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ESTABLISHMENT AND PARTICULARS

1. The Public Affairs Council is a Subsidiary Council of the Guild established pursuant to regulation 32 of the Student Guild Regulations, to advance the objects of the Guild through engagement with Affiliated Societies.
2. The Public Affairs Council includes all Guild-affiliated student-run clubs and societies on campus which become affiliated with the Public Affairs Council in accordance with these Public Affairs Council Rules.
3. These Public Affairs Council Rules (**Rules**) are made pursuant to regulation 33 of the Student Guild Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

4. For the purposes of these Rules, unless otherwise specified:
 - (a) **Affiliated Society** has the same meaning as defined in the Student Guild Regulations.
 - (b) **Candidate** means a Guild member that has nominated, and has been accepted by the Returning Officer under rule 37, as a candidate for an Election.
 - (c) **Club Delegate** means a Club Executive or ordinary committee member of an Affiliated Society, appointed to act on behalf of the Affiliated.
 - (d) **Club Executive** means the office bearers elected by members of a Student Society at a general meeting to act as the entity's executive (including a president, treasurer, vice-president and/or secretary) and includes any member acting in a leadership role or who has decision making power in the Student Society.
 - (e) **Club Grant Policy** means the policy governing the provision of grants and funding to Affiliated Society made by the Guild from time to time.
 - (f) **Codes of Conduct** means any code of conduct binding nominees in a Public Affairs Council Election or as an elected representative, including the UWA Student Guild Election Candidate Code of Conduct and the Student Representative Code of Conduct and Ethics as outlined in Schedule 1 or as issued by the Guild from time to time.
 - (g) **Election** means an election for a position on the Public Affairs Council Committee (other than the President).
 - (h) **Formal Defect** includes only those errors or omissions which do not constitute a lack of substantial compliance.



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- (i) **Governance Committee** means the Governance Committee of the Guild Council.
- (j) **Grant** means any grant of money issued by the Public Affairs Council.
- (k) **Guild** means the 'Student Guild' as defined in the UWA Act.
- (l) **Guild Council** has the same meaning as defined in the UWA Statute.
- (m) **Guild Councillor** means a 'Student Guild Councillor' as defined in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (n) **General Guild Election** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (o) **Guild Misconduct** has the meaning given to that term in the Student Guild Regulations.
- (p) **Guild Property** means property owned or leased by the Guild including, but not limited to, clubrooms, meeting spaces, storage rooms, lockers and mailboxes.
- (q) **Guild Year** means the period from 1 December to 30 November of the following year.
- (r) **Nomination Period** has the meaning given to that term in rule 33.
- (s) **Public Affairs Council Committee Executive** means a member of the Public Affairs Council Committee elected at the Elections held in accordance with these Rules, and the President.
- (t) **Records** in respect of a Student Society means:
 - (i) records of all meetings and decisions of the Student Society (including agendas, minutes, resolutions, reports, policies and by-laws etc);
 - (ii) a register of current and former members (and the dates of their membership);
 - (iii) where the Student Society has members who must hold Working With Children cards for its activities, a record of those members' names and contact details, their Working With Children card numbers, the names and dates of organisations they worked with where members were dealing with children and names of the children if available, which information has been collected with consent of the children's legal guardian (**WWC Records**);
 - (iv) invoices and financial records (including bank statements, records of bank transactions, account ledgers, reconciliations, invoices, receipts,



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credit card statements and supporting documents) (**Financial Records**);

- (v) copies of insurance policies, if any, held by the Student Society;
 - (vi) documents recording compliance of Club Executives with attendance at training sessions held by the Guild; and
 - (vii) all other information as directed by the Public Affairs Council and/or Guild Council from time to time.
- (u) **Returning Officer** means the person appointed under rule 54 or 55 to fulfil the position of 'returning officer' under these Rules.
 - (v) **Public Affairs Council Affiliated Society** means an Affiliated Society affiliated with the Public Affairs Council in accordance with these Rules.
 - (w) **Public Affairs Council Committee** means the governing committee of the Public Affairs Council comprising of the persons set out in rule 11.
 - (x) **SOC-PAC** means the Societies Council and the Public Affairs Council.
 - (y) **SOC-PAC General Meeting** means a joint general meeting of the Societies Council and the Public Affairs Council.
 - (z) **Societies Council** means the Subsidiary Council of the Guild established pursuant to regulation 32 of the Student Guild Regulations known as the 'Societies Council'.
 - (aa) **Standing Orders** means the Guild standing orders.
 - (bb) **Student Guild Regulations** means the Student Guild Regulations made by the Senate of the University.
 - (cc) **Student Guild Election Regulations** means the Student Guild Election Regulations made by the Senate of the University.
 - (dd) **Student Society** has the same meaning as defined in the Student Guild Regulations.
 - (ee) **University Working Day** has the meaning given in the UWA Statute clause 6.
 - (ff) **UWA Act** means *University of Western Australia Act 1911 (WA)*.
 - (gg) **UWA Statute** means the University of Western Australia Statute made by the Senate of the University.
 - (hh) **UWA or University** means The University of Western Australia.



