108th Guild Council

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1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1. Attendance

UWA STUDENT

 Emma Mezger, Jameson Thompson, Daj Janneh, Adam Elyousef, India Aniere, Eleanor White, Chloe Kam, April Htun, Will Norrish, Lachlan McDonald, Divyanshu Siwach, Amitabh Jeganathan, Alkasim Ghanim, Ridhima Vinay (on zoom), Prakhar Bhandari, Armand Ruba, Omar Ali MacIntyre, Lucinda Thai-Letran, Cooper Mason, Avery Wright, Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim, Viknash VM, Vaishnavi Radhakrishnan, Constantinos Toufexis, Esa Chrulew, Elise Anthony

1.2. Apologies

1.3. Proxies

Divyanshu Siwach for Thomas Cotter India Aniere for James Hayley Cooper Mason for Jacob Cerin

1.4. Observers

Meizhu Chan Phoebe Burrage Nicole McEwen Catherine Cheesman

1.5. Absent

Lily Hayward

1.6. MASTERPLAN PRESENTATION – Trevor Humphreys

We developed strategic development objectives, the first of which being to contemporize the physical and digital campus infrastructure. We also realized that the estate is too big, we should be consolidating our activity to be focused on the crawley campus and QE2. We also thought about establishing new campus capabilities such as whether there was a need to establish a campus in the CBD? The answer seems to be not yet, at the moment. And finally to reactivate the campus as a vibrant community, whats particularly important is the linkage between QE2 and campus. Feedback has been that students feel detached. Masterplan is focused on rejuvenation, activation and new build. The focus of this masterplan is rejuvenating the existing estate. The student guild and sport and BMR do a lot of events, our job is to pull all of that together to reactivate the campus. There are a few sites within UWA land that are potential new builds, this is not to say it will be built there but there is potential to build. The masterplan was organised into 4 quarters: village quarters, southern quarters, cultural guarters and accommodation quarters. One of the focuses of the cultural quarters is parking or public transport systems. One focus of the southern quarters is the linkages between all other parts of UWA to the southern guarter. A focus of the accommodation quarter is the separation and the need for more accommodation if numbers increase. The university has been moving towards a greener approach and were set an energy carbon neutrality by 2025 and set a carbon neutral target by 2030.



EC asks whether TH thinks that this masterplan and improvement is more important than all of the staff cuts and education cuts that are going on.

TH replies saying I cant speak for the university but personally I think there needs to be greater oncampus engagement and better estate to keep students safe and have an appropriate environment for the students.

EC well I think students will be disattisfied with their experience if their education is getting

TH replies stating again that it is not his area to comment.

EW asks how the university plans to get to the carbon neutral goal

TH says there is an idea but if any students in the room are keen to get involved in the discussion and have ways to reach this target, we are all ears.

EC says well you can start by not taking investments from woodside and all the other curropt fossil fuel companies and advancing research.

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

4.1 The 108th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Joey Nguyen from the position of Ordinary Guild Councillor effective 21/07/2021.

Motion Passes unanimously

Moved: Daj Janneh

Seconded: Jameson Thompson

4.2 The 108th Guild Council approves the appointment of Viknash VM as Ordinary Guild Councillor commencing immediately.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Jameson Thompson Seconded: Daj Janneh

4.3 The 108th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Bre Shanahan from the position of Ordinary Guild Councillor effective 27/07/2021.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Daj Janneh

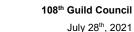
Seconded: Jameson Thompson

4.4 The 108th Guild Council approves the appointment of Elise Anthony as Ordinary Guild Councillor commencing immediately.

LM speaks against the motion saying that regarding the processs, the position should be elected in good faith by the council. As of this moment it seems that if gets voted against then we will have a general election for the position. So if there were other people who would

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like a different candidate for the position and have someone in mind, thus a vote against this will essentially be a vote for another alternative.

EM says it sounds unrealistic for us to spend thousand of dollars for the WA EC to come in and do another general election for the OGC.

LM says well the council can be used as a mechanism to conduct such an election without the WA EC.

TG interrupts and says that it's the second semester therefore the council has a right to appoint. If you disagree with the appoint then the vote fails, the council has to elect someone for the position of OGC.

HS speaks and says didn't everyone have the agenda beforehand? So why are we sitting here and fighting over this.

JC there are some council members that aren't happy with this being raised with the executive and recommendation.

JT speaks for the motion saying elise has displayed that she is exactly the type of person who should be on council and has the experience for that position. So what is the issue here?

