



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1. Attendance

Bre Shanahan, Emma Mezger, Adam Elyousef, Jameson Thompson, Eleanor White, Chloe Kam, April Htun, Thomas Cotter, Viknash VM, Constantinos Toufexis, Hala Salih, Lachlan McDonald, Ridhima Vinay, Vaishnavi RN, Joseph Chan, Lucinda Clara, Amitabh Jeganathan, Jamie Dehouck, Prakhar Bhandari, Jacob Cerin, Armand Ruba, Omar Ali MacIntyre, Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim, Lily Hayward

1.2. Apologies

1.3. Proxies

Elise Anthony for James Hayley
Paris Javid for Avery Wright
Noa Shilo for Franklin Lou
Bahira Farrag for Floretta Susilo
Catherine Cheesman for Esa Chrulew

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 appoints Lynsey Warbey to the Audit & Risk Committee.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Daj Janneh
Seconded: Emma Mezger

6.2 The 108th Guild Council accepts the resignation of Jaime Dehouck from the position of Chair of Volunteering.

EM says Jaime has expressed that would occur in the first Guild Council meeting where she was appointed as Chair of Volunteering.

Motion passes unanimously

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Daj Janneh



6.3 The 108th Guild Council appoints Marcus Jih Jie Lim as Chair of Volunteering.

EM says that Marcus has done a great job so far and that she has no issues with him as Chair of Volunteering.

Motion passes

Abstentions from JN and Catherine

Moved: Emma Mezger
Seconded: Daj Janneh

6.4 Colours and product choices for 2021/22 – Caitlin MacPhail

7. DIRECTORS REPORTS

7.1 Managing Director

TG says Risk and Audit meeting was on the 24th of May, the university did not have any extra questions, they deemed everything appropriate. We are moving ahead with guild elections, Mary has been appointed as the RO. Planning for student leadership summit is on the way, it will be shifted to a Saturday. The marketing plan for the year is moving ahead, hopefully in the next two weeks. The university was very positive in accepting the plan and giving us control of the masterplan. We are looking at investing money into merchandise for next semester and next year. Working on SOC and Pac council regulation changes, to bring up the compliance of all the constitutions around the clubs and societies. Meeting with UWA alumni looking at what are we going to do and how we are going to structure Cameron Hall.

7.2 Finance

TG says we are still up in profit, about 78k. tracking budget very nicely. Previous issues were due to lockdown, which cost us around 45-60k. Need a strong return in terms of the actual outlets, we are looking at having weddings or other things to boost up the market. Produced a forecast for the next two years during the risk and audit meeting but we should be fine in terms of cash flow.

BS asks whether the E-zone café will affect the guild run cafes

TG replies saying that we do not know who will be running it, although it should not impact too much. From a collective point of view rocket fuel is moving its position, so there will be another area where we can provide our services.

Council moves in camera Council moves out of camera

7.3 Commercial

7.4 Student Services

Reports accepted unanimously

8. QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports



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 – as read - regarding all club rooms appeals all have been properly addressed by other tenancy executives and guild executives.
- 9.8 WASAC Chair
- 9.9 Women's Officer
- 9.10 Welfare Officer – as read – I made an amendment about an hour back just to specify some things.
- 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 – as read – both reports are now in there, we are working with career and employability team on access supported careers and we are looking into disability research and advising that.
- 9.17 Pride Officers
- 9.18 Ethnocultural Collective Conveners
- 9.19 Volunteering Chair
- 9.20 OGC reports
- 9.21 MASA President
- 9.22 NUS Report

10. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

CC to enviro, regarding the enviro report I do not understand how the student strike was an actual success when the guild did not send anyone?

Question taken on notice as JH was not present

AE to CJ you put me in a group chat with AUJS to solve the conflict where no one else from the executive team was added did you think this was appropriate platform to carry this on?

CJ to AE at the time it was a short-term solution, on the day that the group chat was made earlier I was contacted by the president of AUJS saying she wanted to have meeting with myself and EM around PCSU events and I said I was happy to attend a meeting if EM was there and I passed on any concerns she had to me. I tried to solve the conflict immediately, I spoke to DJ after that to which he advised me it was not the best idea.

CC to EM you say you're working with vice chancellor and academic board to reduce the number of exams being held on campus, what does that mean?

EM currently UWA hosts the most exams of the GO8 universities. From a survey it seems that this is the biggest stress for students. We are looking at weighing exams in a way that reduces academic stress for students.

AE to CJ that doesn't answer my question as to why EM was not in the group?



CJ the first meeting we had I contacted EM and AR reached out to me and said we should have EM in the meeting. So, the first meeting we had she was invited and she didn't respond at the time. Seeing as it was time critical, I just went ahead with the meeting involving those who were involved in the initial meeting.

EW to AJ at last council your involvement with legacy was not supposed to be there so why was there posters and stuff with your logo on it?

AJ to EW I don't know I just turned up to the event but that's as far as my involvement goes.

CC to EM I'm curious as to why the guild hasn't taken activism seriously, especially with the climate strike?

EM the climate strike was shared on the guild Facebook page, if you are going to stick the guild logo on an event there needs to be an EMP process done for the event. We cannot just come and tell students to come to an event when it was not planned to the guild or approved by the guild. Individuals should not be persecuted for not attending an event.

WN to AJ I want to understand given the breath of your portfolio, I want to understand what less events mean?

