



Guild President 2023 September Report

Dylan Botica

President's Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 15/08/2023 – 14/09/2023

Submitted to: September Guild Council Report

Leave: Nil

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/08/2023	Leadership Matters – Premier Roger Cook	
16/08/2023	COO - Parking Meeting	Parking updates are below
17/08/2023	Academic Board Executive	
18/08/2023	Hilton Hotel Tour	15% Discount secured for Guild members and improved rates for clubs.
21/08/2023	NUS Small and Regional Officer	
22/08/2023	SSAFEAC	
23/08/2023	Global Leaders Summit Meeting	GLS has been cancelled for 2023
24/08/2023	A/DVC-G Meeting	
24/08/2023	Library Staff Catch-Up	
25/08/2023	GROK Meeting	To discuss pre-election matters
25/08/2023	Academic Board	
29/08/2023	Academic Freedom and Foreign Interference	
29/08/2023	Sexual Harm Primary Prevention for Students	
4/09/2023	2023 VC's Excellence Awards - Nomination Review	

4/09/2023	Misconduct Rules Discussion	
7/09/2023	2023 VC Excellence Awards Committee meeting	
7/09/2023	BDE – Palestine Meeting	
14/09/2023	DVC-A Meeting	

1. Guild Meetings

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15/08/2023	Deadnaming Project Catch Up	
16/08/2023	Queer Officer Catch Up	
17/08/2023	Higher Education	
17/08/2023	Representation Board	
21/08/2023	Legal Committee	On by-law amendments necessary for Regulation amendments.
22/08/2023	Operations Committee	
23/08/2023	Executive Committee	
23/08/2023	Academic Board Briefing	
24/08/2023	Guild Council	
25/08/2023	Club Project Update	
25/08/2023	Executive x MD	Item arising from Guild Council
28/08/2023	President x MD	
28/08/2023	President x Student Engagement	
29/08/2023	Student Engagement Brainstorming	
31/08/2023	Dissolved Club Bank Account Discussion	
4/09/2023	President x MD	
4/09/2023	President x Student Engagement	

7/09/2023	Student Assist Catch Up	
7/09/2023	Staff Awards	
8/09/2023	Guild Ball	
11/09/2023	Executive Committee	
13/09/2023	Finance and Risk Committee	
14/09/2023	Branding Meeting	With all Student Engagement team members
14/09/2023	Higher Education	

2. Items of Significance

2.1. SSAF Survey

Based on the Government requirement for consultation of SSAF projects myself and the Academic Registrar launched a SSAF survey that has garnered over 800 responses, signaling strong engagement from our students. The majority of respondents express a positive sentiment toward SSAF. Jon is finalizing a letter to the Department, and I have expressed interest in commencing the Academic Calendar review process. We will keep the board updated as developments occur.

2.2 Student Housing

I've made significant progress in addressing the concerns raised by students not covered by the Residential Tenancy Act. The Minister for Education, Dr. Tony Buti MLA has corresponded with the Vice Chancellor asking for an investigation and response. We are currently reviewing the response provided by the University and have identified several factual discrepancies that we plan to address in our follow-up communication. Chantal from Make Renting Fair WA (which the Guild is a member of) suggested that we include specific examples of third-party providers' actions that contradict the information provided, and she recommended involving Minister Ellery in this conversation, given her responsibility for RTA reforms. To further strengthen our position, Chantal also proposed the possibility of collaborating with other university guilds to jointly address the issue and emphasize our collective request for student accommodation inclusion in RTA reforms. We will keep you updated as we progress in our advocacy efforts.

In light of the substantial increase in student housing rent, Student Assist and I are committed to addressing this issue on behalf of our students. To initiate a resolution, we will first conduct a thorough analysis of the rent hike, including its impact on students. We've had a response from the University to understand the rationale behind the increase. We will focus on negotiating fair and transparent rent adjustments, while also seeking additional financial support options for affected students including returning the subsidy for specific equity / rural / regional groups.

2.3 Academic Calender

Senior university sources have indicated a strong likelihood of the return of tuition-free weeks, with the review process seemingly a mere formality. Over the past month, we have made significant progress in our efforts to address this matter. The University has initiated the review of the academic calendar, and we have successfully focused its scope on the specific changes from the previous calendar, particularly the removal of tuition-free weeks. This strategic approach limits the University's ability to reintroduce trimesters without due consideration. I have also recommended the inclusion of Guild representatives on the review panel, a suggestion that is currently under active consideration. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide further updates as the review progresses.

2.4 Parking

We have made significant progress, with Curtin University planning to introduce ongoing 'Food for Fines' and volunteering initiatives in response to our advocacy efforts and the support of nearly 8,000 students and staff who signed our petition. While these initiatives are promising, it's important to note that the University's fundamental stance on parking remains unchanged, with them believing that the current system is fit for purpose. We will continue to push for improvements and keep you updated on our progress.

