



# Guild President 2023 July Report

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## President's Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 21/06/2023 – 20/07/2023

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### 1. University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/06/2023	Vice Chancellor Meeting	
21/06/2023	Guild Presidents Meeting	
22/06/2023	Global Student Leaders Network	
22/06/2023	Academic Registrar	Meeting discussion regarding calendar issues and the proposed changes to self-certification.
4/07/2023	Global Student Leaders Network	
5/07/2023	Guild & SLC - Strategy and Collaboration	Student life and community updates.
5/07/2023	Curtin Community Safety & Security Action Group Meeting (2 of 3)	
10/07/2023	NTEU Meeting	Meeting NTEU National President and Secretary with Branch Committee to discuss successful EBA process.
11/07/2023	Global Positioning Committee	
12/07/2023	Advance HE Visit	Presenting Students as Partners at Curtin to aspiring UK VCs
12/07/2023	Yes23	Meeting with Dennis from Yes23
14/07/2023	Remuneration Tribunal Hearing	
14/07/2023	Global Student Leaders Network	

17/07/2023	Welcome Semester 2 – New Students	
20/07/2023	Academic Board Executive	
20/07/2023	Regulations Signed	

## 2 Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/06/2023	Executive Committee	
22/06/2023	Guild Council	
5/07/2023	Curtin Colombo Student Guild MOU Discussion	The Guild presented the MOU process plan with the Secretary to draft the agreement for the Sri Lankan Institute.
6/07/2023	Commercial Strategy Meeting	
6/07/2023	Higher Education	
10/07/2023	President x MD	
10/07/2023	President x Student Engagement	
10/07/2023	Executive Committee	
13/07/2023	Higher Education	
14/07/2023	Executive Committee	
17/07/2023	President x MD	
17/07/2023	President x Student Engagement	
18/07/2023	External Clubs Support Presentation	<p>Four key areas of recommendations:</p> <p><b>Approvals and Renewals</b>            Flatten workload, improve Club Committees with better training.            Simplify New Club Application process.            Streamline Sponsorship framework with a single fund and application process, consider electronic vouchers.</p> <p><b>Events</b>            Simplify 'Event Application' process, send tailored 'Event Packs' after assessment. Auto-approve identical</p>

		<p>Club events. Introduce 'Proforma Event Packages' for specific event categories. Streamline 'liquor licensing.' Stop approving 'Pub Crawls' off-campus. Clarify supported off-campus events. Partition governance, streamline processes, shorten approval times.</p> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <p>Streamline Club email system: Triage emails by category (Sponsorship, Governance, New Club, Event). Create custom email addresses for Committee Members. Monthly briefing with VPA for feedback. Improve online event calendar for Club visibility.</p> <p><b>Governance and Compliance</b></p> <p>Concerns with Club Registry: Policy adherence, governance, financial management. Recommendations: Appoint Governance Officer, shift to Incorporated Model, enhance training. Address issues with funds, data integrity, non-compliance. Strategy: Delegate governance to Associations Act, focus on Club competency and accurate data. Transition to incorporation, maintain Charters and insurance. Financial cost: \$176 per club.</p>
18/07/2023	Operations Committee	
18/07/2023	Voice to Parliament Campaign Planning	
20/07/2023	Higher Education	
20/07/2023	Representation Board	

### 3. Items of Significance

#### 3.1. Remuneration Tribunal

The Tribunal has had hearings, submissions and finalised its inquiry. The draft terms have been circulated for objections.

#### 3.2. Commercial Strategy Review

The Executive has been working on reviewing the existing Commercial Strategy and refreshing it with the Managing Director. Endorsement of the Committee's strategic alignment it sought from Council.

### 3.3. Communication

Communication regarding the Guild's representation activities, priorities and wins will be made with all students.

Further Executive has discussed improving the communication of "Guild wins". If Officers note something that could be communicated as a win, please highlight this as often we reflect that while we communicate the fight and campaign, we often don't communicate our wins.

### 3.4. Self-Certification

Following the Representation Board's special meeting, I have communicated the Board's views against further restriction to the use of self-certification on assessment extensions to the Academic Registrar and the DVC-A.

The University has now paused its planned change rollout pending a meeting between the Guild and AR in the coming weeks.

A general representation communication will be sent out via email in the coming weeks, including this proposal, unless urgency brings it forward.

