



1. WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Attendance

Jay Williams
Oliver Barrett
Insiah Riaz
Julia Suffell
Emily Bunschoten
Abby Rai
Rama Sugiartha
Tony Goodman
Xavier Anthony
Ruby Woodhill
AJ Church
Blake Mercer (BM)
Tara Mishra (Online)
Jennifer Woo (Online)
Eva Coulter (EC) (Online)
Troy Wood (TW)
Ojaswi Shrestha (OS)
Yasaswi Shrestha (YS)
Darcey Webber (DW)
Matilda Menna (MM)
Ayush Kalyanpur (AK)
Cara Lim (CL)
Tushaal Thalani (TT)
Ella Marchionda (EM) (observer)
Leo Arys (observer)

1.3 Apologies

Zen Hately
Daniel Tyers
Zered Robinson

1.4 Proxies

Cara for HG
AK for EM
DW for LB
TW for RB
MM for TP
TT for HW

1.5 Absent

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST



OB says he rents and there is a motion on renting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

August 26th 2026 Guild Council Minutes

Passed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. BUSINESS COMPLETED VIA CIRCULAR

5.1 The 113th Guild Council, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, approves the Online Election Rules.

Moved: Ysaswi Shrestha
Seconded: Oliver Barrett

5.2 The 113th Guild Council, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, approves the Guild Department Elections Timetable 2026.

Moved: Ysaswi Shrestha
Seconded: Oliver Barrett

5.3 The 113th Guild Council approves the updated department rules for:

- a. Postgraduate Students' Association
- b. Women's Department
- c. Wellbeing Department
- d. Volunteering Department
- e. Sports Department
- f. Residential Students' Department
- g. Pride Department
- h. International Students' Department
- i. Access Department
- j. Environment Department
- k. Ethnocultural Department
- l. PSA Election Rules

Moved: Ysaswi Shrestha
Seconded: Oliver Barrett

These passed via circular.

6 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 Managing Director

TG congratulates everyone who has been elected. TG says other department elections also are upcoming with PSA nominations opening on 4th October. TG says a new kitchen manager is coming in and a new function coordinator has just started this week.



TG says the first round meeting with architects was in establishing what things they need and OB put some representation through from the students side. TG says everything seems to be on plan for completion next year. TG notes they are holding off launching new website till after department elections. TG adds that that Venture roll out to UWA is progressing neatly, and EBA discussions are close to being finalised, likely coming to next council.

6.2 Finance Director

TG says everything is looking good financially. TG says we are still balancing up what we know will come in the next few months towards end of year and as the market slows. TG has some concerns about outlets as they are missing budgets which is down to transactions and cost of inflation. TG says the tavern results look a bit down this month but they took on a depreciation cost with new air con replacement and otherwise look healthy. TG notes that functions revenue is significantly lower than budget and there has been a significant amount of maintenance and cleaning expenditure. Guild council is over budget due to legal expenses and there are some timing differences with ed council, PSA, and Venture. TG adds that Student assist has some savings with employees moving in and out. TG concludes by saying we are almost out of quokkas and need to decide if they should do a re-run.

Procedural motion to move into camera passes.

Procedural motion to move to 11.2 passes.

Procedural motion to move out of camera passes.

6.3 Commercial

6.4 Student Services

6.5 Venture Student Innovation Centre

7 QUESTIONS TIME – Directors' Reports

RS asks if there was a particular point of concern leading to the website being delayed like it not working.

TG says the old site has not been updated anymore and so updating that comes at quite a high cost. The delay in the move to the new site is to make sure it is fully set up. TG says they are trying to streamline the site and waiting for the power apps to kick in for EMPs and they did not want to rush. TG says it will be 10-15 days and confirms that the website definitely works and notes that Lia has done a fabulous job and the website looks great.

RS asks about power apps reimbursements for clubs and notes that they've been told the portal was insufficient for audit purposes. RS says it has been some weeks since he has heard back. RS asks what the total cost of roll out is and when is this updated club portal meeting audit requirements expected to be rolled out.



