

## 1. WELCOME AND OPENING

#### 1.1. Attendance

Emma Mezger, Jameson Thompson, Daj Janneh, Brehany Shanahan, Adam Elyousef, James Hayley, Eleanor White, Christopher-John Daudu, Chloe Kam, April Htun, Will Norrish, Lachlan McDonald, Thomas Cotter, Amitabh Jeganathan, Alkasim Ghanim, Ridhima Vinay, Prakhar Bhandari, Armand Ruba, Omar Ali MacIntyre, Lucinda Thai-Letran, Jacob Cerin, Avery Wright, Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim, Jamie Dehouck, Lily Hayward, Joey Nguyen, Viknash VM

## 1.2. Apologies

Vaishnavi Radhakrishnan Constantinos Toufexis

### 1.3. Proxies

Lucinda Thai-Letran for Floretta Susilo Ridhima Vinay for Joseph Chan Phoebe Burrage for Esa Chrulew Priyanka Sharma for Hala Salih Amitabh Jeganathan for Franklin Lou

### 1.4. Observers

### 1.5. Absent

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

BS declares a conflict of interest with regards to motion 12.2 as she is currently employed by the department of premier and cabinet

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

## 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

BS proposes a motion to move to auditor's report (11.2) which passes unanimously

### 6. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

6.1 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the 2021 Guild Election Timetable.

# Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Daj Janneh

## 7. DIRECTORS REPORTS

8.1 Managing Director

TG says that on Sunday we're coming off jobkeeper. Ssaf documentation is now being written and will be sent to the university by tomorrow. Election timetable has now been established. The leadership summit is under works and we are putting together a working group along with Vice President and members of staff, track down people. With regards to the masterplan 4 new groups of architects will be discussed, this is also in conjunction with the plan to upgrade the Barry J library area that is in EM's report. The annual report is finally completed, soon to be printed.

Phase 2 of merchandised is about to be organised, a reorder is coming, and champion socks are on the way, this will be done by the second half of next semester, ready for o day next year. Guild venture is coming along nicely. TG commends everyone on their efforts for the Alumni event, which was successful, over 180 people attended. Prosh also went super well.

#### 8.2 Finance

For the month of February, there was an income of \$121000, with a projected loss of 72000. Projected loss does not include jobkeeper. If you take that into consideration we are still tracking well. Most items are on budget or below budget.

Council moves in camera

Council moves out of camera

- 8.3 Commercial
- 8.4 Student Services

## 8. QUESTION TIME - Directors Reports

## 9. STUDENT REPORTS

- 9.1 President as read it is becoming more frequently that guild councilors will run events or projects without running it through others, respect the people that represent autonomous departments, as a consequence of that must collab with them and actively work together with them.
- 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 not available
- 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 as read title name needed to be updated to entrepreneur top series.
- 9.21 MASA President
- 9.22 NUS Report as read late because not there for January council.

## 10. QUESTION TIME - Student Reports

EM to Ethno, held an Ethno council meeting, why was this the first-time hearing about it, and why was it held without passing through governance committee?

RV to EM it was an informal meeting just a general meeting, meeting with clubs before any major event

EW to RV how did you reach out to the clubs? Which ones have you chosen?

RV to EW it wasn't chosen but we reached out to all clubs and the ones who responded are the ones who are a part of this.

EW to RV why didn't you reach out through SOC?

RV to EW CK mentioned to me that you were joining the meeting.

Phoebe to EM why is there no mention about the increasing women's rights campaign and sexual assault scandals? I think it's disgraceful, no one from the guild was present for the protest.

EM to Phoebe I was very busy, there was no emp for it so it wasn't a guild run event. Regarding what happened we can all agree it was disgusting, the women's department did collaborate with people to organize something regarding that, it is purely up to the women's officer.

WN to Phoebe there was a meeting between us Curtin rep and Women's rep, organizing something regarding this issue.

EW to AJ regarding the Ecoms president legacy event that the welfare department is involved in, why is there no meeting tabled in your report?