AJ to WN the strategic thinking I have for this moment is that when I have an event and it goes well our attendance is about 50 students so I decided that the funds can be used to support other things. I feel like students do not come to events unless its party or drinking events. We ran an event during welfare week around budgeting and understanding tax, we had about 15 students there who really engaged and took something away. But for that event it felt like it was not the best idea because is that the best way to use our budget. That however does not mean that I wont be holding any events next semester.

EM to Ethno how do you plan on engaging all the members of your committee when you have not had a meeting in over a month?

CJ to EM we tried to have meetings but have not had any responses or engagement, so we turned to private messaging members to see what individual projects they want to run and supporting them because that was more effective in getting a response

RD to EM to add on we had monthly meetings but that did not work out. We found that the OCMS did not open up about their individual projects unless we would urge them to work. Even when we set dates for meetings on committee chats, they do not show up for the meetings. There is only a limited amount we can do and tell them, so I'm not sure to what extent they can push, in the end its up to them and their commitment

CJ I'm open to suggestions on how to motivate your committee throughout the year.

CK to AJ we hold these events for students in the first place, if they come its up to them but I think its important that you have all these resources that are free, and it does not relate to budget

AJ to CK I think that's good feedback. What was said in my report was how I was feeling at the time but that's not my path set in stone, it will change throughout the semester.



EM to Ethno so is the reason you did not have committee meetings is because of your committee?

RD to EM no it was only the April-May month that we did not have meetings.

JT to Ethno if you're messaging individual committee members, you're not allowing discussion to commence, why not just do the meeting over zoom?

CJ to JT thanks that is something we can do; I think we need to evaluate how we've done and how we engage the committee.

PB to CJ you said you have no meetings is it due to your committee not coming and no one reading the minutes?

CJ to PB there are strategies we can implement to make sure that meetings take place and committee members to feel engage.

DJ to Ethno your committee members have reached out to me several times asking how to solve issues within the committee but seeing you do this hurt me. So why you lying?

CJ to DJ if you have a more specific question, I'll be happy to answer. I know you have a lot of interpersonal connections with members of the committee but there are two sides to every story. I wish you would take the executive responsibility more seriously and not use this forum to call out someone on behalf of one of your mates. If there are so many concerns you could raise these concerns privately, as I think that you are smart enough to realize that we aren't going to come to a substantial solution in this forum.

EM to Ethno did you guys consult your committee before holding the meeting with PCSU, AUJS and ISD?

CJ no we did not.

EW to LM regarding the report from last month, I was wondering if there were any updates regarding his progress of his projects?

Taken on notice as LM was not present

CK to Ethno as of 1st of February 2021 do you understand that the executive decision regarding clubroom assignment is final.

CJ to CK once we received that notification, we sent an email asking for clarification. Unless you responded to the email in the last 48 hours, that email still hasn't been followed up.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 11.1 The 108th Guild Council accepts the updated Lyn Beazley Institute rules, as approved by the Governance Committee.

BS says this was supposed to come last guild council meetings but there were some delays. She never intended on it operating as a policy centre but as a research centre, so there's adjustment to the way it flows

JT says it is restructuring and repurposing of what the Lyn Beazley Institute are and a restructuring of the committee structure.

Motion passes

Abstaining Catherine

Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Jameson Thompson

- 11.2 The 108th Guild Council accepts the Guild committee constitutions, as approved by the Governance Committee.

BS these have come to fruition based on the guild councils' decisions. I'll circulate the new constitution soon.

AG are we looking at the updates before we accept them?

BS they are in the minutes.

Motion deferred to the end of the agenda

Abstentions from Catherine

Motion passes

Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Emma Mezger

- 11.3 The 108th Guild Council:
- 11.3.1 Recognises the Israeli regime's apartheid and their annexation of Palestinian land as a violation of basic human rights
 - 11.3.2 Recognises that Israel's attack on innocent worshippers in Al-Aqsa Mosque, a religious site, is heinous
 - 11.3.3 Stands with the Palestinian people in Gaza and those facing forced ethnic displacement in Sheikh Jarrah
 - 11.3.4 Calls on more Government officials to condemn Israel's treatment of Palestinians as 'second-class citizens'
 - 11.3.5 Supports the 'Stand With Palestine' protest, which took place on 23/05/21, organised by Friends of Palestine WA, that calls to #SaveSheikhJarrah and extends solidarity to protesters supporting Palestinians worldwide
 - 11.3.6 Encourages the UWA Student Guild to support the Palestinian community on campus, by working with the Palestinian Cultural Society of UWA.

AE I am a third generation Palestinian, my grandma had to migrate on foot to Lebanon which is known as the Nakba. People say that this issue is complicated but the issue is quite simple, the Palestinians are facing a well-documented historical injustice. The Israeli Authoritarian government and Army are based on the idea of supremacy and domination of one group of people. And domination of one group of people which excludes Arabs of all religions and guides its policies and practices towards Palestinians. In other words, an apartheid. An apartheid



