



## **1. WELCOME AND OPENING at 6.01pm** **Acknowledgement of Country**

### **1.1 Attendance**

India Creed (IC)  
James Hodgman (JH)  
Christopher-John Daudu (CJD)  
Jelena Kovacevic (JK)  
Nikhita Talluri (NT)  
Max Vinning (MV)  
Akshata Jois (AJ)  
Korede Oyemade (KO)  
Paige Brandwood (PB)  
Lauren Kohlen (LK)  
Anya Kai (AK)  
Olivia Stronach (OS)  
Lucinda Bartlett (LB)  
Alexia Wood (AW)  
Lorenzo Iannuzzi (LI)  
Anthony Sims (AS)  
Keertikka P Ganesan (KG)  
Rishav Neog (RN)  
Mehardeep Kaur (MK)  
Archit Menon (AM)  
Rachel Yeo (RY)  
Parham Bahrami (PRB)  
Rama Sugiartha (RS)  
Selina Al Ansari (SA)  
Chloe Lazaroo (CL)  
Amira Nunn (AN)  
Juan Lakonawa (JL)  
Luke Alderslade (LA)

Ritika Menon (RM)

Tony Goodman (TG)

### **1.2 Apologies**

Alevine Magila (AM)  
Sammie Smith (SS)  
Shreya Bhardwaj (SB)  
Aidan Kirby-Smith (AKS)

### **1.3 Proxies**

Aimee Chen (AC) for SS  
Lorenzo Iannuzzi (LI) for SB  
Anthony Sims (AS) for AKS

### **1.4 Absent**

*JK moves a motion to accept proxies. This motion passes.*

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



*There are no identified conflicts.*

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **3.1 April Guild Council Minutes**

LA raised concerns about errors on pages 7 and 24 of the Minutes, particularly regarding a conversation with NT about a parking survey. Additionally, noted that the minutes may be against Standing Order 27 which mandates conciseness, and they include exact words of Guild Council members. LA suggested correcting these issues from the April meeting onward.

NT agrees to do this in the next minutes and will revise the April Minutes.

LI notes that words not being verbatim is done on request, not a procedural motion.

*These minutes were not passed and were deferred to either a circular motion or to the next Guild Council meeting.*

#### **3.2 Governance Committee Minutes**

#### **3.3 Equity and Diversity Committee Minutes**

*Minutes are accepted.*

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR**

- 5.1 The 111th Guild Council approves the appointment of the following Ordinary Committee Members based on the advice of their committees.

Proposed: Nikhita Talluri  
Seconded: Jelena Kovacevic

*This motion passed.*

### **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Managing Director**

TG provided several updates. The Guild Department Regulation reviews are in progress, with drafts received from lawyers and being prepared for submission to the Governance Committee. This will take time to finalise The Masterplan is moving forward, with a builder to be appointed tonight and work starting around June 17, with further details to be discussed in camera. Guild elections are off and running, with registration opening on May 20. TG gives a general reminder that Blackout is still in effect. The University has provided feedback on the clubs and society security camera guidelines, which LI is helping to finalize for submission to SOC. The Catering Review is ongoing and has made significant progress. Planning for the Tavern's 50th birthday is underway, with a taskforce meeting to coordinate the celebration, including a revamp of the Tav's logo and uniforms, and involving UWA, student groups, and staff. All other reports have been tabled.



LA asked Tony about the SSAF percentage change mentioned in his report, noting that the Federal Government recommend all Guilds receive a minimum of 40%, while the UWA Student Guild receives 50%.

IC explained that although early discussions with Federal Government representatives suggest a low risk of being affected by the new legislation, they are proactively ensuring their 50% allocation is maintained. The main concern is defining "student-led organisations" which could impact funding across the board, for all Guilds. This issue is more relevant to universities with multiple student organisations. WA Guild Presidents are collaborating on this matter, and IC will provide updates as more information becomes available.

LA inquired about the Guild Corporate Social Responsibility document, which was expected to be completed in April 2024. LA asked when the document would be available to councillors for creation motions. IC responded that the document is undergoing another round of edits for the Governance Committee and should be expected late next month.

## 6.2 Finance Director

TG provided an update on the financial status, noting that the numbers are very positive. The Guild is currently \$106,000 up, compared to a projected \$117,000 deficit. This improvement is due to cost savings, SSAF, and the performance of some outlets.

For the month, there was a positive variance of \$2,000 against a projected \$2,000 loss. There was an adjustment in the property area due to a workers' compensation claim from the University. Additionally, the RSD Ball money is expected to be received soon, and there are savings of around \$20,000 in the student departments due to timing of payments. TG expressed overall satisfaction with the financial progress of the Guild in 2024 and indicated that more detailed discussions would take place in camera.