TG says the audit will begin in the next couple of weeks,

RS says he was told that the reason why is that it was insufficient for the purposes of audit.

TG says he is not completely sure and that it would be more in Mutya's area but he is happy to ask Mutya to advise. TG says they take a risk adverse approach to make sure all bases are covered. TG says they go through their own audit process internal and external and in terms of cost he believes it is around 30 grand all up, but he said he will get Mutya to get back RS.

RS says he has been on council for a while and says he has seen QR codes appear on reports and asks why they haven't been seen in the Tavern yet. TG says they are keen to get it going as quickly as possible and there may be some investment money that needs to be put into it. TG says it should be in soon and they want table ordering to take pressure off people having to go up. TG notes that Jason is still working through it and the cost may be around 20 grand. TG says QR codes being implemented is more about timing and there were conflicting views on whether it should have or not have happened. TG explains Jack has also been pushing for other upgrades in the tav with the new taps and TV's. TG says they could also consider bringing the idea of QR codes to different areas like Hackett as well.

JS asks if there is an update on the Ezone café. TG says they are waiting on the university but ideally it would be good if they take it on now so they have the summer to set it up.

Directors reports passed.

8 STUDENT REPORTS

8.1 Guild President: Oliver Barrett

as read

OB says in election regs it says 'groups' rather than political parties so there is a consistent term amongst the policy.

RS says that the term Guild political party is a more accurate representation of what they are.

8.2 Guild Vice-President: Reana Bose

as tabled

8.3 Guild General Secretary: Insiah Riaz

as tabled

8.4 Chair of Guild Council: Yasaswi Shrestha

as tabled

8.5 Education Council President: Emily Bunschoten



- 8.6 Societies Council President:** Indie Otway
as tabled
not submitted
- 8.7 Public Affairs Council President:** Tara Mishra
as tabled
- 8.8 Women's Officer:** Hana Giltrap
as tabled
- 8.9 Wellbeing Officer:** Jennifer Woo
as tabled
- 8.10 Postgraduates Students' Association President:** Jay Williams
as tabled
- 8.11 International Students' Department President:** Ojaswi Shrestha
as read
OS notes that Diwali is coming up 16th October 6-9pm at Oak lawn and would love to see everyone there.
- 8.12 Residential Students' Department President:** Troy Wood
as read
TW discusses battle of the bands which is tomorrow and notes that it is a massive event with over 900 tickets sold and the biggest event of the RSD calendar. TW thanks Will Brennan, the GenSec of RSD and thanks the departments VP. TW also notes that this is the last year these positions will be elected instead of appointed.
- 8.13 Environment Officer:** Zered Robinson
as tabled
- 8.14 Sports Officer:** Zen Hatelly
as tabled
- 8.15 Access Department:** Blake Mercer
as tabled
- 8.16 Pride Officers:** Hayley Paku
as tabled
- 8.17 Ethnocultural Officers:** Emma Meunier
as tabled
- 8.18 Volunteering Chair:** Julia Suffell
as tabled



8.19 OGCs as follows

AJ Church

as read

AC says that a blue tree will be coming next week on Tuesday at 11am by the garden beds near James oval and Reid library and would be great to see everyone come down to raise awareness for mental health. AC reminds everyone to check in on their mates and come down for the painting.

Ruby Wood-Hill

as tabled

Thomas Pearce

as tabled

Abby Rai

as tabled

Rama Sugiatha

as read

RS apologises for his report being late and then congratulates RB and the team who were elected and anyone who ran in the elections and wishes them the best of luck. RS says it is a real shame what the university of Sydney is proposing to do to student representative council and taking over the running of their elections.

Louis Bird

as tabled

Xavier Anthony

as tabled

Hukam Kohli

as tabled

Eva Coulter

as tabled

9. QUESTION TIME – Student Reports

Students reports passed.

10. BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE



10.1 The 113th Guild Council congratulates Reana Bose on being elected as the 114th Guild President

Moved: Oliver Barrett
Seconded: Insiah Riaz

OB congratulates RB and notes the huge achievement and she will do a fantastic job next year. OB says he will be following along as he is still at uni and is very excited to see what the 114th Guild Council gets up to.