OM I want to speak against the motion as there are people here who want to nominate and I think its unfair that they aren't heard. Elise has spoken and everyone has listened so why cant the other person speak?

AW speaks for the motion saying that this discussion is absurd. The entire dynamic is that star has raised an OGC as one of their candidates has resigned and this is how its been done in the past. If you put someone out from a different party then you are overriding what the students have democratically chosen.

JC realistically this is a representational body, so the assumption is that if we are all democratically elected on this council then the new election should be democratically elected.

EW says you couldy'e put up a motion a week ago nominating someone, so why have you not done it?

DJ we've been discussing this for a while so lets move on. We are in second semester and this allows us to appoint someone, if the vote fails then your candidate gets to speak.

LM says I would like to speak and raise some of the points that were mentioned. Its very dangerous to go into this talk of teams and tickets. I've been clear that I put the people above the tickets. I would argue that I cant assume that these people that resigned were feverently within that particular group which doesn't exist outside of election times. You cant just say they are part of that ticket 9 months ago so their views are aligned with that ticket fully.

JC says I think AJ asked for a secret ballet and if we look at standing order 76 about a secret ballet, voting shall be determined by a show of hands unless half the quorum of the council asks for a secret ballet in which case the general secretery should conduct a secret ballet.

AJ id like to move a procedural motion to go to a secret ballet

Procedural motion fails

Voting against: OM, LM, FL, PB

Moved: Emma Mezger (JT) Seconded: Daj Janneh

4.5 The 108th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Christopher-John Daudu from the position of Ethnocultural Co-Officer effective 29/07/2021.

Voting against: CE

Moved: Daj Janneh

Seconded: Jameson Thompson

4.6 Elections for the positions of

4.6.1 Chair of Guild Council and Governance Committee

TG nominated and appointed as RO

AE and VK nominated AE appointed

4.6.2 Member of Student Services Committee

EA nominated and appointed

- 4.8 The 108th Guild Council
 - 4.8.1 Opposes the cuts to Social Sciences courses.
 - 4.8.2 Opposes any reduction in funding that negatively impacts the student experience.
 - 4.8.3 Calls on UWA to repeal its decision to rescind the Anthropology & Sociology major.
 - 4.8.4 Opposes the reduction in unit offerings for Master of International Relations, Asian Studies and Human Geography & Planning.
 - 4.8.5 Directs the Education Council President in consultation with Arts Union to run a campaign to raise awareness and preserve courses and units in the School of Social Sciences.

EM says we moved this motion early in July when we heard what was proposed, I commend April on her work so far and works with art union and the organisation of a protest in collaboration with Nicole.

DJ says EM has said it all.

JC wants to make an amendment to include as well as supervisors which have a great impact on HGR students in 4.8.3

EC speaks for the motion saying I think it's a joke that people have spent over an hour having a fight over elections which is more effort than I've seen you guys fight over the last 3 weeks for this cut. I think we should be working out what we can do in within our respective portfolios to combat the cuts



Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Daj Janneh

4.9 The 108th Guild Council accepts Jack Spagnuolo as authorized signatory and approver on the Guild online bank account

DJ says this is pretty simple Mutya sent this through so we can approve Jack as the signatory

EM says Jack is also a director so its not like he was floating around and we picked him up from nowhere.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Daj Janneh

Seconded: Emma Mezger

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

7.1 Managing Director

Nominations open on Monday. New head chef his name is chen, pop down to the tav and have his food. The gender equality survey in with the government. we also had the tender underway with the guild masterplan with six groups. Leadership summit is coming up on the 21st. Catalyst is completed so students can utilize the space. Merchandise arriving in september.

7.2 Finance

Council moves in camera Council moves out of camera

- 7.3 Commercial
- 7.4 Student Services

7. QUESTION TIME - Directors Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

- 9.1 President as read before I do meet with everyone if you can have a look at your next week it would make life easier for everyone
- 9.2 Vice President report not in but should be up in the next couple of days
- 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 as read added summary
- 9.14 Environment Officer as read we currently gained traction with our sustainability of universitys project. We are reaching out to other WA universities to join as we are the first to join.
- 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

9. QUESTION TIME - Student Reports

WN to CE I know you don't have a report but im wondering about the sponsorship working group?

CE im working pretty hard on it but I've been doing monthly meetings and we have approached 20 companies so far, including my own fish and chips store which now has free sauce and upgraded chips for all UWA students or staff as TG can attest to. I still need to structure the sponsorship with guild finance, marketing and sponsorship, then I'll meet with DJ whenever he's free from running his campaign to discuss further.