*Motion to move in camera, moved by JK and seconded by IC. This motion passes.*

*Motion to move out of camera, moved by JK and seconded by IC. This motion passes.*

- 6.3 Commercial
- 6.4 Student Services
- 6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

## 7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

*Questions on Director's Reports were completed in the above section of the agenda.*

## 8 STUDENT REPORTS

### 8.1 Guild President (AR)

IC explained the delay in her report due to illness but expressed that she is now feeling better. She highlighted the progress of the Universal Submission Times project, which has successfully passed the University Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Education Committee. The project is set to be sponsored to the Academic Council or Academic Board by the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Academic Excellence. IC noted that the University Executive supports the initiative and is collaborating on a brief for the Academic Board.

### 8.2 Guild Vice-President (AT)



### 8.3 Guild General Secretary (AT)

### 8.4 Chair of Guild Council (AT)

### 8.5 Education Council President (AR)

AK re-iterated her satisfaction with the progress of the Universal Submission Times initiative. She thanked IC and CJD for their contributions to the briefing paper as well as her committee. AK mentioned that the proposal for implementing the project in Semester 2 of the current year is set to go to the Academic Council or Academic Board, pending confirmation. She emphasized that while pleased with the progress, final approval rests with the Academic Board.

### 8.6 Societies Council President (AR)

MV provided updates in his report, explaining that due to personal matters over the weekend, there was a delay in submitting his report. He clarified that the reported figure of \$2,500 for SPGs in Semester 1 has been revised to \$6,849.44 due to an accounting error with his OneDrive where a spreadsheet was not uploaded correctly.

Additionally, MV addressed an issue with the Guild website regarding incorrect student names appearing on club profiles. Despite entering preferred names, the University IT system overrides these with legal names, causing distress among students. He mentioned that the Guild IT department has identified the problem and is actively working on a solution, which is expected to be implemented soon. MV expressed gratitude to LI and the IT department for their ongoing advocacy on this matter.

### 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT)

### 8.8 Women's Officer (AR)

PB reported on the Women's Department's recent initiatives and activities. She highlighted efforts in social media, sharing educational content and creating posts related to campus resources accessible to students. Additionally, she met with key librarians to discuss campus safety measures, including increasing security patrols. PB mentioned her participation in the impactful What Were You Wearing? rally with other councillors. Looking forward, the Women's Department is organizing an augmented reality exhibition on survival installations for next semester at the Nedlands campus. She encouraged input from other women councillors on additional initiatives and expressed openness to further discussions.

### 8.9 Wellbeing Officer (AR)

LK mentioned that Wellbeing Council, that had been dormant for several years has now been successfully revived, which is promising. The focus is on revitalizing it post-COVID to better meet the current needs and information requirements of students. She expressed gratitude to Jay Williams, chair of the Wellbeing Council, and the Ethnocultural and Access departments for their contributions to the project. Looking ahead, LK indicated plans to transition the project to an online format to enhance accessibility, considering that some students may have already covered similar topics in class. She invited council members to bring forward any projects or initiatives they are working on, highlighting this as an opportunity for new developments within the council.

### 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President (AT)



8.11 International Students' Department President (AT)

8.12 Residential Students' Department President (NS)

8.13 Environment Officer (AR)

AK provided an update on UWA's sustainability efforts, focusing on the development of the sustainability strategy for 2030. They anticipate starting discussions and seeking approval in about six weeks. AK mentioned a recent meeting with Chris Kemp, the senior delivery manager, where they discussed integrating student input into campus sustainability operations. This includes creating mechanisms for students to influence strategies and possibly offering grants for sustainability programs within schools or societies. AK clarified that these plans are currently theoretical but expressed their intention to seek support for future trials and implementations.

8.14 Sports Officer (AT)

8.15 Access Department (AR)

OS provided an update on the access survey which had received 588 responses. She encouraged the council to continue sharing the survey.

8.16 Pride Officers (AT)

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers (AT)

8.18 Volunteering Chair (AT)

8.19 OGCs

AKS - (AT)

AM - (AT)

AN - (AT)

CL- (AT)

KG - (AT)

LA- (AT)

MK – (AR)

MK reported having met earlier with Lisa Goldacre, Director of Student Life, to discuss changes related to the Temporary Graduate Visa subclass 485. They deliberated on the implications of these changes for international students who will be graduating at the end of this semester. Further updates on this topic are forthcoming.

RY (AT)

SB (AT)

## **9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports**

IC inquired to NT about the progress on parking issues.