IR congratulates everyone who ran in the elections and notes it can be very tricky. IR shares that RB has been involved in lots of different clubs and she thinks RB will do a fabulous job and is excited to see what everyone on council achieves.

No questions for the motion.

JW speaks for the motion and says he has worked with RB this year and she is very passionate about the work and knows she is really keen to get started. JW adds that everyone who ran and were elected will do a fantastic job. JW says it is a little bittersweet as he won't be around to see it, but notes that everyone leaving has confidence that the next team will do even better.

AK congratulates RB and says he looks forward to next year and it will be great.

This motion passes.

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

11.1 The 113th Guild Council approves the 2026 NUS affiliation fee of \$13,970, at 25% of affiliation cost.

Moved: Oliver Barrett
Seconded: Jay Williams

OB says this is similar to what happened last year when looking at the NUS affiliation fee. OB notes it is set with \$2.24 per EFTSL. OB says there have been concerns raised in the past with NUS and efficacy noting that two days of NatCon did not happen or couldn't happen due to unfortunate actions of some but OB says this is the right cost to continue working with the NUS and improve how it goes.

JW says he has been to 2 NUS NatCons and an ed con and that the NUS is slightly better this year but there has been a lot of dysfunction still and improper actions which is unfortunate. JW is still glad to contribute financially and thinks that it has the potential to benefit lots of students in Australia.



MM asks if it is 25% of the recommended amount. OB confirms.

LB says as discussed in NUS report the organisation falls short of support and guidance that it should provide for guilds and in advocating for student issues. LB says UWA already has good connections and resources to successfully advocate and do not need NUS to advocate for changes they can accomplish ourselves. LB says it is embarrassing to be affiliated with this organisation and encourages us not to send anyone to the NUS and stop assuming the NUS will improve with time. And accept the evidence that countless Guilds have faced about the NUS.

MM rejects the argument that the Guild should oppose the NUS and we should not send any money. MM thinks the NUS is a national body that should represent all students and their issues across the country nationally. MM says bigger problem with the NUS is not that it doesn't represent WA but that it is a body that isn't actually committed to fighting for things that will actually make students lives better. MM says it is a shame that the Guild wants to spend less money on the affiliation fee than recommended. MM says the NUS is an important body that can and should be supported to take action for student rights and represent them does matter for us to be affiliated to. MM says the student Guild should be sending more money to the NUS.

AR asks how we got to the 25% as the percentage for our affiliation cost.

OB says it is the number they used last year and has been the precedent of how the NUS has been performing. OB says this number takes into account implications around functionality and is accurate given how we feel the NUS is doing and issues at Natcon. OB says there have been some good office bearers and OB says others have been unresponsive and not advocated well in any way for students.

XA asks what the breakdown of the whole affiliation cost is.

OB says to ask NUS,

RS says XA can ask him directly after council.

DW says if we can all agree the NUS is not doing well why are we putting money towards it and asks if there is any signalling from the NUS that they may improve.

OB says choosing to disaffiliate would mean going back to a referendum for all students. OB says it maybe could improve and we can look at some positive things that it does and there is some aspects that could perform better. OB says the president this year has been very proactive and



responsive and helpful to OB. OB says we have not moved any motion to move to a referendum to disaffiliate yet.

AC asks what achievement the NUS has made in the time we have been affiliated.

OB says some things are unquantifiable and things like the education conference which is a forum to come together and share as well as a level of training and support it offers in being able to contact and be in contact with national office bearers are positive things the NUS offers.

MM says proposing that the student guild should disaffiliate from the NUS is crazy and notes that student unions are important. MM says one important thing the NUS has done is calling the walkouts on Pauline Hanson's showing young people and students to not accept the normalisation of racism and these politics. MM says another campaign was in 2014 when the Abbott government would have had increased fee regulation it was through the NUS who brought out students who managed to defeat the government who wanted to deregulate at the cost of the university crisis and this is the successful action the NUS can coordinate nationally.