### 3.5. Academic Calendar

The University has finally commissioned its review into the calendar. We have successfully narrowed the scope down to the changes from the previous calendar with a focus on the loss of tuition-free weeks. This restricts the University's capacity to re-introduce the concept of trimesters in this process.

I have recommended Guild representatives to sit on the panel. This work is ongoing.

### 3.6. Voice to Parliament

Materials will be included in orientation packs and at Guild O-Day. We are working on a stall for O-Day and a raft of events to be held during the Semester to promote engagement with the Voice to Parliament campaign.

### 3.7. WA Government Universities Review

The Guild's submission to the WA Universities Review Discussion Paper has now been submitted.

The meeting with the Universities review panel was effective insofar as putting forward the Curtin Student Guild's perspective on the sector. The student experience was focused on as well as the importance of student choice.

The panel's report will not be made public or shared with stakeholders, which is something all WA Guilds have concerns with.

### 3.8. Liquor License Objection

The Application is now with the Director for a decision. The Guild as an objector and the Applicant (IGA Group) have now make four submissions each.

Our submissions focus on these key points.

- Inadequate Safety Consideration & Locale Definition: We argue that the applicant's safety measures and definition of the locality are insufficient. The proposed liquor store might lead to harm for the susceptible group of people under 25 years old living nearby.
- Need and Accessibility of Existing Stores: The applicant's evidence doesn't convincingly demonstrate a need for an additional liquor store, given the existing options and their convenient accessibility.
- Questionable Arguments and Relevance: The applicant's arguments about extended opening hours, one-stop shopping, and alignment with state strategy are seen as immaterial or irrelevant in the context of a liquor license application.
- Misinterpretation and Misquotation: We highlight inconsistencies and misquotations in the applicant's submission, undermining their credibility. Accusations against us for policy breach and stifling competition are firmly refuted.

### 3.3 Tenancy Reform

I am committed to improving student life and is actively voicing concerns for tenancy reform to protect student renters. We recently addressed a letter to the Minister for Housing, expressing our support for the "Make Renting Fair WA" campaign and its goal of secure, affordable housing including protecting student residents under the residential tenancy act. The alliance's focus remains on eliminating no-grounds evictions and advocating for fair rental practices, protecting students, lodgers boarders and to push for crucial tenancy reforms.

We have been invited to join the alliance which I have accepted. We will be having our Upcycle Market / Thrift Shop contribute to the Shelter WA advocacy.

We will also need to campaign for students to complete the survey and share their rental stories.

### 3.4 Parking Campaign

The Parking Campaign at Curtin University is gaining momentum with a petition featuring nearly 8,000 signatures. This petition, accompanied by personal stories, has been delivered directly to the university's senior executives to underscore the necessity for fixing the problematic parking system.

Throughout the campaign, the team has taken several actions:

- Public events and demonstrations were held to gather opinions about parking issues.
- On-vehicle advertising was executed across the campus.
- A petition was launched and key demands were promoted.
- The team presented their views directly to University executives.

Noteworthy accomplishments of the campaign include:

- A freeze on parking fee increases in recent years.
- Implementation of a permit system, aimed at student housing residents at Twin Dolphin and St Cats.
- Better enforcement of warnings instead of fines.
- More options for donations in place of fines.
- A decrease in cases referred for debt collection.
- The petition is now waiting for a response from the University's administration. The decision to address the issues in the current parking system lies with the University management.

The campaign has leveraged multiple social media platforms for sharing updates and engaging the community.

If no response is received by Guild Council then a communication in that regard will be made to students.

#### 4.5 Other Matters

- A competition to rename the newly to be launched student evaluation system has been sent out to students!
- The Executive Committee are reviewing the Guild's commercial strategy in coordination with the MD and Student Engagement Manager an item will be presented to Guild Council.
- Leadership Training Modules and a better handover and induction process is being developed by Executive.

#### 4 Travel

Education Conference  
26 – 30 June

In attendance of Education Conference wearing my National Union of Students WA State Branch President hat.

As the Guild partially contributed to the expenses I have attached a brief report for Representation Board's meeting. Please contact should you wish for a copy.