AJ to EW Ecoms called me yesterday and thought welfare should be involved and its good for the department. I saw it as a concern to take a stance on events and make sure they are running well. I was going to bring volunteers and post on the event to drink safely and make sure everyone is safe. Since then, I have messaged Ecoms so that they are no longer hosting event and for future marketing.

PS to RV you said you spoke with women's department about a podcast to talk about colored people and non-binary peoples experience with the potential to move into access and pride. Why is it included in the report when CJ and I discussed that that it would be too like other podcast and wouldn't get the attention it needed?

RV to PS sorry you will have to talk to CJ regarding this

RV to AY regarding the POC talk, under what circumstances did you channel it to venture?

AY to RV the project has changed since then now that venture is involved, nothing is concrete, yet it will probably happen but is open to potential collaborations.

AR to DJ the matchbox initiative states that it addresses isolation feeling in campus is this different to ISD and Welfare?

DJ to AR it's a completely different thing it's not engaging in the social isolation campaign, however some of the benefits it will have will help in that area, but that is not the main focus of it.

EM to VM working on a way for any student to submit motions on council, this is the whole point of us getting elected why is it still there?

VM to EM it was probably not phrased well, after getting feedback from Governance committee, I thought the best way was to include OB's and this is a way to encourage students to go to their representative and teaching them what motions are.

VM to AE and DJ for breakfast committee and night markets, where does it sit on the committee.

AE to VM as BS drafted the terms of reference and it was sent to governance committee

BS under the catering and tavern committee they can create working groups anytime as long as its ratified by the guild executive and came under catering and tavern committee.

VM to EM regarding week 0, all my units did not partake in the week 0 initiative, do you know how many units adopted week 0?

EM to VM it does reflects poorly on the university but however this does not lie with us or anyone who sits on council, we've done to work an acknowledgement of country in LMS and for unit coordinators to put out unit outline 1 week before university starts, what impeded this was the snap lockdown.

JN to EM are you aware that the preferred name project was pursued during 2019 and 2020

EM to JN it was taken up in 2017, and it was delayed, it is now taken back to the Calista project and its prioritized.

## 11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 11.1 In Camera Motion
- 11.2 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the 2020 Financial Audited accounts.

The Audit was performed by Deloitte as it has been in the previous years. The financial statements have been finished, the new issue that arose when planning for this year was due to jobkeeper and the cash flow boost that the guild has received. In terms of revenue recognition changes, the only thing that came out of a COVID environment in revenue recognition was regarding the all the leases the guild has with the cafés.

It was highlighted that the accounting standards has changed the reporting requirements. It is moving towards a tier 2 general purpose management statement.

Moving to questions

VK asks regarding the tenancy rental agreements, which are those that do not have rental agreements?



TG answers saying that the way the current situation is that the leases have been sent to the university, but they have not been sent back or haven't been signed. Some of it is to do with the UWA legal department. There has also been delays due to the COVID-19 rate abatements.

VK points out that under the intangible assets from 2019 to 2020 it decreased quite significantly and asks why is that?

it has decreased due to amortization.

VK then asks since the buildings are owned by the guild but the land is not, so are we paying rent?

TG replies with a solid no.

VK asks what happened to the upcoming guild future fund that was talked about?

TG says that we already have a reserve fund, so the future fund was seen as not feasible due to numerous reasons.

# Accounts were accepted unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger Seconded: Daj Janneh

11.3 The 108<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the date of the 2021 OGM – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 1:00PM.

DJ this is basically the OGM which was meant to be held in semester 1 but due to accounts it needs to be pushed to semester 2

# Motion carries unanimously

Moved: Daj Janneh Seconded: Emma Mezger

# 12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 12.1 The 108th Guild Council:
  - 12.1.1 Acknowledges the movement against Asian racism.
  - 12.1.2 Rejects any form of discrimination including racism and hate against any race and person.
  - 12.1.3 Encourages students to be active bystanders and call out any such behaviour they notice
  - 12.1.4 Encourages students who have been affected by any such incident to seek help from the services at UWA.
  - 12.1.5 Encourages the Ethnocultural Department and the International Students
    Department to run a social media campaign to raise awareness on this issue and discrimination in general.

