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1. WELCOME AND OPENING

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Proxies
- 4. Absent
- 2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR
- 6. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

7. ELECTIONS

7.1 Returning Officer

Nominated member: Tony Goodman

Nominated by: Annika Leunig Seconded by: Oliver Barret

Tony was elected unopposed as Returning Officer

7.2 Chair

a) To be a member of Guild Council

Nominated member: Aidan Kirby-Smith

Nominated by: Annika Leunig Seconded by: Oliver Barret

Aidan was elected unopposed as Chair of Guild Council.

7.3 Vice-President

a) To be an Ordinary Guild Councillor



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Nominated member: Oliver Barret

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Oliver was elected unopposed as Vice-President of Guild Council.

7.4 Deputy Chair

a) To be a member of Guild Council

Nominated member: Ritika Menon

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Ritika was elected unopposed as Deputy Chair of Guild Council.

7.5 Academic Board

- a) Appoints the Guild President (Nikhita Talluri), the PSA President (Charlie Backshall and the ISD President (Archit Menon) as ex-officio members of the Academic Board.
- b) Elects the remaining 3 members from members of Guild Council.

Nominated members: Jay Williams, Annika Leunig and Archit Menon.

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Ritika Menon

Jay, Annika and Archit were elected unopposed to the Academic Board.

7.6 Strategic Resources Committee

- a) The Guild President is the Chair of the Strategic Resources Committee.
- b) Two (2) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: JeffreyTang and Kassidy Anderson

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Jay Williams

Jeffrey and Kassidy were elected unopposed to the Academic Board.

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7.7 Catering and Tavern Committee

a) Elects the Chair of the Catering and Tavern Committee from members of Council.

Nominated member: Oliver Barret

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded by: Ethan Tan

Oliver was elected unopposed as Chair of the Catering and Tavern Committee.

b) Three (3) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Annika Leunig, Anthony Sims and Jude Kamalddin

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded by: Ethan Tan

Annika, Anthony and Jude were elected unopposed to the Catering and Tavern

Committee.

7.8 Student Services Committee

a) Two (2) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Selina Al Ansari and Kassidy Anderson

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Selina and Kassidy were elected unopposed to the Student Services

Committee.

b) Elects the Chair of the Student Services Committee from members of Council.

Nominated member: Ojaswi Shrestha

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Ojaswi Shrestha was elected unopposed as Chair of the Student Services

Committee.

7.9 Corporate Services Committee

a) Three (3) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Lucinda Bartlett, Naveen Nimalan and Aimee Chan

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Lucinda, Naveen and Aimee were elected unopposed to the Corporate Services

Committee.

b) Election of the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee from members of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Archana Ashok

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Archana Ashok was elected unopposed as Chair of the Corporate Services

Committee.

7.10 Governance Committee

a) Three (3) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Charlie Backshall, Lachy Flavel and Jay Williams

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Kassidy Anderson

Charlie, Lachy and Jay were elected unopposed to the Governance Committee.

b) The Chair of Guild Council is the Chair of the Governance Committee.

7.11 Equity and Diversity Committee

a) Election of the Chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee from members of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Lucinda Bartlett

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Olivia Stronach

Lucinda was elected unopposed as Chair of the Equity and Diversity Committee.

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b) One (1) member of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Katrina Soares

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Olivia Stronach

Katrina was elected unopposed to the Equity and Diversity Committee.

7.12 Personnel Board

a) One (1) member of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Aidan Kirby-Smith

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Oliver Barrett

Aidan was elected unopposed to the Personnel Board.

7.13 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Committee

a) Two (2) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Anthony Sims and Charlie Backshall.

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Olivia Stronach

Anthony and Charlie were elected unopposed to the Enterprise Bargaining

Agreement Committee.

7.14 Joint Consultative Committee

a) Two (2) members of Guild Council, as per the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Nominated members: Jeffrey Tang and Katrina Soares

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig

Jeffrey and Katrina were elected unopposed to the Joint Consultative Committee.

7.15 Election Culture Committee

a) Five (5) members of Guild Council, at least two of which must be female or nonbinary.



