

# 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

### 1.1. Attendance

1.2. Apologies

Alkasim Ghanim Vaishnavi Radhakrishnan

### 1.3. Proxies

Amitabh Jenagathan for Constantinos Toufexis

- 1.4. Observers
- 1.5. Absent

### 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

## 6. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- 6.1 The 108th Guild Council
  - 6.1.1 Recognises that the fires happening throughout Western Australia have devastated homes and are a result of climate change.
  - 6.1.2 Condemns the Australian Government's inaction on the climate crisis.
  - 6.1.3 Calls for fire-fighting services to have increased funding from the Government and for firefighters to receive a union wage.
  - 6.1.4 Encourages UWA Students to take part in Climate Action efforts when safe to do so.
  - 6.1.5 Supports the Guild Council to coordinate fundraising efforts for Western Australians affected by the fires.

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Bre Shanahan

## 7. INTRODUCTION TO PROSH (by Charlie and Curtis)

## 8. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 8.1 Managing Director
- 8.2 Finance
- 8.3 Commercial
- 8.4 Student Services



# 9. STUDENT REPORTS

- 9.1 President
- 9.2 Vice President
- 9.3 General Secretary
- 9.4 Guild Chair
- 9.5 Education Council President
- 9.6 Societies Council President
- 9.7 Public Affairs Council President
- 9.8 WASAC Chair
- 9.9 Women's Officer
- 9.10 Welfare Officer
- 9.11 Postgraduate Students' Association President
- 9.12 International Students' Department President
- 9.13 Residential Students' Department President
- 9.14 Environment Officer
- 9.15 Sports Officer
- 9.16 Access Department
- 9.17 Pride Officers
- 9.18 Ethnocultural Collective Conveners
- 9.19 Volunteering Chair
- 9.20 OGC reports
- 9.21 MASA President

# 10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

# **11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

11.1 The 108th Guild Council Endorses and commends the State of Victoria for their conversion therapy ban and Calls for the WA state government to also pass a similar conversion therapy ban.

Moved: Avery Wright Seconded: Alkasim Ghanim

- 11.2 The 108th Guild Council
- 11.2.1 Stands in solidarity with the students from Myanmar regarding the ongoing coup
- 11.2.2 Recognises that several lives have been lost in the protest, some unfortunately being students as well.
- 11.2.3 Acknowledges the existence of the petition in this link, <u>https://www.change.org/.../save-</u>myanmar-and-honor-the...
- , which was made in the spirit of honouring the 2020 election and supporting the people in Myanmar
- 11.2.4 Endorses a 'Sit in Solidarity' event organised in collaboration with ISD and the Union of Myanmar on oak lawn where students can educate themselves more about the situation in Myanmar and its significance in the nation's history and encourages students to attend
- 11.2.5 Recognises the impact the situation may have on students emotionally ad encourages them to seek help through student assist and UWA counselling services



11.2.6 Endeavours to continue its advocacy for UWA students affected by any crises that occurs internationally.

Moved: Abdul Rahman Seconded: Ridhima

- 11.3 The 108th Guild Council:
- 11.3.1 Opposes the UWA administration's attempts to make up for lost revenue by making drastic cuts to units, approximately 500 of which will no longer be available this semester, which reduces the quality of the education students receive.
- 11.3.2 Opposes university administrations making permanent the switch to online or blended learning, which around 94% of Australian tertiary education institutions are attempting.
- 11.3.3 Commits to building the education campaign at UWA to respond to course cuts, restructures, and the worsening of staff's conditions. This includes:
  - 11.3.3.1 Endorsing an education rally on campus in week five of semester one during NUS Education Week.
  - 11.3.3.2 Creating a media release and Facebook post promoting the Guild's opposition to any education cuts, and its support of the week five rally.
  - 11.3.3.3 Promoting the rally to students via an all-student email as well as in person at UWA Ed Week events.
  - 11.3.3.4 Recommending to all Guild representatives to make announcements in their tutorials about education cuts and the upcoming education rally.

Moved: Esa Chrulew Seconded: April Htun

- 11.4 The 108th Guild Council:
  - 11.4.1 Recognises that UWA has numerous research, funding, and personnel links with some of the world's largest and highest emission oil and gas companies including Chevron, Shell and BHP Billiton, and opposes any and all ties between the university and fossil fuel corporations.
  - 11.4.2 Recognises the connection between the fight for our education and for the environment, as restructures and funding cuts are incentivising universities to deepen ties to private corporations including fossil fuel companies who will be able to exert greater influence over how the university is run.
  - 11.4.3 Opposes the Australasian Oil and Gas (AOG) conference and expo, which is dedicated to developing and expanding the fossil fuel industry that is driving the environment towards climate catastrophe.
  - 11.4.4 Endorses a demonstration against the AOG conference on the 10th of March, and commits to building the protest by:
  - 11.4.5 Creating a media release and Facebook post showing the Guild's support of the demonstration and opposition to the university's ties to fossil fuel ties.
  - 11.4.6 Promoting the rally to students via an all-student email and distributing promotional materials.

Moved: Esa Chrulew Seconded: April Htun



11.5 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the changes made to the Enviro Grant Rules as recommended by the Governance Committee.

Moved: Eleanor White Seconded: James Hayley

# **12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

12.1 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the PSA rules as approved by Governance Committee.

Moved: Bre Shanahan Seconded: Joseph Chan

12.2.1The 108th Guild council:

12.2.2 Acknowledges that COVID-19 has led to an increase in social isolation which has negatively impacted students' mental health.

12.2.3 Endorses the ISD and the Welfare Department's campaign to increase awareness of social isolation and continues its support of students who are experiencing social isolation

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan Seconded: Abdul Rahman

#### 12.3 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council

- 12.3.1 Recognises the importance of student media platforms such as Pelican in social, political, and cultural history of Australia and the University of Western Australia.
- 13.3.2 Acknowledges the increase in students studying online increases their dependence on accessing student media.
- 12.3.3 Calls on the return of student media to social media platforms and encourages UWA students to advocate for their reinstatement as well as engage with Pelican through the Pelicreators Facebook page.

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Bre Shanahan

### 12.3 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council

12.3.1. Recognises the severe impact COVID-19 has had on unemployment, wellbeing, and financial security of Australians, especially students and young people.

12.3.2 Acknowledges the Government's jobseekers increase of 50 dollars per fortnight will not be sufficient to keep jobseekers out of poverty.

- 12.3.3. Condemns the Government's removal of the COVID-19 supplement and acknowledges despite the increase in jobseeker payments, unemployed Australians will be receiving an overall reduction of one hundred dollar per fortnight.
- 12.3.4 Directs the Welfare Department to run a campaign to Raise the Rate with the support of the 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council.

Moved: Emma Mezger

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Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan

- 12.4. 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council
- 12.4.1 Endorses the removal of Darryl Sanders & Nicola Norris as an authorised signatories of the UWA Student Guild Online Bank Account.

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Daudu Daj Janneh

## 13 GENERAL BUSINESS

# 14 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies 4:00 PM prior to Council. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.