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INTERPRETATION

5. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise dictates:
- (a) The singular includes the plural and vice versa, and a gender includes other genders;
 - (b) The meaning of general words is not limited by specific examples introduced by 'including', 'for example' or similar expressions.
 - (c) A reference to a document includes a variation or replacement of it.
 - (d) A reference to a statute includes its subordinate legislation and a modification, replacement or re-enactment of either.
 - (e) Where a capitalised term is used in these Rules but not defined, the definition of such a term shall be taken from the Student Guild Regulations. Where no such definition is available, the Governance Committee shall have the power to determine the definition of the term in question.
 - (f) A reference to a particular role, position, body, group, organisation, committee or faculty or school of the University is a reference to that thing as renamed or constituted from time to time.
 - (g) A reference to a 'Record' is a reference to any record of information however recorded and includes:
 - (i) any thing on which there is writing or Braille;
 - (ii) a map, plan, diagram or graph;
 - (iii) a drawing, pictorial or graphic work, or photograph;
 - (iv) any thing on which there are figures marks, perforations, or symbols, having meaning for persons qualified to interpret them;
 - (v) any thing from which images, sounds, or writings can be reproduced with or without the aid of anything else;
 - (vi) any thing on which information has been stored or recorded, either mechanically, magnetically, or electronically; and
 - (vii) a reference to an electronic or digital record is any machine readable information in electronic storage media, including metadata, deemed to be a corporate record.



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6. In the event of an inconsistency between a provision of these Rules and a provision of the Student Guild Regulations, the provision of the Student Guild Regulations will prevail.

OBJECTS

7. The objects of the Public Affairs Council are:
 - (a) To provide students with events that promote community involvement and awareness.
 - (b) To provide Affiliated Societies the opportunity to work collaboratively and support like-minded objectives in the arts, culture, faith and social impact.
 - (c) To provide general and administrative support and Grants to Affiliated Societies.
 - (d) To raise awareness of causes or issues in the wider community that affect the student body or groups within the student body.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

8. The Public Affairs Council has the following functions:
 - (a) Approve the affiliation or disaffiliation of a Student Society in accordance with these Rules, the Student Guild Regulations and Guild By-Laws.
 - (b) Administer the Club Grants Policy and consider applications and issue Grants itself and with the Societies Council.
 - (c) Provide funding, administrative and leadership support to Affiliated Societies, in accordance with the Club Grant Policy.
 - (d) Host and facilitate events that promote community involvement and awareness, in particular in the areas of the arts, multiculturalism, faith and social impact.
9. The Public Affairs Council has the following powers:
 - (a) Recommend that a Student Society be affiliated or disaffiliated.
 - (b) Provide Grants to eligible Affiliated Societies.



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

10. The Public Affairs Council Committee governs the Public Affairs Council.
11. The Public Affairs Council Committee comprises of:
 - (a) The Public Affairs Council Committee Executive Members (being the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary).
 - (b) Three Ordinary Committee Members.
 - (c) The Sponsorship Officer (if appointed).
 - (d) The Marketing Officer (if appointed).
12. The quorum of a Public Affairs Council Committee meeting shall be four members, of which at least two must be Public Affairs Council Committee Executive Members.
13. The Public Affairs Council Committee must include the following positions:
 - (a) President.
 - (b) Vice-President.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Secretary.
 - (e) Three Ordinary Committee Members.
14. The Public Affairs Council Committee may include the following positions:
 - (a) Sponsorship Officer.
 - (b) Marketing Officer
15. The Public Affairs Council Committee may appoint a Sponsorship Officer and/or Marketing Officer. by simple majority vote. Either an Ordinary Committee Member or a person who complies with the eligibility requirements in rule 29 may be appointed.
16. If an Ordinary Committee Member is appointed either Sponsorship Officer or Marketing Officer, the Public Affairs Council Committee may appoint a person who complies with the eligibility requirements in rule 29 to replace that Ordinary Committee Member or have that Ordinary Committee Member hold both positions.
17. Each Public Affairs Council Committee member holds office from 1 December in the year of their election until 30 November the following year, subject to rule 67.



