



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Nikhita Talluri (NT)
Oliver Barret (OB)
Annika Leunig (AL)
Aidan Kirby-Smith (AKS)
Ritika Menon (RM)
Charlie Backshall (CB)
Ethan Tan (ET)
Aimee Chan (AC)
Jay Williams (JW)
Archit Menon (AM)
Ruby Membry (RME)
Jeffery Tang (JT)
Julia Suffell (JS)
Anthony Sims (AS)
Lucinda Bartlett (LB)
Selina Al Ansari (SA)
Reihaneh Rezagholilou (RR)
Casey Taylor (CT) (Online)
Aryaman Bhoosredy (AB)
Ashel Siby (AS)
Archana Ashok (AA)
Finn Penter (FP)
Jude Kamalddin (JK)
Kassidy Anderson (KA)
Katrina Soares (KS)
Lachy Flavel (LF)
Naveen Nimalan (NN)
Ojaswi Shrestha (OSH)
Olivia Stronach (OS)
Rama Sugiartha (RS)
Tony Goodman (TG)



Mutya Maraginos-Joseph (MMJ)
Libby Bailey (LBa) (Observer)
Jack Cross (JC) (Observer)
Jack Fairley (JF) (Observer)
Aveline Maglia (AMA) (Observer)
Tom Pearce (TP) (Observer)
Hayley Rehn (HR) (Observer)
Emily Lassam (EL) (Observer)
Louis Bird (LBI) (Observer)

1.3 Apologies

Damien Zhang
Tabarek Alhaffar

1.4 Proxies

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 3.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the January 2024 Council Minutes

Moved: Aidan Kirby Smith

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

RR, SA and JK pointed out a few errors from the minutes. AL asked them to send their edits so she can revise.

Motion does not pass.

JK moves a procedural motion to move to section 10. Motion passes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

5.1 The 112th Guild Council:

5.1.1 Joins the National Union of Students (NUS) in calling for:



- a) Lowering the age of independence to 18 for Centrelink.
- b) Raising the rate of welfare payments like Youth Allowance, Austudy and others.
- c) Ending unpaid placements for all students.
- d) Repealing the Job Ready Graduates Scheme.
- e) Increasing SSAF funding to all democratically elected student led organizations.

5.1.2 Recognises the devastating impact that state and federal Liberal governments have historically had on students including:

- a) Introducing Voluntary Student Unionism in 2005 under John Howard, first introduced in WA in 1993 under Richard Court which decimated student unions across the country.
- b) Introducing Job Ready Graduates in 2021 under Scott Morrison and saw fees rise as much as 117% for some fields as reported by *The Conversation*.
- c) Excluding universities from JobKeeper in 2020 under Scott Morrison leading to thousands of job cuts across the country and pay cuts of around 10% at UWA as reported by *The Conversation*.
- d) Excluding international students and casual workers from JobKeeper – particularly considering university students tend to be casually employed – leading to significant job losses and unnecessary suffering as reported by *SBS*.

5.1.3 Endorses and supports the 2025 'My Future, Our Voice' NUS Campaign as endorsed by the NUS National Executive on the 5th of February.

Moved: Olivia Stronach

Seconded: Aimee Chan

Motion passes unanimously.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

6.2 Finance Director

6.3 Commercial

6.4 Student Services

6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre



TG mentions how the Guild master project is tracking along. TG mentions how they have gotten approval for the lift in Cameron Hall. TG also mentions how the finance report is still not complete due to the new finance system only becoming available that week and the staff are still being trained up on it but overall, the guild is on track with the budget and all the projects. TG expresses how the Tav 50th birthday and the events was a great success.

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors’ Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Nikhita Talluri

as read

NT explains how lecture bashing, which she explains further on in a later motion, is really important to the student culture that UWA has on campus and that today is a really sad and unfortunate day for students.

8.2 Guild Vice-President: Oliver Barrett

as tabled

8.3 Guild General Secretary: Annika Leunig

as tabled

8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Aidan Kirby-Smith

as tabled

8.5 Education Council President: Jay Williams

as tabled

8.6 Societies Council President: Ethan Tan

as read

ET would like to thank the staff for their work on O Day in particular the events and marketing teams.

8.7 Public Affairs Council President: Aimee Chan

as tabled

8.8 Women’s Officer: Ruby Membry

as tabled

8.9 Wellbeing Officer: Jeffrey Tang

as tabled

8.10 Postgraduates Students’ Association President:



Charlie Backshall

as tabled

8.11 International Students' Department President:

Archit Menon

as tabled

8.12 Residential Students' Department President

Anthony Sims

as read

8.13 Environment Officer: Julia Suffell

as read

JS want to mention that they are running enviro-fest in week 3 and says would be great if we could have volunteers to help set up and how it would be great to see everyone come down to support the events.