means racial segregation and the rule of one racial group over a group of people, it is a crime against humanity and international law. This year Human rights watch as well as B'Tselem have accused Israel of crimes of apartheid. It based this accusation on the 1973 apartheid convention and the 1993 Rome Statute of International Criminal Court which identified three elements for an apartheid to have to occurred. Firstly, an attempt for one group to dominate another. Israeli authorities have sought to maximize the land available for all non-Arab Israeli communities. The Palestinians in Israel are treated as second class citizens and their citizenship can be revoked at any moment. There's also a travel ban which needs to be condemned too. Secondly, systematic oppression by one group of people. Currently there are over 65 laws that target Arab Citizens of Israel. Those discriminatory laws are the right to acquire and lease land, the right to leave, return and to commemorate the Nakba. According to the Israeli legislation In 1950 Palestinians refugees expelled are absentees and are denied any rights. Their land, houses and bank accounts are confiscated by the state. Why does my grandma not have the same right to return to her home in Palestine? We also saw the attacks on al Aqsa Mosque with tear gas and flashbangs. Hundreds were injured. With growing fears of loss of control over the narrative, Israel bombed the al Jazeera office in Gaza. Thirdly, one or more inhumane acts, which includes denying people the right to leave and return, the creation of ghettos, and to separate Palestinians from each other which is happening today. Whether its child imprisonment or a kid cut unjustifiably to bleed in the street and a house destroyed due to a lack of permits, I hope you realize what these evictions are, they are an ethnic cleansing. Do any of these 3 apply to call Israel as an apartheid? all of them do. It is time to call it for what it is. Israel is administering a lot of crimes of apartheid; it is a regime that is out to oppress the Palestinians. Last week the South African president said that the images he saw in Gaza reminded him of what happened in SA. In terms of annexation, the Israeli annexation of east Jerusalem lacks international recognition. 7 UNSC resolutions including 478 concluded that it was null and void and said that it should be rescinded. The UN never recognized west or east Jerusalem as the capitals of Israel. Numerous UN resolutions that Israel's occupation is illegal. And that its settlements there are an obstacle to peace. UNSC demands that Israel stops its activity and fulfill its obligations as an occupying power under the 4th Geneva convention. Now what caused this conflict? It was the attacks of al Aqsa Mosque and the forced evictions of those in Sheikh Jarrah and how they forced people out of their homes only for settlers to come and take those homes. The series of events caused at least 248 deaths including 66 kids and over 2000 injured with 1800 housing units and 5 Highrise buildings destroyed. As of May 19th, at least 72k Palestinians have been displaced. The Australian government has also been a supporter of Israel. The protest was something that kept me hopeful we had PCSU president talk at the protest. Stand with the Palestinian people and educate yourself. This motion is not to harm any student on campus, this motion is condemning the actions of the government and the IDF.

Questions on the motion

NS what is the point of the guild getting involved in a motion that is clearly emotionally charged?

AE NS it is not an emotionally charged motion, there is facts. There are 248 deaths including 66 children.



JC to AE I just wanted to ask what the substantial nature of having the word 'apartheid' in the motion was?

AE to JC I think myself as a progressive person that is why the apartheid is there because I am calling what it is. I am doing my job representing every student on campus and a lot of Palestinians in my club that believe it constitutes an apartheid.

JN to AE you do not intend to hurt people, but have you consulted the AUJS and respective people in regard to what they think of the motion?

AE to JN I spoke to NS multiple times and had meetings with AUJS, Ethno and ISD –

JN interrupts and asks are they okay with it?

AE to JN what im doing is condemning a government, I am going to stand up for what I believe in. this motion is not meant to harm any student on campus.

CJ to AE you hold a number of different positions of leadership, in your capacity as Guild Councillor do you feel that using a word that a group on campus have denoted to you as offensive, do you see that as appropriately using your power to represent all students when a body of students that has experienced historical persecution is also expressing to you that they find this offensive. As PCSU Vice President I can see why you would find that appropriate but as Guild Councillor that's meant to be representing all students on campus do you think that's appropriate?

AE to CJ again this is not meant to harm any student on campus, so I reserve the right to condemn government at any time.

NS to AE you mentioned that you consulted with AUJS but you never mentioned the motion in that meeting, so how is that consulting them about the motion?

AE to NS I did actually, I think CJ and AR can attest to that.

CK to AE I feel like its really important that you said what you said, but why is it that another representative from PCSU are not here but there are other people from AUJS, in terms of hearing both sides?

AE to CK in terms of my club they appointed me as a representative to go ahead as the president is busy and I didn't want to put pressure on anyone to attend and overwhelm anyone and feel unsafe.

NS to AR do you agree with the word apartheid and ethnic in terms of ethnic cleansing?

AR to NS I don't have as much knowledge as AE but I agree with AE and trust in what he says.

EM to AE it was raised during discussion about not consulting AUJS regarding the motion, I just wanted to ask why would it be necessary or not necessary to consult with AUJS on a motion which is about Palestinian oppression?



AE to EM That's what the purpose of the motion is. When AUJS were brought into it, it would seem as if it was a religious issue which it is not. This is simply condemning a government and I do not think AUJS represent the government. And I'm sure this is not what they stand for, so I don't get why AUJS was dragged into this.

NS to AE as AUJS is closely linked with Israel as Judaism and Israel are closely interlinked. Why do you think that AUJS does not have the capacity to speak on behalf of –

BS interrupts saying before we proceed, I'd like to remind everyone that the purpose of questions during question time is to ask questions of clarification on the motion. What do you intend on clarifying about the motion?

NS to AE why is it necessary to use the work ethnic instead of displacement?

AE because there are currently over 6 million refugees and their descendants worldwide.

Move into Debate

CC says she would like to waiver her speaking rights to Nicole

Passes unanimously

Nicole says it was told it was a friendly amendment when EC passed it through, we just wanted to add a couple of things. I really support and agree with the motion and the use of the word apartheid and ethnic cleansing. The amendment is:

To give context, the Palestinian people in West Bank in Gaza have all risen and united together and managed to pull off a general strike which crippled section of the Israeli economy. AE already mentioned the protest, but we wanted to note that we should send an email to students and ask them to attend.