JN says about 2 weeks ago in America there was a shooting that killed 8 people 6 of which were Asian, when the man was asked, he said he was having a rough day. During COVID-19 was

referred to as the Chinese virus or the kung flu and since then Asian racism has been increased. There has been increasing instances of racism, these incidents have been in America, but Australia is not free from this discrimination. UWA has protests every week, involve Asian students in these protests. Will help students to know that the guild stands against this and will support them

VM says what is important in this motion is that we acknowledge the movement of Asian racism but acknowledge all forms of discrimination racism and hate. We can do a lot more to make this issue more prominent and looked after

Phoebe says this is a great motion, and the guild should take a stance against every form of racism, things like islamophobia too. Racism against people of Asian descent is on the rise.

AG says This hate feels similar to the hate that was directed to middle eastern people after 9/11, so I can sympathise with those effected. I would like to extend my support to anything the guild wants to do

OM says we have to uphold the basic humans rights, so many incidents go unreported. I am very supportive of this motion

AR says we should provide some form of education to what is right and wrong and provide avenues to guide people where to go if they experience, ISD is looking to work with Ethno to host social media campaigns

RV says a lot of people don't have a platform on campus to come and open up about these things, we need to open up things like these so people can come.

DJ expresses his support of this motion, if there's any kind of action you want to take about this feel free to email me and I'm happy to help with organising anything regarding this

## Motion passes unanimously.

Moved: Joey Nguyen. Seconded: Viknash VM.

## 12.2 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.2.1 Celebrates the resounding defeat of the Liberal party in the WA state election, but; Rejects the notion that the re-election of the Labor government advances the interests of students, workers or the oppressed in WA.
- 12.2.2 Condemns the Labor government's commitment to advancing the interests of big business in WA, primarily by expanding LNG in WA which has skyrocketed carbon emissions.
- 12.2.3 Recognises that the state Labor government has overseen cuts to public housing, reduced funding to healthcare, and has privatised quarantine hotels.
- 12.2.4 Commits to fighting for better social services and climate justice, regardless of if the Labor Party or Liberal Party are in power.

Phoebe it is important to take a stance on border political issues, it's important to highlight the incoming labour party they have done no funding into healthcare during a pandemic or the housing issues. Agrees to be increasingly critical of the government

AH while I agree with the sentiment of the motion I would like to withdraw from the motion, since I don't have a full understanding of the context and situation.

### **Motion cancelled**

Moved: Esa Chrulew Seconded: April Htun

### 12.3 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.3.1 Opposes the City of Fremantle council's attempts to push through an agreement eroding some of the most basic workers' rights in the workplace, allowing employers to stand down workers immediately with no pay, on any grounds.
- 12.3.2 Extends solidarity to workers in the CFMEU WA who, as a militant trade union, are at the forefront fighting these attacks on workers rights.
- 12.3.3 Recognises the importance of the collective action of workers' unions in standing up against the onslaught of attacks from bosses.

Phoebe workplace has enforced unpaid leave on these worker, incredibly unfair workplace conditions and it is important for the guild to take a stance on this and workers' rights and discrimination we should generally extend this to workers and their rights.

JN, AR, RV abstaining

## **Motion passes**

Moved: Esa Chrulew Seconded: April Htun

# 12.4 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.4.1 Supports this month's March4Justice, in which over 100,000 people protested against violent sexism that pervades society, especially parliament.
- 12.4.2 Recognises that mass protests, such as these, are the type of collective action needed to challenge sexism.
- 12.4.3 Condemns the Attorney-General Christian Porter and calls for his immediate removal from government.
- 12.4.4 Condemns the attempts of government figures including Scott Morrison and Linda Reynolds to deny and cover up sexual assault such as the case of Brittany Higgins.

