



Student Guild of Curtin University

51st Guild Council - Meeting #11

Held at 6:30pm on Thursday the 29th of October, 2020

in Council Chambers, Building 100 and Online

MINUTES

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

2. Attendance

Members Present; Hana Arai, Chris Hall, Dylan Botica, Bridge Truell, Lachlan Lee, Fatma Sehic, Jason Kim, Jesse Naylor Zambrano, Katelyn Colson, Luke Brosnan, Min Dee Chia, Nicola Gulvin

2.1. Others Present; David Luketina, Corrie Johnstone

2.2. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Chris Grant

2.3. Absent; Beatrice Panganiban

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Luke noted that he is an incoming President for a club next year in relation to Item 7.1.

Dylan noted that friends of his were personally and financially affected by persons relating to Item 7.2

Chris said he is a committee member of EMAS who were directly affected by the person named in item 7.2

Nicola said she is a committee member of EMAS who were directly affected by the person named in item 7.2

Katelyn said she is a member of an NUS Faction which relates to item 7.4

Chris said he is a NUS delegate directly affected by the person named in item 7.4

Procedural Motion

Motion: To address item 7.2 as the first item of business

Moved: Hana Arai (President)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED/ GC #39-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of its meeting held on the 1/10/20 as true and accurate records of proceedings.

Moved: Lachlan Lee (Secretary)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Lachlan to attach the Special Guild Council minutes to the Guild Council Agenda for November.

6. Reports

6.1. President – Report as tabled.

- 6.2. Vice President – Education – New campaign approved by the Reps Board next week. The leader's group for student voice will be established and support resources to navigate governance and training and resources will help them. He said some partner institutions will be working with them to do some benchmarking to assist each other. teaching awards were held tonight and Chris congratulated the winners, students who nominated, all the Guild staff who helped with the event, and the Faculty Reps who helped judge the awards.
- 6.3. Vice President – Activities – Report as tabled. Chris inquired about the Clubs Officer on leave. David noted that she has returned.
- 6.4. Secretary – Report as tabled.
- 6.5. Managing Director – Report as tabled. Chris inquired if the Returning Officer met with David and if the feedback was reported from the debrief. David said that the debrief notes included those provided by the Returning Officer. Chris inquired as to the increase in voters and David said it was too hard to draw anything conclusive about the polling booth numbers and whether or not 2 or 3 polling booth numbers influenced voter turnout. David noted that there seems to be a potential lower turnout over time.

Bookmark – Jessie inquired about the bookmark closure. David said it would be closed the first day after exams until first day of semester 1 and same again in 12 months' time. David confirmed the café would be open during teaching weeks in some capacity during the construction periods. Chris inquired if Lendlease WA was the contractor with the Library. David said he was unsure and would check.

Luke said he was excited about the building 500 café opening up again and asked if there was more info on that. David said he has formally written to the university and was waiting for the university to respond.

Dylan said he had a suggestion for the STA space and proposed a pharmacy in the space. He proposed to use it as a satellite pharmacy for another community pharmacy and have a registered pharmacist on campus. David noted it was previously not profitable but perhaps something done in a different way could work. David noted that the trade on campus is low at the moment. Nicola suggested Headspace on campus as the Curtin counselling service was over run at the moment.

The chair suggested opening up a survey for suggestions for opportunities for the STA leased space.

RESOLVED/ GC #40-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council **approves** the reports.

Moved: Lachlan Lee (Secretary)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

7. Business on Notice

**Item 7.2 was discussed as the first item of business and not in the sequential order as outlined below.*

7.1. Club Resources and Office Bearer Training

Lachlan said he was proud of the work that the Guild's club team provides for clubs.

RESOLVED/ GC #41-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the resources and Office Bearer training available to clubs' officers.

Moved: Lachlan Lee (Secretary)

Seconded: Bridge Truell (Vice-President Activities)

7.2. Commerce Club Investigation Findings

Members discussed how the events that transpired could assist with the operation of clubs in the future.

Procedural Motion:

That the Guild Council proceed In Camera

Moved: Hana Arai (President)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

The meeting proceeded into camera at 6:45pm

The meeting proceeded out of camera at 7:28pm

RESOLVED/ GC #42-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council:

- Note the report about the investigations the Guild undertook regarding the Curtin Commerce Club, David Bleakley and the non-renewal of the club.
- Publish a summary of this report in the minutes of this meeting

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

The meeting was paused at 7:34pm and resumed at 7:38pm

7.3. Curtin Student Guild - Student Partnership Agreement 2020

Dylan Botica left the meeting at 7:59pm

Chris outlined the amendments to the agreement and noted that the Guild wanted to maintain its position as the peak representative body.

