

CURTIN STUDENT **Guild President Report**
March 2024
Jasmyne Tweed

Presidents Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 29.02.2024 – 14.03.2024

Leave: Nil

Travel: Nil

1. Meetings Log

University Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
13.02.24	DVCA X Guild Monthly check in	
	Change the Age Campaign Meeting	- NUS Campaign meeting with the campaigns officer
14.02.24	Safer Communities Meeting	
15.02.24	Academic Board Executive	
19.02.24	Orientation Welcome	
23.02.24	Academic Board	
27.02.24	Law School Check-in	
28.02.24	Guild Discussion	Discussion with University staff concerned over the Guilds statement on Palestine.
01.03.24	FBL Project Meeting	
05.03.24	Refugee Student Settlement Project	
08.03.24	Curtin Academy Advisory Board	
	Working Backwards Communications discussion	
	Meeting the President – Dubai Campus	
11.03.24	LSEC	
12.03.24	SDP Erin Judd Catch up	
	Student Support Policy Feedback session	
14.03.24	Academic Board Executive	
Guild Meetings		
07.03.24	Finance and Risk	Comments
08.03.24	Student housing campaign meeting	Meeting with the Managing Director to cover continuing and new Guild projects for 2024.
09.03.24	Executive Committee	The last Executive Committee Meeting of the 54 th Guild Council.
12.03.24	President x MD Check ins	

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15.02.24	JuiceBox Guild Branding session	Veronika and I had a discussion with the Guild Student Engagement team about the orientation communication timeline and content we would on the socials.
19.02.24	President x MD Check ins	
20.02.24	NUS Change the Age Campaign meeting	Meeting with the NUS Campaigns Officer to discuss the change the age campaign
22.02.24	Monthly Digital Catch up	
23.02.24	Pre Academic Board Meeting	
26.02.24	President x MD Check in	
	Executive Committee	
29.02.24	Guild Council	
01.03.24	WA Guild Presidents Meeting	
04.03.24	Presidents x MD Check in	
	President x MS Check in	
07.03.24	SVA x NUS Network Session	
	Secretary x President Check in	
	NUS Education Officer Meeting	
08.03.24	International Womens Day Rally	Held by UnionsWA
11.03.24	ECU – Guild President Discussion	Areas of collaboration on club governance
	Executive Committee	
12.03.24	VPE Check in	
13.03.24	VPSW Check in	
	Queer Officer Student Support pitch	
	Making Renting Fair WA check-in	
	Student Support Policy Draft Review	

2. Projects Overview

2.1 Australian Universities Accord Final Paper

- Upon the release of the Australian Universities Accord paper, the Guild welcomed several recommendations, including the recommendation to implement paid placements, which is a vital step in addressing student poverty, which is one that the Curt Student Guild advocated for and was referenced in the panel's recommendation.

Many other reforms the Curtin Student Guild advocated for were addressed in the final report, including Jobs Ready Course fees, HECS-HELP debt repayments, financial support, Duty of Care and SSAF funding.

There were still many crucial areas in which the Accord recommendations have not been resolved, including the specifics of SSAF allocation, the exploitation of international students, and the specific needs of under-represented student demographics.

However, what has been recommended will alleviate many of the students' immediate stressors.

The Curtin Student Guild media statement for the release of the final accords paper and previous submissions can be found [here](#).

2.2 Cost of Living Survey

- During Guild O-day, the Guild Welfare stall launched a Cost of Living Survey to gather information on how the cost of living crisis has impacted students in the last 12 months. The questions included asking students about how their mental health has been affected, whether they have secure housing, and to rank cost of living pressures on how they will be impacted. The Guild has received 800 responses to the survey. The results indicate that students are negatively affected by the cost of living and that student poverty is a real issue at Curtin University. The survey results are being used as a part of a larger End Student Poverty campaign that the Guild is engaging in through the housing campaign and the campaign to change the age of Centrelink Independence.

2.3 Student Housing & Residential Tenancy Act Reform

- The Curtin Student Guild is a foundation member of the Make Renting Fair WA Alliance. The Guild President has met with Make Renting Fair WA to start working on the campaign for student renters and lodges to be included in the Residential Tenancies Act 1987. Currently, the Act does not include any forms of protection for student renters, leaving Curtin students in accommodation with no dispute resolution process, maximum rent increase protections, and ultimately being bound in predatory contracts. The Guild and Make Renting Fair are planning for this campaign to engage with all Guilds in WA to lobby for residential tenancy reform successfully. The current reforms taking place are the most extensive seen in 30 years for WA.

The Curtin Students Guilds ABC interview about students struggling with the cost of student housing at Curtin can be found [here](#).

