elections in order for a fair and equitable election to be followed.

EW speaks against the motion acknowledging that while the proceedings of the last council were unclear, the process of electing the chair was structurally sound. This motion appeals speaking rights which was already discussed through Governance and the decisions of that meeting have been highlighted, there was no precedent that needed to be followed as per the standing orders prior to tonight. She expresses concern in passing the motion suggesting that a bad precedent could be set.

OM speaks for the motion expressing that in last council no one who nominated for the various elected positions had a fair chance to be heard out. He suggests that because this election was made in last council, there is justified reason for the election to be overturned.

JC speaks for the motion noting that there would be a statute of limitations that exists in the appeal process, this appeal being from the most recent council gives it merit to be supported. He raises concern around the proceedings of the governance meeting, highlighting the differences in opinion of meeting outcomes from those present. Councilors should be able to vote the way they are thinking, without the anxiety or social pressure to bind.

JT speaks against the motion highlighting that VV said at the start of hearing this motion that there was no procedure in the standing orders that stated candidates would have time to speak. He notes the examples Vik gave were of decisions made years ago but reiterates that when an election for the same position was held earlier this year, it conducted the same way as last council with no issues were raised. We can't be enforcing rules retroactively on results made in the past.

FL expresses his support for the motion suggesting that despite, in his view, the results won't change, it is fair for Vik to speak.

JC extends on FL saying that council reflects that of the supreme court and expresses that council should have the opportunity to look at the facts, which is the point of the appeal in the first place.

VV apologises to council for not sharing evidence provided to governance but says it would be inappropriate to share it now. In the minutes from last council, it was other council members enquiring around precedents and suggests that it is hypocritical now to change that opinion. If councilors' part of other elections held this year found the



processes unfair, they have every right to appeal if they see fit. Candidates need to be heard irrespective of party lines and VV is dissatisfied with not being heard out in last council – the changes to elections are now in the standing for a reason and he hopes future councils stick to these processes and give due respect to every single councilor

coming into this space seeking opportunities

Motion fails – Against: EM, WN, JT, AE, EW, TC, CK, LC, EA, JH, DJ

TC moves a procedural motion for a 5-minute break

Procedural motion passes

14. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14.1. The 108th Guild Council

14.1.1. Acknowledges the trials and tribulations that offshore international students are currently facing

14.1.2. Continuously supports all offshore international students that are enrolled in UWA

14.1.3. Endorses the “StandWithOffshores” campaign that the International Students’ Department is running that aims to advocate issues that offshore international students are currently facing.

Moved: Abdul Rahman
Seconded: Viknash VM

AR expresses that offshore students have been very upset with the challenges they have been facing with regards to issues such as fees and graduation uncertainty. ISD has started a campaign to lobby the university to reduce fees and provide more support to these students. A proposal is in the works to provide certainty and assurance that offshore students will be able to come back to campus to complete their studies.

VV says this issue is very important that Abdul and himself raised this with senators at the Senate Dinner to initiate conversations around how they can better support offshore students. He highlights that another integral part of this campaign is to ensure these students still feel connected to campus and student life.

EM speaks for the motion explaining that offshore students are one of the biggest cohorts with the greatest dissatisfaction with enrolment at UWA. She encourages all departments to facilitate online, meaningful events, which has been a big request of the guild from students. There is only learning centers in China that exist to facilitate offshore interaction, but she emphasises the need for us to provide events to reach out to help improve the student experience.

Motion passes unanimously

14.2. The 108th Guild Council

14.2.1. Acknowledges that there are many offshore international students that are unable to attend events.

14.2.2. Recommends and encourages all clubs, societies, and representative bodies to enlist an international representative in their committees

Moved: Abdul Rahman
Seconded: Viknash VM



AR says we should be encouraging clubs and societies to be running more online events to aid in offshore student connection. He acknowledges the difficulties associated with online events which ISD has faced over the year but reiterates the importance of providing opportunities for these students to engage with campus culture and to understand what each club or society has to offer.