NT updated the Council on developments with the parking survey, noting collaborative efforts with IC and CJD. They have submitted recommendations to Campus Management, which include several key proposals based on student feedback. NT went through the recommendations. First, in response to students' desire for more parking availability, they proposed constructing a multi-story parking facility. Second, forming a Sustainable Transport Committee to address current and future transport challenges, including particularly public transport. Additionally, they proposed implementing a policy for a full



refund of parking permits if they are underutilized throughout the semester, aiming to address concerns about permit value and parking availability. Last, they recommended allocating only a small portion of parking spaces to non-UWA staff or students. She highlighted that student feedback indicated satisfaction with current parking prices, suggesting no increases in this regard.

LA requested of NT for the attendance sheet as per Standing Order 33 to be included in NT student report. NT believed it to be after every 3 councils but said she will do it going forward.

CL raised a query to IC regarding parking at the Nedlands campus.

IC responded that while there were few responses specifically mentioning the Nedlands campus in the survey, those that did highlight a capacity issue there. IC believes that increasing parking availability could alleviate this problem. IC noted that some respondents mentioned parking at the Nedlands campus when there were no spots on main campus, indicating broader challenges with parking availability across different areas.

CL expressed concerns about upcoming accommodation plans at the Nedlands Campus and emphasized the importance of considering parking needs in these developments, mentioning the possibility of basement parking, and questioning its effectiveness.

IC acknowledged these concerns, stating that they have strongly communicated to the Senate and Campus Management the impact any new developments would have on parking. They emphasized the necessity for comprehensive consideration of parking implications in all planning decisions, particularly as it relates to the capacity of parking at Nedlands.

AN raised a question regarding timelines for implementing the recommendations discussed, particularly the construction of a multi-story car park, which has been a topic of ongoing discussion for several years. AN sought clarity on when these proposals might be put into action.

IC responded that there is currently no specific timeline established for moving forward with these recommendations. They indicated that while Campus Management is open to considering the proposals, the exact timeline for implementation has not been determined or communicated yet.

LI directed a question to IC regarding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Policy that UWA is developing.

IC acknowledged the complexity surrounding the DEI policy, noting that its status and location within the University Governance structure is unclear. IC mentioned ongoing efforts to track down the policy and ensure that students have been adequately consulted before it progresses to the Senate. IC highlighted that consultation with students prior to policy implementation is crucial, and indicated that she, along with LI and others, is actively pursuing clarification on this matter.

LA then directed a question to AKS who was proxied by AS regarding participation in the UWA Push-Up Challenge:

AS responded that information about signing up for the UWA Push-Up Challenge can be found on the Guild Facebook page, where there should be a QR code, and a link provided for registration.



CJD directed questions to LA regarding his involvement in Venture, asking what his engagement with the Department is.

LA clarified that he serves as an OCM on Venture. He explained that he was approached by Chloe Bull and Joe, the Chair, at the beginning of the year based on his interest shown from attending their events the previous year. LA indicated that he was appointed without a formal application process and could not remember whether he had ever filled out an application form.

CJD inquired further about LA's plans and projects for the remainder of the year.

LA mentioned now that his recent involvement in the World's Greatest Shave and Duke of Edinburgh are over, he expressed his desire to mostly dedicate his time to participating in discussions in Guild Council and conversations around motions. He also expressed encouraged other Councillors to reach out if they needed assistance with their own original projects.

MV sought clarification from Ethnocultural Department regarding when their club room is currently accessible by students.

RS clarified that the club room was open whenever a committee member was present due to the tenancy agreement. They expressed a desire to make the room more accessible, akin to other spaces like Pride or Women's or ISD or Access, where students can enter without needing constant supervision. RS indicated uncertainty about the process to achieve this and expressed he would follow this up.

MV followed up asking about the club room's operational hours per week.

RS responded that the room was open approximately ten hours per week. PRB added that the club room started with minimal resources but has been gradually equipped throughout the semester, with the final addition being a table to enhance its functionality.

MV shifted the discussion to Ethnocultural Department's project on the awareness of religious events at UWA and whether consultation with PAC and SOC will be done.

PRB acknowledged that PAC and SOC had not been consulted yet but assured they would be before sending out any emails. They mentioned drafting emails and dealing with recent issues as priorities.

MV asked AN about in what capacity did she have meetings with politicians and advisors.

AN clarified that she attended these meetings mostly as an OGC, engaging in community and student-related discussions amid recent campus events that garnered public interest.

MV inquired about Luke's academic updates and what units were undertaken to finish assessments so early.

LA shared that he had completed exams in Modern History and Social Movements in Political Change.