DJ to CE with regards to the sponsorship committee I sit on it and I haven't heard anything about it or haven't come to any of the meetings.

CE to DJ I didn't even realize you were still on the committee, I thought you stepped down so sorry I didn't know.

EC to EM I don't think you are using everything in your power to oppose the cuts, do you think all the other things youre doing are more important than these cuts?

EM to EC all of the protests has been widely shared and holding an SGM is not necessary to raise awareness

EC to EM if 400 staff being sacked and 8 courses being cut isn't worth posting an SGM than what is?

EM to EC its not the practice of an SGM to prevent that opportunity for students to vote on that. Over 75 students responded to the forum which ive sent to the vice-chancellor

LM to EM do you believe that the guild is doing enough currently to keep students aware and up to date whats going on in the council?

EM to LM this is a place for us to discuss the motion and from there we can move forward.

EC to IA why do you guys not attend the protests

IA to EC as an art student this is something that's close to my heart. A lot of students have conflicts with other commitments like work.

OM to EM given this really hostile change are you ready to take radical action to combat these cuts?

EM to OM I've been at the forefront of this campaign putting out events and posting on social media, I don't believe holding an SGM is categorized as taking radical action.

DJ to EC we talked about why we cant hold an SGM and with the AGM coming up would you like to put up a motion there to talk about the cuts?

EC to DJ yes I think that's plausible.

DJ to EC would you be willing to write a motion with myself so we can better promote it?

EC to DJ we can work for a motion on general meeting.

LM to DJ do you believe you are fulfilling the role to your full potential?

DJ to LM every morning ive been doing the free breakfast early in the morning. I've been keeping up with my role and holding meetings but im just curious as to why you didn't ask that

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question to your Welfare officer who didn't even submit a report last council and he literally copy and pasting his report. I don't think that's a question coming from good faith, I know what im doing im on my role, why don't you ask your committee members what they are doing? EM to AJ what about your social isolation project?

AJ to EM I have had updates on the project but we have completed an infographic and circulated it through the committee.

EW to LM can I ask why your question was directed to HS when you have people like FL and PB who haven't submitted a report the whole year, so if you treat someone that way you should be fair across the board?

LM to EW in terms of my consistency the last council I asked CE about his reports and ive asked DJ. These questions weren't meant to put people on the spot but its important we ask ourselves why we are here.

CK to PK what would you write on your report?

PK to CK I would write I represent a study body and I try my hardest to represent them and I've been dealing with family problems so if you want to talk to me talk to me outside of council that's fine.

10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

11. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

11.1 The 108th Guild Council endorses the Education Action Network's campaign against UWA's restructures, which recently saw the rescission of the Anthropology and Sociology major, discontinuation of units across multiple Social Science courses, and 16 academic staff losing their jobs. Encourages students to attend the forums and protests organised by EAN in the campaign against the cuts including through an all student email and guild.

The 108th Guild council condemns these cuts as the first in a university-wide restructure which will see at least eight other schools gutted and 400 staff sacked. The 108th Guild Council also endorses the NUS National Week of Action and UWA's own National Day of Action to support the student fightback against threats to higher education.

AP proposes an amendment and then proceeds to say this motion is put forward to get all of guild support as it's an issue that affects all student bodies and we are to represent those students. Thank you to everyone who came down and supported the protest. The cuts wont end there so its important that we keep the ball rolling on this, there will be a protest aug 4th and more action items. I would like to see everyones support on this so please come down to the events and share the events. Its late because I was writing my report

CK says I am speaking on this because this is real people and livelihoods at stake, my Korean teacher broke down today cause she doesn't know how to feed her children. As students we are customers to this uni and we can use our power and demands to not have these cuts.

AG could you please repeat the time and location

EC speaks for the motion proposing an amendment saying as I think its important to show that the guild would do more to promote it day in and day out as we should be encouraging students to come to all of the guilds events. Then proposes another amendment.

AJ my lecturer talked how him and colleagues are worried about how they will have any jobs by the end of the year. I think understanding that this is the first of 8 schools is important to other



students to know that this could happen to them. This is adults losing their livelihood and they don't know when its going to happen, its going to be conducted through a public form and its very impersonal process and no support systems have been put in place for students who have been affected by this.

Nicole this has to be the number one priority of the guild the fact that I go into the tav and see advertisement for chili festivals but not for this. I think the reason we should have an sgm is so we can have an official vote. I think that evertne should get onboard with that. The fact that the management of the university wants to push this through then the students reject it. We need an all student email ass soon as possible that says your degree is going to be slashed this is all the things you can do to get involved. Everyone should mobilize all of their networks to push forward the protests. We all need to have this as our number priority going forward.