Phoebe I think this is incredibly important to take a stance on things like Zack and Christian porter. I'm disappointed with the stance the guild has taken, no one showed up to the protest, 7 people showed up, it was appalling, if the guild actually wants to be seen as progressive it needs to get the word out to students and get them to fight, especially due to the connections that the guild has with Christian porter.

LT the justification as to why we are doing the solidarity sitting, being a victim of sexual assault myself a protest can be triggering. We are doing the solidarity as a low engagement thing for those who are scared and for them to not be triggered.

BS I disagree with you that the council is scared, but I believe it falls on you to reaching out to them to make sure they are involved. I think the most disappointing thing is that it is not surprising, this behaviour is unacceptable. Time and time again women are silenced, and it is disappointing, we should be turning up to those events and protests to show solidarity to the women.

## Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Esa Chrulew Seconded: Lucinda

#### 13. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

### 13.1 The 108th Guild Council

- 13.1 1 Notes that on March 28, 2021 the WA State governments moratorium on evictions and freeze on rent increases expired.
- 13.1 2 Acknowledges the adverse effects this will have on the housing security and educational attrition rates of students from Low-SES backgrounds currently renting alone and/or share-housing.
- 13.1 3 Maintains that the universities current provisions for students experiencing housing insecurity is insufficient, inaccessible, and further in tension with the articles stipulated within the University Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- 13.1 4 Directs the Guild to publish a survey into student housing security in order collate relevant information and ascertain the gravity of the issue.
- 13.1.5 Instructs the Guild to work with the university to introduce a revised crisis accommodation strategy with the hope of securing additional facilities and improved support services for students experiencing housing insecurity or precarious living arrangements.

OM it is late due to me being aware of it only it last week, I was made aware that the situation is quite dire, and I believe the council should discuss this to work around it.

## Vote to hear motion passes

OM as you aware the evictions and rent increase expire last week. This puts students in a dire situation and a lot of students may experience evictions, having a roof over your head makes all the difference. When I was in a situation and I needed to reach out to the housing crisis committee I was handballed around and did not get an absolute answer. When I tried to reach out to them on what they do and how they can help they did not really have answers. Theres nothing concrete on what they can do. And we need to understand the gravity of the issue and completely revise the strategy on what to do for students for are suffering.

AJ this is compounded by the fact that jobkeeper is no longer reliable and now people who could not afford it before are now in a tougher situation. I believe it is going to be a huge issue, we need to rework the system and help the students, so they are not bounced around.

### Motion moves to questions

EM to OM will you be taking charge of the operation or will you pass it on to the guild?

OM to EM we can do it but I am happy to do it

WN to OM what can we tangibly do with this, will anything come out of this?

OM what we must do is tangibly introduce some services, I am very keen and committed to do this. But this needs to be introduced. In terms of what we would do, we need to first assess the situation and assess the services the university has. Once we have done that we need to see how many students are in a similar scenario then introduce services for these students to come for.

JH to OM is this tied to the NUS campaign?



OM to JH no this is purely due to me being aware that it was going to expire soon.

AV to OM about 13.1.5 what are the current issues?

OM to AV I do not know if they have a strategy internally and externally. They will handball you to not for profit in Perth or refer you to colleges. I got extremely vague responses; it was essentially inaccessible.

EM to OM 13.1.5 instructs guild to work with university, will I be approached before you approach university?

OM to EM you will be approached beforehand

#### Motion moves to discussion

AJ in the student services report they said that they met with student accommodation so it will be good to work with them.

Phoebe for this is an important motion, international students already suffer and cuts to jobseeker and Centrelink. It is going to be a very hard fight; the guild should mobilize its energy. There is not enough energy in the guild and a bit of passiveness we need to commit to an ongoing and fighting campaign we need to fight for it.

AR accommodation is very hard for international students to find, since its expensive. ISD is willing to help and provide information for students to be able to access these services.

AJ its problematic to hear that something similar was raised last year but I'll make sure it will be done. If you want to help with this, please message OM. We need to put pressure on colleges as they act as businesses, we need to push them to have these emergency residential services.

