



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Attendance

Melani De Alwis (MDA)
Maria Waters (MW)
Tony Goodman (TG)
Chloe Bull (CB)
Julia Aguinot (JA)
Paris Javid (PJ)
Prisha Goel (PG)
Charlotte Kennedy (CK)
Adam Elyousef (AE)
Narendra Gammanpila (NG)
Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Dana Fung (DF)
Tanisha Kothari (TK)
Daniel Roden (DR)
Boni Riad (BR)
Natasha Nicole (NN)
Max Beard (MB)
Jak Beard (JB)
Mutya Joeseeph (MJ)

1.2 Apologies

Saphire Carter
Joseph Kaddis
Ethan Nicholas
Rashdina Ayesha Ramli
Amira Suraya Nunn
Geemal Jayawickrama
Aidan Mansfield
Iknur Virik
David Hallam
Misha Riaz
Catherine Cheeseman

1.3 Proxies

1.4 Observers

Justine Cerna

1.5 Absent

Robert Whitehurst
Louis Cheng

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PG passes a motion to accept the previous Guild Council minutes. This motion passed unanimously.



4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

None

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG mentions how important incubator programs are across the country's Universities after the talk from Venture and reiterates his excitement about the program.

TG mentions they're currently undergoing the Audit and thank the finance division for their hard work in making this happen, in addition to preparing the SAF documents. TG also mentions that the new election regulations are also being finalised with the lawyers, and that the student code of conduct is finalised and will be looking to be passed this meeting.

TG mentions that the changes to mask wearing on campus will hopefully increase the commercial performance going forward, and that we can expect to see an increase of students on campus. He also mentioned that there are new staff members are within the guild and to make them feel welcome. He briefly mentioned that the commercial aspect has taken a hit but this was to be expected given COVID and hopefully will improve in the coming years. A new bus stop being is being installed across the road and will have UWA Student Guild branding on it which is highly exciting.

6.2 Finance Director

For the month of March, there was a profit of around ~\$12,000 as opposed to a budgeted loss. Year to date, MJ mentions the Guild is at a loss of \$35k as opposed to a budgeted loss of \$156k. MJ mentions that the "profit" in March is due to expenses that haven't gone through yet such as the grants, and there is more likely to be a \$20-30k loss instead. MG mentions that this is expected because of the rental abatements which were provided for tenants

MJ mentions that the second-hand bookshop has reported another loss due to reduced numbers on campus and reduced merchandise sales. Tav and commercial outlets are worse than anticipated due to the above-mentioned reasons. MJ summarises by saying while March isn't profitable, it is as expected. MJ mentions that RSD is the only department over budget, but this is due to the RSD ball deposit.

6.3 Commercial

6.4 Student Services

TG tabled all other director reports as read.

7. QUESTION TIME – Directors Reports

None

PG moved a procedural motion to accept directors' reports. This motion passed unanimously.



8. STUDENT REPORTS

- 8.1 President (As tabled = AT)
- 8.2 Vice President (AT but absent)
- 8.3 General Secretary (AT)
- 8.4 Guild Chair (AT)
- 8.5 Education Council President (AT but absent)
- 8.6 Societies Council President (Not Submitted = NS)
Will be submitted after council
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President (AT)
- 8.8 WASAC Chair (NS)
- 8.9 Women's Officer (AT)
- 8.10 Welfare Officer (AT but absent)
- 8.11 Postgraduates Students' Association President (NS)
Isn't finished as of yet and will be submitted after council
- 8.12 International Students' Department President (AT)
- 8.13 Residential Students' Department President (NS)
- 8.14 Environment Officer (NS)
- 8.15 Sports Officer (AT but absent)
- 8.16 Access Department (AT)
- 8.17 Pride Officers (AT)
- 8.18 Ethnocultural Department Officers (AT)
- 8.19 Volunteering Chair (NS)
- 8.20 OGC (4 / 13)
- 8.21 MASA President

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

MDA asks NG a question regarding the policy tracker logistics. NG replies with that he will discuss this in general minutes.

MDA asks AJ about whether there are NUS reports done for the January NUS conference. AJ replies that this slipped his mind, and he will chase this up.

MDA asks when the Welfare & Advocacy committee will be meeting up. PG mentions that she will be starting the meetings the following week, with the delay being due to the change of chair.

MDA asks PG about what exact changes will be included in the new election regulations. PG replies that this will be discussed later but all the changes are listed in the agenda pack.