Amendment recognized as friendly

AG speaks for the motion saying that as an Iraqi arab I am very familiar with the despair that comes from government corruption and claiming the lives of innocent people and how it effects the population. Condemning the government does not mean condemning the people, the actions of the government do not represent the people. I am sure we all capable of recognizing that the loss of lives and livelihood experienced by the Palestinian people is nothing short of a tragedy. I'd like to thank AE for beautifully speaking on this motion and say that Pride stands with the Palestinian people facing their injustices.

NS speaks against the motion saying that AUJS stands as a peaceful body, we do not wish to pick a side in this situation we just wish to protect Jewish and Israeli students on campus. There has been and will continue to be anti-Semitic instances on campus. I would like to read a couple of people who have said how they felt unsafe on campus: I felt so horrible on campus last week with people protesting on campus. I walked past them with my Magen David on and they fell silent until one of them yelled free Palestine at me. It was enough to make me feel awkward and small especially around the Israel is an apartheid state



posters. The next one says I've never felt more uncomfortable expressing my Judaism on campus. As a proud and proud Jew never thought this would be a place where I could not wear my kippah and hide my Judaism, I felt like I was unsafe and judged. Again, we speak to have peace in this situation. We are against the motion because we believe the words ethnic cleansing and apartheid will negatively affect Jewish and the Israeli students a lot more than they have already experienced. We feel like the guild has silenced AUJS, when the video by PCSU was posted to the guild page, which we appreciate and accepted, but when AUJS made a similar video, it was not posted on the guild page, and will still not be posted to guild pages after politely asking. The other thing we would like to point out that we have been directly told that we should not be putting posters up however the other side has been allowed to put up posters. The issue with this motion is students who are reading this without background knowledge will take it for what it is, see words like apartheid, not investigate it and see Israeli and Jewish students as the enemy. One of the problems with the motion is the use of supporting the protest. While we support the Palestinian student's ability to speak up, the saying 'from the river to the sea' is a slogan that is used by the terrorist organization Hamas. Whilst we are not saying that students are supporting a terrorist group but are saying things that can be harmful to Jewish and Israeli students. Israel is a country with 9 million people and 2 million Palestinian Arabs who have citizenships and vote in the elections. There are Arab political parties, celebrities, and judges. Palestinians with Israeli citizenship have the same rights as the Israelis and there was also an interim Arab president. Israel has time and again offered peace plans that would offer full statehood to the west bank and Gaza Palestinians, if signed Palestinians would've achieved full statehood with Israel and its neighbours but these were rejected. As for the situation in Gaza Israel withdrew in 2005 and dismantled every single settlement and removed around 8000 residents and paid up to 2000 USD per family compensation. The definition of apartheid is a formal policy of segregation and political, social, and economical segregation against the non-white majority, and this was seen in SA. Claiming that Israel is ethnically cleansing is wrong. I believe there are two people who have the right to live side by side. Everyone lives in their own bubble and just as you receive these videos with specific captions to twist the narrative, so do Israeli people who receive videos of children trying to stab elderly Jewish women. these videos are produced with context and aren't isolated and representative samples but rather each side believes these things to be representative of what the other is all about. How do you suggest we exit our bubbles and build a new feature together? The term from the river to the sea does not suggest co-existence. Israels neighbours have attempted to eliminate it but have lost. The accusations you lay against Israel is not how it is, it is a country that upholds the rule of law. When its presidents and prime ministers have broken the rules, they end up in court. There have been plenty instances where rogue officers have been trailed. The IDF is not the one with a charter crying death to Arabs. it is Hamas crying death to Zionism *proceeds to read charter*. Hamas rejects any alternative of not a completely free Palestine. As a Jew I believe that passing this motion will harm students on campus and we do not believe that this motion should be passed

Jacob speaks for the motion saying while we support the Palestinian people, we condemn the suffering they are undergoing. We condemn anti-Semitism and extend our support to people on both sides.



OM speaks for the motion saying I just want to say thank you NS for coming and discussing this motion and obviously if there is attacks on campus this is an issue of concern. I just want you to remember that Arab students have been facing this for about 20 years. If you look there's been a huge shift of attitudes towards events that have been happening in Palestine. People have come to realize that this is crossing the line when it comes to humanitarian rights. I think its important to note that Israel's policies are based on the subjugation and the displacement of the Palestinians. Its risky to conflate this argument with anti-Semitism as if you ask any Palestinians, they will condemn it. Hamas is not a spokesperson for Palestinians just as the Israeli government or IDF is not a spokesperson for all Israelis. This is something that has produced generational trauma. Its very promising to see that people are acting up and speaking up against it. The term apartheid has come around due to many researchers such as Amnesty and even the Israeli human rights organization. This has been going on since the beginning of the month, people there have been evicted. But evicted is not the right word as they were forcefully removed. To further add insult to injury, the al Aqsa Mosque was attacked during the holy month of Ramadan. I just hope people call it what it is.

NS speaks against the motion saying I just want to say while the second motion condemns anti-Semitism, the first motion in the opinion of the Jews who have a right to decide what is anti-Semitic and what is not incites it. Arabs have been facing hate and harassment but so have Jews. This motion is a religious attack by our Palestinian cousins and the guild who is meant to protect us. With this motion it wont impact anything overseas but impact students here.