VV says that he has been impressed by what ISD has achieved this year in spite of persisting covid challenges which continues to effect international students especially. He explains that offshore students are feeling left out and are actively looking for opportunities to engage but are provided with very little ways to do so. He further says that the implementation of international student representation into clubs and societies will allow for an application of voice to ensure these students are not forgotten.

EM expresses her support for the motion but asks why it is being heard in the August 2021 council when offshore international students have been facing this issue since the beginning of 2020

VV responds saying that in 2020, time was spent on looking at ways to combat COVID and that ISD's focus was centred around supporting international students who are onshore facing financial issues leading to rental crisis and job loss. This resulted in seeking financial support and assistance from the university. He explains that events were not of priority to students, especially in the first semester given that we were all in lockdown. That being said ISD did hold a number of online events during the year, but he says that ISD was primarily focused on advocacy. He notes that in his role within the university, there has been a shift in the wants of international offshore students this year toward events given that a large portion of these students are newly enrolled compared to the year prior. He adds that RA is in the best position to understand what the needs and expectations of international students are and to advocate for them accordingly.

EM doubts that all 180 clubs and societies would read the Guild Council minutes and asks whether ISD will actively be reaching out to all clubs and societies and if they know what clubs and societies already have international representatives

RA responds saying that the SOCPAC meetings will be used as an avenue to reach out to all clubs and societies.

EW asks why she wasn't consulted as SOC president about club uptake

RA responds saying he will reach out after council.

ML asks whether, as volunteering chair, he will be included in this process moving forward

RA responds says yes, he will look to do so.

JC asks VV why he is seconding the motion

VV responds saying that the motion is important in showing that the Guild does care for offshore students and are being proactive in responding to the needs of these students. ISD, as an autonomous department, should be able to decide what is best for supporting international students as they continue to navigate through COVID.

SA moves a procedural motion to go straight to a vote

Procedural motion passes

Motion passes unanimously

15. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15.1. The 108th Guild Council:

- 15.1.1. Condemns the Australian government's border and detention regime which needlessly and punitively detains countless refugees and asylum seekers
- 15.1.2. Stands in solidarity with the Murugappan family, who along with 30,000 other refugees in Australia are facing threat of deportation once their temporary visas expire
- 15.1.3. Asserts the right of all refugees and asylum seekers to immediate settlement, healthcare, and permanent visas in Australia.
- 15.1.4. Endorses the Tamil Refugee Council's 'No detention, no deportation: Permanent protection for the Murugappan family' protest on the 4th of September, 3pm at Forrest Chase
- 15.1.5. Will encourage students to attend the protest and share the event via its social media

Moved: Esa Chrulew

Seconded: Viknash VM

SA says the reasons this was late was due to EC being busy

Council votes to hear the motion

SA says that the situation that the Murugappan family are facing is atrocious with their basic human rights being denied. The widespread support and awareness has offered an opportunity to push for refugee human rights in Australia more generally. Given that the families last resort is to put public pressure on the minister to grant visas to stay, the protests in Perth provide an avenue for this to happen.

VV says that the peaceful protests at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) showed to him the importance of this matter and the need to look at the treatment of Tamil people on a global scale. He encourages council to support this motion given council has previously expressed needs to stand in solidarity with Tamil people who face discrimination across the world. The family's situation is pressing and we need to support actions to help them.

JC (OGC) speaks against the motion stating that we should be supporting Australia's border protection system and its job in protecting Australian citizens. He says that the system is in fact in line with international human rights standards. Health protection for Australians should be a top priority during the COVID pandemic.

LT speaks for the motion stating that as a child of refugees fleeing from the Vietnam war she constantly hears about their treatment in Australia and sees the physical toll that has had on them. Refugees seeking refuge during a global pandemic are being persecuted at a higher extent and, in Australia, we sit in a place of privilege, especially council members who are citizens, with substantial opportunity to be proactive in protesting for refugee rights. LT urges council to consider their privilege and vote for the motion.

VR speaks for the motion as a Tamil person, she can sympathise with the family and notes that we have seen continuous protests and resistance at PCH so that the family can be reunited. She emphasises the importance of continuing to be attentive and continuing to advocate for this issue. She responds to JC point saying that the family is already in Perth and have been for some time.

