



## Student Guild of Curtin University

54<sup>th</sup> Guild Council – Meeting #7

To be held at 5.30PM on Thursday 22nd of June 2023

In Council Chambers 100.301

# MINUTES

Meeting opened at 5:35pm

## 1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

*“The Curtin Student Guild pay our respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the Bentley Campus is located, the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation; and on our Kalgoorlie Campus, the Wongutha people of the North-Eastern Goldfields. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this university, city and this region.”*

## 2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Dylan Botica (online), Jasmyne Tweed, Veronika Gobba, Athina Hilman, Adam Reader, Aleena Shaji, Hannah Northey, Rey Nairn (online), Max Zhang, Tahni Rowe (online), Jacquie Bicanic, Yie Xin Cheong, Hameed Mohammed, Cassidy Pemberton
- 2.2. Others Present; David Luketina, Riley Omelczuk
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 2.4. Absent; Vishaal Ananth

## 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Dylan Botica disclosed a Conflict of Interest (6.3) as he was a member of NUS National Executive. Dylan requested to stay for and contribute to discussion, but abstain from voting.

Motion carried.

## 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Circular Resolutions

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

### RESOLUTION GC#39/23

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25/05/2023, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Seconded: Veronika Gobba (VP Education)

Motion carried.

## 5. Reports

- 5.1. President: On WA Universities review, Dylan Botica noted the Guild's submission. It appeared that Dylan's perspectives were referenced multiple times in the panel discussion, we were awaiting their reports (Dylan was unsure of whether it would be released or just sent to the Minister).  
Liquor license submissions have wrapped up.  
Tenancy reform – the Guild delivered the parking revision.  
Academic staff have an intention to remove extension self-certification, Dylan Botica asked for the views of representatives to put forward the Guild's case in favour of keeping the self-certification option. A special Reps Board meeting would be held.  
Tahni Rowe commented on item 3.3 of Dylan's report, and was excited to find that it was part of the tenancy reform. Dylan pushed for this to be added in the upcoming legislation reform.  
Cassidy Pemberton asked what date Dylan submitted physical copy of parking submission. Dylan said it had been a few weeks. If he did not have a response by the time he returned to Perth, he would consult with Guild members on how to proceed.  
Dylan discussed with VC cost of living issues for students. Dylan had communicated how University could improve the situation for students, including continuing Food for Fines indefinitely.
- 5.2. Vice President – Education: Veronika Gobba wanted to add to item 2, not many students showed up to Oral Health Students Town Hall. Many didn't realize the distinction between Curtin and Guild, were concerned Guild was not an independent body.  
Rey Nairn asked what date that was held on/whether it was held during exams. Veronika reported it was last night at 6pm, exam period was taken into account. Some online submissions were also received. Jacquie Bicanic asked whether we could take on board feedback and emphasise the difference for next Town Hall, and provide an option for anonymous feedback. Veronika reported there was a disclaimer in the email to students, it should be moved to top of email next time.
- 5.3. Vice President – Activities: as tabled.  
Dylan provided a suggestion for future reports to include section about Clubs.  
Rey asked if there was negotiation to move Guild O'Day into the O'Week instead of Week 1, particularly with reps having classes in Week 1. Athina Hilman reported this has been ongoing, she can consult Jess Bourne. Dylan provided context that Semester Two doesn't have as many new students as Semester One, so it was held in Week 1 when all students returned to campus.  
Tahni Rowe asked for updates on the music festival. Athina had brought this to the working group, unsure of whether it could be done this year due to other big events.
- 5.4. Secretary: Jasmyne Tweed wanted to add that we had a meeting set up with staff and students from Sri Lankan Campus, Jasmyne was making presentation about what Guild could offer to them.  
Rey asked about item 2.3, regarding problematic clubs not acting in the best interest of students. Jasmyne reported this is an item later in the agenda.
- 5.5. Managing Director: as tabled.  
Jacquie Bicanic asked about the lease for Kalgoorlie campus expiring and what happens if it was not renewed. David Luketina reported that the current arrangements would stay in place until an alternate arrangement was sorted.