LK commends AN attendance at the What Were You Wearing? rally and asks what specific actions she will bring to the campus in her capacity as an OGC as a result of this.



AN emphasized her commitment to raising awareness on social media about gendered violence and boundaries, expressing readiness to advocate for mental health and wellbeing on campus.

OS inquired about the timeline for improving UWA security's responsiveness, noting its current inadequacy.

PB responded that the issue has been raised, particularly regarding the responsiveness of PAM and security within the libraries. IC noted that discussions have been held with the directors of the library and the Director for Continuous Improvement. PB highlighted that while there is no set timeline for improvements, it is an ongoing process. The library directors have been actively following up on the action plan, and further feedback from students will continue to be collected and presented to emphasize the need for quicker response times.

OS shared a specific incident at Barry J Marshall, highlighting a delayed response from security, which, while not urgent, raised concerns about handling time-sensitive issues. Many students reportedly refrain from contacting UWA security due to perceived inefficiencies, suggesting a need for better responsiveness to ensure student safety and trust in campus security services.

LA asked IC about the future of Tav Wednesdays given recent early closures and low attendance.

IC responded that efforts are underway to improve the event for Semester 2 by involving more clubs and stakeholders to co-design the event. Planning will continue over the winter break in coordination with UWA directors and will align with the timeline of the Tav refurbishment.

LA also inquired about the lack of communication from the Guild regarding the university Accords recommendations, aside from the Paid Placements social media post in April.

IC clarified that an explainer post was intended but delayed due to urgent issues arising from the Accord that needed immediate action to be taken by student reps, and immediate urgent actions taken because of the Federal Budget. IC emphasized that she has had her priority on tangible actions for students rather than just communication and performative posts. IC mentioned that the explainer post would be coming in some form, but the Marketing Team is currently overwhelmed, thus she suggested making the post up could be a job for an Ordinary Guild Councillor who currently has no plans to pursue original projects for the rest of the year.

LA asked RN about the actions being taken by the International Students Department (ISD) regarding the recently introduced cap on international students.

RN mentioned that emails have been sent to the University and meetings are being planned to address the issue going forward. MK added that a motion has been put forward to urge a review of the policy, acknowledging that this is a federal government policy beyond UWA's control.

LA also inquired about the progress on the report on racism.

RS responded that the survey consultation is currently wrapping up. He had a meeting with Western Sydney University's National Challenging Racism Research cluster to discuss recommendations for a national report on racism in the tertiary sector, as outlined in Recommendation 33 of the University Accord. RS is working on actionable items and will





move through Equity and Diversity channels before presenting it to the council, aiming to send it out at the start of semester one.

*Motion for a welfare break, moved by JK and seconded by IC. This motion passes and the Council takes a break.*

CJD inquired about the specific progress on establishing a multi-faith prayer room from AN, seeking a detailed breakdown from start to current.

RS reported initially raising the issue with the CALD WG, ensuring it was added to their action plan, though timely action could not be guaranteed. AN mentioned meeting with relevant stakeholders, including Jack, to discuss suitable locations across different faculties and Guild buildings, and to assess the efficiency of current faith rooms. PRB added that consultations with Faith Clubs are planned to gather input on their requirements and preferred locations for the prayer room. In response to CJD's question on initial consultation, RS confirmed that the need for a multi-faith prayer room was identified during consultations for the racism report. The proposed solution was to have a multi-faith room rather than separate rooms for each faith, which would be impractical. The aim is to integrate this initiative into the university's upcoming diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy.

OS inquired about the cleaning issue raised in the tenant meeting regarding the Guild Hall.

IC responded that an investigation is underway to implement a different cleaning plan, as the current ISS contract does not cover all areas. This will involve arranging for an additional plan to address the issue. However, there is no confirmed timeline for when the cleaners will commence, and IC will provide an update at the next Council.

As an aside, LA provided clarification on his appointment as an Ordinary Committee Member of Venture, correcting his earlier statement, after calling Joe the Venture Chair. He confirmed that there was an application process and an interview conducted in the early part of the year, around weeks two or three.

CJD questioned why LA had to call the Venture Chair to clarify this.

LA explained that he fills out a lot of forms and had a very close personal relationship with the Venture Chair so simply forgot that he went through a formal appointment process.

PRB questioned the relevance of LA's appointment to Venture. CJD clarified that the inquiry aimed to understand the nature of LA's relationship with Venture, whether it was an OGC project or whether he was undertaking this in another capacity.

CL thanked the Women's Department for the successful ALVA event, noting positive feedback from ALVA students and expressing gratitude to everyone who participated.