Lachlan and Bridge thanked Chris for his hard work on the agreement.

RESOLVED/ GC #43-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the attached Student Partnership Agreement for circulation of the University Committees in preparation for signing.

Moved: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

Seconded: Jesse Zambrano (Chair of Representation Board)

7.4. 2020 NUS KPI Assessment

Chris took the place of the Chair for the duration of the discussion.

Hana discussed the role of the National Union Students and the purpose of the affiliation fee. She noted the proposed amount was 75% of the normal amount and noted the financial position of the Guild was a main driver for the reduced fee.

Lachlan said originally the proposed amount by the Guild was 50% but it had been increased to 75%.

Chris said that it was originally lower due to the Guild's finances but has been increased due to the Guild finding additional funds.

Katelyn said she agreed with affiliation and that students should have an opinion on this. She said that there was no consultation of the Representation Board. Not everyone was aware of the KPIs, their status or whether they were reflective of what was occurring in the NUS. There should have been further consultation with the Representation Board, Finance Committee or Guild Council. She said that the Guild executive could only approve so much before it came to the council. She said that the representation board was accountable to the students and that the NUS student representatives should be consulting those students.

Chris said the KPIs came to the Guild Council because they were connected to the affiliation and it is a funding matter. He said it would be good to put the KPIs to Representation Board for noting or discussion.

Hana said that the elected office bearers on the Representation board noted recommendations to the Guild Council. The Guild had adopted this process since approx. 2015 and for the most part they were from the NUS constitution bylaws and regulations and were just asking that they uphold their own governance in addition to not encouraging violence at protests and making minutes available on their website.

David said from a finance compliance perspective any approval by the Guild Council could be of any amount.

Lachlan said the he had noted this to the Representation Board and made sure it was in his handover for next year.

Chris said the Guild had reduced its budgets and services throughout the year and the best place to put extra funds would be to benefit Guild's own members before handing this to the national union.

David noted the main change that has improved the Guild's finances is the extension of the Job Keeper scheme. There is very little that could require additional expenditure this year but moving forward we need to be careful to invest in outlets and we don't know that could happen with COVID. He said there was financial capacity should the Council feel it was appropriate to pay the amount in the proposal

Nicola said she would support cutting it to 50% just from prior knowledge about what the NUS has done for this campus and WA campuses.

Katelyn said that the NUS had run great campaign the Federal Election. There was discussion about the contributions of different universities and the outcome for students. Chris noted that the nation union was not a service provider to us but to all Guilds.

Jesse said that she agreed with the need to affiliate.

Hana that we needed to consider that the NUS was a body that ran solely on affiliation fees. She understood that the NUS could be in serious financial trouble next year and she would speak with David about finding additional funds.

Nicola said it was a good point made by Hana but she was concerned about the representation next year and the past experience of poor representation and protests and campaigns that were not relevant to our students.

Chris said it could be useful for the NUS to present to the Representation Board mid year to provide an update.

There was further discussion about whether the NUS was too focussed on Eastern States issues, the KPIs and the amount of the contribution.

RESOLVED/ GC #43-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council:

1. Notes the 2020 assessment of the National Union of Students Inc. against the following set of Key Performance Indicators; and
2. Approves an affiliation amount of \$33,750 for the National Union of Students

Moved: Hana Arai (President)

Seconded: Lachlan Lee (Secretary)

Katelyn resumed the role as Chair.

8. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council
 - 8.1. Representation Board – Meetings held on 17/9/2020
 - 8.2. Executive Committee – Meetings held on 1/10/2020, 10/9/2020
 - 8.3. Finance and Risk Committee – 15/6/2020
 - 8.4. Activities Committee – Meeting held on 8/9/2020

RESOLVED/ GC #44-2020

Motion: That the Guild Council **notes** the minutes of the boards and committees en bloc.

Moved: Lachlan Lee (Secretary)

Seconded: Chris Hall (Vice President – Education)

Chris noted the Representation Board minutes – about OUA students. There were 110k OUA students, not award students.

Hana noted that there was an Executive meeting held this morning.

9. General Business

Chris said the 2020 Street Party was next Friday and it would be free for Guild members.

Meeting closed at 8:33pm

10. Next Meeting –

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday, the 26th of November at 10:00 am to be held in Council Chambers, with an online attendance option. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4pm on Wednesday, November 18th to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au