### **RESOLVED GC#40/23**

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Seconded: Max Zhang (Councilor)  
Carried

## 6. Business on Notice

### 6.1. Safety Report

#### **RESOLVED GC#41/23**

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the Safety Report and determine any actions arising.

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the amendments to the Health and Safety Committee constitution.

#### **RESOLVED GC#42/23**

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Botica (President)

Carried

On first motion: David Luketina wanted to address a query from the previous meeting regarding the anti-fatigue mat. The reason for the delay was lack of stock. Rey Nairn asked why Safer Communities was not notified when the evacuation alarm went off in 106. David Luketina said it was unclear why this happened, the fault had been reported. Dylan Botica asked why staff were not reporting injuries, David reported that it had been a quiet period after multiple reports over the Christmas period. Cassidy Pemberton referenced the letter Dylan received from Harlene Hayne about the car crash that happened a few months ago. Cassidy wanted to know of the progress on the investigation. David Luketina reported that he had followed up with the University as nothing has been published. David had been provided a list of relevant contacts in case an incident happened out of hours. Dylan reported there was current work on compliance with registering events, through making processes easier and better for Clubs.

On second motion: Jasmyne Tweed reported these were edits to ensure committees were not conflicting with regulations.

### 6.2. Strategic Discussion - Student Societies

Action: The Guild Council discusses its strategy for the ongoing regulation and development of Student Societies.

Jasmyne Tweed opened the discussion; Clubs Team had been working to address issues with clubs governance (such as having joint bank account or committee with UWA branches). When these clubs run unregistered events they do not benefit Curtin. These events were not covered by the Guild's liability. Clubs team have been notifying clubs they would be deregistered if they did not comply.

Cassidy Pemberton agreed this was a big issue and it was good that it was being addressed. Dylan provided reflections that a lot of these clubs were started at Curtin, then eventually UWA became the base of operation. He asked if anyone had ideas for how we could ensure clubs could be compliant, and how we could retain clubs having their base of operation at Curtin.

Rey Nairn did not believe policy changes would stop this from happening, believed policy that supported collaboration and encouraging proper use of Curtin Guild resources was important.

Max Zhang reported being on the committee of a club. He believed clubs were moving to UWA as it had a dedicated 'clubs zone'. Dylan raised that Curtin Common was important part of this reform.

Tahni Rowe suggested that clubs with multiple branches must have collaborative events at Curtin. Jasmyne Tweed reported that specifically stating collaboration in the by-laws would likely not occur at the moment, but believed more clarity in this area was important.

Dylan suggested feeding back through Athina Hilman, as members thought of ideas to send them through outside of meeting. Athina preferred communication through email.

### 6.3. National Union of Students Affiliation and Accreditation

#### **RESOLVED GC#43/23**

Motion: That the Guild Council approves a National Union of Students Inc. affiliation fee of \$45,100 as recommended by the Representation Board.

Moved: Hannah Northey (Chair of Representation Board)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Abstained: Hameed Mohammad, Yie Xin Cheong

Carried

Hannah Northey reported that the Representation Board passed this motion to recommend to Guild Council, discussed by members with relative KPIs taken into account. Jasmyne wanted to note that extensive review was attached to motion.

Cassidy Pemberton said that it was roughly \$7,000 higher than last year, asked what the minimum amount we would affiliate with was. Dylan Botica said KPIs had been used by Guild for a long time, some were exit indicators (we would withhold affiliation). If they failed at all KPIs we would be affiliating for a very small amount. An update was given on what the NUS had achieved in last calendar year including coverage on indexation on HECS fees, student poverty (capturing media attention and lobbying to Government/Greens/Independents). There had also been more presence on campus by the officers who had provided support in specific areas. Had put together report that has been referenced in Parliament, including student welfare, lowering the age limit of independence for Centrelink and raising rate of Centrelink. The NUS had been actively involved in Accord process, provided us a voice in this area. NUS was relatively small organization with limited funding.