Nicole speaks for the motion saying I agree with OM. I agree there should be a distinction between people who are Jewish and Zionists. There is a part of the Jewish committee who condemn the action of the governments, therefore AUJS does not have the right to speak on behalf of all Jewish people. This is not an issue of religion or anti-Semitism; it is an issue of politics and human rights. What the council should do is fight for the right of students and to make people feel safe and stand around with them. We have done this with the BLM and the Indigenous rights so why not do it again. The stuff about from the river to the sea what it means is we want Palestinians to have rights and be free, it is a chant that has been going from generation to generation. We must take that stance and be outspoken on political issues.

NS speaks against the motion saying AUJS is an national body so I can speak for them. If we cannot speak on behalf of Jews than AE, I appreciate but how can you speak on behalf of all Palestinians. We aren't responsible for the action of the Israeli government however have been called terrorists. One thing I want to talk about is Zionism which is a big misconception. Zionism is not the believe that there should be a Jewish state without anyone else, it means that we can exist with others and have our own land. Our standpoint is that we should be living in peace with other people. Being anti-Zionist is being anti-Semitic, the idea of a Jewish state is embedded within Judaism itself. People have spoken a lot about al Aqsa Mosque, but it was built where the first two Jewish temples were built, on that exact same part of land. The Israeli's have left it there as a gesture of goodwill and to say we support you having a place within our country. Since the temple was demolished in 70 CE and the Jews were expelled in 103 CE, the Jewish people have continued to maintain a spiritual connection to the land. Historically the belief was that Jewish return to the land is to wait until the arrival



of the messiah. The modern Zionist movement managed to achieve statehood through a political settlement. Now that the Jewish state exists it is our right to protect it and preserve it, just as any state has the right to do so. If you are opposed to this basic idea that Jews are allowed to establish themselves a place on their ancestral home, then you are opposed to Judaism, the very religion which does amount to anti-Semitism. In this continuous insistent to partition the land and coexist along each other that has led to many wars which has created many refugees which saddens us and we deeply sympathise with. If Israel was so racist towards Arabs, then why are there so many successful Arabs in Israel. I agree that the situation in Israeli is far from ideal, none of us here say that is what should be happening. But rather than blaming Israel who has offered peace many times lets turn our focus to the leadership that represents Palestinians now and refuse to negotiate. We want Jewish and Israeli students to feel safe on campus but this motion does not do that.

HS speaks for the motion saying she agrees 100% with what AE says, it is an apartheid state, and it is ethnic cleansing. We have all seen the videos of Jakob and the pictures. This has nothing to do with religion because Islam also believes in a messiah, and we also believe in the religious connection with al Aqsa Mosque and that area. This is about the abuse of human rights, and the apartheid states. People are being forced out of their own homes, generation after generation. The saying from the land to the sea continues to say Palestine will be free, it has nothing to do with Judaism and everything to do with all the Palestinians who deserve their land back.

BS moves a procedural motion that limits speaker time to 3 minutes

JC and NS oppose the motion

Motion passes.

Bahira speaks for the motion saying I would just like to say that Zionism is inherently anti-Semitic, and it is founded on the European anti-Semitic notions that Jewish people do not belong in Europe. The Jews who moved out of Europe were welcomed by the Palestinians and this is how it turned out. We are only condemning the action of the Israeli government. The statistics show a lack of balance in power.

JC says I had a meeting with both AUJS and AE. It's obviously a very big issue that we are discussing here today. I guess from the sentiments of this motion I support Palestine and all the oppression they are facing. I apologize for my ignorance as I'm neither a Palestinian nor an Israeli student. As Guild councillors we have an obligation to voice the perspective that we have, and for me it's about supporting students and I think if students are going to feel unsafe on campus, I think we should rephrase the motion to account for both sides and not to bring harm to the students on this campus. The word apartheid has been greatly debated by academics, both for and against the situation currently, so that raised my hesitation on calling it an apartheid. If we could find a way to rephrase the motion to achieve the same goal and making everyone feel safe.

DJ speaks for the motion saying it is a very complicated situation to which there are two sides but at the end of the day everyone is forced to do your own research and put your values where your beliefs are. I do not want to talk on this



from a political side, everyone here knows Nelson Mandela. he went through a lot of struggles and fought for his people but was named a terrorist by the United States until 2009. Even with slavery the black people knew it for what it is and called it slavery, but the supreme court said no you are not even citizens the constitution was not written for you. At the end of the day its people voicing their opinions, we can look at the statistics. It's important when people try to express what they are feeling, research matters a lot. But at the end of the day people are voicing out how they are feeling. The matter of the fact is that there are casualties. As much as I'd like to get into the different definitions, my value you lay with the victims, so I fully support the motion.

NS speaks against the motion and says that as AUJS we would like to say that it is harming the students and we cannot support the motions.

AE speaks for the motion and says I'm sorry for the people who sent the letters and the people who experienced the attacks, but this is not the point of this motion. I and others in the Arab community are losing sleep which is why the protest was so big. Look at me and HS we have been called terrorists many times. You mentioned Hamas but I condemn Hamas in every shape and form, but they are not the representatives of Palestinians. The biggest part of your argument was saying from the river to the sea, so are you calling everyone at the protest anti-Semitic? Also as I'm the one moving the motion and you said this motion is anti-Semitic than am I anti-Semitic? I spoke to you on this issue, and I have you as my executive officer on my committee and we have been friends for so long are you going to call me anti-Semitic? Why can't Arabs in the Israeli supreme court have translators when they are losing their homes. The posters were not approved by the guild so I don't think you can attack the guild based off of that.