2.4 Student Engagement

- On 21 February, the Guild hosted its annual semester one Guild O-Day. It was an extremely successful event with over 170 stall holders and 90 stall holders held by the guilds, clubs, and societies. The Guilds stalls were continuously busy, with many students engaging in the Guilds 2024 campaign launches and signing up for the equity collectives.

The National Union of Students were stall holders this year, with the National President, Secretary and Welfare Officer in attendance to promote national campaigns, including the Change the Age campaign. The Change the Age Campaign is campaigning towards lowering the age of Centrelink independence from 22 to 18 years so every student can access financial support when they're studying.

In week one, the Guild hosted the annual TOGA Party. The TOGA Party was successfully attended, reaching the total capacity of 1400 people by 9:30 pm, when the event was being held until midnight. The Guild was able to showcase some clubs by Curtin Esports hosting a just dance competition and the Electronic Music Appreciation Society being DJs at the event.

The International Student Committee hosted the first free migration workshop for 2024 with Pathway Migration, and 190+ students attended the session. With the changes to Australia's migration plan, visa workshops are in high demand from international students, and that demand is expected to increase throughout the year.

Vice President – Education

March Guild Council

Reporting Period 23/02/2023 – 14/03/2024

Veronika Gobba (she/her)

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
23/2/24	Academic Board	
26/2/24	Fieldwork Governance Group	
27/2/24	Curtin Scholarships presentation	
5/4/24	Courses Committee	Curtin has had to temporarily move some units from Kalgoorlie to Bentley campus in response to the housing shortage in Kalgoorlie.
7/4/24	Student Voice Australasia student network session w/ NUS	SVA is an ineffective organisation that does nothing to raise the voice of students. I recommend our representatives stop wasting our time engaging with this organisation.
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8/4/24	UnionsWA International Women's Day	
11/4/24	NUS Education Officer's Meeting	

	University LSEC	Changes to self-certifications were discussed (not for approval), currently, the Academic registrar is in favour of recommending most of our recommendations for self-certifications, including automation and keeping the 5-day extension. Due to pushback from some staff, the current proposal includes disallowing self-certs for some types of assessments including group assignments and exams. We are still in negotiations about this.
12/4/24	Student Support Policy Implementation w/ director of people & culture	The support for students policy and procedures are a result of new government requirements for universities to better advertise support and the census date to students. We are currently in consultations with the university for the procedures.

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
26/2/24	Exec Committee	
29/2/24	HUM Rep catch-up	
	Guild Council	
4/4/24	Higher Ed	
11/4/24	Exec Committee	
12/4/24	President x VPE catch-up	
13/4/24	Exec Committee	
14/4/24	HUM Rep x VPE catch-up	
	Representation Board	

National Draft Action Plan to reduce Gender-based violence in Higher Education

Coming out of the Universities Accords is the [Draft Action Plan](#) addressing gender-based violence in higher education. Following the consultation process which we submitted to, the Education Ministers agreed to the [Action Plan Addressing Gender-based Violence in Higher Education](#). This is a massive win for the campaign to address sexual violence in tertiary education which has been ongoing for decades. This plan has good inclusions around better reporting transparency and stronger requirements for student accommodation, which is what we advocated for in our submission.

Student Strike for Palestine National Day of Action - March 1

The student strike organised by Socialist Alternative or 'Students for Palestine' had inclusions of wonderful speeches including from a Palestinian student and a high school student. The turnout for the strike was extremely low. It is concerning to see that this student strike NDA received a lower turnout than the normal weekly rallies for Palestine. It seems the organisers of this demonstration lack coordination and consultation with the relevant groups in this movement. Originally the strike

was on at a time which is common for Islamic prayer and had to be shifted after it had been advertised after the organisers were notified. It seems the organisers are causing tension in this movement for their non-collaborative approaches and I feel we must be weary of this going forward. It was also unfortunately one of the worst rallies I have been to in terms of chants, nothing was in sync and it felt like every single member of socialist alternative were desperate to have their moment with a megaphone which caused incoherence with the flow of the rally.

First Year Representatives

The EOI form has been distributed via Guild social media for this team, the EOIs will close and eligible students will be contacted mid week 4.

ASU Paid Placements Campaign

In pleasing news, the [Australian Services Union](#) has started a national campaign to lobby for paid placements for community service degrees (eg. Social work).