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Nominated members: Naveen Nimalan, Jay Williams, Olivia Stronach, Ethan Tan

and Jeffrey Tang

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Archana Ashok

Naveen, Jay, Olivia, Ethan and Jeffrey were elected unopposed to the Election

Culture Committee.

7.16 Tenancy Committee

a) Election of the Chair of the Tenancy Committee from members of Guild Council.

Nominated member: Ritika Menon

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Archit Menon

Ritika was elected unopposed to the Tenancy Committee.

7.17 Publications Committee

a) Two (2) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Charlie Backshall and Aryaman Bhoosreddy

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Aimee Chan

Charlie and Aryaman were elected unopposed to the Publication Committee.

7.18 Volunteering Committee

a) Two (2) members of Guild Council, one of whom must be female.

Nominated members: Tabarek Alhaffar and Ruby Membry

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Oliver Barret

Tabarek and Ruby were elected unopposed to the Volunteering Committee.

7.19 Young Leaders Council

a) Election of the Chair of YLC to be an Ordinary Guild Councillor.

Nominated member: Julia Suffell



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Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Jay Williams

Julia was elected unopposed as Chair of the Young Leaders Council.

b) Two (2) members of Guild Council.

Nominated members: Ethan Tan and Lachy Flavel.

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Jay Williams

Ethan and Lachy were elected unopposed as members of the Young Leaders

Council.

7.20 Workplace Health and Safety Committee

a) One (1) member of Guild Council.

Nominated members: Olivia Stronach

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Archit Menon

Olivia was elected unopposed to the Workplace Health and Safety Committee

b) The Guild President is the Chair of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee.

7.21 Alumni Engagement Committee

a) Three (3) members of Guld Council.

Nominated members: Annika Leunig, Ritika Menon and Archit Menon

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded by: Ethan Tan

Annika, Ritika and Archit were elected unopposed to the Alumni Engagement Committee.

b) The Immediate Past President (India Creed) is the Chair of the Alumni Engagement Committee.

7.22 Referendum Standing Committee

a) Three (3) members of Guld Council, one of whom must be a female.



Nominated members: Anthony Sims, Ojaswi Shrestha and Archana Ashok.

Nominated by: Nikhita Talluri Seconded by: Annika Leunig.

Anthony, Ojaswi and Archana were elected unopposed to the Referendum

Standing Committee.

AKS moves a procedural motion to go back to section 6.

Motion passes.

NT moves a procedural motion to go in camera.

Motion passes.

NT moves a procedural motion to stop in camera.

Motion passes

8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

8.1 The 112th Guild Council thanks Indi Creed for her contributions and efforts as the 111th Guild President.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

Motion passes.

8.2 The 112th Guild Council thanks the Guild Staff for their contributions and efforts throughout 2024 and looks forward to another productive year in 2025.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

The motion passed unanimously.

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8.3 The 112th Guild Council accepts the dates as attached to be tentative meeting dates for all Guild Council meetings for the upcoming year.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

Amendment to move meeting to the week before, 22nd of October.

The motion passed unanimously.

8.4 The 112th Guild Council approves the 2024 Preliminary Budget Deficit-Surplus figure of -\$116,097 (deficit).

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

Motion passes.

8.5 The 112th Guild Council approves the line items in the 2025 Preliminary Budget Pack.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

Motion passes.

9.0 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 9.1 The 111th Guild Council approves the Budgeted 2024 Capital Expenditure.
 - 1. New Accounting System, Second Phase \$100,000
 - 2. Tavern \$200,000
 - 3. Catering Van \$50,000
 - 4. Corner Area of Guild Precinct \$50,000
 - 5. Website and App \$70,000
 - 6. Office Set-up \$50,000
 - 7. Server \$75,000
 - 8. Computer Renewal (Including POS attachments) \$40,000

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- 9. Screens for Refectory \$30,000
- 10. Catering Equipment Replacement \$15,000
- 11. Guild Council Screens \$10,000

Total = \$690,000

Moved: Annika Leunig Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

Motion passed.

