



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1. Attendance

Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim, Adam Elyousef, Amitabh Jenagathan, April Htun, Armand Ruba, Avery Wright, Bre Shanahan, Chloe Kam, Christopher-John Daudu, Daj Janneh, Eleanor White, Emma Mezger, Esa Chrulew, Floretta Susilo, Franklin Lou, Hala Salih, Jacob Cerin, James Hayley, Jameson Thompson, Joey Nguyen, Joseph Chan, Lucinda Clara, Lachlan McDonald, Lily Hayward, Omar Ali MacIntyre, Ridhima Vinay, Thomas Cotter, Viknash VM, Will Norish.

1.2. Apologies

Alkasim Ghanim
Vaishnavi Radhakrishnan

1.3. Proxies

Amitabh Jenagathan for Constantinos Toufexis

1.4. Observers

Mike

1.5. Absent

AR requests a moment of silence for the lives lost in the Myanmar conflict.

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
Chair: Viknash

EM states that this was a motion put forward in response to the bushfire crisis in WA. She then encourages the guild council to participate in fundraising efforts. In addition, she commends the State Government and Perth City Council for providing for the people affected by the bushfires. Fundraising was provided through making masks. However, this is a long process thus other ways to potentially assist are being looked at. Guild volunteering are looking into how best to support those effected

BS adds that it is important to take a stand to support students affected by fires and generally recognize those who have been affected by it.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. INTRODUCTION TO PROSH (by Charlie and Curtis)

EM states that a formal email will be sent to unit coordinators to notify them that UWA classes included undergraduate, postgraduate and PHD will be cancelled on the morning of Wednesday the 24th of march, everything will then resume as normal by 12pm. She then proceeds to thank everyone who has signed up as a Fpos martial.

8. DIRECTORS REPORTS

- 8.1 Managing Director – As tabled
- 8.2 Finance – As tabled
- 8.3 Commercial – As tabled
- 8.4 Student Services – As tabled

TG apologizes for the delay in the report, which was delayed due to O-week and the lockdown which also delayed the auditing report. States that he is hopeful that something will come by within the next few weeks for presentation and run through. He then proceeds to thank everyone in attendance and all those who have worked to make O-day the success it was. He says it was a very positive start to the year and can partly be attributed to the boost in domestic intake.

TG says with regards to social media and Facebook pages, there is a process to uploading items. There was a massive cull 12 months ago of pages and subpages due to the processes not being followed. All items that are a guild initiative must go through Caitlyn for approval. Any guild branded social media items must be ran through the marketing officer, associate director of student services (Jenny) and/or the guild president. Pages that are outstanding that need to get approval are Fringe, Ethno, Cultural Council Group and Free breakfast which must go to Caitlyn and Jenny by Friday latest.

TG reports that the Guild Ordinary General Meeting will hopefully be hosted in May. Papers and justification still needed to be done.

TG says that the Guild precinct is getting a little bit of interest. They are looking at architectural firms to see what can be done in terms of repairs and reconstruction. He then adds that Cameron Hall has a lot of structural issues and that him and EM have already met with alumni to discuss ideas on how to raise funds to reconstruct it.

PSA election rules are in a pretty good shape.



New Guild merchandise has been a huge success, looking to begin new orders to increase stock. TG thanks everyone who was in the marketing campaign and commends their efforts.

Guild Venture space is now complete and are looking to do a soft launch over the next couple of weeks and a more formal event by April.

Guild alumni is shaping up to be quite the event. Many people have signed up and the number is now just shy under 200. TG recommends that everyone comes along as it will be valuable experience. Many more people would have liked to attend but can't due to COVID-19 restrictions.

BS moves to accept the director's reports, it **passes unanimously**

9. STUDENT REPORTS

9.1 President

9.2 Vice President – as read – selected Helen Beazley as institute chair.

9.3 General Secretary

9.4 Guild Chair – as read – BS and VM are working on standing orders, looking to circulate those by next week for feedback. Looking for volunteers for alumni evening.

9.5 Education Council President

9.6 Societies Council President

9.7 Public Affairs Council President – as read – taking some initiatives from O-day which they are going to adapt and make for fringe festival.

9.8 WASAC Chair – as read – no report to be read, will be uploading in the next couple of days. Indigenous strategy is under review.

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 – no report.

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 – no report

9.20 OGC reports

9.21 MASA President

Reports accepted unanimously

10. QUESTION TIME

EC: To JH, why wasn't there any mention of Australasian Oil and Gas protest that was organized with the environment department

JH: To EC, I wasn't contacted about that, so I've not been working on that.

EC: To JH, I've heard from James that he's been working with you regarding this.