## Vice President – Education

**Guild Council – 16/06/2023 – 21/07/2023**

**Veronika Gobba – She/Her**

### Meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
16/6/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Curtin College Guild Stall	
17/6/23	Curtin Voice Yarning Session with Simon Forrest	
20/6/23	SaP Check-in	
21/6/23	Oral Health Town Hall	
22/6/23	First Year Reps Team Meeting	
	SaP Leadership Group Meeting	
	Exec Committee	
	Guild Council	
23/6/23 – 29/6/23	Out of state – NUS Education Conference	Refer to the Representation Board July reports for my conference report.
30/6/23 – 5/7/23	Leave taken.	
6/7/23	ISC Meeting	
	Guild Exec	
	SaP Check-in	
	VPE x Health Sci Rep Check-in	
	Higher Ed	
7/7/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
10/7/23	Exec Committee	
12/7/23	Advance HE visit	Showcased a presentation with President on Students as partners- how it works, what works well, what doesn't, etc.
	Yes23 WA	Meeting with coordinator
13/7/23	VPE x Health Sci Rep Check-in	
	Higher Ed	

14/7/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Exec Committee	
17/7/23	Student Discipline Panel	10 Cases, all Gen AI allegations
18/7/23	Exec x MD x dMD	Clubs support evaluation
	Guild Presentation at Uniready Orientation	
	Operations Committee	
19/7/23	VPE x AO Check-in	
	Guild Survival Guide	Hosted by Jasmyne and myself. Great turnout and engagement, almost half of the attendees asked questions from the floor or to us directly afterwards.
20/7/23	Higher ed	
	Representation Board	

### **Australian Universities Accords**

The Australian Universities Accords Interim Report has been released containing considerations for change. Some of these considerations sit progressively towards what the Curtin Student Guild had advocated for in our submissions, we will get a chance to put forward a further submission in response to this report. A social media communication to students will be sent out to explain the highlights of what the Curtin Student Guild put forward and what the Accords panel have released.

### **Other**

Much more progress has been made towards a proposed student partnership agreement, Guild bi-annual uni outline review has commenced, A submission to the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training into the use of generative artificial intelligence in the Australian education system has been made by the Curtin Student Guild; A rental inquiry



submission is also underway. I have been appointed to a panel for selecting Curtin's new Manager Student Conduct (Academic), shortlisting and interviews will commence in August.

**ACTIVITIES VICE PRESIDENT**

Date	Context	Comments
16/06	Above and Beyond meeting	Met with Above and Beyond working group on orientation
16/06	Curtin College Orientation	Sold Guild Merchandise
21/06	Y2K Artwork Presentation	Finalised artwork with Tristan on the Y2K artwork
22/06	Meeting with Accessibility Rep	Discussed ODAY
4/07	Meeting with Curtin Connect International	Discussed the ISC Café Connect takeover
4/07	Meeting with Jess	Discussed upcoming events for the calendar
5/07	Meeting for Guild & SLC	Senior Leaders for the Student Life and Community discussing the mental health concept for the library. Essentially a Curtin connect for mental health ran by students supervised by wellbeing.
5/07	Meeting with Dean	Met with Dean, external contractor, who is evaluating the way we run Clubs at Curtin
5/07	Meeting with HUM Fac	Discussed delivery of Adobe Digital Storytelling event
6/07	Commercial strategy meeting	Discussed final stages of business plan for the commercial operations
10/07	Executive Meeting	We discussed how to navigate clubs who repeatedly violated rules i.e. shared bank accounts with other universities
17/07	Café Connect – Welcome to Perth event	Attended with ISC as ISC members were on a panel talking about international student life
11/07	Meeting with Jess	Discussed ODAY offerings and Y2K
14/07	Talent for Tomorrow walk through	Did a walk through on the layout of the stage for Talent for tomorrow
14/07	Curtin Pride	Spoke to Imari (Queer officer) about delivering a Curtin Pride Parade on campus
17/07	Café Connect Meeting	Discussed the activities ISC was going to do for Café Connect in August
18/07	Club Presentation	Discussed Dean’s presentation on change of deliverance for clubs
18/07	Hosted Friends Speed Dating	Orientation event
19/07	Adobe Digital Storytelling Event	Hosted and ran the Adobe event which was exclusively for Curtin clubs

19/07	HUM Orientation	Spoke about Guild, Clubs and ODay at orientation to cover Hum Rep on leave
21/07	Friend Speed Dating	Orientation event
21/07	International Student Showcase	Ran and organised the BBQ event (650 sausage sizzles) for the International student orientation

## CLUBS

**Adobe :** 12 clubs (40 students) participated in the Adobe Digital Storytelling challenge. It was a great day for clubs to work on their Adobe video and content skills, with many clubs saying how much they enjoyed it. I have sent through a feedback form to build for next year. Overall, for an inaugural event, I was pleased with the turnout. The showcase was good, special thanks to Dylan for agreeing to judge the videos.