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18. The Public Affairs Council President must be elected in a General Guild Election in accordance with the Student Guild Election Regulations.
19. The President must —
 - (a) attend and preside at all meetings of the Public Affairs Council (including Public Affairs Council Committee meetings and Public Affairs general meetings);
 - (b) be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Public Affairs Council;
 - (c) regularly report to Guild Council on the activities, role and responsibilities undertaken by the Public Affairs Council; and
 - (d) present an annual report to the final Guild Council meeting of the Guild Year the activities, role and responsibilities undertaken by the Public Affairs Council during the Guild Year.
20. In the event that the President is unwilling or unable to chair a Public Affairs Council meeting, the Vice-President must chair the meeting. In the event the Vice-President is unwilling or unable to chair a Public Affairs Council meeting, the Public Affairs Council Committee must elect a chair for the relevant meeting from the other Public Affairs Council Committee Executive Members.
21. The Vice-President must —
 - (a) assist the President and represent the Public Affairs Council where the President is unavailable or unable to act; and
 - (b) assist in the management and functioning of the Public Affairs Council Committee and running of Public Affairs Council initiatives including 'theme weeks'.
22. The Treasurer must —
 - (a) administer Club Grants;
 - (b) oversee theme week budget and grants; and
 - (c) prepare and administer the annual Public Affairs Council budget.
23. The Sponsorship Officer must —
 - (a) determine an amount required for sponsorships for the relevant Guild Year in consultation with the Public Affairs Council Treasurer; and
 - (b) liaise with external and internal stakeholders to secure sponsorship agreements for the Public Affairs Council objects and activities.



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24. The Marketing Officer must —
 - (a) curate and design marketing material for promoting theme weeks such as social media posts, videos, photos and flyers;
 - (b) develop and implement marketing strategies to facilitate the Public Affairs Council's objects; and
 - (c) Manage the Public Affairs Council's social media presence.
25. The Ordinary Committee Members must —
 - (a) perform tasks as assigned by the Public Affairs Council Committee Executive members, for example assisting or running theme weeks; and
 - (b) assist the Public Affairs Council to fulfil its objects.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

26. Public Affairs Council Elections shall be held annually for the following positions:
 - (a) Vice-President.
 - (b) Treasurer.
 - (c) Secretary.
 - (d) Three Ordinary Committee Members.
27. Public Affairs Council Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders.
28. All members of the Public Affairs Council at the close of the Nomination Period shall be entitled to vote for all positions in an Election held according to these Rules.
29. To be eligible to hold and nominate for a position listed in rule 26, a person must at the time of the close of the Nomination Period and for the duration of their term —
 - (a) be a current member of the Guild;
 - (b) be an enrolled UWA student, with full rights and privileges, for the 12-month period during which they would hold office;
 - (c) be a current financial member of an Affiliated Society;



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- (d) at the start of their term, be a current (or within the past two years have been) —
 - (i) a committee member of an Affiliated Society;
 - (ii) a Club Executive of an Affiliated Society; or
 - (iii) a member of the Public Affairs Council Committee;

for at least six months, demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Returning Officer, at the time of the nomination;

- (e) not have been convicted of an offence and be under sentence, or be subject to be sentenced, for an offence punishable under the law of the Commonwealth or of a State by imprisonment for one year or longer' in line with the Guild Regulations;
 - (f) not be certified as mentally unfit;
 - (g) not be an employee of the Guild; and
 - (h) agree to be bound by and comply with the Codes of Conduct.
30. Nominations shall be in the form and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Returning Officer. By submitting a nomination the nominee agrees to be bound by and comply with the Codes of Conduct.
31. The process for the nominations shall be communicated through all channels deemed appropriate by the Returning Officer such as —
- (a) the Guild website;
 - (b) the Public Affairs Council Facebook or Instagram page;
 - (c) the Guild Facebook or Instagram page;
 - (d) Guild Weekly; and
 - (e) emails to Guild members.
32. A person may nominate under any name that, in the opinion of the Returning Officer, best reflects their identity.
33. Nominations shall be open for a period of at least two weeks and shall close one University Working Day before the election is to occur (**Nomination Period**).
34. Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer by 5:00 pm on the day that nominations close.