JH: To EC, he's never sat me down and told me he wants to run this through the environmental department.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

12.1 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 – wasn't present therefore seconded by Jameson Thompson

AW says conversion therapy is a practice that according to all scientific research does not work, it is an abusive practice that can leave the individual scarred for life. AW is pleased that Victoria has banned it without exception.

JT says that this should be passed in council and in WA

Motion passes unanimously

12.2 The 108th Guild Council

12.2.1 Stands in solidarity with the students from Myanmar regarding the ongoing coup

12.2.2 Recognises that several lives have been lost in the protest, some unfortunately being students as well.

12.2.3 Acknowledges the existence of the petition in this link, <https://www.change.org/.../save-myanmar-and-honor-the...>

, which was made in the spirit of honouring the 2020 election and supporting the people in Myanmar

12.2.4 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

12.2.5 Recognises the impact the situation may have on students emotionally and encourages them to seek help through student assist and UWA counselling services

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

Moved: Abdul Rahman

Seconded: Ridhima

Rahman votes to waiver his speaker rights to those on the Myanmar committee

Vote passes unanimously

Julia (committee member) say that power has been handed over to the commander in chief of the armed forces, soldiers have been deployed around the country. This has been going on since 1988 and the people have begun an uprising and are fighting for democracy and freedom of their country.



This protest will ensure that there is awareness raised regarding the situation.

Council goes to debate

April speaks for the motion and says as someone who is Burmese and has friends and family back home where its been difficult to contact them, she fully endorses the motion and would like to see the guild shed light on an international situation and show support for our students and those affected.

EC speaks for the motion and says she is supportive of the movement in Myanmar. Says we should be inspired by the movement in Myanmar and learn lessons from the students and workers in Myanmar.

AR just to clarify, for 11.2.4 the sit in solidarity is confirmed to be held on the third of march.

VM speaking for the motion says young lives have been lost fighting for what they believe in its representative of what the guild should be doing, it would be good if everyone could come down and sign a petition.

Motion passes unanimously

12.3 The 108th Guild Council:

12.3.1 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.

12.3.2 Opposes university administrations making permanent the switch to online or blended learning, which around 94% of Australian tertiary education institutions are attempting.

12.3.3 Commits to building the education campaign at UWA to respond to course cuts, restructures, and the worsening of staff's conditions. This includes:

12.3.3.1 Endorsing an education rally on campus in week five of semester one during NUS Education Week.

12.3.3.2 Creating a media release and Facebook post promoting the Guild's opposition to any education cuts, and its support of the week five rally.

12.3.3.3 Promoting the rally to students via an all-student email as well as in person at UWA Ed Week events.

12.3.3.4 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

EC says an email last year outlined that many units and courses are going to be modified or cut as they do not add value. EC thinks that clarification is needed by what "value" means, and that if the university administration cared about the value for students and staff then they wouldn't be cutting these units and courses. They wouldn't be firing staff, cutting library hours and cutting down on elective choices. She then says we should be fighting for the interest of students and staff so that the university won't be able to do as it pleases. Even though due to economic factors



and COVID-19 the university is at a \$70 million deficit, we shouldn't accept the logic outright that these slashes are a result of it.

Council goes to questions

AJ asks if the education reality is being run by the Guild, education department or is it an organic value that we are just supporting?

EC responds by saying its being run by Education Action Network with collaboration from the Guild

Council goes to debate

EM proposes an amendment to 12.3.2 as UWA currently has a lot of offshore students who are online and need the blended learning. Would like to amend motion to say, "Opposes university administration making the permanent switch to online or reducing the quality of learning and so forth on."

Amendment recognized as friendly

EC speaks for the motion with regards to the amendment, during the pandemic it is online learning is essential. What the guild should be opposing is fully always making it online learning.

EM speaks for the motion, UWA students should not suffer cuts to the quality of their education due to the university's deficit. Education should be a priority of the university.

Motion passes unanimously

12.4 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.4.1 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.
- 12.4.2 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.
- 12.4.3 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.
- 12.4.4 Endorses a demonstration against the AOG conference on the 10th of March, and commits to building the protest by:
- 12.4.5 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.
- 12.4.6 Promoting the rally to students via an all-student email and distributing promotional materials.



EC says the effects of climate change are evident as we can see them with the bushfires. States that there is urgency to fight against climate change, Australasian fuel and gas conference should be opposed as fossil fuels cause climate change. Especially in Perth which is the hub of gas fracking and coal mining in Australia, this is where we should be protesting. She then states that another element of this motion is to oppose the connection between these companies and universities. As universities get less funding from the government, they are incentivised to gain funding from these private companies which directs what we are studying and what research we are doing. Names woodside as an example of a company that should be protested. She then urges the Environmental department to help more with the process and to push forward a fight against climate change.