BM responds to AC question about things the NUS has achieved in recent years including the university accord which was done working with NUS as student body and making sure more Australians can achieve higher education. BM says he has worked in great counterpart with NUS disability officer who has been easy to work with. BM says if we disaffiliate it will continue representing people. BM thinks UWA sends above average contributions to the NUS and make highly quality contribution and the NUS would be lesser without out contribution.

TW says as RSD president he is against this motion and thinks the NUS has done minimal in improving lives of students on campus and understand its ability to advocate federally but thinks money can be better spent on things such as the food bank which has had a 200% increase in usage of last few years and from the residential student view it is a waste of money and is not interested in using students money to raise career politicians.

JS speaks for this motion having gone to the NUS last year and notes that it was appalling and agrees we should not donate the full amount but JS says there have been improvements and we should have hope

XA asks if 25% is the minimum to affiliate and asks what the minimum would be.

RS says ask him after council.



LB asks to JS what can be improved. JS says improvements have been made eg introducing an environment officer and working towards divestment and there is hope in that sense for her.

Procedural to move into voting passes.

This motion passes.

- 11.2** The 113th Guild Council, on the recommendation of the Strategic Resources Committee, approves the expenditure for the Tav Smokehouse Business Case.

Moved: Oliver Barrett

Seconded: Xavier Anthony

No questions for the motion,

This motion passes.

Procedural motion to move back to students reports passes.

- 11.3** The 113th Guild Council on the recommendation of the Governance Committee approves the:
- a) Education Council Rules
 - b) Pelican Rules

Moved: Ysaswi Shrestha

Seconded: Oliver Barrett

YS passes the Chair to JW.

YS says the new pelican rules have been circulated and they have been reformatted and everything is there. YS is happy to take any questions.

OB says nothing to add.

No questions for the motion

OS congratulates YS for doing the rules and knows she worked hard and spent a lot of time on this.

This motion passes.

JW passes the chair back to YS.

12. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (OPERATIONS)

13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)



13.1 The 113th Guild Council:

13.1.1 Endorses the Global Day for Gaza on October 11, marking “3 years of genocide & resistance”; this is a worldwide protest occurring to stand against the continued genocide of the Palestinian people and call on the Australian government to impose sanctions on the Israeli State.

13.1.2 Will promote the Perth wing of the Global Day for Gaza to UWA students including via the Guild email newsletter, Guild screens + sharing it on Instagram. Linked here:
https://www.instagram.com/p/DckdZfuv_ov/

13.1.3 Recognises that the genocide in Gaza has not ended. The Israeli government has continued to bomb Gaza during the so-called “ceasefire”, and over 1,000 Palestinians have been killed in that time

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiatha

MM says this motion calls the Guild to endorse this protest marking three years of genocide. It is part of a worldwide protest and recognises the genocide is far from ending and the process of ethical cleansing is ongoing and it is really important that the guild endorses this. MM says the motion includes the Guild to promote it via email, Enewsletter and on screens. MM says the Guild should stand in solidarity with Palestine and recognise that the Genocide hasn't ended and that the government continues to support it and that the uni has ties to weapon companies and the guild should do its best to make sure student body knows about this protest.

RS says it is clear that the prosecution and genocide of Palestinians has not ended and there are no signs of it slowing down. RS says this motion is consistent with previous motions on the issue endorsing specific protests and so hopes everyone considers voting for this motion.

OB speaks for the motion and says it is very important to recognise.

No questions for this motion.

This motion passes.

13.2 The 113th Guild Council

13.2.1 Condemns the recent attacks of Labor and One Nation on migrants and international students.

13.2.2 Recognises the immigration policies of both parties are inhumane and racist, with the ALP specifically targeting countries with muslim-majority populations, such as Iran; as well as limitations being placed on the families of international students and other migrants being able to apply for VISAs.



13.2.3 Recognises that migrants and international students are not the cause of the housing crisis, and opposes this racist scapegoating by the Albanese government and One Nation.

