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**Guild Council Agenda**  
112th Guild Council  
Wednesday 29th January 2025  
Guild Council Room @ 6:00pm

## **1. WELCOME AND OPENING**

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 1.2 Attendance**
- 1.3 Apologies**
- 1.4 Proxies**
- 1.5 Absent**

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

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 3.1 November Council Minutes
- 3.2 December Council Minutes

## **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
- 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 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the following charities for PROSH;

- a) The Essentials Collective
- b) Man Up WA

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

10.2 The 112th Guild Council

10.2.1 Accepts the resignation of Amira Nunn from the position of Ordinary Guild Councillor.

10.2.2. Directs the Managing Director to contact WAEC for a recount.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

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



## **12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)**

### **13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

#### **13.1 The 112th Guild Council:**

- 13.1.1 Recognises that Western Australia will have both a State and Federal election before the end of May this year.
- 13.1.2 Encourages all students to make their voices heard and update, check or enrol to vote, with the deadline for enrolling to vote in the State election being the 13th of February at 6pm.
- 13.1.3 Directs Guild Marketing to reshare key enrolment and voting information for both the State and Federal elections as information becomes available.

Moved: Jay Williams

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

#### **13.2 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 13.2.1 Condemns the series of anti-Palestinian and Islamophobic attacks that have occurred across Australia
- 13.2.2 Recognises that these attacks are part of the concerning pattern of growing Islamophobia, anti-Palestinian racism and suppression of freespeech in Australia.
- 13.2.3 Criticises the Australian government's silence and the lack of decisive action being taken to support Palestinian and Muslim communities
- 13.2.4 Condemns Liberal NSW senator Dave Sharma's labelling of Islamophobia as "fictitious"

Moved: Jude Kamalddin

Seconded: Selina Al Ansari

## **14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)**

#### **14.1 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 14.1.1 Notes that Israel has proceeded to shut down the UNWRA office in Occupied East Jerusalem and has carried out military campaigns including



the so-called “Operation Iron Wall” in the Occupied West Bank, concurrently with the first phase of the Israel-Hamas ceasefire.

14.1.2 Condemns remarks from U.S. President Donald Trump that he would like to ‘just clean out’ Gaza and transfer more Palestinians to Egypt and Jordan.

14.1.3 Endorses the Student Strike for Palestine on Thursday the 27th of February and will support its promotion to the student body.

14.1.4 Notes that the demands of the February 27 Student Strike are for the ceasefire to hold, for no further bombing, for a full withdrawal of Israeli troops out of Gaza and for full Palestinian control over the rebuilding of the Gaza Strip.

Moved: Finn Penter

Seconded: Jude Kamalddin

#### **14.2 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

14.2.1 Stands against incoming U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration’s far-right, anti-worker agenda for the U.S.

14.2.2 Condemns Trump for being a far-right, billionaire bigot.

14.2.3 Condemns what the Chief Executive of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and a number of historians have identified as an unambiguous fascist salute by Elon Musk after Trump’s inauguration.

14.2.4 Notes that all of the U.S.’s most powerful billionaires attended Trump’s inauguration rally and that many have embraced his administration’s reactionary agenda.

14.2.5 Directs the UWA Guild Marketing team to make a post on all Guild social media channels to publicise the content of this resolution to the student body.

Moved: Finn Penter

Seconded: Jude Kamalddin

#### **14.3 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**



- 14.3.1 Recognises that Trump's "peace through strength" approach to foreign policy is a smokescreen for American or American-backed aggression and war.
- 14.3.2 Affirms that students and workers in Australia have no interest in war with China or in the military-industrial complex.
- 14.3.3 Demands for the Commonwealth Government immediately terminate the AUKUS security partnership and direct the at least \$368 billion in funding laid out for AUKUS to be directed towards essential social services and public works.
- 14.3.4 Directs the UWA Guild of Undergraduates General Secretary to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the UWA Defence and Security Institute and the UWA Senate.

Moved: Finn Penther

Seconded: Jude Kamaliddin

#### **14.4 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 14.4.1 Condemns the divisive and harmful rhetoric perpetuated by Peter Dutton, leader of the Liberal Party, including:
  - a) Racism toward Indigenous Australians, seen in his opposition to flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags alongside the Australian flag and his dismissal of concerns about "Australia Day." (26/01/2025)
  - b) Homophobia, evident in his opposition to Australian Defence Force events that acknowledge and show solidarity with individuals who have experienced homophobia, biphobia, interphobia, and transphobia, as part of the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia, and Transphobia. (21/05/2021)
  - c) Racism toward minority groups in the Australian community, including:
    - Generalizing that most terrorist-related offences are committed by individuals of "second and third generation Lebanese-Muslim background." (23/11/2016)
    - Suggesting that people in Melbourne 'fear' leaving their homes due to "gang violence" involving African Australians. (3/01/2018)
    - Claiming that Muslim candidates gaining parliamentary seats would be a "disaster." (4/07/2024)



- Labelling refugees from Gaza as a “national security risk.” (14/09/2024)
- 14.4.2 The Guild Council recognizes that this rhetoric causes division within Australia’s multicultural society, undermining values of respect, inclusion, and harmony.
- 14.4.3 The Guild Council encourages solidarity with groups targeted by Dutton’s comments and resolves to stand with affected communities.
- 14.4.4 The Guild Council directs the Guild to:
- Promote and support services for students belonging to communities affected by these comments.

Moved: Aimee Chan

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

#### **14.5 The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council:**

- 14.5.1 Notes that Unihall has charged excessive fees for repairs from students during room inspections and not given them a fair chance to appeal.
- 14.5.2 Directs the GP and RSD president to meet with University hall to dispute the claims and direct students towards relevant and researched resources.
- 14.5.3 Directs Unihall to clarify what the appeals process is for this decision and to engage students in good faith by sending an email to all affected students
- 14.5.4 Directs University Hall to halt encumbrances to allow students to get their completion letters as it will affect their ability to get a visa in Australia while the dispute is ongoing
- 14.5.5 Directs RSD President to conduct a survey to further investigate the extent of the issue
- 14.5.7 Directs RSD to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to run an online workshop that explains to students the importance of their property condition report and how to complete it during O week

Moved: Ritika Menon

Seconded: Archit Menon

## **15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**



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The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday February 26th 2025**. 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.