



## **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 June Guild Council Minutes
- 3.2 July Minutes
- 3.3 Committee Minutes
  - 3.4.1 Equity and Diversity Committee
  - 3.4.2. Governance committee
  - 3.4.3 Student Services Committee
  - 3.4.4. Election Culture Committee

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

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

## **6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

- 15.2.1 Managing Director
- 15.2.2 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

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

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

## **11. ELECTIONS**

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

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

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

15.2.3 The 111th Guild Council:

15.2.4 Supports the principle that the people of Scotland should have the right to determine their own future, including the right to full independence from the United Kingdom

15.2.5 Reiterates its support for the right of self-determination for all Indigenous groups and peoples around the world.

15.2.6 Acknowledges that the Scottish people have been fighting for independence from the English and United Kingdom since 1296 and the First War of Independence.

15.2.7 Expresses its concern over the November 2022 decision by the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom to prevent the Second Independence Referendum and affirms its belief in the democratic right of the Scottish people to decide their constitutional status through a legally recognized referendum process.

15.2.8 Acknowledges the long-standing impact of English occupation on the political, economic, and cultural life of Scotland, and recognizes the need for Scotland to have the autonomy to address these issues independently.

15.2.9 Supports the Societies and Public Affairs Council in their efforts to help affiliate new, and support existing, cultural clubs on campus.

PROPOSER: Max Vinning

SECONDER: Lauren Kohlen

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

15.2.10 The 111th Guild Council:

15.2.11 Notes the Federal Government's proposed NDIS reforms has now passed both houses after it passed the Senate on Thursday the 22nd of August.

15.2.12 Reaffirms Motion 15.1 passed at the 111th May Guild Council meeting, highlighting the reduced choice and autonomy for disabled Australians that these changes are likely to bring.

15.2.13 Calls for the current legislation to be withdrawn in solidarity with People With Disability Australia (PWDA), the peak Australian disability advocacy group, which has cited numerous concerns including potential



human rights breaches and disproportionate impact on marginalised First Nations people with disability.

15.2.14 Encourages any members of the UWA community experiencing any distress as a result of these changes to make use of support services such as:

15.2.15 The Guild's Student Assist.

15.2.16 Counselling services in the UWA Medical Centre.

15.2.17 24/7 crisis support services like Lifeline, Beyond Blue, Mensline and Suicide Call Back Service.

PROPOSER: Olivia Stronach

SECONDER: Indi Creed

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

15.2.1 Acknowledges the importance of collecting and recording the various demographics of a community for the adequate advocacy and representation of those demographics in decision-making.

15.2.2 Acknowledges that the exclusion of demographics from censuses can cause detriment to the wellbeing those excluded demographics.

15.2.3 Acknowledges and condemns the recent Albanese-Labor Government's decision to not include census-data on Queer Australians.

15.2.4 Acknowledges that the 2023 Labor Party platform included a commitment to ensuring the 2026 census gathered "relevant data on LGBTIQ+ Australians", and that the current decision goes against the Party platform.

15.2.5 Calls on the Albanese-Labor Government, the Labor Party, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to reverse this decision.  
a. Directs the Guild and the Pride Department to work together to write a statement in support of including the collection of Queer identities and familial relationships in the upcoming census.  
b. Encourages Guild Councilors and UWA Students to petition the federal government to ensure that the census is inclusive of Queer identities.

Moved: Lorenzo Iannuzzi

Seconded: Alexia Wood

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

15.3.1 Notes the Heritage Foundation's plan in the 2024 United States election to self-coup the US Government and install radical conservatives into the US executive government should a Republican Presidential Candidate be duly elected in November dubbed Project 2025.

15.3.2 Acknowledges the ties between the Trump-Vance ticket and the Heritage Foundation.

15.3.3. Acknowledges that Project 2025 includes plans to:

- a. Institutionalize discrimination against Queer people;
- b. Ban and restrict access to reproductive Health Care;
- c. Amend the US Constitution to repeal the 19th Amendment;
- d. Repeal the Civil Rights Act;
- e. Cut free lunch programmes for Children; and,
- f. Limit voting access in the United States, just to name a few policies.

15.3.4. Condemns Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation, and the far-right being a threat to the foundations of Liberal Democracy.

15.3.5. Recognizes the harm Project 2025 has already caused, despite not yet being implemented.



- 15.3.6. Directs, in the event of a Presidential Candidate who supports Project 2025 being elected, the relevant departments to coordinate a response to:
- Support US students who may choose to seek refuge in Australia;
  - Facilitate support sessions with affected students; and,
  - In collaboration with the Guild, put out a statement condemning Project 2025, including support services for affected students.

Moved: Alexia Wood

Seconded: Lauren Kohlen

#### 15.4

15.4.1. Expresses its deep concern at the outright actions by the federal government in further making international students a cash cow as they have done for years,

15.4.2. Expresses great concern at the Federal Government's intentions to establish a cap on the amount of international students commencing tertiary education,

15.4.3. Recognises that these caps will block international students coming to Australia, who may view their education here as a means out of poverty, and many of whom take loans to study to pursue a brighter future,

15.4.4. Recognises that international students contribute to the economy and culture of Australia, and are essential for our path forward as a diverse nation,

15.4.5. Recognises that international students are being scapegoated as the cause of the house and cost of living crisis,

15.4.6. Recognises that international student visa costs have increased from \$710 to \$1600, partially to fund initiatives coming from the Accord (HECS relief, paid placements, FEE-free Uni Ready courses, financial support for apprenticeships) that they will reap no benefits from,

15.4.7. Directs the Guild President, in consultation with the International Students Department and International Student Services, to continue campaigning for an end to the international student caps, and a cessation of discourse from members of Parliament that international students are to blame for the housing crisis,

15.4.8. Demands that UWA will not utilise a potential drop in international student enrolments as an excuse to cut jobs or essential programs at the University.

Proposed: Archit Menon

Seconded: India Creed

#### 15.5

The 111th Guild Council

15.5.1 Expresses solidarity with the family of the victim of the recent murder and rape case in the R.G Kar Medical College, Kolkata, India case.

15.5.2 Stands with healthcare workers and essential service providers in India, and all around the world advocating for a safe work environment.

15.5.3 Recognizes the mental and emotional toll on students, specifically Indian female identifying students on campus and reiterates the wellbeing services provided by UWA and the UWA Student Guild to all students

15.5.4 Recognizes the difficulties, harassment and discrimination that women and marginalized communities face at the workplace.

15.5.5 Directs the International Students Department, Women's Department and Sanskriti-Association for Indian Culture UWA to publish a statement expressing the following



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**Guild Council Agenda**  
111th Guild Council  
Wednesday, 28th, August 2024  
GCR @ 6pm

- a. Solidarity with the victim
- b. Condemning this incident and all similar incidents world-wide
- c. Addressing the blaming of the victim by authorities and those online.
- d. Raising awareness on the issue

Proposed By: Rishav Neog(Proxy-Ritika Menon)

Seconded By: Paige Branwood

## 16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

## 17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 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.