

President's Guild Council Report July

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Covering Dates: 20/7/21 - 13/8/21

Submitted to: July Guild Council

Leave: 4/8/21 (1 day)

1. Meetings

1.1 Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/7	Exec and PMs	Inquired about club attitude toward TidyHQ, uptake of Launch Event Grant, expanding access to free extra club voucher for O Day.
21/7	Finance and Risk Committee	Enquired about process to apply for SSAF beyond usual 50%
21/7	VC Sports Day Meeting	Meeting with Student Experience and Student Engagement to discuss VC's new Sports Day event. This event was scheduled without Guild consultation, and impacts the running of Guild Games.
22/7	Representation Board	
22/7	Curtin Student Guild Uni Survival	The Exec presented the Guild's O Week Seminar , packed full of key resources for surviving your first semester.
22/7	Nyungar Artists Discussion	Working with Jess to commission a local Nyungar artist to paint FN Department mural
22/7	Legal Committee	Intended to make changes to Equity Collective constitutions to remedy overly formal structure alienating students. Due to high workload, work on this postponed.
23/7	International Student Overcharged Fees	Meeting to address case of students being overcharged fees and form plan of action
27/7	MD Contract Discussion	Met with Nika to seek guidance with motions to put to Guild Council to fulfil next step of MD Reappointment Procedure

27/7	Students as Partners Community of Practice	
28/7	Guild O Day	Ran FN Department stall promoting upcoming mural event and elections for FN Officer. Ran Campaigns stall, talking to students about Tuition Free rally in Week 4.
29/7	Guild Exec	
29/7	Guild Council	
30/7	Offshore International Students Speak Out!	Offshore International Students spoke to their experiences being stuck offshore with no info about when they could return.
3/8	Tuition Free Campaign Planning	Meeting with VPE to plan campaign to build Tuition Free Rally
5/8	Curtin Environmental Action Network (CEAN) Meeting	Meeting with student interested in activating CEAN. Concluded it was more appropriate for them to start a club.
6/8	MD Contract Negotiation Meeting	Seeking guidance from Nika about best practice for negotiating MD contract
9/8	VC Event Planning Meeting	Stadium team briefed Student Engagement and Student Experience on involvement in VC event
10/8	Activities Committee Meeting	Enquired about impact of Guild Council TidyHQ motion on club operations. Pitched 201 Architecture building Student Central idea.
11/8	Commercial Services Committee	
11/8	Tuition Free Week Stall	Talked to students about upcoming rally, both at Grill the Guild and down in Humanities
11/8	Student Meeting	Providing support to student interested in speaking at rally for the first time
12/8	PSC President x Guild President	Met our incredible new PSC President and Vice President, Hameed and Sofia! Gave Guild tour and discussed objectives.
12/8	Guild Exec Meeting	Making plans for ongoing Tuition Free

		campaign from Week 4-10
12/8	Clubs and Societies	Encouraged club committee members to speak at/support Tuition Free rally. Pitched 201 Student Central idea.
13/8	Student Meeting	Providing support to student interested in speaking at rally for the first time
13/8	NTEU x Guild Meeting	Campaign updates
13/8	MD Contract Negotiation	Negotiation with David about contract

1.2 University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/7	Ways of Working Meeting	Met with Jayde Conway to discuss Cultural Sensitivity training for Guild Reps
26/7	VC Carnival Meeting	Met with Director Student Experience and Stadium team. Requested that if Guild support was wanted, appropriate Guild staff should be involved in planning ASAP
28/7	VC and Guild President Meeting	Asked why students were reporting many lectures were still online. Followed up about next stage of LFT consultation. Followed up on whether Curtin had decided to Return the Tuition Frees (They had not, but open to compromise). Raised intent to apply for more than 50% of SSAF. Raised need to pay Guild Officers more, especially Equity officers.
30/7	Student Mental Health Project	Uni staff requesting use of Concept Cafe as venue for their project launch
2/8	VP Corporate Relations Meeting	First of monthly meetings. Asked about Tuition Frees and possibility of turning Building 201 into a Student Central.
2/8	VC Sports Day Planning Committee	Tuned into university's planning committee meeting for upcoming VC Carnival
3/8	Respect. Now. Always. Steering Committee Meeting.	