10.0 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

11.0 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

11.1 The 112th Guild Council:

- 1. Recognises the establishment of the National Student Ombudsman as an important step to address university focused issues like:
 - a. Gender based violence.
 - b. Complaints about actions of universities.
 - c. Complaints about handling of student welfare issues like racism, homophobia, and other forms of discrimination.
 - d. Reasonable adjustments for disabled students
- Notes that 1 in 20 students have been sexually assaulted and 1 in 6
 Australian students have been sexually harassed since starting university.
- Acknowledges the importance of this reform in addressing complaints of students.
- 4. Expresses dismay that there has not been explicit confirmation about the handling of disability discrimination by the National Student Ombudsman.
- Calls for the National Student Ombudsman to address disability discrimination so that students are no longer required to go to the Australian Human Rights Commission with their complaints.

Moved: Olivia Stronach



Seconded: Jay Williams

Motion passes.

11.2 The 112th Guild Council:

 Condemns the Migration Amendment Bill 2024, the Migration Amendment (Removal and Other Measures) Bill 2024 and the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2024 as antimigrant and anti-refugee, that could adversely impact the livelihoods of

over 80 000 non-citizens in Australia.

2. Expresses solidarity with all refugees, asylum seekers and migrant

communities impacted by these Bills, acknowledging that barriers may be

placed between migrant and refugee diaspora and their extended families.

3. Condemns the fact that the Migration Amendment (Removal and Other

Measures) Bill 2024 may put thousands of people, including recognised

refugees, at risk of forced removal to countries where they may face

persecution.

4. Condemns the lack of safeguard mechanisms in the Bills to ensure that non-

citizens are not harmed, persecuted or subject to detention once deported to

unknown third countries.

5. Acknowledges that the new legislation risks violating the principle of non-

refoulement under the Refugee Convention, of which Australia is a signatory.

6. Condemns the expansion of the Australian Immigration Minister's existing

powers to ban visas from specific countries and overturn protection decisions

without sufficient safeguards in place."

7. Condemns any efforts to criminalise seeking asylum and seeking a better

life in Australia.

8. Calls upon the Australian Labor government to re-consider these Bills in

order to protect multiculturalism and refugee rights within Australia.



- Acknowledges the broad negative impact that these laws will have on UWA students and their communities, as well as the multiculturalism within our student body.
- 10. Directs the Ethnocultural Department and the International Students Department to publish a statement condemning the Bills and expressing solidarity with all those affected
 - Reaffirming the UWA Student Guild, Ethnocultural Department and International Students Department's commitment to supporting CaLD communities, including migrants and refugees
 - b. Outlining support services for affected UWA Students and referring them to Guild Student assist.

Moved: Reihaneh Rezagholilou

Seconded: Archit Menon

Motion passes.

11.3 The 112th Guild Council:

- Acknowledges the growing concern regarding foreign political interference in religious spaces within Australia, including places of worship, which threatens the sanctity of these sacred spaces and the unity of multicultural and multifaith communities.
- Recognises that such interference undermines core societal values of respect, religious freedom, and harmony, creating divisions within communities and weakening the social fabric of Australia's multicultural society.
- 3. Stands in solidarity with all faith and cultural groups impacted by foreign political agendas.
- 4. Commends the efforts of UWA's religious and cultural communities for raising awareness about the detrimental impacts of foreign interference and advocating for interfaith unity and dialogue.
- 5. Recognises the mental, emotional, and spiritual toll such interference imposes on individuals and communities, particularly among students of diverse faiths and

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cultural backgrounds, and encourages them to access support services provided by UWA and the Guild.

6. Directs the PAC, Ethnocultural Department, and encourages relevant societies and clubs to publish a statement that:

a) Expresses solidarity with students of all faiths and cultural backgrounds at UWA who feel affected by foreign interference in their places of worship.

b) Strongly condemns the misuse of religious spaces for political purposes and all forms of division or hate instigated through such acts.

c) Reaffirms the Guild's commitment to fostering an open, inclusive, and accepting campus environment, free from external interference.

d) Promotes education, interfaith dialogue, and collective action to ensure the values of tolerance, respect, and unity remain deeply ingrained within the UWA community.

7. Encourages the Guild Council to support and share the petition currently before the Australian Parliament, which advocates for laws preventing foreign consulates from using religious places for political agendas, as an expression of solidarity with the broader Australian community in preserving the sanctity of these spaces.

https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN6817

Moved: Aimee Chan

Seconded: Selina Al Ansari

Motion passes.

12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

17. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday January 29th 2025**. 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.