Vice President – Activities

Max Zhang

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23/02/2024 – 14/02/2024

Meetings

Date	Meeting
26/02	Executive Committee
	Global Village Meeting
	Clubs X VPA Meeting
27/02	Events X VPA Meeting
28/02	Global Village Meeting
	Policy Tracker Meeting
05/03	Interview Panel for Senior Manager of Sport and Recreation
06/03	Respect at Uni Week Meeting
07/03	Clubs Adobe Workshop Meeting
	Events X VPA Meeting
	Curtin College LGBTQIA+ Club Meeting
08/03	Global Village Meeting
11/03	Respect at Uni Week Meeting
	Clubs X VPA Meeting
	Executive Committee
13/03	Executive Committee
14/03	Events X VPA Meeting

Events

Date	Event
01/03	TOGA

07/03	ISC X Pathway Migration VISA Migration Session
11/03	Global Village Expo
11/03 – 15/03	Mind Mojo Week

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
18/03 – 22/03	Respect at Uni Week
20/03	RespectFEST BBQ
	ISC X PSC Summer Sundowner
26/03 – 28/03	Clubs Week
27/03	Clubs Carnival
03/04 – 05/04	Adobe Storytelling Workshop

Event Notes

TOGA: This TOGA was a resounding success, with us maxing out the 1500 capacity from about 9:20pm until midnight when we ended. I can confidently say that attendance to Tav parties this year will be fully back to pre-COVID levels, and that should translate into bigger, better and more events as time goes on.

ISC X Pathway Migration Session: The first of three sessions planned for this semester. I counted over 170 attendees throughout the night, which is a record high for this event. Myself, Kim and ISC worked closely with Barry from Pathway Migration to be able to take this session that is normally valued at \$170 to \$220, and deliver it to almost 200 students completely for free. These events have proven to have major impact in the lives of our international students and their VISA status, on their road to permanent residency status. There will be two more sessions this semester, with each providing the most up-to-date information. I'd also like to thank our Guild Councillor Sarina, and Natalie, both part of the ISC, for coming down and speaking on the night.

Global Village Expo: Overall a hectic event for us. We had a main Guild BBQ handing out 600 sausages, and an ISC stall with a merch raffle and classic packaged snacks to give out to students. The ISC Instagram grew by over 200 followers at this event, which will go a long way on engaging international students for our events and support services.

Mind Mojo: Overall a very successful week. Students loved the Aussie Wildlife and reptiles event, and the mindfulness diaries and journals, as well as various giveaways were all extremely popular with students.

Club Notes

We've fully processed over 20 club renewals and new club applications, with many more being almost complete.

55th Guild Council

Projects

I have been working on several projects. First, for a prayer space in the North of Campus, and second, to allow clubs to more easily book more areas of the Library. Both are currently WIP, will provide updates to Guild Council as they come in.

Others

Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare

March Guild Council Report (09/02/2024 – 14/03/2024)

Jacque Bicanic (she/they)

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
12/02/24	FBL Sustainable Events Guide Morning Tea	
14/02/24	Safer Communities	Introductory meeting where I met Sean Daly and introduced myself as the VPSW. Jasmyne and I briefly discussed what Sean's experience has been with students over the last few years and we discussed possible trends we could expect for 2024.
14/02/24	Respect @ Uni Week	
19/02/24	Juicebox Presentation	
20/02/24	Mental Health & Resilience Reference Group Meeting	VC & DVCA in attendance. Meeting discussed what programs are currently available for students as well as programs that are being created for the care of students mental health.
27/02/24	Give to Change Appreciation Event	Advancement team invites us to join this event to see what work they do.
27/02/24	Monthly Sustainability Catch-Up	With Jessie Parish and Caitlin Agostino.
06/03/24	Respect @ Uni Week	Event update
08/03/24	International Women's Day	Unions event outside Parliament House
13/03/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	First meeting of this working group. Discussed what the goals are and steps we need to take.

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
09/02/24	Exec Meeting	
09/02/24	Respect at Curtin Week	Met with Max (VPA) and Jasmyne (Pres) to discuss what the Guild can deliver for the Respect at Curtin event.
09/02/24	Korean Club AGM	Shadowed Mitch (Secretary) for KCC's AGM
12/02/24	Operations Meeting	
14/02/24	Events & VPA Catch-Up	Given VPSW involvement with the more welfare & sustainability orientated events across the year, I joined this catch up to introduce myself and discuss my involvement for events like Mind Mojo,

		Pop-Up Thrift Stalls, mental health week and Love Week/Rad Sex & Consent week.
15/02/24	Juicebox Session #2	
15/02/24	Reps Board Agenda session	Went through the agenda as a group given the size of the document.
15/02/24	Reps Board	
19/02/24	Uni Survival Guide event	
19/02/24	Juicebox Discussion	
20/02/24	Change the Age National Campaign Meeting	
21/02/24	O-Day	
22/02/24	Monthly Digital Catch Up	
26/02/24	Exec Meeting	
27/02/24	VPA & Events team catch up	
28/02/24	Policy Tracker Check In	
29/02/24	Guild Council	
01/03/24	Toga	
11/03/24	Respect @ Curtin Meeting Guild Events	Student experience, VPA, Tahni and myself met to discuss delivery of <i>Respect @ Curtin</i> event on Wednesday 20 th March 12-2pm and Guild's involvement.
11/03/24	Exec Meeting	
13/03/24	VPSW & President Check In	
13/03/24	Queer Officer Check In	President present. Discussed project proposal from Queer Officer.
13/03/24	Continuation of Exec Meeting	
14/03/24	Events Team & VPA catch up	
14/03/24	Reps Board	