AN requested clarification on the Safe Zone Wellbeing update mentioned in IC's report.

IC explained that at the beginning of the year, a meeting with campus security was held to discuss the usage and efficiency of the Safe Zone app. During this discussion, the potential for adding extra services to the app was proposed. These additions would include links to wellbeing services such as Student Assist and extra lifelines, providing students with access to a range of emergency and support services beyond just UWA Security. This co-designed update aims to ensure that students have comprehensive support available through the app while on campus. IC confirmed that the app has been updated accordingly and has relevant files documenting the changes.



*A motion is put to accept all student reports, proposed by JK, and seconded by IC. This motion passes.*

## **10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

10.1 The 111th Guild Council:

10.1.1 Notes the WAEC recount for OGC has returned Selina Al Ansari as the 13th OGC,

10.1.2 Appoints Selina Al Ansari as an Ordinary Guild Councillor until the end of the 111<sup>th</sup> Guild Council term.

Moved: Indi Creed  
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

PRB commends Selina's work on the Ethnocultural Committee.

*This motion passes.*

10.2 111<sup>th</sup> Guild Council appoints Anya Kai as an Environment Officer of the recommendation of Governance Committee

Moved: Indi Creed  
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

OS commends Anya's accomplishments and conveyed excitement about their future contributions for the year.

*This motion passes.*

## **11. ELECTIONS**

### **12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

12.1 111<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the License for UWA Sport to operate a tenancy in Guild Village, on recommendation of Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Indi Creed  
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

*Motion to move in camera, moved by IC and seconded by JK.*

*After in-camera discussion concludes, this motion passes.*

### **15.2.1 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

13.1 The 111<sup>th</sup> Guild Council appoints Fairweather & Sons to complete Phase One of the Guild Masterplan on the recommendation of the Strategic Resources Committee.

Moved: Indi Creed  
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri



*After in-camera discussion moved by JK, seconded by IC, this motion passes.*

## **14.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

### **14.1 The 111th Guild Council:**

14.1.1. Notes with concern, that research from Children and Young People with Disability (CYDA) showed that:

- a. Less than a third of disabled students feel adequately supported in their learning environment.
- b. Only about half of disabled students feel welcome and included at school.
- c. 70% of disabled students report exclusion from school events or activities.

14.1.2. Acknowledges with dismay the survey findings by School Can't which reveal a significant link between disabilities and school avoidance.

14.1.3. Regrets the underfunding and lack of support for teachers in providing necessary accommodations for students with accessibility needs, emphasizing the royal commission's conclusion that the schooling system requires a transformative approach to achieve inclusive and equal education for people with disabilities.

14.1.4. Condemns the disparity in funding support for disabled students between non-government and government schools, as reported by the Guardian Australia.

14.1.5. Calls on state and federal governments to enhance supports students and school staff.

- a. Emphasising that the lack of adequate support is a major barrier to high school completion among students with disabilities, closely linked with subsequent adversities, such as poverty.

14.1.6. Urges the University of Western Australia to ensure comprehensive support for students with accessibility needs and adequate training for staff in these areas.

- a. Highlighting deep concern about the University's notably low success rates for students with disabilities among the Group of Eight, as reported by the Australian Centre for Student Equity and Success.

14.1.7. Supports the Access Department's ongoing advocacy for the rights of students with disabilities as an underrepresented and marginalized community.

Moved: Olivia Stronach

Seconded: Lucinda Bartlett



OS raised concerns about the treatment of disabled students in high schools, highlighting the long-term ramifications for their progression to tertiary education and overall success. Public schools receive less funding for disabled students compared to private schools, which OS deemed unacceptable. The recent behaviour standards released by the Minister of Education, targeting traits of ADHD, were criticized for potentially making students feel unwelcome. OS emphasized the need for better support systems for disabled students and staff, rather than focusing on behaviour standards. Additionally, OS noted that UWA is not performing as well as other G08 universities in supporting disabled students and suggested that the Access Department surveys could provide ideas for improvement. The discussion underscored the importance of considering how secondary education impacts tertiary education outcomes for disabled students.

*This motion passes.*

#### 14.2 The 111th Guild Council:

14.2.1. Notes that Autistic Australians have some of the poorest life outcomes in society with Autistic people experiencing a significantly shortened life expectancy, higher rates of suicide as well as being more likely to experience physical and sexual abuse.

14.2.2. Regrets the lack of culturally appropriate provisions for Autistic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

14.2.3. Celebrates the release of the National Autism Strategy in April of this year as a step forward in improving outcomes for Autistic Australians.