13.2.4 Asserts that international students and migrants should have the right to live wherever they want.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiartha

MM says this motion condemns recent attacks of labour and one nation on international and migrant students and these changes involve scapegoating immigrant and migrant students and making them responsible for the housing crisis in Australia which actually has nothing to do with international students being allowed into the country. MM says the student guild should have a position recognising that these changes are inhumane and racist and should condemn this status quo and accept that these students should have the right to live here.

RS adds that it is disgusting that the Australian labour government seems to capitulate to the right. RS says international students are important members of society and our friends, families and we should welcome them. RS notes that the logic provided by the government is not correct and is not properly aligned with contemporary policy, all because of the governments fear of one nation being more popular,

BM asks a clarification on 13,2,4 as to what the intended purpose of the point is says it could be read to say that any restrictions made on immigration, which is something all countries have is something we oppose and is not sure if he is reading that correctly.

RS says BMs interpretation is correct and that there should be no limitations on international students.

OS says as an international student it is disheartening to see what is happening with visa costs and these policies do restrict international students on who they want to bring and it is a really important motion to support.

BM moves an amendment to strike 13.2.4 as it is outside the scope of the rest of the motion which is talking about specific policy parameters and now given this clarification that it is completely opposing any regulations about immigration he does not support that point and thinks it is unrealistic to oppose every regulation about this.

MM says it is not friendly and that the whole point about this is that there is a view that international students are a commodity and MM does not think the amount of international students let into the country should be valued on whether they either study on higher level or make money for the economy



and we should support their right to come here and study whatever they want. MM says it is important to keep this and the motion just states that international students should have the right to study and live where they want.

BM moves procedural motion to move to a vote to strike 13.2.4.

The vote for this amendment does not pass.

OS asks clarification on 13.2.2 saying it is international students as a whole, not just one community.

MM says that rhetoric is important especially from particular parties towards Muslim countries and people. MM says they are not saying those are the only international students being affected but it is important to also note those specific circumstances still and that the motion is about defending rights of all international students and it is a helpful addition to keep.

This motion passes.

13.3 The 113th Guild Council

13.3.1 Endorses the protest against the Land Forces conference on Tuesday the 6th of October, as organised by Friends of Palestine WA.

13.3.2 Recognises this conference will exhibit weapons companies such as Elbit Systems and Rafael, which provide arms and weaponry to countries perpetuating atrocities, human rights violations, and killing innocent civilians, such as the genocide in Gaza.

13.3.3 Condemns the Special Powers legislation Roger Cook which provides the WA Police powers to repress and surveil protestors, and the \$11.4 million dollars of taxpayers' money to these efforts.

13.3.4 Opposes the participation and support that UWA is providing to this event, as the UWA Defense and Security Institute will be participating and exhibiting at the conference; and calls on UWA to withdraw its attendance and support of the event.

13.3.5 Will publicise this protest through UWA Guild channels, on the digital screens, and on social media.

Moved: Tom Pearce

Seconded: Rama Sugiarta

MM says this is endorsing a protest happening on Tuesday against the landforces conference. MM says this is an annual conference Promoting technology and warfare and is disgusting. MM says this protest is very important especially since the universities in WA are supporting these and we should be against this event and in support of this protest. MM says there will be a concerning crackdown of freedom of speech and 11.4



million dollars have been spent to give addition funding and support to the police. MM says UWA will be providing support and participating and we should take a strong opposition against this event.

RS adds that 11.4 million is equivalent to us remaining affiliated to the NUS for the next 800 or more years. RS says it is very concerning and geographically locked in the precinct around the convention centre including the train and bus station. No one going through the zone knows if they are not supposed to be in the zone and could end up with a sentence of up to 12 years and none of this is communicated to the public and is completely irrational.

No questions for the motion.

LB sees concerns and echoes what RS says and is concerned with police state and their powers and thinks it is unusual to spend government funds on something like this and that people feel uncomfortable and there are a lot of concerns around the operation of the conference. LB has an issue with 13.3.4 and says students have the right to study whatever avenue they choose and that the student guild should not dictate their futures for them and people can make that choice for themselves. LB says that is a students prerogative to decide for themselves and it is up to personal choice.

