



# 1. WELCOME AND OPENING 4.05 pm **Acknowledgement of Country**

### 1.1 Attendance

Nikhita Talluri (NT) Lorenzo lannuzzi (LI) Mehardeep Kaur (MK) Jelena Kovacevic (JK) James Hodgman (JH) Anthony Sims (AS) Rachel Yeo (RY) Luke Alderslade (LA) Lauren Kohlen (LK) Maximus Vinning (MV) Parham Bahrami (PRB) Tony Goodman (TG) Alexia Kenny Wood (AW) Paige Brandwood (PB) Olivia Stronach (OS) Rama Sugiartha (RS) Rishav Neog (RN) Akshata Jois (AJ) Archit Menon (AME) Christopher-John Daudu (CJD) India Creed (IC) Aidan Kirby-Smith (AKS) Keertikka P Ganesan (KG)

## 1.2 Apologies

Shreya Bhardwaj Korede Oyemade Anya Kai Chloe Lazaroo Lucinda Bartlet

Sammie Smith (SS) Amira Nunn (AN)

### 1.3 Proxies

## 1.4 Absent

Alevine Magila

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

#### 3. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- 3.1 The 111th Guild Council:
  - 3.1.1. Stands in solidarity with student protestors at the sanctioned, peaceful Curtin Student Guild encampment,
  - Condemns the recent military assault in Rafah, noting that the operations have worsened an already dire humanitarian crisis,
  - 3.1.3 Firmly stands against:

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- a. All expressions of antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian racism, and all forms of hatred displayed at all student encampments, protests and beyond,
- b. Any forms of violence, threats of violence, intimidation and harassment at student encampments, protests, and beyond,
- c. Unfair treatment by police and university security staff directed at students involved in activism across the world,

## 3.1.4 Urges the University of Western Australia to:

- Disclose fully the companies and organisations the University actively invests in, noting that a portion of investment pool funding is drawn from student fees and alumni donations,
- b. Divest, in the UWA Investment Pool, from weapons manufacturers that produce entire weapons systems, and from corporations supplying financial or logistical support to military operations by Israel in Gaza,
- Fully disclose to students wishing to undertake exchange at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem that the Mount Scopus campus of the university stands on Occupied Palestinian Territory, as defined by UN Security Council Resolution 2334,
- d. Conduct a full safety audit of all universities UWA operates exchange programs with, and disclose the results of this audit to all students wishing to undertake an exchange program.

### 3.1.5 Recognises that:

- a. Every student has the right to safely attend their educational commitments on campus, and be treated with respect,
- b. Protests, encampments, and student action on campus comes with inherent physical and psychosocial risk, and not all students wish to participate due to that risk.
- c. The current situation in the Middle East is distressing for students from many communities on campus. In light of this, we expect students to be respectful to each other in their interactions on this matter.

#### 3.1.6 The Guild will action:

- a. A public statement regarding the above,
- Inclusive in the public statement, an explanation of the Guild's support resources for students on this matter, and overall support for peaceful protest.

Moved by: India Creed Seconded by: Akshata Jois

IC provided an update on the efforts of the Palestine Israel Consultation Working Group, which has collaborated with the Palestinian Cultural Society and the Australian Union of Jewish Students. The aim has been to address the ongoing situation in Palestine and enhance efforts towards student safety on campus. These discussions led to the motion.

IC, seconded by AJ, moved to present the motion for the Council's consideration without prior notice. The motion to hear it was passed.

IC expressed gratitude to the working group, acknowledging the challenging and emotionally intense process over the past few months. IC thanked AJ, SS, PRB, RS, and the rest of the council for their hard work and personal sacrifices.

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AJ reiterated IC's sentiments, emphasizing the importance of the consultation process in accurately representing student desires, which is a core responsibility of the Guild.

JK highlighted the collaborative efforts of the newly established working group, composed of various council members.

PRB praised the motion as a significant step forward, noting the potential for meaningful change and expressing gratitude to everyone involved for their dedication, particularly given the personal challenges faced.

SS emphasized the thoroughness of the working group in reflecting the feedback from all parties involved, ensuring that the motion accurately represents diverse viewpoints.

IC clarified that the wording of the motion was reviewed by both the Palestinian Cultural Society and the Australian Union of Jewish Students, incorporating feedback from these key stakeholders, in order to properly consult and collaborate. IC explains that this thorough process underscores the importance of considering the human impact of the Guild's actions – and ensures that everything done in the Guild does in fact reflect the will of the student body. She explains that without consultation, the Guild cannot make sound decisions.

This motion passes, with abstentions.

# 4. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING 4.15 pm

Please contact the Guild General Secretary (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.