14.2.4. Acknowledges that the strategy is limited in impact due to the lack of involvement from state and territory governments.

14.2.5. Calls on the Western Australian state government to commit to implementing changes to improve quality of life for Autistic adults.

14.2.6. Commits to continuing to support Autistic students at the University of Western Australia.

14.2.7. Encourages students to make use of services on campus such as the Living Room, counselling at the UWA Medical Centre, and Student Assist to support them if this brings up any disturbing memories.

Moved by: Olivia Stronach

Seconded by: Lucinda Bartlett

OS discussed the recent release of the federal government's national autism strategy, recognizing it as a positive step but highlighting its limitations due to the lack of state involvement. Autistic women experience significantly higher rates of abuse compared to non-disabled individuals, and autistic Australians are nine times more likely to die by suicide, leading to a life expectancy 20 years lower than average. OS expressed disappointment that the strategy does not address state-controlled issues like education and housing, suggesting that Western Australia develop its own comprehensive autism strategy, similar to South Australia. The Guild and University



community were urged to consider how they can improve outcomes for autistic members, emphasizing the distressing suicide statistics. LB added that it is crucial to understand and address the violence and abuse experienced by marginalized communities, especially in light of recent events.

*This motion passes.*

14.3 The 111th Guild Council:

14.3.1 Acknowledges the significance of World Blood Donor Day on June 14th as a critical event to raise awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products,

14.3.2 Recognises the essential contribution of voluntary, unpaid blood donors to the healthcare system and the lives they save through their selfless acts,

14.3.3 Recognises the critical role of regular blood and plasma donations in achieving universal access to safe blood products for all populations. Recognizes that blood cannot be donated by MSM students and students on PrEP and urges organisations to amend their rules on blood donation.

14.3.4 Encourages Councillors to:

a. Donate blood and plasma (if eligible) regularly, as often as it is safe and possible,

b. Promote World Blood Donor Day and donation, including via the Guild social media channels, to reach a wider audience and inspire more individuals to become regular blood donors.

Proposed: Paige Brandwood  
Seconded: Lauren Kohlen

PB highlighted the importance of blood donations, sharing a personal connection to the issue due to monthly infusions, which require numerous blood donors. PB emphasized the need for blood, particularly for women, and encouraged everyone to participate in World Blood Donor Day on June 14th.

LI proposed an amendment to acknowledge the exclusion of certain groups from donating blood and changes to these rules – friendly amendment.

OS supported the motion and mentioned plans for a temporary blood donation centre on campus next semester to address transportation barriers. PB apologized for not initially recognizing the contributions of all groups and expressed interest in organizing a blood donation drive.

CL thanked PB for raising the motion, noting the current critical need for blood and plasma in Australia. CL also emphasized the impact of donations, with one donation potentially saving three lives, and encouraged others to donate or inquire about the process. OS added the importance of registering as an organ donor if unable to donate blood.



*This motion passes.*

*Motion to move to a welfare break, moved by JK. Council moves to a break.*

14.4 The 111th Guild Council:

14.4.1. Expresses deep concern about the negative discourse surrounding international students that will be catalysed by the recently introduced cap on international students enrolled at Australian Universities,

14.4.2. Acknowledges that international students bring unique perspectives, foster global understanding, and enhance the learning experience for all students and enforcing a cap on the international student enrolment not only undervalues their contributions to a number but also hampers the overall tertiary education environment.

14.4.3. Recognises that this policy would fundamentally limit the student choice and damage Australia's global reputation as a diverse, welcoming, and well-established study destination,

14.4.4. Demands the Federal Labour government to undertake a comprehensive review of this policy, involving key stakeholders such as educational institutions, student representatives, and economic experts, to assess the long-term and holistic implications of this cap,

14.4.5. Urges the Federal Labour government to explore alternative policy measures to combat low housing supply such as investment in more affordable, reliable, and secure housing for all tertiary students, and make tangible steps towards combatting student poverty,

14.4.6. Encourages relevant government and institutional bodies to address issues relating to misuse of student visas through enforcing better policy measures to ensure genuine students have access to University study,

14.4.7. Commits to collaborating both within the University and externally to ensure that all students have the access to a safe, inclusive, and nurturing university experience,

14.4.8. Encourages the UWA Student Guild and ISD to post a statement regarding the issue on their respective social media handles.

Proposed By: Archit Menon

Seconded By: Mehardeep Kaur

AME highlighted the pride in UWA's diverse student population and expressed concerns that such a cap would discourage international students from coming to Australia. AME discussed that public discourse had linked the international student population to the rental crisis, emphasizing that international students form a small portion of the renting population.