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35. An eligible person may nominate for more than one position at the same Election and must provide to the Returning Officer the order of their preferred positions.
36. On an ongoing basis throughout the Nomination Period, the Returning Officer shall check the validity of nominations lodged.
37. The Returning Officer may, in their absolute discretion, accept a nomination which, in their opinion, substantially complies with the nomination requirements. The Returning Officer may allow a nominee to alter or correct any Formal Defect in a nomination or supplementary information and documents lodged by the close of nominations whenever this is practicable.
38. If a nominee is ineligible as a result of a by statute, by-law, regulation or rule, the nomination shall be declared invalid.
39. The Returning Officer shall take reasonable steps to notify any nominee before the close of the Nomination Period of the rejection of that person's nomination and reasons for that rejection. Any nomination rejection must later be confirmed in writing.
40. A person nominated as a Candidate may withdraw their nomination by lodging a notice of withdrawal with the Returning Officer before the declaration of the results of the Election.
41. Unless the withdrawal is lodged personally with the Returning Officer, it must be signed by the nominee and witnessed by a person entitled to vote in the Election under rule 29.
42. When the withdrawal of nomination is received, the withdrawing nominee shall have their name excluded from the voting system/ ballot or not have the votes for them counted (as applicable).
43. Where a nominee dies before the declaration of nominations, their name shall not be declared as a Candidate and the Election shall proceed as normal.
44. Where a nominee dies during the voting period, they shall have their name excluded from the voting system/ ballot or not have the votes for them counted (as applicable).
45. The Returning Officer shall send out a notice containing the names of the Candidates for each position and any other relevant details via email or set out on the Guild website, as soon as practicable after the close of the Nomination Period.
46. Where only one eligible nomination is received for a particular position at the close of the Nomination Period, that nominee will be declared as elected to that position by the Returning Officer and no vote will occur in respect of that position.



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47. In the case of Ordinary Committee Member positions, if three or fewer nominations are received for those positions (or in the situation where a Sponsorship Officer is to be elected, two or fewer nominations are received) at the close of the Nomination Period, those nominees will be declared as elected to the position of Ordinary Committee Members and no vote will occur in respect of those positions.
48. Candidates may engage in campaigning on their own behalf but must not procure or encourage anyone else to campaign on their behalf. Campaigning must at all times comply with the Standing Orders.
49. Voting for positions will occur by ballot at the final meeting of the Societies Council and the Public Affairs Council in the second semester of the Guild Year.
50. Subject to these Rules, the Candidate with the most votes at the meeting will be elected to the relevant position. Where two or more Candidates receive an equal amount of the highest votes (**Candidates with Equal Votes**), another vote must be taken at the meeting in respect of those Candidates with Equal Votes.
51. Any positions left vacant at the close of the vote shall remain vacant until such time as filled in accordance with the casual vacancy provisions in rules 64 to 66 (as applicable).
52. Ballot papers must be kept in accordance with the recordkeeping requirements in the Student Guild Regulations.
53. A person may appeal the outcome of an Election to the Governance Committee on the basis that there was an error in the procedure when a vote was conducted or there was a contravention of these Rules in respect of the Election.

RETURNING OFFICER

54. The Returning Officer must be the Managing Director of the Guild.
55. If the Managing Director of the Guild is unable or unwilling to act or has a conflict of interest, the Associate Director – Human Resources of the Guild or their nominee must act as Returning Officer.
56. A person shall only be eligible to serve as Returning Officer if that person —
 - (a) is not a member of the Public Affairs Council and has not been anytime in the last 2 years;
 - (b) has not been a Candidate in an Election held under these Rules anytime in the last 2 years;
 - (c) is 18 years of age or older;



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- (d) is capable of administering all aspects of the Election efficiently; and
 - (e) is impartial.
57. The Returning Officer is responsible for ensuring —
- (a) the fair conduct and administration of the Election held under these Rules for which they are appointed;
 - (b) that Elections are conducted in accordance with these Rules and the Student Guild Election Regulations;
 - (c) that Election preparations are completed in a timely manner; and
 - (d) that the duties required in these Rules are carried out.
58. The Returning Officer shall have the power to —
- (a) issue any determination in whatever terms they see fit for the fair conduct and administration of any Election for which they are appointed;
 - (b) act on their own motion to prevent a breach or attempted breach of these Rules;
 - (c) spend any monies assigned by the Public Affairs Council Committee for the purposes of the administration of an Election;
 - (d) direct any person wilfully interfering, obstructing or disrupting balloting procedures or a count of votes; and
 - (e) take any other reasonable action they deem appropriate to ensure the fair conduct and administration of an Election.
59. Except where a Returning Officer is appointed under rule 63, the Returning Officer shall be appointed no later than one week prior to the opening of nominations.
60. The appointment of the Returning Officer shall be effective from the date of appointment until the declaration of the Election for which that Returning Officer has been appointed.
61. The Returning Officer may resign by lodging a written resignation with the President of the Public Affairs Council and the President of the Guild.
62. The resignation shall be effective from the time and date it is received by both the the President of the Public Affairs Council and the President of the Guild.
63. Should a Returning Officer resign, or otherwise be unable to act, a new Returning Officer will be appointed by the Associate Director – Human Resources of the Guild.