Leave Taken:

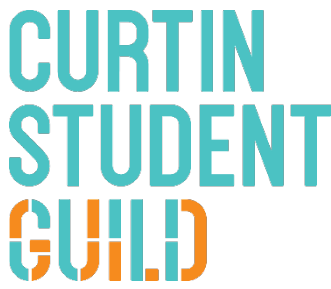
None

Further Notes:

Topic	Details
O-Day	O-Day went well. The succulents generated a lot of interest and through those giveaways I gained over 570 responses to my cost of living survey. Since O-Day the survey was shared to the Guilds Social Media and the responses are now over 750. Prize winners have been contacted.
Containers For Change	I am in the process of putting together a proposal for the reverse cycle 10c vending machines on campus.
Recycling Hub on Campus	I have arranged a meeting with the Library to discuss the potential to deliver a recycling hub (similar to those seen at the entrance of <i>Officeworks</i>) in the library. They seem interested in the idea and I

am hopeful this can be delivered with their support.

Respect @ Uni Week	<p>I have secured stalls from SHQ and WAAC for this event, giveaways from LoveHoney (have been posted but not yet received), VPA is organising a BBQ, and the student experience team is arranging an activation event/stall (answer a question for a free give away type stall) where giveaways from LoveHoney will be handed out as prizes.</p>
Other Guilds	<p>ECU Vice President Social Responsibility has responded to me and is interested in meeting up to discuss Welfare on Campus. Awaiting response.</p>
External	<p>I have been in discussions with Lush to be considered for any ongoing wastage, and to see if they could deliver a stall for Mind Mojo and/or the Pop-Up Thrift Stall events (as they are an ethical and sustainable brand). I have since passed this on to the events team to handle and maintain the ongoing relationship.</p>
Students	<p>I have received 2 emails from students about sustainability ideas. One had a suggestion about options for second hand lab coats on campus, the other how to reduce take away cups through a mug library. I emailed the first student back advising I will work on something for this, but in the meantime, there is the pop-up thrift markets coming up this semester. The second idea is something I was already working on with Tanya. I emailed the student back advising I was already working on this idea, but I would keep them in the loop on how it was progressing. I advised both students to feel free to reach out if they had any further ideas or questions for me.</p>



Secretary's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 15/03/2024
FOR MEETING DATE: 21/03/2024

NAME: Mitch Craig
POSITION: Guild Secretary

GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Comments
26/02/24	Exec	
26/02/24	Met with MSL (Guild website provider)	Discussed cost and development timeline for a Guild app
29/02/24	Guild Council	
01/03/24	TOGA! TOGA! TOGA!	Awesome night, was really packed and I think everyone had a great time!
07/03/24	Secretary x President catch-up	
08/03/24	International Women's Day Unions Protest	Great turnout from unionists on the steps of Parliament house. Some really good speakers.
11/03/24	Exec Pt 1	
13/03/24	Finance & Risk	
13/03/24	Exec Pt 2	
14/03/24	Representation Board	
15/03/24	Club AGM	Chaired a Club AGM at the request of the Club Support Team

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
06/03/24	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	Discussed current methods of reporting SA/SH and better ways to communicate options and how reporting works through different pathways to develop a whole of Institution picture of what our processes currently look like with the goal of improving them in the future.
08/03/24	MS Teams Governance	We are pretty much finished the governance piece around activating MS teams features for all students.
14/03/24	Meeting with Curtin Extra	Discussed the Guild Programs and next steps for keeping them active and how to approve hours etc.
14/03/24	Scholarships Reference Group	Discussed if the committee should still exist (the committee it reports to no longer exists) Discussed scholarship offerings for Indigenous students and students undertaking placements

PROJECTS/General

- Much of the initial part of this reporting period was spent catching up on work that piled up whilst I was on leave.
- I have worked hard on the clubs policy to ensure it complies with our obligations
- Made several Agendas
- First Legal Committee is scheduled for Friday 22nd March to start reviewing Guild Committee constitutions
- I have been working on getting our new Guild Councillor onboarded
- I have been working on giving feedback on the draft annual report
- I am currently running a By-election for the Postgraduate and International Student Committees
- I am working on getting our Curtin Extra Programs up & running
- I have been completing payments on time

KPIs

- I have attended all required meetings
- My reports have been getting submitted
- The majority of my hours are from the campus
- All my training is complete
- Constitution review is underway
- I have been reviewing policy as it comes due

tl;dr

I've been very busy, I have a lot of balls up in the air and every time I cross something of my list 3 more appear.