



## **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 February Council Minutes**

## **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

## **5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR**

### **5.1 The 112th Guild Council accepts the January minutes.**

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri

## **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**

**9. QUESTIONS TIME – Student Reports**

**10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

- 10.1** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council accepts the resignation of Anthony Sims from the position of Residential Students Department President.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

- 10.1** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, on the recommendation from former RSD President Anthony Sims, appoints Libby Bailey to the position of Residential Students Department President for the rest of the 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council term.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

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

- 11.1** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the 2025 Election Timetable.

Moved: Aidan Kirby-Smith

Seconded: Nikhita Talluri



**11.2** The 112th Guild Council requests the Managing Director write to the WAEC in order to conduct the 2025 Annual General Elections for the UWA Student Guild & NUS.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Aidan Kirby-Smith

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

**12.1** The 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council approves the business case to implement the role of a Senior Marketing Manager.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Annika Leunig

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

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

13.1.1 Acknowledges that political distress is a legitimate concern that can impact students' mental health and academic performance.

13.1.2 Recognises that the current global political climate may contribute to heightened political distress and/or anxiety among students.

13.1.3 The Guild Council directs the guild to:

- a) Collaborate with members of the 112<sup>th</sup> Guild Council to ensure there are adequate resources and support for students experiencing political distress and/or anxiety.
- b) Promote and support relevant services for students experiencing political distress
- c) Advise students that are particularly affected by political distress to seek support from Student Assist.

Moved: Annika Leunig

Seconded: Charlie Backshall

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

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

14.1.1 Condemns the decision by the Trump administration to cut research funding to seven Australian universities — including the University of Western Australia — on the basis of opposition to diversity, equity, and



inclusion (DEI) programs, “woke gender ideology,” and climate action initiatives.

14.1.2 Recognises that this action reflects a broader political trend that seeks to restrict academic freedom and depoliticise higher education under the guise of combating so-called “woke” or progressive values.

14.1.3 Expresses concern about the increasing influence of this type of rhetoric in Australian politics, particularly within segments of the federal Liberal Party, and its impact on public trust in research, education, and social progress.

14.1.4 Affirms the Guild’s support for academic independence, respectful political discourse and defending the role of universities as spaces for open inquiry, social progress, and diverse perspectives.

14.1.5 Directs the UWA Student Guild Marketing Department to publish this resolution on Guild social media platforms to raise awareness of the implications of these developments and affirm student opposition to regressive attacks on education.

Moved: Nikhita Talluri

Seconded: Charlie Backshall

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

14.2.1 Condemns the escalating pattern of the University of Western Australia imposing restrictions on free speech and political expression on campus, including the general guidance issued by the University that: “If your club makes a particular statement... then the fact that statement may be objectively true does not mean that your club’s use of that statement will not breach UWA Policy... use of that statement may still be Inappropriate Behaviour for the purposes of the University Behaviour Policy because it causes harm to others (e.g. offence, distress, fear, etc, etc).”

14.2.2 Affirms the UWA Code for the Protection of Free Speech and Academic Freedom and notes that the University’s conduct may be in contradiction to the code, which states that “Every member of the staff and every student at the University enjoys freedom of speech exercised on University land” and that this right is not limited by “a duty to protect any person from feeling offended or shocked or insulted by the lawful speech of another.”



14.2.3 Condemns the University's recent imposition of a blanket ban on lecture announcements, which stifles club culture and the activities of affiliated Guild clubs.

14.2.4 Demands that the University:

- a) Immediately rescind all restrictions on freedom of speech
- b) Uphold its commitment to freedom of expression by ending blanket bans on lecture announcements and the new restrictions placed on leafleting, postering, banner dropping and other essential club activities.
- c) Publicly affirm its support for students' right to engage in peaceful activism without censorship.

14.2.5 Commits to:

- a) Publishing a social media post to the effect of this motion.
- b) Supporting efforts by affiliated clubs to oppose these restrictions.

14.2.6 Directs the UWA Guild President to present the Vice Chancellor with a copy of the above motion.

Moved: Finn Penter

Seconded: Jude Kamalddin

## 15. GENERAL BUSINESS

## 16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday April 30th 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.