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CASUAL VACANCY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

64. A position on the Public Affairs Council Committee will be deemed vacant if the holder of that position —
- (a) dies;
 - (b) is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill health;
 - (c) resigns;
 - (d) is no longer eligible to hold a position under rule 29;
 - (e) Commits any act or omission that is considered Guild Misconduct under the Student Guild Regulations; or
 - (f) Is absent for more than three Public Affairs Council Committee meetings or Public Affairs Council general meetings in a 6-month period of which he or she has received notice, without reasonable excuse (in the reasonable opinion of the Public Affairs Council Committee) or tendering an apology to the Public Affairs Council President or chair of the relevant meeting.
65. Where the position of President becomes vacant (**Outgoing President**), the Guild Council must appoint a person to act as President for the remainder of the Outgoing President's term (excluding a person who has previously held the position of Public Affairs President), in accordance with Part 5 of the Guild Election Regulations.
66. Where there is a casual vacancy in the position of a Public Affairs Council Committee member, other than the President (**Outgoing Committee Member**), the remaining members of Public Affairs Council Committee may appoint by majority a person who complies with the eligibility requirements in rule 29 to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the Outgoing Committee Member's term.

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

67. Subject to compliance with rule 68, a Public Affairs Council Committee member (other than the President) may be dismissed by special resolution of not less than 75% of Public Affairs Council Committee members present and eligible to vote at a Public Affairs Council Committee meeting.
68. Notice of the motion to dismiss a Public Affairs Council Committee member must be provided via email or in person to the Public Affairs Council Committee member proposed to be dismissed at least 10 University Working Days prior to the motion being put to a meeting of the Public Affairs Council Committee. The Public Affairs



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Council Committee member must have an opportunity to put their case to the Public Affairs Council Committee meeting verbally at the meeting or by a written notice to be provided to attendees at a Public Affairs Council Committee meeting.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

69. This section applies to disputes —
- (a) between Public Affairs Council Committee members;
 - (b) between Affiliated Societies and the Public Affairs Council;
 - (c) between one or more Affiliated Societies;
 - (d) between one or more members of an Affiliated Society and the Affiliated Society; or
 - (e) between one or more members of an Affiliated Society.
70. The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days after the dispute has come to the attention of each party.
71. If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves within the time required by rule 70 any party to the dispute may start the dispute resolution procedure by giving written notice of the parties to the dispute and the matters that are the subject of the dispute to the following who will act as mediator in relation to the dispute (**Mediator**) —
- (a) where the dispute is between Public Affairs Council Committee members, the Governance Committee;
 - (b) where the dispute is between one or more Affiliated Societies and the Public Affairs Council, the Public Affairs Council President, or if they are unable to act, another Public Affairs Council Committee Executive Member;
 - (c) where the dispute is between one or more Affiliated Societies, the Public Affairs Council President, or if they are unable to act, another Public Affairs Council Committee Executive Member;
 - (d) where the dispute is between one or more members of an Affiliated Society and the Affiliated Society, the Club Executives of the Affiliated Society;
 - (e) where the dispute is between one or more members of an Affiliated Society, the Club Executives of the Affiliated Society; or



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- (f) where the dispute is between one or more members of an Affiliated Society in respect of a member's removal from membership of the Affiliated Society, the Governance Committee.
- 72. Within 28 days after the notice is given, the Mediator must meet to consider the dispute as a mediator.
- 73. The person/s to act as Mediator must act fairly and impartially and not —
 - (a) have an actual or perceived personal interest in the matter that is the subject of the dispute; or
 - (b) be biased in favour of or against any party to the dispute.
- 74. The parties to the mediation must attempt in good faith to settle the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
- 75. Each party to the mediation must give the mediator a written statement of the issues that need to be considered at the mediation at least 5 days before the mediation takes place.
- 76. In conducting the mediation, the Mediator must —
 - (a) give each party to the mediation every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow each party to the mediation to give due consideration to any written statement given by another party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is given to the parties to the mediation throughout the mediation process.
- 77. The Mediator cannot determine the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
- 78. The Mediation must be confidential, and any information given at the mediation cannot be used in any other proceedings that take place in relation to the matter that is the subject of the mediation.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 79. The Public Affairs Council shall conduct all Public Affairs Council General Meetings in accordance with the Standing Orders as issued by the Guild from time to time.