8.14 Sports Officer: Damien Zhang

as tabled

8.15 Access Department: Lucinda Bartlett &

Tabarek Alhaffar

Not submitted

LB and TA explain the report was not submitted due to sickness and dealing with the loss of a close friend, they ask if anyone has questions to please email them.

8.16 Pride Officer: Aryaman Bhoosrheddy & Ashel Siby

as tabled

8.17 Ethnocultural Officers: Selina Al Ansari &

Reihaneh Rezagholilou

as read

SA and RR mention how harmony week is coming up and ask for the guild council to support the events.

8.18 Volunteering Chair: Casey Taylor

as tabled

8.19 OGCs: *as follows*

Archana Ashok

as tabled

Finn Penter



FP wants to stress the importance on the severity of the attacks on transgender rights by the liberal government, but the labour government has also been complicit. FP stresses the importance of the guild and how the guild should be condemning these political parties.

Jude Kamalddin

as tabled

Kassidy Anderson

as tabled

Katrina Soares

as tabled

Lachy Flavel

as tabled

Naveen Nimalan

as tabled

Ojaswi Shrestha

as tabled

Olivia Stronach

as read

OS mentions how great it was to see with the support we got for the motion passed via circular. OS also mentions if anyone would like to help her, to contact her.

All student reports were accepted and passed by the Guild Council.

9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

10.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the WAEC recount which names Rama Sugiarta as Ordinary Guild Councillor.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

NT congratulates RS for joining council and says that she is excited to see what great things he will do on council.



Motion passes unanimously.

NT moves a procedural motion to move back to section 4. Motion passes.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

14.1 The 112th Guild Council:

14.1.1 Endorses the National Union of Students National Day of Action for Gaza on March 26.

14.1.2 Joins the NUS in their demands, including:

- a) End the genocide, the Australian government should stop arming Israel
- b) End all institutional ties to Israel!
- c) Stop the repression of pro-Palestine activists
- d) Fund education, not war!

14.1.3 Directs Guild marketing to reshare the official National Union of Students social media content promoting the Day of Action.

14.1.4 Encourages the Ethnocultural Department to liaise with the NUS and its member universities to help plan the Day of Action.

14.1.5 Encourages councillors to endeavour to participate in activities organised by the NUS or UWA Student Guild on the day and encourage other students to do so.

Moved: Jude Kamalddin

Seconded: Reihaneh Rezagholilou

JK mentions how the Guild participated in the day of action last year and it would be great to endorse it again, and that's it's incredibly important to continue to stand against the genocide being perpetrated by Israel in solidarity.

DEBATE



FOR: FP expresses how he believes students should take action and participate in activism and that this motion will encourage that.

FOR: OS mentions how she supports this motion and how the motion uses very similar wording to the NUS motion and so she believes the wording should be kept the same.

Motion passes.

14.2 The 112th Guild Council:

14.2.1 Acknowledges that student safety, respect, and inclusion are paramount and that disruptive or inappropriate behaviours must be addressed.

14.2.2 Opposes any blanket measures that overly restrict students' freedom of expression or undermine the vibrant culture and traditions of campus life and acknowledges the adverse effect a blanket ban would have on university experience, student well-being, and UWA's reputation.

14.2.3 Emphasises the crucial need for transparent, University-wide communications on any proposed changes to regulations or policies that affect student free speech and campus engagement.

14.2.5 Urges the University Executive to engage in further consultation and constructive dialogue with the Guild and the broader student body to identify a sustainable solution that upholds safety, inclusion, and freedom of expression.

14.2.6 Directs the Guild President, Postgraduate Students' Association President, and the Guild Executive to continue discussions with the University Executive and to report back to the 112th Guild Council on the progress of these negotiations, with the aim of reaching a solution that preserves both student safety and fundamental rights.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Charlotte Backshall



NT expresses her concerns about the restrictions the university has been talking about putting on lecture announcements. NT mentions how she believes this will be damaging to campus culture and how NT and other executive members have written a letter expressing their stance and have had a few meetings with the university already. NT mentions how they will continue to push for the university to lift these restrictions.

CB mentions how although they are still unhappy with any sort of restrictions on lecture announcements, CB believes the guild have significantly pushed the university from a complete ban to partial restrictions and that they have been working hard on this. CB also mentions they are unsure what restrictions the university will put out and that the guild will continue to push back on any restrictions.

QUESTIONS

FP asks NT why the guild fought for these restrictions but hasn't fought for other freedom of speech issues such as leafleting and postering?

NT replies that the lecture announcement restrictions has just been brought up by the university now so their focus is making sure the restriction do not happen however, the guild will continue to push the university on all issues to do with freedom of speech, but this motion is important currently, due to the circumstances with the university.