MK supported the motion, stressing that international students should not be used as a scapegoat for the rent crisis and underscored the importance of maintaining UWA as a top-tier, diverse study destination.

AN inquired if university management had been consulted on the issue. IC added that UWA is not supportive of the policy.

IC explains she is against the discriminatory rhetoric associating international students with the rent crisis.



OS emphasized the importance of immigration for diversity and the detrimental impact of such discourse on international students' support and visa concerns.

RY thanked AME and MK for raising the issue and shared personal frustrations with the timing of the cap, especially following COVID-19 restrictions that had already heavily impacted international students.

*LI moved a procedural motion to pass their speaking right to RM. This motion passes.*

RM noted the importance of the motion in addressing misuse concerns of study visas while ensuring genuine students are not penalized, advocating for more nuanced research and stakeholder discussions.

AN asked about the future advocacy plan from ISD, to which MK responded that the motion aimed to express discontentment and initiate discussions. AN suggested making a submission to the Senate inquiry on the issue.

*This motion passes.*

## **15.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

### 15.1 The 111th Guild Council:

15.1.1. Notes with concern that the Australian government's efforts to reform the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) aim to curb spending growth, with these proposed changes recently under scrutiny by a Senate inquiry.

15.1.2. Strongly criticizes the planned \$14.4 billion savings from the NDIS in the 2024 federal budget, given the juxtaposition against the announced \$9.3 billion surplus, highlighting a concerning preference for fiscal austerity over crucial social support systems. This is exacerbated by a failure to increase Disability Support Pension payments during a cost-of-living crisis.

15.1.3. Acknowledges with dismay that some of the proposed NDIS changes, such as the mandatory registration of all service providers — a significant shift from last year's figures where only 16,000 were registered versus 154,000 unregistered — have been criticized for diminishing the autonomy and choice of disabled Australians.

a. Notes that these changes will also place undue stresses and burdens on disability support providers due to the increased administrative burdens and costs associated with registration and may be prohibitive to smaller suppliers.

15.1.4. Highlights concerns raised by Rosemary Kayess around the proposed changes which could result in the NDIS being at odds with international human rights conventions on people with disabilities. Ms Kayess also described the change to needs based assessments as a “participant being reduced to their impairment”, a sentiment shared by other advocates.

15.1.5. Welcomes with cautious optimism the government's proposals to increase supports outside of the NDIS framework, recognizing the potential benefits for disabled Australians who do not qualify for NDIS but need additional support.

Moved by: Olivia Stronach



Seconded by: Lucinda Bartlett

OS explained that the motion was submitted late due to the conclusion of a Senate inquiry into the proposed changes only occurring on Wednesday.

*Motion to hear without notice passed.*

OS expressed concerns about federal budget cuts to the NDIS and the lack of increase to the disability support pension amidst a cost of living crisis, highlighting the vulnerability of Australians and the insufficiency of the current pension. OS noted the government's delay in responding to the ADHD Senate inquiry and the Disability Royal Commission, questioning the timing of the NDIS changes, which have been criticized by disability advocacy groups and the Disability Discrimination Commissioner. OS emphasized the impact on UWA students who rely on NDIS supports.

A key concern raised was the push for all NDIS providers to be registered, potentially imposing administrative and financial burdens on providers, particularly smaller ones, and affecting service availability, especially in non-urban areas. OS stressed that the proposed changes could limit disabled people's choices, violating the principle of "nothing about us without us."

LB supported the motion, highlighting the immediate impact on young people's participation in university education.

LI inquired about actions taken by the Access Department, to which OS replied that there were plans to disseminate information and provide support underway. LB noted ongoing informal support and financial assistance for affected students, emphasizing the importance of solidarity.

IC sought clarification on the over-regulation concern, which OS confirmed, citing potential government overreach and inadequate consultation with disabled people. OS also mentioned concerns about new requirements for proving the effectiveness of supports, fearing further restrictions on choice and availability.

*This motion passes.*

15.2 The 111<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:

15.2.1 Acknowledges National Sorry Day on the 26th of May 2024 and National Reconciliation Week from the 27th of May to 3rd of June.

15.2.2 Identifies the theme of this year's Reconciliation Week: Now more than ever; and encourages Guild Councillors to reflect on the action both past and present towards reconciliation and how we as a student representative body can assist in furthering this action.

15.2.3 Recognises that the "No" outcome of last year's Voice to Parliament referendum has impeded the steps towards reconciliation with First Nations peoples, however, recognises the continued strength, advocacy, and self-determination of Australia's First Nations in spite of the result.

15.2.4 Recognises that First Nations students continue to be harmed by the Referendum outcome and its cultural, political, and legal effects.