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80. The Public Affairs Council must have a minimum of ten Public Affairs Council General Meetings during the Guild Year and must otherwise meet as often as is necessary to effectively conduct its business.
81. The following matters may be dealt with by a Public Affairs Council General Meeting:
 - (a) Voting on the affiliation or disaffiliation of an Affiliated Society.
 - (b) Updates on relevant policies and activities.
 - (c) Administration tasks.
82. Public Affairs Council General Meetings must be attended by the following:
 - (a) As many Public Affairs Council Committee members as possible.
 - (b) A Club Executive of each Public Affairs Council Member.
83. Public Affairs Council General Meetings may be attended by the following:
 - (a) Non-Club Executive committee members of a Public Affairs Council Member.
 - (b) Any person invited by the President under rule 86.
84. Quorum for a Public Affairs Council General Meeting shall be 25% of all Public Affairs Council Members from time to time. Quorum must be met for business to be conducted at a Public Affairs Council General Meeting.
85. The President may invite to any Public Affairs Council General Meeting any person whose presence would, in the opinion of the President, facilitate the transaction of Public Affairs Council business and allow for the objects and functions of the Public Affairs Council to be met.
86. The Secretary shall take minutes of all Public Affairs Council General Meetings and make them available to Public Affairs Council Members and to Guild Council in a timely manner
87. A Public Affairs Council Member will be liable for a financial penalty in accordance with the Club Grant Policy if it fails to attend the number of Public Affairs Council General Meetings outlined in rule 104(h) in a Guild Year.



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VOTING AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL GENERAL MEETINGS

88. The Public Affairs Council Committee is responsible for setting the agenda for Public Affairs Council General Meetings. The agenda must be approved by the President and circulated by the Secretary to all Public Affairs Council Members no later than one University Working Day before the commencement of the meeting.
89. Each attendee of a Public Affairs Council General Meeting under rule 82(b) is entitled to an equal vote on each motion which is presented at a Public Affairs Council General Meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, a representative of a Public Affairs Council Member may attend on behalf of more than one Public Affairs Council Member, but may only vote once.
90. A resolution presented at a Public Affairs Council General Meeting will pass if it receives a simple majority of all Public Affairs Council Members in attendance where quorum is present.

COLLABORATIONS

91. The Public Affairs Council committee may, by ordinary resolution, create one or more 'Collaborations' to act as a subcommittee of the Public Affairs Council Committee.
92. The Public Affairs Council Committee may delegate powers and functions to a Collaboration as it sees fit and may revoke those powers or functions at any time. Powers delegated to a collaboration may not be delegated by the collaboration.
93. A Collaboration must include the following members —
 - (a) the Collaboration Chair, who shall be appointed by the Public Affairs Council by ordinary resolution and be a Guild member;
 - (b) the Public Affairs Council Committee; and
 - (c) Club Delegates of each Affiliated Society that is invited to join the collaboration.
94. No less than seven days prior to the ordinary resolution to appoint a Collaboration Chair, the Secretary must post a notice on the Guild notice board and cause an advertisement to be placed in such Guild publications as are appropriate calling for nominations. This advertisement must include the role of the Collaboration Chair of such activities, as defined by the Public Affairs Council Committee, and description of responsibilities to be undertaken.
95. The Secretary must receive nominations for the Collaboration Chair position and submit eligible applicants to a vote at a Public Affairs Council General Meeting.



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AFFILIATION OF STUDENT SOCIETIES

96. For a Student Society to affiliate to the Public Affairs Council and become an Affiliated Society, it must —
 - (a) comply with the affiliation requirements set out in these Rules;
 - (b) submit an application for affiliation including its current constitution or governing document which is accepted by the Public Affairs Council President; and
 - (c) receive a majority of votes for affiliation at a Public Affairs Council General Meeting.
97. The Public Affairs Council President will consider each constitution or governing document submitted to determine if it meets the requirements of affiliation under these Rules. The Public Affairs Council President may consult the Public Affairs Council Committee or Chair of Governance Committee if required, when making their decision. Only Student Societies with constitutions which comply with these Rules may be put forward to the Public Affairs Council for a decision on affiliation.
98. The Public Affairs Council President must consider the aims and purposes of the Student Society while determining whether or not the Student Society will be accepted to be considered by the Public Affairs Council for affiliation. No Student Societies affiliated to the Public Affairs Council may have substantially the same aims and purposes. For the purposes of this Rule, the meaning of 'substantially the same' shall be as determined by the current Public Affairs Council Committee.
99. The Public Affairs Council must vote on affiliation of a new Student Society at a general meeting of the Public Affairs Council and the Student Society will become affiliated if they receive a simple majority of votes in favour of affiliation. In the event of an equal vote, the Public Affairs Council President will have the casting vote.
100. A Student Society which is not accepted for affiliation may appeal the decision to the Governance Committee of the Guild Council if the vote was not conducted according to the proper procedure as provided for in these Rules. The decision of the Governance Committee of the Guild Council may be appealed to the Guild Council. If the Governance Committee or the Guild Council determines that the vote was not conducted according to the proper procedure, the Public Affairs Council must hold another vote at the next Public Affairs Council General Meeting.
101. The Public Affairs Council President shall within one week of each meeting of the Public Affairs Council, forward the names of any new Affiliated Societies to the relevant Guild staff to be recorded in the register of Affiliated Societies.