**External Club Audit :** We have someone external, Dean, who is looking at the way clubs are delivered. I've met with him to discuss all things clubs such as clubs gaining official emails (not @Gmail) as well as club awards delivery and club governance

**Naughty Clubs :** There have been a few clubs who have disobeyed the clubs charter. This is an ongoing issue which exec is looking into. We are looking into ways where we can best implement strategies in place to discourage rule breaking.

**SGMs :** I sat as chair for Curtin Consulting Group as they were about to dissolve, but luckily, we found 3 people who were willing to form the committee.

## EVENTS

**Café Connect :** I have been meeting with the Curtin Connect International team on how ISC can help deliver better Café Connect events. ISC participated in the first Welcome to Perth event they held, and we will also be doing a "nISCe to meet you" event for Café Connect on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll be hosting international students and playing games such as International pass the parcel with help from Curtin clubs such as Curtin Japanese club.

**Orientation :** It was a busy one for events as part of Orientation. We held two friends speed dating sessions, both proved to be extremely popular. The ISC BBQ was also extremely busy, we served close to 650 sausage sizzles. The ISC team really showed up which was really great.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ODAY :** Currently preparing for ODAY. Have organised giveaways, staffing, coordination of stalls. Should be a good day.

**Y2K Fever :** Start of Semester bash at the tav, have done lots of flyering to promote the event. Hoping for a good turnout

**Talent for Tomorrow :** Some contestants for Talent for Tomorrow are playing at ODAY, so it would be good to have student musicians at oday. The Guild is also cooking BBQ for 650 sausage sizzles, so this would be an insanely HUGE feat for us in terms of volume. Hopefully it pulls through ok

## PHOTOS



## 2023 Guild Secretary Report

22.06.23-20.07.23

Jasmyne Tweed

### 1. Meeting Log

Date	Meeting
21.06.23	Club Discussion with Exec
22.06.23	Executive Committee
26.06.23-30.06.23	NUS Education Conference
04.07.23	Courses Committee
05.07.23	Guild & SLC Strategy Meeting
	Colombo Student Guild Meeting
06.07.23	Guild Commercial Strategy Meeting
10.07.23	Executive Committee
11.07.23	Faculty Courses Committee
12.07.23	Student Disciplinary Panel
14.07.23	DTS Planning Meeting
	Executive Committee
18.07.23	Clubs Support
19.07.23	Curtin College Orientation
	Guild Survival Guide

### 2. Overview

#### 2.1. Guild By-Laws

At the upcoming Guild Council, temporary amendments will be made to included the current affirmative action rules for the 2024 elections, and for clubs to be able to be dissolved by Guild Council. These amendments to the By-Laws are not the final changes. A new set of By-Laws will be in effect for December 1<sup>st</sup> if approved by Guild Council.

#### 2.2. Club Governance

On going issue for the Clubs Support team and the Executive Committee is clubs failing to comply with club regulations. Clubs that have been told that they are not aloud to run events have continued to do so. This is especially alarming for the clubs that have continued to run high risk events such as clubbing and camps. These events are being held when they are not covered by the Guilds insurance.

In response to previous warnings not being effective in changing the behaviour of the clubs in question, the By-Laws are being amended to allow the Guild Council to dissolve these clubs and receive the remaining assets that the dissolved clubs may have.

#### 2.3. Constitution Update

I have continued to work on the amendments to the Guild committee constitutions in response to the amendments of the Guild Regulations. The amended regulations have been signed by the Guild and the University, so they will officially be coming into effect.

#### 2.4. National Union of Student Education Conference 2023

I attended the 2023 NUS Education Conference which had the theme of Welfare not Warfare. During the conference I was able to attend workshops centred on the Voice to Parliament and participate in the planning of the upcoming National Day of Action (NDA) that is a protest the AUKUS submarine deal.

Whilst at the conference, one of the most educational workshops I attended was the

#### 2.5. Induction Planning

I have commenced induction planning for the incoming 55<sup>th</sup> Guild Council. I have been looking into what was done in previous years, which included the possibility of a camp. However, with the incoming reps not being confirmed I wasn't able to secure enough numbers for the camp I had reserved dates for. As a part of Induction planning, I am looking into the possibility of holding ISC/PSC elections prior to December, so that the committees could be included in the induction process, with the goal of the committees have a better understanding of the Guild and what the committee can achieve during their term.

