



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Proxies

1.4 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 April Guild Council Minutes

3.2 Governance Committee Minutes

3.3 Equity and Diversity Committee Minutes

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:

Governance Committee:

Nicholas Charnley
Muhaimeen Mohamad Jonaidee
Mahima Jagadish

Election Culture Committee:

Savani Daulwatta
Joshua Sorensen
Thomas Lenette

Student Services Committee:

Megan Tan
AJ Lee

Equity and Diversity Committee:

Liliana Cowie
Aryaman Bhoosreddy

Volunteering Committee

Pragati Nath
Shogo Toriyama

Corporate Services Committee



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Guild Council Agenda
111th Guild Council
Wednesday, 29th, May2024
GCR @ 6pm

Tanjina Khan Moon
Mahima Jagadish

Proposed: Jelena Kovacevic
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

This motion passed.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- 6.1 Managing Director
- 6.2 Finance Director
- 6.3 Commercial
- 6.4 Student Services
- 6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

8 STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 Guild President
- 8.2 Guild Vice-President
- 8.3 Guild General Secretary
- 8.4 Chair of Guild Council
- 8.5 Education Council President
- 8.6 Societies Council President
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President
- 8.8 Women's Officer
- 8.9 Wellbeing Officer
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President
- 8.11 International Students' Department President
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President
- 8.13 Environment Officer
- 8.14 Sports Officer
- 8.15 Access Department
- 8.16 Pride Officers
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Officers
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair
- 8.19 OGCs
- 8.20 NUS

9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

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 111th Guild Council term.



Moved: Indi Creed
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

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

Moved: Indi Creed
Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

11. ELECTIONS

12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12.1

111th 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

13.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13.1

The 111th 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

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

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

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,

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

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 Labor 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 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. 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



Proposed By: Archit Menon
Seconded By: Mehardeep Kaur

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

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.

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.

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.

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

16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 26th June 2024 at 6.00pm**. 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.