Council goes to questions

JC: Thanks EC and AH for the motion, 11.4.1 mentions that these companies have ties with research funding. Research students are already struggling with funding so how would you suggest a remedy?

EC: I don't think these funding's should direct research towards those industries, I hope to get more funding from the government or funding from green energy companies rather than getting it from the fossil fuel industry.

Council moves to debate

AH proposes an amendment to 11.4.4, would like to add "endorses the demonstration Protest fossil fuel corporations at AOG expo"

Amendment recognized as friendly

Jacob speaks against the motion saying while he acknowledges that fighting for the environment is a serious issue and we should be fighting for it, we are highly dependant on these fossil fuels firms. Thus, it's not feasible to instantly cut ties.

LH speaks for the motions saying as I am an indigenous person the fight for protecting the environment has been an important cause since before colonization, I would like to acknowledge my support for this and fights for the environment. Says that this is not a feasible future and that we need to prioritize protecting our environment.

JH speaks for the motion saying we have the technology and economy to do this, but it is getting blocked by the entire WA political system being in the pocket of these fossil fuels lobbies. This needs to be addressed head on.

AJ to Jacob, I think it's really important to understand that our role is to represent the students. While there are opportunities for these students provided by these mining companies, the vast majority of our students are affected by the actions of these companies and are impacted in a negative way. We should be telling the university that this is what the student want.

WN speaks for the motion that it's been evident that our sustainability and our environment wasn't something of a priority of the university. This is to convince the university that we care and the students care and we need to diversify.



Jacob in reply to AJ and WN, If we were to instantly lose ties with these companies, we would be in a serious predicament. This opposition doesn't imply a progressive resistance which is a gradual transition, it implies an instantaneous one. I'd rather think that we should advocate for the development of technology in these fossil fuel firms to a more renewable and sustainable fashion.

AW speaks for the motion and directs his reply to Jacob, I think that to raise this as a concern is good and it would not happen instantaneously but rather be gradual. AW then suggests adding a clause to the motion that says "We will also now support ties to renewable energy companies and companies that promote environmentally sustainable practices"

BS in response to AW's proposition of an amendment, the amendment could be "Urges the university to invest in renewable resource, research and teaching"

Amendment recognized as friendly

JH speaks for the motion saying the university and corporations have been saying they would move towards renewable energy sources gradually but has now been moving backwards. It's either a couple of scholarships here and there or it comes down to a whole species.

EC says she disagrees with Jacob and says it would be just to raise awareness and push forward the change. The move towards a greener economy would be great which is also recognized by those who work in the fossil fuel industry.

LM speaks for the motion saying maybe there would be repercussions, but we should face them. This is more symbolic and to apply pressure. He then urges council to recognize the power and responsibility held by the council as to what we can do. Urges council to not take a mindset that there are no repercussions, or this won't create a change.

JC says unfortunately UWA does have a lot of ties to these fossil fuel companies and that it needs to begin considering a shift towards greener companies. After AW's amendment, it allows the shift to transition and ensure that research students are not sidelined.

Jacob votes against the motion

Motion carries.

Moved: Esa Chrulew
Seconded: April Htun

- 12.5 The 108th Guild Council approves the changes made to the Enviro Grant Rules as recommended by the Governance Committee.

EW says this grant is to incentivise clubs to act in a manner that's more sustainable. Its only a small financial incentive to start with and is to honour the guilds stance in trying to be more sustainable.

JH says he thinks we could have a larger amount granted so that clubs can move forward and change their mindset.



Council moves to debate

WN speaks for the motion and thanks EW for continuing this.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Eleanor White
Seconded: James Hayley

13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 The 108th Guild Council accepts the PSA rules as approved by Governance Committee.

BS: Motion is late cause it was considered at the governance committee yesterday but is being brought forward as its important to the PSA functioning.

Vote to hear motion carries

BS: this motion is a review of the PSA rules, there is no huge number of changes. This is to make it clear that PSA functions as a partner of the guild rather than a separate organization

JC: This motion should be passed.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Joseph Chan
Chair: Viknash

13.2.1 The 108th Guild council:

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

13.2.3 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

AJ: Motion is late due to AR and AJ only meeting on Monday it's important to hear the motion to plan it out and put the action out as soon as possible. This needs approval from the guild so they can move it forward faster.

Vote to hear motion carries

AJ: Social isolation is an important matter. There's a lot of clinical research associated with social isolation. It is important to support students who are off campus to feel like they are on campus and part of the community. We want to help raise awareness.

Rahman: this campaign creates a comfortable space for international students to get involved, help one another and seek help.



Council moves to questions

JH to AJ, is there any structure to this so far?