SA speaks for the motion responding to JC expressing distaste for the cynical use of



the COVID crisis to further racist attacks on refugees in Australia likening JC's comments to the rhetoric of Pauline Hanson.

Motion passes – Abstention: JC (PSA), Against: JC (OGC)

15.2. The 108th Guild Council:

- a) Stands in solidarity with Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) dock workers in Fremantle, who have been picketing and stopping work in an ongoing bargaining dispute with Qube Ports and Bulk
- b) Supports their campaign against workers' health and safety being sacrificed for the profits of private companies - calling for basic rights including fair rosters providing adequate rest time, provision of safety equipment and weather-proof gear and proper training

Moved: Esa Chrulew
Seconded: Viknash VM

SA speaks to the system of casualisation, and poor health and safety conditions faced by dock workers being the reasoning behind these strikes and their key demands. As students at UWA are fighting against the cuts and staff casualisation, SA expresses a need for standing in solidarity with the workers in their efforts for basic worker rights.

JC (PSA) to SA what makes Guild Council an appropriate body to approve this motion

SA responds saying that as students we experience casual work in our day-to-day lives and the standards and expectations of casual work is something most students and staff can understand and should stand in solidarity with.

JC asks how many students are affected by Maritime dock worker casualization

SA responds saying that in the politics around casualisation, a win anywhere is a win for everyone in that the key stakes in industrial relations effects everyone.

Motion passes – Abstention: JC (PSA), DJ, Against: JC (OGC)

15.3. The 108th Guild Council:

- a) Condemns the UWA security decision to call police on students occupying the Vice Chancellor's office on 23rd August
- b) Condemns security for behaving aggressively towards the occupying students
- c) Supports the rights of students to engage in direct action (including occupation, sit-ins, marches, and pickets.)
- d) Commends students, engaged in EAN, for their brave impressive action in fighting for our quality of education at UWA by protesting and occupying the chancellery building on August 23

Moved: Simon Aplin
Seconded: Jameson Thompson

SA speaks to the incredible success of the protest both in numbers and in the occupation to put the cuts into the national limelight. Highlighting the way various news articles and Facebook posts have been gaining traction, SA says staff have felt emboldened with a sense of hope as a direct result of EAN action. He continues, saying that, by extension, hope has been given to universities going through similar restructuring to continue fighting.



JT explains that despite regrettably not being in attendance, it was amazing to see students being passionate about the cuts and commends student efforts to occupy the Vice Chancellor's office noting its success in speaking directly to Amit Chakma who is deliberately avoiding discussion with students.

WN speaks for the motion saying that as someone who did attend it was great to see students galvanised around this issue. He commends the action and the efforts of Nicole McEwen and AH for all the work they have been doing, noting that what was achieved in that protest has been unmatched thus far through other means. He reiterates that the occupation saw students speaking directly to the VC with a unifying voice which has been the most powerful action to happen in this campaign to date. It is good to see staff feeling empowered to put themselves on the line because students and the general public are behind them.

TC prefaces that he was also not in attendance due to compulsory classes but is in support of the motion and the actions that took place. He shares a statement made by CK who could not attend saying that peaceful occupations are nothing but another form of demonstration for people to fight for what they believe in. Occupations have been successful in campaigns all over the world leading to social revolution, as stated in the Pelican report students had direct communication with the VC and putting yourself in the position to face him and ask questions is commendable.

JC (OGC) speaks against the motion saying security acted justly and within reason as the Socialists became aggressive and unreasonable.

VR speaks in favor of the motion agreeing with the sentiment but notes that certain departments rely on having good working relationships with campus security and using condemning language puts strain on this. She suggests that in future there could be a more amicable approach taken with security.

Motion passes – Abstention: JC (PSA), AR, Against: JC (OGC)

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

EM says that leading on from the senate protest, the guild is actively working towards hosting a town hall with the VC or a representative. Students will have the opportunity to submit questions or queries. Once a date and time is finalised, EM implores departments to share amongst their networks.

17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held September 29th, 2021, at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any **apologies or proxies 24 hours prior to council**. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.