VM I've seen the number of residents who have come and left. Most people who leave realize that it's not for them due to rent being high. Good that they dropped charges during covid. Staying in colleges I can see the people of low SES people coming in is low.

OM even in emergency students should not have to be forced to live in an area where they feel unsafe and it's important for these services to be available.

BS I would like to amend 13.1.5 to say instructs the guild welfare and advocacy committee to work with the university. This will provide accountability.

# Amendment recognized as friendly

### Motion carries unanimously

Moved: Omar Ali McIntyre Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan

13.2 The 108th Guild Council:

13.2.1 Thanks the PROSH 2021 Directors Charlie Frankpitt and Curtis White and commends them for a successful PROSH.

13.2.2 Thanks the PROSH 2021 Committee Ash, Matthew, Paris, Bayley, Savannah, Eleanor and Maya for their contribution and dedication to PROSH.

EM late because PROSH ended when the time to submit motions for council ended, its important because we should recognize the work Charlie and Curtis did on this council.

### Vote to hear motion passes

EM a massive thank you to the PROSH directors who did a fantastic job this year. It was a great success.

AR it was a very refreshing experience and very interesting. I was shocked and impressed with how PROSH went and how big it is.

JH loved it, you guys came back from the dead and it was absolutely hilarious.

Abstention from phoebe

## **Motion passes**

Moved: Emma Mezger Second: Daj Janneh

### 13.3 The 108th Guild Council:

- 13.3.1 Recognises the importance of the Royal Commission into Disabilities and the potential positive impact that it could have in fighting for a more accessible university campus
- 13.3.2 Acknowledges that students with disabilities, both physical and non-physical, have significant barriers to accessing higher education and campus culture
- 13.3.3 Acknowledges that this issue is intersectional, with young people of colour significantly underrepresented in current data collated in the Royal Commission.
- 13.3.4 Commits to running a visibility campaign through the Access Department in consultation with relevant Office Bearers that aims to raise awareness around students with disabilities and to empower them to share their stories to the Royal Commission.
- 13.3.5 Encourages the NUS to continue their previous efforts in running a national campaign centred around student submissions.

WN its late because we had access week which we had to prepare for.

#### Vote to hear motion carries

WN it was brought to our attention in the handover where it was mentioned that they had done somethings about it and it was up to the 2021 officers to carry on for that. We have taken it into our own hands. We are acknowledging that students with disabilities on campus have barriers to their access to education. Putting students in the forefront. We have consulted Ethno RSD and EDU. I received several complaints regarding micro aggressive from students of this community. It is incredibly disappointing to hear this, the council should be more aware of how they speak to members of this community. I have had to tell them they matter because people on this council have downed them. Students' leaders have come to me and told me I do not belong here because I am disabled. We need to be more compassionate as leaders. Encourage you to attend training session



LT I think it's important to note that not all disabilities are seen, need to keep that in mind. It is important for everyone to educate yourself what disabilities mean. With this campaign its important to go forward with it and tell the university that the education is being affected. ASD support services have had significant financial cuts, with university staff reaching out to us for assistance in seeking funding. It is clear there is a lack of support from higher bodies within the university on issues pertaining to disabilities, such as this one. If the council passes this the university will be forced to recognized that this is important.

VM being an international student we are not sensitive and aware of these matters back home, it is definitely a learning curve for us. Students and us leaders need to be enlightened. A lot of people think disabilities are physical but forget that some are unseen. It is disappointing to see the university has cut funds in this and wellbeing. I am very happy that you guys are doing this.

## Motion passes unanimously

Moved: William Norrish

Seconded: Lucinda Thai-LeTran

### 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Jacob I have received a number of complaints by students who said that hex was not explained by the guild. It was not a central feature on the newsletter.

EM I agree students could've had a lot of forewarning, but you're directing your question at the wrong people. It is the universities job, but we put out that post as an assist.

EW considering recent events there has never been more important to fully do event management plans, we can't help you if you don't provide all the information. Make sure we hold everyone else accountable to make sure we have a safe and welcoming environment to students

DJ please send motions apologies and proxies via email.

## 13 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 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.