PG moved a procedural motion to accept student reports. This motion passed unanimously.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

10.1 Venture Presentation

6 ELECTIONS

PG moved a procedural motion to appoint TG as the returning officer. This motion passed unanimously.

TG mentions that for all the contested committees, that a ballot box will be at Guild Finance and will be open for a week.

6.1 Guild Subcommittee Elections:

- a) Governance Committee (*three Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **CONTESTED**

Nominees: Sam Curulli, Levon Johnson, Anushka Mukherjee, Kushar

- b) Equity & Diversity Committee (*two Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **CONTESTED**

Nominees: Kiarra Hardjani, Akshata Jois, Anushka Mukherjee

- c) Student Services Committee (*two Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **CONTESTED**

Nominees: Angelique Natasha Sutanto, Cyrene Almodovar, Kushargra Rathore

- d) Welfare & Advocacy Committee (*two Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **CONTESTED**

Nominees: Justin Edom, Krisha Timbadia, Waleed Al Salmi

- e) Guild Volunteering (*two Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **UNCONTESTED**

Nominees: Sarah Tan, Jit Singh

- f) Election Culture Committee (*three Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **UNCONTESTED**

Nominees: Danish Salleh

- g) Corporate Services (*two Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **UNCONTESTED**

Nominees: Bhavya Chhikira

- h) Catering & Tavern Committee (*three Ordinary non-Councillor members, at least one of whom must be female*) – **UNCONTESTED**

7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

- 7.1 The 109th Guild Council approves the 2021 Financial Audited Accounts (available to view in the agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

AJ and NG both briefly speak on the motion & mention that this is a routine motion that should be passed.

PG conducts a vote on motion 7.1. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7.2 The 109th Guild Council approves the date of the 2022 OGM of Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 1:00pm.

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)
Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

NG spoke briefly on the motion & mentioned that this is just a motion to set the date. Nothing more.

PG conducts a vote on motion 7.2. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7.3 The 109th Guild Council approves the 2022 Election timetable. (available to view in the agenda pack)

Moved: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)
Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

NG speaks on the motion and encourages everyone to look at the election timetable and get across the various changes that have been made. AJ mentions that this motion is a prerequisite for the following motion, and the next step would be to amend election timetable to fit the new regulations at next Guild council.

PG conducts a vote on motion 7.3. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7.4 The 109th Guild Council requests the Managing Director write to the WAEC in order to conduct the 2022 Annual General Elections for the UWA Student Guild & NUS.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

PG conducts a vote on motion 7.4. The motion passed unanimously.

8 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

PG moves a procedural motion to move the chair to CB. This motion passed unanimously.

- 8.1 The 109th guild council approves the amendments made to the election regulations (available to view in the agenda pack)

Moved: Prisha Goel (PG)
Seconded: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)

PG mentions that the changes were made to make it a more fair and equitable election. Such changes include capping the number of OGCs, restricting the nomination process. PG mentions that this has been discussed at Governance committee and Election Culture committee and was discussed with the lawyers and numerous Guild staff. AJ mentions that this will be a huge win for students.

Questions:

NG asks whether PG or AJ could run through the main changes made. PG replies by saying that the max number of OGC's per party will be changed to 13 and have introduced a 150 word personal statement that will be necessary for all candidates. The fee for nomination has increased from \$10 to \$20. There is also the introduction of co-signatures with the second signature being unique. The party nominations will open at the end of sem 1 with the OGC candidate nominations opening in week 2 sem 2, this will allow candidates to read and learn about each party before making a choice.

Debate: nil

CB conducts a vote on motion 8.1. The motion passed.

MDA expresses a desire to ask a question despite it being outside of question time. TG confirms that once a vote is started, it can't be stopped and that all questions should be kept to "question time".

MDA expresses her desire once again to ask a question despite it being outside question time, AJ accepts her question.

MDA asks why the nomination fee increase was included when it didn't pass at the Election Culture committee meeting. PG mentions that this issue was tabled for further workshopping at the end of the meeting. Due to time constraints, PG passed this via a motion via circular that passed, hence it was passed. MDA mentions she didn't see this email. PG confirms that she sent reminder emails and that everyone who voted made their vote publicly known to the committee, and thus the onus was on MDA for not keeping up. MDA asks whether we could further workshop this for students that are from a lower SES. PG mentions that given the time constraints given that senate is coming up, this motion had to be passed via circular. PG also mentions that numerous comprehensive Election Culture meetings were had and that PG believes that everyone's opinions were given adequate time to be expressed and heard.