DEBATE

FOR: OS expresses frustration towards the university but also mentions how other universities have introduced similar restrictions. OS suggest amending motion to add the following point:

"14.2.7 Stands in solidarity with students impacted by similar policies at other universities such as the University of Sydney and the Australian National University, noting that repressive policies are becoming increasingly common at Australian universities and are part of a larger pattern across the country."

Amendment is friendly.

FOR: FP expresses his dismay towards the university and believes these restrictions are a restriction for freedom of speech on campus and that the guild must keep pushing to fight this. FP also wishes to add an amendment as follows:



“14.2.8 The Guild will publish a public statement opposing restrictions on lecture announcements if the university proceeds with restrictions”

Amendment is friendly.

FOR: JS mentions how especially for her during her first year, she wouldn't of known about most clubs and events if it wasn't for lecture announcements and expresses support for the movement.

Motion passes.

14.3 The 112th Guild Council:

14.3.1 Encourages students to independently research policies and candidates ahead of the upcoming state and federal elections.

14.3.2 Commits to election neutrality by refraining from directing students how to vote for a specific candidate or party.

Moved: Lachy Flavel

Seconded: Anthony Sims

LF expresses his belief that the guild should not tell students how to vote in the upcoming state and federal elections as it is not the place of the guild. FP believes the guild should be encouraging students to consider their options and make up their own minds. LF recognises that the guild may make representations on certain policies, however, telling students a certain way to vote falls outside of this and should not occur.

LF also mentions how during guild elections, no party, except for one, campaigned on their support or opposition to Australian political parties. It is not within the role of the guild to advertise how it believes students should vote.

AS echoes what LF has mentioned and believes everyone here is really on the same page.

DEBATE

FOR: NN asks for an amendment to add the following point;



“3. Encourages the Council to help properly inform students of how party and election policies can affect students”

Amendment is friendly.

AGAINST: LB believes the role of the guild is to take a political standpoint and it wouldn't make sense for the guild to pass political motions but then be removed during elections. LB also believes “committing to election neutrality” doesn't make sense as the guild has a political standpoint. LB expresses that she believes the role of guild departments means to support the people we represent and therefore must take a political standpoint such as what the guild has done previously with the referendum.

AGAINST: OS speaks about how under SSAF legislation the guild cannot campaign for political candidates anyway. OS believes that we should be speaking out against political movements that are anti student and against the idea of our guild.

LF suggests amending point two to as follows: “2. Will refrain from directing students how to vote for a specific candidate or party.”

Amendment is friendly.

AGAINST: FP believes that the guild is a political body and needs to be utilised to encourage students to make the right choices and the guild should be used to stand up against “bullshit” policies.

AGAINST: JW expresses how in past elections, the guild has previously told people how to vote before. JW thinks that it would not make sense for the guild to be neutral now.

Motion fails to pass.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

AL reiterates that although edits in minutes can be brought up during guild council, if anyone has any edits, that it would be quicker and more effective to send her an email before council so that the minutes can be approved at council. AL also mentions it is



time consuming so if there are multiple edits, if guild council could please make her aware of it so she can edit it before the guild council meeting.

AL also brings up student reports will now be tracked whether they are turned in on time. AL mentions that the executive team have discussed and believe the Monday before council at 11:59pm is an appropriate time for the student reports to be submitted and gives council members appropriate time to read through them. AL asks if reports will be submitted late, if guild council could please let her know to avoid getting taken to guild misconduct for multiple late submissions.

LB asks why this isn't following the Guild standing order policy which asks for the reports to be submitted by the Friday before guild council at 5pm. AL replies that it allows Guild council members the weekend and that she believes two days to read the reports is sufficient time.

RS had submitted a student report but as this was not his term RS expresses, he would like to point out a few points of discussion that were in his student report. RS expressed disappointment in the UWA Pilates Studio, claimed as Guild win, for the exorbitant prices of sessions, which UWA Sport claim are "competitively priced". The prices are competitive with studios in the wealthy surrounding suburbs of Claremont, Dalkeith, and Nedlands, and not necessarily student priced. UWA Sport receives SSAF funding. Similarly, its gym services are incredibly expensive particularly for a non-24/7 gym, while other universities such as Murdoch have new facilities with student membership for just \$7/week, cheaper than any other commercial provider.

RS also expressed frustration with the number of O-Week events hosted at the UWA Tavern, an 18+ licensed venue, while almost half high school leavers are not yet 18. While the Tavern turning 50 is significant, it is also important to note that the Tavern is not an inclusive venue for those who do not drink, not least for cultural and religious reasons.

RS highlighted the Federal Senate Inquiry into Quality of governance at Australian higher education providers, urging members to review the submissions, and for the Guild Executive to follow closely. Noted that Tony and Nikhi had been contacted to make a submission, but accepts it was a very busy time of the Guild year. NT replies



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that they are aware but has put it on the back burner for now while O-week and the big events associated were being run.

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

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