AG speaks for the motion saying I believe that it's the responsibility of this guild to represent all students. So, while its good that we can intellectualize this debate and draw the lines between the people we do support and want to protect but the average person won't. they will take it to its extreme, I do not think the motion should change its wording as the actions of the IDF and Israeli government is an apartheid, but this debate is contentious even amongst us. As a guild we should protect Jewish students who as we heard do not agree with the actions of mass murder and evictions at hand while simultaneously supporting the Palestinian population.

JN speaks against this motion and says the wording of the motion feels one sided, but there has not been enough consultation to the respective groups. There has already been signs of discrimination on campus so the language of this motion should be changed. What the Guild Council should do is advocate peace not pick a side. We have Jewish students here that are worried about the wording of this motion, so we should be mindful of how the language would affect students on this campus. As elected student representatives it is our responsibility to celebrate diversity where everyone is welcomed, and freedom of speech is respected. This issue has been ongoing for I guess centuries, and as AE has said it is a complicated issue I am not confident voting for the motion as I'm not well equipped to pick a side and I don't think anyone should.

Nicole speaks for the motion and says regarding the representation of all Jewish students, Jewish people have protested all over the world. What we said in this



motion is that we want to call out the Israeli government for crimes against humanity and having a meeting about that is perfectly valid. We should be taking up this issue and discussing it around campus. Israel is a nuclear power that is armed to the hilt and is funded by the US military, it suits the imperial interest of places like the US and AU.

VK speaks for the motion I have spoken a lot with AE and members of AUJS. I think for myself what I wanted to say is that guild councils' primary stakeholders are students here. So, we should not be advocating on issues that are not our areas of expertise. I have read countless articles, videos and journals and spoke to people who know this issue more than I do, I'm still unable to come up with a professional judgement. I have come to my own personal judgement which I do not think I need to bring into Council as this is a professional space. What I have learned from this discussion today is that there is more we can do than just a motion, such as the event that went down on oak lawn. VK then proposes an amendment.

Amendment: the 108th guild council encourages students to educate themselves adequately on this issue.

Amendment recognized as friendly

EM moves a procedural motion to take debate to a vote.

Passes unanimously

AE to JN I said that people say the issue is complicated but it's quite simple. I call out my governments for what they are. I condemn the killings of all Israelis but so far there's been 1 Israeli death for every 23 Palestinians. Would you call it Islamophobic if you condemn Saudi Arabia or Syria? No as I am condemning the government. I reserve those rights to speak for Palestinians as a Palestinian and a Guild Councillor to voice and represent Palestinians. NS when you brought in other topics, we should keep it to human rights violations which is what it is, its important to recognize that Palestinians who were there don't have the right to return there. You said it was a gesture of goodwill that Al Aqsa Mosque is still there so does that mean that they could easily destroy it if they will it? All Jews are welcome to live there, but It should resemble a secular state rather than one state advocating for one people living there.

Against NS JN
Abstention's from JC and CT

Moved: Adam Elyousef
Seconded: Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim

BS moves a procedural motion to take a 5-minute comfort break

Passes unanimously

11.4 The 108th Guild Council:



- 11.4.1 Recognises the impact that recent international events might have negatively on students at UWA and their wellbeing
- 11.4.2 Condemns anti-Semitism and racism directed towards any student on campus in any form
- 11.4.3 Encourages students who do encounter any form of racism to come forward and reach out to the Guild and University to report it
- 11.4.4 Encourages students who are affected in any manner to reach out to student assist and attend the support sessions run by them
- 11.4.5 Encourages the International Students' Department and Ethnocultural Department to continue showing and providing support to any student that faces any form of discrimination.

AR says this is a motion to show that the guild will support all students who are facing any sort of discrimination, this will encourage my department and ethnocultural department to support these students.

AE gives a huge thanks to ISD and EM for all their efforts in supporting students effected by the crisis then proceeds to tell the council that they are all student representatives and that they all should be working together to make everyone on campus feel safe.

Amendment proposed Reverses previous position that criticism of Israel is anti-Semitism affirms that anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, and that Jewish people are not responsible for or synonymous with the State of Israel.

And

Commits to fighting against all forms of racism, from anti-Semitism to Islamophobia and racism

BS moves a procedural motion to take a 5-minute comfort break

EM against

Motion passes

Amendment recognized as friendly

CJ says this motion is more in line with the actual role of the Guild which is to be supportive of students, the wording is very not divisive and supporting of all students. I am very supportive of this motion as it falls within even a scope of our role as council men and within the scope of our knowledge and expertise.

AG says it is our responsibility as leaders to ensure that there will not be anti-Semitic attacks, the purpose of these motions is reflected in what we do and say.

BS passes chair to VK

BS says I take a lot of issues with what you've said CJ. If you think that us passing 11.3 is not doing our job as representing students at UWA then you're saying that Palestinian students don't deserve to be heard and to express their oppression. If you think students on this council should speak in a way that sits on the fence and are politically correct and are nice to the people that are oppressing them, then you are not doing your job as ethnocultural convener.



CJ says so I think you really great job as mischaracterising everything I have said, I did not say anything to disrespect the Palestinian community. all I said was my perspective as the ethnocultural convener is when we have reported cases of antisemitism because of this ongoing situation, I think our priority should always be representing all students. I have no issue with someone like AE proposing this motion as someone with a lived experience, my issue lies with people who know nothing about this geopolitical situation other than the two narratives we have heard are sitting here thinking they are the arbiters of truth. So, the question I have to council is what qualification that enables you to decide to who's version of the truth you want to believes. I think the role of the council to not be divisive and politicize issues and focus on supporting the students. There's been a mischaracterisation of this as someone people talk about slavery and BLM but I think the point of difference is I don't remember the time white officers or European settlers were an oppressed group, I think when you're dealing with a conflict from two oppressed groups who have already reported instances of attacks on campus I think its fair enough to pay in mind the impact this is going to have on students. If that is me not doing my job as ethnocultural department then so be it BS.