#### 15.2.5 Directs the UWA Student Guild to:

- a. Continue providing holistic and logistical support to these students
  - b. Continue strengthening relationships with First Nations students and communities, and providing safe and accessible platforms to amplify their voices in their ongoing fight for justice and equity
  - c. Promote the events coordinated by Reconciliation WA for Reconciliation Week on the Guild Instagram
6. Encourages students and Guild Councillors to attend the aforementioned events to show their support

Moved: Sammie Smith  
Seconded: Akshata Jois

AJ mentioned that SS had a discussion about writing the motion on National Sorry Day, explaining the delay.

*Motion to hear without notice passes.*

AC highlighted the importance of the motion, especially in the wake of last year's referendum, emphasizing the ongoing issue of racism towards Indigenous students at UWA. AJ reinforced the significance of the motion in the context of reconciliation post-referendum, noting that Indigenous Australians are facing new challenges.

AJ detailed the consultation process, explaining that while the School of Indigenous Studies declined to comment on internal Guild motions, feedback was sought from prior First Nations Guild councillors and incorporated into the motion. PRB, RS, and other Guild councillors were also consulted.

RS supported the motion, underscoring the importance of reconciliation in creating a resilient and inclusive society. He stressed the need for First Nations representation within the Guild, whether through filling the position of WASAC or modifying regulations to ensure there is always a point of contact for Indigenous matters.

*This motion passes.*

#### 15.3 The 111th Guild Council:

15.3.1 Recognises the impact of the recent changes to the Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) as announced by the Australian Department of Home Affairs on 25th April 2024,

15.3.2 Acknowledges that it has come as a sudden shock to the cohort of international students, undergraduate and postgraduate, completing their study in Semester 1, 2024 as it severely affects their ability to work further in Australia, despite their considerable personal and financial investments in their education at UWA,

15.3.3 Urges the University to expedite the grading and administrative processes for the impacted students and release their academic results by 28th June 2024, which allows for the issuance of completion letters before the visa application deadline.



Proposed by: Mehardeep Kaur  
Seconded by: Archit Menon

MK explained that the motion was delayed due to a meeting with Lisa earlier in the afternoon, during which the urgency of the situation was discussed.

*Motion to hear without notice passed.*

MK expressed concern over the recent changes announced by the Department of Home Affairs, which negatively impact international students graduating at the end of the semester. These changes necessitate that students apply for visas before July 1st to retain eligibility for the previous laws, which grant a longer visa duration. MK stressed the importance of advocating for the university to release grades by June 28th, the last working day before the deadline.

AM echoed MK's concerns, emphasizing the critical nature of the University's timely release of results. The failure to meet the June 28th deadline would result in students losing significant time on their visas, which is essential for their future plans. LI requested that their speaking rights be given to RM for this motion, which passed.

RM underscored the gravity of the situation, noting that the new visa regulations are confusing and detrimental to many students, who could miss out on two to four years of stay in Australia due to a short delay. RM urged the university to expedite the release of results to mitigate the negative impact on students' career and personal plans.

AN asked if the completion letter and results are released simultaneously. MK clarified that after receiving their results, students apply for a letter of completion, which is then used for visa applications.

IC highlighted the importance of specifying a date in the motion to hold the university accountable and emphasized the need for urgent action. IC stressed that even with the June 28th deadline, students would have only 48 hours to apply for their visas, underscoring the tight timeline.

CJD reiterated the critical nature of the issue, noting that many postgraduate coursework students are extremely concerned. He mentioned petitions from UWA students and the significant uncertainty regarding their future careers if the university does not act promptly. CJD also noted that other universities with larger international student cohorts have managed to address similar issues, suggesting that UWA should be able to do the same.

*This motion passes.*

## **16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **16.1 Guild Council Room upgrades**

TG explains that the Guild Council room has been refurbished and a new electronic lock added – Guild Councillors will have access on Council Wednesdays from 6pm-12am. He notes that the carpet has been re-done and aircon will be coming in. He notes that it is important to encourage people to utilise the Council room for meetings, and also encourage people to take care of the space. IC asks that people please not leave rubbish in the room after Council. TG notes that there will be further investment in the Council room in the future to make it a more functional space.



## 16.2 Matters relating to Rafah

AJ draws the Council's attention to matters ongoing in Rafah, noting recent attacks. She notes that the working group will continue conversations around actions that the Guild can undertake as a result of this, reinforcing the importance of stakeholder consultation in this process.

***Meeting closes at 8.41pm.***

## 17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6.00pm**. Please contact the Guild General Secretary ([secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au)) with apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.