Hameed Mohammad wanted to speak on this motion, saying that he was not against the motion. NUS provided statement on HECS debt, met with Government on HECS debt, student poverty, accommodation. Welfare officer visited our Guild. He said our affiliation fee was much higher than the other universities (\$12,500 UWA, \$0 ECU and Murdoch). Reported that UWA had more students but paid less. He wanted to know what we were getting from NUS compared to the other universities, and whether this amount was available in the Guild budget.

Cassidy Pemberton questioned whether this money could be spent elsewhere.

Rey Nairn believed that this amount was too much and should be spent on supporting students. Jasmyne Tweed disagreed with the attitude of 'looking after our own' before sending money to NUS and added that the budget was for \$50,000 in this portfolio, so this amount was under budget.

Dylan reported that we were equivalent to University of Queensland, who pay significantly higher fee than Curtin.

Jacque reported that she was glad this amount was within budget, and Dylan's information about equivalent universities and asked why it had gone up by \$7,000 from last year, and requested clarity on what we were contributing vs what we were getting back. Jasmyne responded that we affiliated less last year due to circumstances specific to last year, the current amount accounted for inflation. This amount was in line with previous budgets, aside from last year.

Rey Nairn added that they did not believe that it was wrong to raise issue of supporting students before NUS with funding. Athina Hilman wanted to note that NUS was lobbying at Federal level, indexation of HECS, lowering independent age and student poverty. These issues cannot be addressed at WA level.

Dylan reported that affiliation fee last year was lower due to poorer performance from NUS.

Hameed Mohammad stated that it was significantly more than last year, agreed with Rey that this may impact future Councils if it continued to raise.

Veronika Gobba believed that NUS could fight more efficiently for students with this money than Guild. Jacquie believed vote should use anonymous buttons. Dylan raised a point of order, he did not believe it should be a secret vote, as more than one third of members must request a secret ballot.

Jasmyne clarified that we could vote on the amount that the Representation Board had recommended, and could vote to amend the affiliation amount.

#### 6.4. Amending Regulation No.1-2023 University Council Update

### **RESOLVED GC#44/23**

Motion: That the Guild Council note the suggested amendments of University Legislative Committee.

Moved: Dylan Botica (President)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Carried

Dylan Botica reported that university had some typos they want to suggest to be fixed. We could not put it to official vote as University Council had not voted on it. If Members were happy with these changes, and University Council approved the amendments, Dylan suggested that he could send around an email vote to Members.

Jasmyne added that this was an exciting time for Guild Council and would set the Guild on a good path for issues of sustainability and student welfare.

#### 6.5. Nominations for Finance and Risk Committee

Adam left the meeting at 6:55pm, Aleena Shaji stepped in as Chair.

Aleena requested nominations.

Dylan provided context that Athina was now an executive officer so there was a vacancy on Finance and Risk.

Jacquie Bicanic nominated herself.

As there were no other nominations, Guild Council appointed Jacquie as a member of Finance and Risk Committee.

## **7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council**

7.1. Representation Board – Meeting held on 18/05/23

7.2. Executive Committee – Meetings held on 25/05/23, 08/06/23

7.3. Finance and Risk Committee – Nil

7.4. Legal Committee – Meeting held on 25/05/23

### **RESOLVED GC#45/23**

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

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Botica (President)

Carried

## **8. General Business**

Adam returned to meeting at 6:59pm and stepped in as Chair.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday, 27th of July at 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30PM on Thursday 20th of July to [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)

## **10. Meeting Evaluation**

Action: That Rey Nairn presented the meeting evaluation noting that agendas should be sent out earlier, there were strong discussions and some members tried to dissuade discussions by bringing up previous Guild councils or “scab behavior”.

Meeting closed at 7:04pm.