OB makes grammar amendment to add an apostrophe.

MM says people doing engineering can choose many avenues and that the student guild should oppose the fact that universities are connected to militarism happening all across Australia and taking away money from NDIS which was a disgraceful cut. MM thinks that it is an important point and the Guild should have a position in opposing UWA for participating in this conference. MM says if individual students want to that's fine but the university should not be tied to it.

LB proposes and amendment ot strike 13.3.4

MM says this is the most important part of the motion and the relevance is that its not just that it is happening here but the fact that our university is endorsing it and connected and supporting it, It matters that as students at UWA that the student guild makes this point and is committed to note that it is problematic for the uni to be tied to that.

LB says he does not think it takes out the heart of the motion and he respects the Guilds right to oppose the conference but disagrees that the meat of the motion is in this small part and says to represent all students removing this will make it less controversial and it still retains the point. LB says the real issue is a state level conference being held in our city.



MM passes peaking rights to EM (Observer).

EM says if you oppose the conference then you should oppose the UWA defence and security institute on principal. EM says it was set up to help facilitate and strengthen connection to nuclear submarines. EM says the defence institute is part of that and exists to further UWAs connection to weapon manufacturing sector, military and federal government and promoting US alliance.

No more speakers for the amendment.

The amendment fails.

This motion passes.

13.4 The 113th Guild Council

13.4.1 Acknowledges with concern that students who rent often face fear over repeated rent increases, financial difficulties, poor housing conditions, and housing insecurity.

13.4.2 Endorses Make Renting Fair WA and their mission to stabilise unreasonable rent increases, improve the minimum standards for safe, healthy, and energy-efficient rental homes, and increase access to tenancy information, advice, and support for prospective renters.

13.4.3 Will circulate via Guild channels the 2026 Renter Survey and participate in advocacy for practical rent reforms as a part of Make Renting Fair WA.

Moved: Ollie Barrett
Seconded: Troy Wood

OB says make renting fair WA is looking at the legislation changes and residential tenancy act and is essentially focused on increasing better minimum standards for safety hygiene of what a rental home should be and avoid rent raises over years that are not important. OB says it is to make sure that this legislation protects students who live in colleges who are not currently covered under it. OB says often times students are not afforded these protections and they are sometimes not enough. OB notes especially in this cost of living crisis it is a common sense motion to support this campaign and to advocate alongside them.

TW says being able to support this survey and capture the voice of UWA students is powerful and as RSD president he hopes college students will fill it out and capture the needs of college students. TW says a lot of students are living in colleges, private rentals who are inexperienced in renting and this motion will greatly support many students.



No questions for the motion.

RS speaks for the motion and is glad TW and OB have brought it to council. RS adds that the NUS has had some involvement in the WA campaign and notes that students are not protected in the same way as those on college row and students are more likely to be exposed to scams and are less experienced, particularly impacting vulnerable international or regional students.

This motion passes.

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE (REPRESENTATION)

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

OB notes that annual reports are due tonight and says to please get them in. OB says if you are a committee chair, department head or office bearer you should write a report, and it is detailed in the document that was circulated. OB says please do not be late and to email it to administration@guild.uwa.edu.au and as this helps staff with compiling. OB asks for department heads to share about international coffee day. OB says that Gypsy asked OB to ask everyone else to repost. OB notes that money made from coffee bought on this day will be donated towards the UWA food pantry. OB says that they raised a significant amount last year.

OB tests the appetite of councillors for an engagement session on digital duty of care legislation that is happening at tattersall lecture theatre on the 7th October from 4:30-6pm run by Kate Chaney. OB notes that we have previously discussed bringing this to council first before reposting something like this if it could be seen as political support to a specific party and asks if people would be comfortable with this.

BM says that if the Kate photo was removed the promoting for this is more reasonable for students to engage with.

RS agrees with BMs compromise.

OB asks if anyone needs a Guild ball ticket.

16. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **6pm Wednesday October 21st 2026**. 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.