DJ says I fully support this motion. And I do not think Jewish students should be discriminated against for what is done. At the end of the day everyone has their beliefs and where they lie, if we can't come together and share their opinions and vote on what they believe in and people have to be criticized for their opinion then I think that is wrong. Talking about our roles and capabilities you went on to hold a meeting between AUJS and PCSU which not even politicians have done, but you did that and criticized people for their belief based on what experience.

Catherine's proposes an amendment affirms that anti-Zionism is not anti-Semitism, and that Jewish people are not responsible for or synonymous with the State of Israel.

AR says amendment is not friendly

Abstentions from vote on amendment PB JN AR

NS against amendment

Amendment passes

HS speaks for the motion saying we've talked about BLM and the Burmese situation without any fighting or anyone saying why are we being political but when it comes to Palestine its suddenly let's not be political. I think that's absolute trash.

TC speaks for the motion saying I really appreciate these two motions that have been submitted. I think its very important that we give our stance on what's going on and then two say that we do not intend for students to be discriminated against.

CJ speaks for the motion saying I would like to reply some of the comments made. It is very easy for one person to say something then everyone takes it as the gospel. You must weigh the competing interest of people on campus, I think something that has been neglected, is the lived experience of the Jewish people.

NS speaks against motion saying I am only speaking out because of the amendment made. I would just like to say who are you guys to decide what is anti-Semitic and not anti-Semitic.

AG being apolitical is a luxury we cannot afford anymore; we need to take a stand on these issues. There is no jargon involved, there is nothing stopping the average individual to understand what is going on. You choosing to be neutral on a topic that is not about religion or anything like that but is about human rights. I do not think it's fair to compare criticism of the Israeli government to that of the



American police force just because they have both killed innocent people. We have been presented with facts and numbers and therefore we are within our right to come to our own decision

Catherine speaks for the motion saying I think we should be taking sides. If you choose to be neutral in a situation where there is an oppressor, then you have chosen the side of the oppressor.

VN speaks for this motion saying this is coming from at present there is two residents that lived on campus who moved back home because they did not feel safe. I think this motion supports students who have been discriminated against and we should vote for this motion

BS speaks for the motion saying I think it is a clear mischaracterisation of the motion 11.3 to say we are taking sides between the conflict. I think objectively looking at the facts presented it is within our rights to condemn a government for breaching human rights as this council has done before. I think its offensive for you to claim people don't have the capacity to form an understanding of the situation and that people can't form an opinion. I think its interesting that you bring up autonomy when we have a Palestinian person on Council and we have Palestinian club coming to us asking us to put a motion up on this, where is the discussion of autonomy on that. Furthermore, you have Palestinian students on ethnocultural collective which you did not consult before you created the group chat with other members of this university to discuss this motion which I think is a total breach of autonomy. Its really sad that this motion that which is really important about supporting Jewish and all students on campus is being derailed by this stupid political argument about the previous motion.

CJ speaks for the motion saying I am for the motion. You want to talk about autonomy? I've never said AE was out of his rights for proposing the motion, what I was saying there are other students who have also had this lived experienced speaking out about the motion. I do not think in one week anyone can be the arbiter of truth between this situation. The difficulty of this situation is encapsulated by the fact that we had to spend 5 minutes clarifying whether the position we just took contradicted the previous guilds position. So, if this Guild has a great capacity to research why was this not noted when the motion was brought up and passed. Ultimately its not the role of the guild as shown by that fact that we cannot even get our position straight in 3 years, it was previously passed that we cannot criticise Israel then todays council reverses that. If its so simple to reach a position on this then why cannot 3 consecutive councils come up with the same position.

NS speaks against the motion saying I appreciate that there's Palestinian representation but where is the Jewish representation. If I were not here tonight and I'm not on council then there would have been none. So we talk about Palestinian representation but where is the Jewish Israeli representation.

AE speaks for the motion saying Palestinian have been oppressed for so long, so I have the right so speak up and condemn the actions of the Israeli government.

DJ speaks for the motion saying things change, so if this motion made a change back then and there's further evidence to show that things have changed since then then we are within every right to support a motion and an amendment. I have done my reading and seen Jewish Israeli people condemn the actions of the Israeli government and I came to a concise decision.

EM says that debate has moved away from the motion and proposes a motion to move straight a vote

Procedural motion passes

AR withdraws his motion



EM moves the motion

NS JN vote against the motion

AR abstains

Motion passes

Moved: Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim
Seconded: Adam Elyousef

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Representation)

12.1 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.1.1 Acknowledges the 18th of May as Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day as a day of mourning for Sri Lankan Tamils
- 12.1.2 Acknowledge that to date, no Sri Lankan war criminals have been held responsible for these crimes, that Sri Lankan Tamils continue to bear the consequences of the genocide and that Australia, among other nations, ignored and continue to ignore the plight of Sri Lankan Tamils.
- 12.1.3 Encouraged the International Students Department and the Ethnocultural Department to continue to raise awareness for the struggles faced by ethnic minorities around the world, even the media fails to do so.