Abstentions from Cooper Mason

Motion passes

Moved: April Htun Seconded: Chloe Kam

- 11.2 The 108th Guild Council
- 11.2.1 Commends the City of Perth for unanimously approving the first draft of the LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Plan, which the Pride Officers and other community members provided consultation for
- 11.2.2 Calls on the City of Perth to maintain its commitments to the LGBTQIA+ community through the following drafts and eventual implementation of the plan

AW its late because the actual passing and approval of the plan itself happened last night. I think its important to hear it to show people in the room that we can have a broader impact on the community and broadly aware of whats going on in the community and how to help.

AW the 107th council put forward a motion to condemn Basil Zempilas for his comments. The backlash that resulted from those comments led to the city making a commitment to our community. One of which was a broader inclusion and diversity framework as well as a longer term LGBTQIA+. As a part of that they formed an advisery group, and they got a bunch of members for their expertise which I have been a part of. I would like to make a specific note to recognize the pride hub suggestion, Victoria has recently began the construction of their pride hub.

EM nothing to add

EC moves speaking rights to Catherine

Catherine says I think its ridiculous that the guild is spending time on this. I don't think we should be passing this motion that's quite frankly just supporting the rainbowwashing of transphobe Basil Zempilas. I actually disagree with the wording that its unfortunate comments because I think it was disgraceful comments that were made. I don't recall anyone here being involved in the anti Basil Zempilas protest that was in the city, where was the guild during that campaign? It barely shows up to any of the protests.

AW says im going to make this absurdly simple. You have the single most least nuanced perspective on political activism that exists, there are far more forms of political activism than



protests. And the absurd claim that this is rainbowwashing, I have been involved in this and many groups that have represented LGBT rights in perth for decades have been consulted. when you know absolutely nothing about the work that has gone into this group, don't you dare talk about it.

Catherine says I would just like to question why you think my politics is un-nuanced when actually a bunch of our activists within 48 hours organised a protest that got 100's of people along to it. That was something that made news, I would just like to ask where your authority comes to say we have no political nuances.

AW the idea that you were the only activists there and the only people organising protests is factually inaccurate. To scribe this group as rainbowwashing is inaccurate, all the groups that have fought for the LGBT rights for decades have been consulted and they have been actively fighting since before you were in this city. If youre going to make a bold claim about rainbowwashing then you should actually do it when you have the knowledge to do so.

Abstention from EC

Motion passes

Moved: Avery Wright Seconded: Emma Mezger

11.3 The 108th Guild Council:

- 11.3.1 Stands in solidarity with the two UWA International Students who were racially abused outside Trinity Residential College, on Stirling Highway.
- 11.3.2 Acknowledges its commitment to fighting against racial discrimination in the UWA Campus and working towards a safe and inclusive community for all UWA students.
- 11.3.3 Directs the ISD President to write a letter to both students commending their bravery.

VR the motion was late as it happened on Sunday night.

VR on Sunday night I received a call from an international students who were outside trin entrance waiting for an uber order got egged and asked to get home. Which is super unfair as they cant go home, a similar situation happened last year, this time its scarier as it happened closer to home.

AR I think she said everything

OM to AR what concrete steps are you gonna do to generate something tangible because I feel like we have been here before.

AR to OM I've we are doing a social media campaign on racism against a Asian racism with ethno.

AG speaks for the motion says I think a lot of the things I've said are racially motivated. Id like to say as somebody has been the victim or racism and seen it affect my family, I don't think we have been here before. It should be beaten into peoples heads again and again on what happens until it is cemented into our brains.

Motion passes

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Moved by: Vaishnavi RN Seconded: by Abdul Rahman

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1 The 108th Guild Council approves the Standing Orders, as recommended by Governance Committee.

Late since BS has resigned should be heard today as we would like the standing orders to he passed asap

EM the changes have been to erase ambuigity.

Moved to being passed via circular.

Moved: Emma Mezger

Seconded: Adam Elyousef (JT)

12.2 The 108th Guild Council approves the Eftpos Policy, as recommended by Governance Committee.

EM talked about it on governance as bre has resigned first. It affects clubs and socs Previously we charged clubs 20 an hour if they didn't return it on time no we changed it to 20 a day.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger

Seconded: Jameson Thompson

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

EM pls keep your calenders up to date. Add your classes to date AR does anyone want metal cabinets/ file holder. ML fortnight to national student volunteer work pls come for my events

14. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 25th August 2021 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any **apologies or proxies 24hours prior to council**. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.