CB moves a procedural motion to move the chair to PG. This motion passed unanimously.

8.2 The 109th Guild Council appoints Kaelin Abrahams to the position of co-pride officer.

Moved: Paris Javid (PJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

PJ briefly speaks on the motion and mentions that her new co-officer will do a great job.

PG conducts a vote on motion 8.2. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 The 109th Guild Council approves the new Student Representative Code of Conduct.
(available to view in the agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

AJ mentions that this was drafted with the lawyers and will help define the rules and appropriate behaviours around conduct for all student leaders within the Guild and clubs. NG reiterates the ideas expressed by AJ and adds that having some guidelines in place will help tame the "doghouse" that is the Guild.

TG mentions that this will eventually become apart of the OGC nomination process and process with joining a club. TG also mentions that the university is pleased with these changes.

Debate:

- For: AE thanks TG, AJ and everyone involved in making this code of conduct a reality.

PG conducts a vote on motion 8.3. The motion passed unanimously.

9 MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

9.1 The 109th Guild Council:

- a) Acknowledges the current political and economic instability in Sri Lanka and recognises the governments corruption and mismanagement as the main contributing factor to this political / economic instability. The council also

- recognises the hurt, panic and hunger the people of Sri Lanka are facing right now.
- b) Calls upon the university to provide fee extensions and the needed support to Sri Lankan students affected by the distribution to the banks in Sri Lanka.
 - c) Directs the Guild President, ISD President and Education Council President to work together with the University to achieve a framework that can be applied to similar situations in the future to enable students to have quick actions put in place following a crisis.
 - d) Encourages all students affected by this crisis to proactively seek help from support services available on campus, such as Student Assists and services at Shenton House.

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

AJ speaks on the motion. AJ mentions that he is from Sri Lanka and explains that due to severe financial mismanagement that Sri Lanka is in an economic crisis which is greatly impacting everyday life. AJ mentions that this is greatly impact international Sri Lankan students' ability to meet their fee payment deadlines, mentioning that it is unreasonable for the university to ask students to pay full fees now. AJ also mentions that the government has done unspeakable actions during their reign including genocide, and supports this with a personal anecdote of his parents fleeing from a burning house in the past. AJ highlights that this isn't an acute issue and has issues such as these have been occurring for a long time. MDA reiterates this sentiment.

NG speaks on the motion and reiterates many of the same sentiments expressed by AJ. NG also reads out what Geemal wanted to say, with that being Geemal has managed to secure fee extensions and are working with the university & student assists to provide further support. Geemal also wanted to mention that he is working on a crisis response framework to allow the university to respond to situations more promptly such as theses in the future. NG also mentions that directly sending supplies is proffered as money might get caught up with the closure / lockdown of many banks.

TG asks whether AJ has spoken to student assists. AJ replies that he will follow up on this.

Debate:

- For
 - MDA speaks for the motion and reiterates many of the same points brought up by AJ and NG. MDA mentions that now the situation in Sri Lanka is breaching human rights with cases of police aggression with tear gas, water jets and open shooting. MDA also mentions that women are disproportionately affected during this crisis and makes mention of a hashtag of #herhome.
 - MDA suggests the following amendments:
 - 9.1.a) Acknowledges the current political and economic instability in Sri Lanka and recognises the governments corruption and mismanagement as the main contributing factor to this political / economic instability. The council also recognises the hurt, panic and hunger the people of Sri Lanka are facing right now.
 - This amendment was friendly and thus passed without vote.

PG conducts a vote on motion 9.1. The motion passed unanimously.



10 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONAL)

- 10.1 The 109th Guild Council approves the SAF acquittal documents. (available in the agenda pack)

Moved: Amitabh Jeganathan (AJ)
Seconded: Narendra Gammanpila (NG)

PG conducts a vote on motion 10.1. The motion passed unanimously.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 11.1 Updating progress of Guild Projects via policy tracker – process (please email before the start of each council if there are any updates on projects and we will send to Marketing department to reflect the changes)
- 11.2 Guild Garden Party – 27th May. We have reserved 25 tickets for Guild departments / Councillors. First come first serve. I will message on 109th council chat to gauge interest.

12 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 6:00 PM. Please contact the Guild General Secretary (secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) with any apologies or proxies. If unable to attend, please advise which dates you are available to reschedule if a quorum cannot be met.