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFILIATION

102. A Student Society will be eligible to apply for affiliation and remain an Affiliated Society if it complies with all of the following:
- (a) Its objects and purposes include to become and remain affiliated with the Public Affairs Council.
 - (b) It is a current member of the Societies Council or is applying to become a member of the Societies Council.
 - (c) It complies with all the affiliation eligibility requirements set out in the Societies Council Rules.
 - (d) Where any affiliation eligibility requirement set out in the Societies Council Rules, has an obligation to the Societies Council or a member of the Societies Council Committee, the same obligation is made to the Public Affairs Council or equivalent Public Affairs Council Committee member and must be complied with.
 - (e) It operates for the central purpose of promoting at least one of the following:
 - (i) One of the arts, for example: music, dance, theatre, literature, film, painting or animation.
 - (ii) Multiculturalism or the culture or language of a particular country, region or ethnic group.
 - (iii) A religion or faith, for example: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism or Buddhism.
 - (iv) The well-being of a marginalised group, or positive changes that address a particular social issue.

GOVERNANCE OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

103. Affiliated Societies must follow all the governance regulations set out in the Societies Council Rules and where any obligation is made to the Societies Council or a member of the Societies Council Committee, the same obligation is made to the Public Affairs Council or equivalent Public Affairs Council Committee member and must be followed.



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DISAFFILIATION

104. To be deemed active, an Affiliated Society must comply with all of the following:
- (a) Hold an annual general meeting each year, and hold its first annual general meeting within forty University Working Days of the approval of its affiliation to the Public Affairs Council.
 - (b) Hold at least two events during each Guild Year other than its annual general meeting, no less than one per semester.
 - (c) Comply with these Rules, its constitution or governing document, the Student Guild Regulations, all Guild by-laws, Standing Orders, and policies in force from time to time.
 - (d) Comply with banking protocols and requirements as directed by the Guild or the Public Affairs Council Committee from time to time.
 - (e) Submit any amendments to its constitution or governing document to the Public Affairs Council President for approval and ratification.
 - (f) Submit an updated 'Executive Registration Form' and 'Executive Replacement Form' as applicable not later than twenty University Working Days after a change in the registered Club Executives of the Affiliated Society.
 - (g) Have no outstanding debts with the Guild at the end of the Guild Year unless the Affiliated Society has been granted an overdraft or loan by the Guild Executive to cover the debt.
 - (h) Have attended at least three Public Affairs Council General Meetings during the current Guild Year.
 - (i) Declare to Guild Finance and the Public Affairs Council Committee all donations and in-kind support received from sources other than Grants provided by the Public Affairs Council Committee and Societies Affairs Council Committee, regardless of the source or amount.
105. Any Affiliated Society which is not actively in compliance with all of the requirements of rule 104 will be decreed to be 'lapsed' by the Public Affairs Council Committee at the close of each semester, and will be ineligible to apply for any Grants offered by the Public Affairs Council Committee or Societies Council Committee or receive any benefit that affiliation would normally provide until that Affiliated Society complies with all of the requirements in rule 104.
106. Disaffiliation proceedings will be commenced against any Affiliated Society if:



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- (a) The Public Affairs Council Committee resolves by simple majority a resolution at a meeting that an Affiliated Society has not complied with rule 104 for at least twelve months; or
 - (b) A Club Executive of the Affiliated Society provides written notice to the Public Affairs Council President requesting that the Affiliated Society be disaffiliated, pursuant to a general meeting of the Affiliated Society approving its disaffiliation or if the Affiliated Society ceases to have Financial Members or if no Financial Members can be elected as Club Executives.
107. An Affiliated Society will be disaffiliated if a motion for its disaffiliation is passed by a simple majority of Public Affairs Council Members present and eligible to vote at a general meeting of the Public Affairs Council General Meeting. The Affiliated Society proposed for disaffiliation may not cast a vote on the motion for its disaffiliation.
108. A representative from an Affiliated Society proposed to be disaffiliated may speak on the motion for the Affiliated Society's disaffiliation at the Public Affairs Council General Meeting at which the motion for disaffiliation is to be considered.
109. The Public Affairs Council Committee may recommend to the Guild Council that an Affiliated Society be disaffiliated or not receive any benefit that affiliation would normally provide to an Affiliated Society.
110. A member of an Affiliated Society which has been disaffiliated under these Rules may appeal the decision to the Governance Committee on the basis that there was an error in the procedure where the motion for disaffiliation was passed which constitutes noncompliance in excess of a Formal Defect.
111. An Affiliated Society, once dissolved, disaffiliated, or otherwise ceasing to exist must submit all of its Records to the Guild within ten University Working Days of its dissolution, disaffiliation, or termination (as the case may be).

CHANGES TO THESE RULES & THE SUPREMACY OF THESE RULES

112. The Public Affairs Council Committee or individual Club Executives of no less than 15% of all Public Affairs Council Members in writing may propose amendments to these Rules to Guild Council.
113. Changes to these Rules must be approved by the Governance Committee and passed by a simple majority of the Guild Council.
114. These Rules replace all previous rules governing the administration of the Public Affairs Council and every person, organisation, and committee thereunder.



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Schedule 1 - Student Representative Code of Conduct and Ethics

The UWA Student Guild is a representative body run by students for students and exists to make sure each student has the best University experience possible.

As an integral part of the community of the University of Western Australia, the Student Guild, its Council and Councillors and its members are each committed to acting, at all times, ethically and with integrity. This promotes a culture of fair, respectful and ethical behaviour and, in turn, this reflects positively on all concerned.

This Code of Conduct (**Code**) provides guidance as to an individual's obligations and expected behaviours when making decisions or taking actions, particularly in their capacity as a student member of the Student Guild.

This Code is to be read in conjunction with the UWA Statute(s), Regulations for Student Conduct and Discipline; UWA /Student Guild Policies and Procedures. UWA Code for the Protection of Freedom of Speech and of Academic Freedom, and all relevant laws and legislation.

Underlying Principles

The ethical principles, values and behaviours expected of all members of the Student Guild are founded on the following universally recognised principles:

- Equity and Justice;
- Respect for Individuals;
- Taking Responsibility – Personal and Professional.

Exemplary Conduct

In the performance of our duties, both in our personal conduct and how we treat others , we will act with honesty and integrity ; demonstrate respect and courtesy; take all care and diligence while complying with our legal obligations and upholding our values, integrity and reputation . Particularly, we:

1. lead by example and strive for excellence by setting high standards;
2. act with honesty, integrity and impartiality and not for ulterior/extraneous purposes or with malice;
3. at all times, show respect, courtesy, consideration, sensitivity and no prejudice/discrimination/bias in the performance of duties;
4. be respectful of the point of view of others while advancing yours;



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5. act in the best interests of the Student Guild and its members rather than in your own interests or in the interests of others;
6. maintain a professional approach to all matters at hand, including refraining from namecalling or any sledging;
7. be a team player by consulting, co-operating and co-ordinating with others;
8. maintain a safe and healthy working environment in which all can thrive including not engaging in bullying behaviours or sexual harassment;
9. use confidential /official /personal information for authorised purposes only;
10. not make public comments (orally/in writing/via social media /or the like) for and on behalf of the Student Guild or the Student Council unless expressly authorised to do so.
11. when making comments or expressing a point of view, you must ensure that your expression is free from prejudice; non-discriminatory and unbiased and make clear that you are expressing your personal views and not those of the Student Guild or Student Council;
12. utilise Student Guild resources and tools of trade in a responsible and accountable manner;
13. avoid any conflicts of interest – actual/perceived/potential and always put the interests of the Student Guild ahead of your personal interests;
14. not accept any offers/gifts/gratuities or other incentives/inducements;
15. disclose information in a timely/accurate/consistent/complete/fair manner;
16. report suspected breaches through normal/approved channels;
17. adhere to legal requirements, policies and lawful directions; and
18. you must make clear that any views you express while participating in any political process (at whatever level) are your personal views and not those of the Student Guild or the Student Council.

We have a shared responsibility to ensure the Student Guild not just survives but thrives and that individuals within it reach their full potential.

Remember, you role model the values, behaviours and beliefs/practices of the Student Guild. Proceed with courage and determination.