



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)
Tabarek Alhaffar (TA)
Selina Al Ansari (SA)
Reihaneh Rezagholilou (RR)
Casey Taylor (CT) (Online)
Aryaman Bhoosrheddy (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 Sugiarta (RS)



Tony Goodman (TG)
Mutya Maraginot-Joseph (MMJ)
Libby Bailey (LB) (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

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

Motion does not pass.

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

7. QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

8. STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Nikhita Talluri



- 8.2 Guild Vice-President:** Oliver Barrett
- 8.3 Guild General Secretary:** Annika Leunig
- 8.4 Chair of Guild Council:** Aidan Kirby-Smith
- 8.5 Education Council President:** Jay Williams
- 8.6 Societies Council President:** Ethan Tan
- 8.8 Women's Officer:** Ruby Membry
- 8.9 Wellbeing Officer:** Jeffrey Tang
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President:**
Charlie Backshall
- 8.11 International Students' Department President:**
Archit Menon
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President**
Anthony Sims
- 8.13 Environment Officer:** Julia Suffell
- 8.14 Sports Officer:** Damien Zhang
- 8.15 Access Department:** Lucinda Bartlett &
Tabarek Alhaffar
- 8.16 Pride Officer:** Aryaman Bhoosrheddy & Ashel Siby
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Officers:** Selina Al Ansari &
Reihaneh Rezagholilou
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair:** Casey Taylor
- 8.19 OGCs**

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

Motion passes unanimously.



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

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.

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.

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

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Charlotte Backshall

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



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Guild Council Resolution
112th Guild Council
Wednesday 26th February 2025
Guild Council Room @ 6:00pm

Motion fails to pass.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

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.