AJ: begin by introduce how to identify the issue and then presents ways you can reach support services on campus and help others then move towards coming to campus and events where awareness is promoted and provide services to integrate themselves on campus.

ML to AJ, Guild volunteering can help as most of them are international and they are already coming up with the same ideas, how is it meant to be inclusive?

AJ to ML, we're looking at using multi model, have posters up in colleges and to use different social media platforms and emails.

AR: ISD has an WeChat account that can be used to promote these posters and events.

LL: will this be done with other departments? I.e., the disability department?

AJ: yes will incorporate others and we would appreciate guidance and any help provided.

Council moves to debate

LH: could we add an amendment that includes other relevant departments that are involved such as RSD and WASC?

EM: amendment to say "with the support of the 108th guild council."

Amendment recognized as friendly

WN speaks for the motion saying he appreciates the sentiment. He says its important that voices are heard on this issue and is excited to see the outcome.

EM speaks for the motion saying this is something she's spoken to AJ and AR about this motion and is pleased to see its been taken up and is in the works. She then states that she is excited to see what is going to be done with the campaign

Motion passed unanimously

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan

Seconded: Abdul Rahman

13.3 The 108th Guild Council

13.3.1 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.

13.3.3 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 Peli-creators Facebook page.



EM: late because developments happened quite recently, and it should be heard because everyone needs to hear about impacts to relevant party

Vote to hear motion carries

EM: its important we stand behind student media as it is a time where increased reliance on news is found online

BS waives speaking rights to pelican

Pelican: our page has been blocked since last week, its important for both domestic and international students especially those who aren't on campus to keep students updated and to feel included. Facebook blocking it makes it extremely difficult as that was what was used as their biggest outreach to student. Pelican doesn't generate profits so they believe they shouldn't be affected by the law.

Council moves to debate

WN: The Access community has raised the issue of isolation saying that student media has helped with the feeling of isolation and it has helped students feel connected to campus life, without needing to be present.

EC: supports the motion. She believes that private corporations shouldn't be able to monopolize the internet and shut off peoples access to content.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Bre Shanahan
Chair: Viknash

13.4 The 108th Guild Council

- 13.4.1 Recognises the severe impact COVID-19 has had on unemployment, wellbeing, and financial security of Australians, especially students and young people.
 - 12.4.2 Acknowledges the Government's jobseekers increase of 50 dollars per fortnight will not be sufficient to keep jobseekers out of poverty.
- 13.4.2 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.
- 13.4.3 Directs the Welfare Department to run a campaign to Raise the Rate with the support of the 108th Guild Council.

EM: late as it is a recent development. Needs to be heard because AJ and herself would like to move forward with the motion.

Vote to hear motion carries

EM: the government is getting rid of COVID-19 supplement and promises to increase job seeker supplement. However, its only increasing by \$50 a fortnight while simultaneously losing \$150, overall people will be losing 100 per fortnight. There are 8 unemployed people



per available job, most of these are students and will be pushed close to or below the poverty line. The Guild needs to recognize this and use its power to push this forward.

AJ: the government framed this as they are supporting students, but realistically this will adversely affect students. We should support the NUS and their campaign which is called Raising the Rate for Good.

Council moves to questions

LH: does this motion also include youth allowance and government subsidies others that the government change?

EM: can possibly raise as a friendly amendment

Council moves to debate

EM proposes an amendment to 12.4.2 include youth allowance as part of that.

Amendment recognized as friendly

EC speaks for the motion saying this is a great motion as so many people are struggling whereas the rich and those who are doing nothing are enjoying their money. This is pushing students and others towards or below the poverty line, and many people are losing their jobseeker due to being sick or unable to attend work.

LH speaks for the motion saying it's important for jobseeker, its super difficult to pay for rent and live when you're relying on supplements.

WN: used both jobseeker and youth allowance to live. He thinks it's important for us to be in the forefront.

LL: Disability fund is also being cut. This is important to acknowledge.

JC proposes an amendment to 12.4.2 saying include all government subsidies.

BS proposes an amendment to 12.4.2 saying Acknowledge government subsidy increases.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger

Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan

13.5 108th Guild Council

13.5.1 Endorses the removal of Darryl Sanders & Nicola Norris as an authorised signatories of the UWA Student Guild Online Bank Account.

EM: late as it was only raised today, important as its an essential administrative task.

Vote to hear motion carries



EM: Need approval of guild council to remove them as they are no longer present. Considering Darryl and Nicola are no longer staff members it is unwise to have them as signatories.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Daudu Daj Janneh

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

EW: reply to PROSH Fpos martial

EM: please remember council photos March 3rd, respond to the poll please.

DJ: come support breakfast so OBS should come down to increase engagement.

13 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:24

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 31st 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.