

111th Guild Council Wednesday, 31st, July 2024 GCR @ 6pm

## 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
- 3.4 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

- 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

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- 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)
- 14.1 The 111th Guild Council:
- 14.1.1 Notes the many accessibility concerns raised at the recent National Union of Students (NUS) Education Conference, highlighting that accessibility concerns have been previously raised at NUS conferences by students across the country including UWA's own NUS delegates.
- 14.1.2 Affirms the importance of student representative spaces being accessible to all students to ensure equal representation, particularly of disabled students who are an underrepresented minority in the tertiary education space.
- 14.1.3 Calls on the NUS to implement measures to safeguard the wellbeing of all attendees and delegates at conferences and events organised by the NUS.
- 14.1.4 Directs the Governance Committee, in consultation with the Access Co-Officers, to explore the addition of accessibility related KPIs to the UWA Student Guild's existing NUS Accreditation KPIs and report to Council on their decisions.
- 14.1. 5 Directs the Guild President, in consultation with the Access Co-Officers, to write to the NUS National President, NUS National General Secretary, and National Disabilities Officer calling for accessibility measures to be implemented for the 2024 NUS National Conference with the Guild President to report to Council on the response received from the NUS.

Proposer: Olivia Stronach, Access Co-Officer

Seconded: Luke Alderslade

This motion passes.

- 14.2 The 111th Guild Council:
- 14.2.1. Condemns the state sponsored violent response to protesting students in Bangladesh.
- 14.2.2. Condemns the unjust killings of university students in Bangladesh.
- 14.2.3. Stands in solidarity with Bangladeshi students and civilians protesting in the aftermath of proposed job quota reforms.
  - 1. Calls for an end to all forms of violence against protesting students.

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- 2. Urges for the protection of student and human rights; to guarantee the safety of protesters and students, refrain from any action threatening their wellbeing, and ensure their freedom of expression.
- 3. Urges for student and government representatives to engage in constructive dialogue to address concerns, and work towards a fair and just resolution.
- 4. Condemns the telecommunications black out in Bangladesh, and in particular notes the inability for people in Australia and internationally to contact their family and friends in Bangladesh.
- 14.2. 4. Recognises the privileges and opportunities that we, as students, have in Australia, that are often not afforded to others around the world.
- 14.2.5. Encourages students affected by the protests and violence to seek support from Guild Student Assist.
- 14.2.6. Directs the UWA Student Guild to work with the UWA Society of Bangladeshi Culture to best address the concerns and support needed for Bangladeshi students on campus.
- 14.2.7. Directs the Ethnocultural Department, International Students Department, and Public Affairs Council to collaborate on a social media statement standing in solidarity with Bangladeshi students.

Proposer: Parham Bahrami Seconded: Rishav Neog

This motion passes.

## 15.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

- 15.1 The 111th Guild Council:
- 15.1.1. Acknowledges the importance of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres' Call to Action on Extreme Heat, which calls for an urgent and concerted effort to enhance international cooperation in order to address extreme heat by caring for the vulnerable, protecting workers, boosting the resilience of economies and societies through the use of data and science, and limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C by phasing out fossil fuels and scaling up investment in renewable energy.
- 15.1.2. Emphasises that the increasingly severe heatwaves driven by our human-induced climate crisis have direct consequences for the wellbeing and safety of UWA students.
- 15.1.3. Highlights that the escalating impacts of climate change are inextricably intertwined with global patterns of inequality, and that students belonging to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities have and will continue to face disproportionate challenges due to the climate crisis.
- 15.1.4. Directs the Environment Department in assistance with the Wellbeing Department to coordinate with Student Assist in the creation and publication of a catalogue of support services available to students who may be, or may become, disproportionately affected by climate change
- 15.1.5. Commits to supporting the Environment Department and Wellbeing Department in this endeavour where possible.

Moved: Anya Kai

Seconded: Lauren Kohlen



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# This motion passes.

## 15.2 The 111th Guild Council:

- 15.2.1. Expresses great concern at the approval of a license to prepare a site for the construction of a Controlled Industrial Facility to manage radioactive waste at HMAS Stirling Naval Base on Meeandip (Garden Island).
- 15.2. 2. Expresses concern that the public consultation process, run by ARPANSA, did not properly address the issues raised by the public nor provide transparent information to the public related to the environmental impact of the facility, the facility's capacity to dispose of radioactive waste if necessary, and the facility's impact on First Nations communities.
- 15.2. 3. Expresses concern that ARPANSA stated in their response to public consultation that they would not disapprove a license on the basis that there is currently no Commonwealth disposal pathway for radioactive waste, especially given the potentially disastrous impacts of improper radioactive waste disposal for the environment and the health of WA communities.
- 15.2. 4. Directs the Guild President to highlight the importance of transparency in government consultation processes with State and Federal Government when meeting with them next.

Moved: India Creed Seconded: Anya Kai

This motion passes

# 15.3 The 111th Guild Council

- 15.3.1 Acknowledges the motion passed by the 108th Guild Council on Myanmar and the constant advocacy and support provided by the Guild since the crisis began in 2021.
- 15.3.2 Stands against the military coup in Myanmar, which has significantly impacted the livelihoods of the people of Myanmar.
- 15.3.3 Acknowledges that the enforcement of the mandatory conscription law which came into effect February 2024, is causing significant distress and increasing concerns for students from Myanmar for their family back home.
- 15.3.4 Endeavours to continue its advocacy and provide adequate support for UWA students affected by any crisis that occurs internationally
- 15.3.5 Recognises the impact the situation may have on students emotionally and encourages them to seek help through UWA counselling services and student assist
- 15.3.6 Recognises that the International Student's Department is in conversation with Student Life to further support these students in study adjustments.
- 15.3.7 Directs International Student's Department and Ethnocultural Departments to release a joint statement on social media to stand in solidarity with students from Myanmar.

Proposed by Rachel Yeo (Vincent Proxy) Seconder: Rama Sugiartha

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# **16.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

## 17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **28**<sup>th</sup> **August 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.