4 Travel

Nil

Vice President – Education

Representation Board Report – 11/08/2023 – 8/09/2023

Veronika Gobba – She/Her

Date	Meetings	Comments
11/8/23	Office Bearer Sem 2 check-in (2 nd session)	
14/8/23	Voice to parliament explainer + Q&A with Dr Britta Biedermann for lecture	
	VPE x FBL rep Check-in	
	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	Reviewing Curtin's naming and definition of SA/SH in policy
16/8/23	Sustainability stall with DIY coffee scrub give-away	
17/8/23	VPE x Health Sci rep Check-in	
	Higher ed	
	Representation Board	
21/8/23	VPE x PSC President Check-in	
22/8/23	Curtin Interview Panel for Manager, Student Misconduct	
23/8/23	VPE x QO Meeting	
	Exec Committee	
	SAP Check-in	
25/8/23	Academic Board	
	Clubs Project Meeting	
	Executive Committee	
28/8/23	VPE x FBL Check-in	
29/8/23	Student Assist & AO Check-in	
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		not made any submissions and are not planning to make any submissions that push issues that students care about.
31/8/23	Enrolment drive Mt Lawley ECU	
	Enrolment drive Curtin Bentley	
1/9/23	Enrolment drive Joondalup ECU	
4/9/23	VPE x PSC President Check-in	
	Enrolment drive Joondalup	
5/9/23	University Courses committee	
6/9/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Enrolment drive Curtin	
7/9/23	Student assist & ISC President Check-in	
	VPE x Health Sci Rep Check-in	

Unit Outline Review

288 out of the sampled 481 units have been preliminarily assessed by a team of the fac reps + two members of the PSC.

Australian Universities Accords

The Curtin Student Guild has submitted a response to the interim report.

Please note I will be on leave from 11/9/23 – 21/9/23.

Vice President – Education

Guild Council – 18/08/2023 – 21/09/2023

Veronika Gobba – She/Her

Meetings

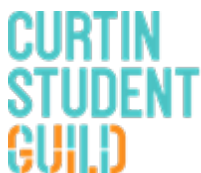
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11/9/23 – 21/9/23	Leave Taken	Attended NUS WA exec meeting on 13/9 and Higher ed on 14/9.

Australian Universities Accords

The Curtin Student Guild has submitted a response to the interim report. Access here:

<https://www.education.gov.au/australian-universities-accord/consultations/consultation-accord-interim-report/submission/17229>



Secretary Guild Council Report

Jasmyne Tweed

24th of August – 20th of September

1. Leave Log

I was on leave from the 18th of September to the 22nd of September.

2. Meeting Log

Date	Meeting
21/08/23	WASM Election catch up with Mika
	2024 Representation Division Budget amendments over view with Karen
	Clubs and Societies Governance meeting with Legal Committee and Vice President – Activities.
22/08/23	SSAFEAC meeting two of the year. This was the first meeting with the new report templates and it made a huge improvement to the agenda.
	Operations Committee
23/08/23	Executive Committee Meeting
24/08/23	Guild Council
25/08/23	Club Project Update where we went through the new application process to start a club
26/08/23	Executive Committee x Managing Director meeting
29/08/23	Executive Committee x Managing Director meeting
04/09/23	Executive Committee x Managing Director meeting
11/09/23	Executive Committee Meeting

3. Key Areas

3.1. Guild By-Laws

The Guild By-Laws 2023 are complete and will be ready to publish for feedback once the Student Society By-Laws are finished. After speaking with David and the Clubs support team amendments to the default constitutions and the return of assets when clubs dissolve are being made.

3.2. Club Governance

At the moment a standardised process is being created to ensure that clubs that are acting against the Clubs Charter or the By-Laws they can be disciplined equally and to ensure that any ramifications applied are being standardised.

3.3. Constitutions

With the changes to the Guilds regulations the Guilds Committee constitutions need to be updated. I have been working on updating them and in particular, making amendments to

the Representation Board constitution that would allow for students to submit questions to the Representation Board and have time reserved for discussion. They will be sent to Representation Board for feedback and the Octobers Guild Council for approval.

3.4. Bubble Tea Giveaway

For RUOK Day myself and Veronika did a bubble tea giveaway where we asked students to write words on encouragement on the whiteboards for students who may be struggling with their mental health. The whiteboards were well received with many students taking photos with the messages. With minimal promotion, the giveaway was over in less than an hour.

3.5. WASM Elections

Notice of the Kalgoorlie Branch Annual General meeting has been sent and nominations are open. In person and online voting opens will be available for Kalgoorlie students. The AGM will be held in October at the WASM Guild and a WASM staff member will perform the in person duties of the returning officer.

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GUILD COUNCIL – 28/09/23

SAFETY REPORT

Submitted: David Luketina (Managing director)
Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (Secretary)
Seconded:

Preamble:

The Guild to discuss and note the Safety Report and determine any actions arising.

Motion:

That the Guild Council notes the Safety Report.

Safety Performance:

- Safety inspections conducted on time (as % of planned inspections): 100% for August
- Workers compensation claims (as hours of paid compensation over the past 12 months): 0 Hours for August
 - Please note that a Workers Compensation claim was submitted on 7 September, this has since been an accepted claim however awaiting figures from the insurance company to be able to reverse in the system to be able to report. The individual has been off work since being made aware of injury.

Incidents and Hazards to note

Items of concern to follow up on as a result of the Workplace Inspections:

- B104, a fridge door lock latch needs to be moved higher, there is a hazard of a pinch point that is quite sharp. This is still to be completed.
- B106G the lab had an electrical overload, a new 15 Amp circuit has since been installed

Guild injuries, near misses or hazards reported:

- B104 Level 1 to Level 0 rear stair case, a staff member was walking up the stairs in a rushing motion and tripped, falling forwards onto their wrist. Wrist was iced following the fall. Follow up with Employee occurred three times and advised if any pain to get it checked by a doctor. There was no lost work time.
- B204, a staff member has been off work with a repetitive strain injury, this has been submitted as a worker compensation claim. This was reported when the individual was unable to raise their right arm and experienced pain in their shoulder in the morning prior to shift. They did not attend work and saw a doctor on the same day.

General Safety Update for the Month:

Guild's 6-monthly fire equipment has been completed, a few defects to be actioned.