AJ I submitted this last Wednesday, I think that Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day happened this month its about time we talked about it

The Council passes a vote to hear the motion

AJ I assume that most of you here wouldn't know what Tamil Genocide Day is. I am a second-generation Tamil Sri Lankan. My dad's last memory of Sri Lanka was him running away from his house as it was burnt down. This is something I am passionate about and it is really challenging since no one knows about it and until today no one has been persecuted for the crimes that have happened back then. I know what it is like to feel what its like to not really have a culture to engage with as I am not Tamil enough to identify as Indian Tamil, but I can't really identify as Sri Lankan Tamil cause there's not many of us left. I hope one day there will be repercussions for those who have committed these crimes.

VK says I think it's an important day for Tamil people in general. Its quite heartbreaking to see pictures of it and I remember my dad telling me stories about it. In UWA the number of people of Sri Lankan Tamil decent is quite high so I think its important that we move this motion



VN speaks for the motion saying it's been called Remembrance Day now, but it used to be victory day. Remembrance Day is a step forward to reconciliation but its not all that can be done.

Catherine speaks for the motion saying we should be actively campaigning around this.

AE speaks for the motion saying I empathise with you, and you have motivated me to educate myself and research around this topic.

RD speaks for the motion saying I have a lot of family members who have told me stories around this. Everyone should support this motion and educate themselves on this motion. We need to support the people who have had lived experiences.

DJ speaks for the motion saying thank you for raising awareness about this and it's a good chance for us to educate yourselves. It's a great chance for us to advocate for the people effected, if there's any kind of way, we can help I fully support this motion.

Passes unanimously

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan
Seconded: Viknash VM

12.2 The 108th Guild Council:

- 12.2.1 Acknowledges that international students who are studying offshore have had a decline in their learning experience and have lost the benefits of face-to-face classes despite paying the full semester fees
- 12.2.2 Recognises that this has drastically affected their academic quality and mental health in a time where they do not have access to Counselling and other psychological services provided at UWA
- 12.2.3 Requests UWA to review their fee structure and introduce a minimum of a 15% fee rebate for offshore students, both undergraduate and postgraduate who are currently enrolled in UWA
- 12.2.4 Requests UWA to also provide for a plan to bring the Offshore students back to Perth like what other Universities have done.

AR its late because I sent it just after deadline, I wanted to get this out before end of sem.

The Council passes a vote to hear the motion

AR says international offshore students must pay the same amount of fees as students who are on campus when they don't have access to labs and other facilities. The fact that they still must pay the increase is ridiculous. The third point of this motion is something that other universities have done so we should follow in their example.

RD says we need to update students and give students a plan. It's very hard for offshore students for them to keep up through online classes, we have access to face-to-face interactions with lecturers and tutors, but they can't do that.



EM speaks for the motion and says she would like to propose an amendment to 12.2.5 that the ISD and ED council continues to advocate for international and domestic students via our education campaign that was endorsed last year.

Amendment recognized as friendly

Catherine speaks against the motion and says regarding the last part, I think we need to be on the cautious side of bringing in new students given the health and safety of everyone in UWA.

Catherine Armand Ruba abstain

Moved: Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim
Seconded: Ridhima

12.3 The 108th Guild Council:

12.3.1 Condemns the \$53 million support package offered to private higher education institutions announced by the Federal government for poorly supplementing the quality of education offered to offshore international students.

AMENDMENT: Rejects the notion that the \$53 million support given to private higher education institutions to develop online courses for offshore students is a supplement to the onshore student experience and quality of education they receive

12.3.2 Recognises that incentivising courses online is only for the benefit of saving money and discourages students to develop their knowledge and skills, instead encouraging detrimental academic behaviours such as procrastination, crammed learning, and reduced accountability.

12.3.3 Recognises and condemns this budget for not providing any increase in support offered by the Federal government despite the continuous cuts to higher education.

AMENDMENT: Condemns the federal government for the lack of support to the Public Higher education sector in the recent budget despite the continuous cuts to higher education

12.3.4 ADDITION: Rejects a similar proposition even as an idea for the public sector and encourages the prioritisation of bringing students back to Australia to continue face-to-face learning

12.3.5 Encourages the Education Council and International Students Department to continue to raise awareness of the issues experienced by offshore international students and provide support in any way possible.

AH says its late because I thought motions need to be in by Friday, it is a recent significant announcement by the government as it affects students overseas.

The Council passes a vote to hear the motion

AH says the federal government announced a \$53 mil support package. It incentivises online courses but it should be put towards bringing students back to campus. This new budget just shows that international students are cash cows. We should not condone this at all. The amendment was just to make the wording more concise and clearer.



AR I have gotten complaints that some students have not gotten the same amount of commitment from their unit coordinators, there have been instances where students have been enrolled into a unit online but the lecturer says the unit is not available for students online. I don't get how that is allowed.

EM speaks for the motion saying the government has released a poor package. Its worrying to think that the government is providing support and incentives for online learning.

Motion carries unanimously

Moved: April Htun
Seconded: Abdul Rahman Abdul Rahim

- 12.4 The 108th Guild Council accepts the Access Department rules as approved by the Governance Committee.

BS says it is essential for the operation of the Access department

The Council passes a vote to hear the motion

WN says this is just specific changes to rules.

Abstention from Catherine

Motion passes

Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: William Norish

- 12.5 The 108th Guild Council accepts the Social Media Policy, as approved by the Governance Committee

BS says its updated by Caitlyn just to reflect how guild account should work

The Council passes a vote to hear the motion

Abstention from Catherine

Motion passes

Moved: Bre Shanahan
Seconded: Emma Mezger

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

JC can we reduce time between minutes?

AG can we circulate just the two most important ones?



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14. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 30th June 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.