2. Items of Significance

2.1 Learning for Tomorrow Consultation

Deans of each Faculty have been contacted to involve Faculty Representatives and VPE in each Faculty's development of a LFT 'Guidance Note'.

2.2 Semester 2 Learning Mode

At my 28/7 meeting with the VC, I raised that students were reporting a higher level of online lectures than expected based on the university's communications. They said that all the data they had access to indicated that most lectures were in person, and asked me to bring specific examples.

I question how the university could not know what kind of classes it is running. Last time the Guild brought specific examples, that feedback was used by the University to make teaching staff feel like they were being criticised by students. I clarified that we were asking for more resources and support to be provided to staff, to ensure that in person lecture options could be provided.

As we have been building the Tuition Free rally, I have not yet been working on gathering specific examples.

2.3 Bringing Campus Back to Life

2.3.1 \$400 [Launch Event Grant](#)

Lachy (VPA) and I chatted with clubs on O Day to encourage them to take advantage of the grant. The requirements were also relaxed to facilitate more clubs accessing this. So far, 22 clubs have accessed \$6.8K of the \$15K available for these grants. I look forward to hearing about how these events went, and preparing our report to the university to advocate for this funding to become an annual fixture.

2.3.2 Room Bookings

We have been advocating for clubs to access more spaces on campus more easily. On the University side of things, clubs now have easier booking access to a room in 410. We are still looking to gain access for Club Committee members to book through [Resource Booker](#) themselves by the end of 2021.

On the Guild side of things, we have been working to make more of our spaces available to clubs. Where STA Travel used to be, we have now created [Meeting Room @ Central](#), which is easily [bookable](#) by clubs through the Guild website. This space is perfect for committee and planning meetings, fitting up to 16 people seated.

I have followed up about setting up a meeting to discuss clubs being able to fundraise in Curtin venues. We are waiting to hear from the Director of Student Experience, who is currently on leave.



2.3.3 Student Spaces on Campus

The final point we advocated for on the Bentley Campus Activation Working Group is more club spaces and student spaces on campus. Since my last report, I have been working on a strategy to keep advocating on this front.

It has been [announced](#) that Curtin Library will be closed in 2022. Students are understandably upset at losing this key resource. Various spaces around campus are being transformed into study spaces to continue to provide library services on campus, including Building 201 the Architecture Building.

201 has been used to house the School of Design and Built Environment, but this is being moved to the new DBE building in the exchange precinct. The entirety of 201 is being re-fit to accommodate the demands of library use. I advocated for there to be student/club rooms in the building, but was told the entire thing is being used for study spaces.

Building 201 will be vacant once it is no longer needed for library purposes, but it is a protected building which cannot be demolished. This means Curtin will be looking for a purpose for it. Since Building 201 will be inhabited top to bottom by students in 2022, I propose that once the library refurbishment is done, the building be handed over to the Guild to be run as a Student Central. This would allow for club common rooms, student socialising and study spaces, and more.

Curtin is basing its competitive advantage on being a hands-on university with a thriving campus culture. I think this proposal lines up with the university's strategy and would set it apart from competitors. I pitched the idea to club committee members on 12/8, where many were in support of such an idea! I am currently in the process of ironing out the details and strategy for advocating for this idea.

2.3.4 Activating the Guild Precinct

At the beginning of my term, I put plans in place to spruce up the Guild Precinct and make it a more attractive space for students to spend time in. These are finally close to coming to fruition, after getting through the university's tedious approval processes. Changes to the Guild Precinct include repainting the walls and floor in the Guild Courtyard with brighter colours, new colourful furniture, a mural and signage to bring attention to the Equity Space. All going well, this should be finalised by the end of the Week 7 tuition free.



With the library at reduced capacity and closing next year, I think it's important that we make the Guild a new hub of student activity.

I have asked that Clubs HQ be opened up during the day, allowing students to study and hang out there. We are looking at solutions for making students aware of when they need to clear out because the space is booked. I think this will help activate the precinct, and put Clubs HQ and the

events that happen there on the map for students. STA Travel has been made accessible to clubs for booking.

I have asked for the remaining spaces, like the old bookshop, to be appraised to see how they could be opened up for student access.

2.4 Return Tuition Free Week



At my last meeting with the Vice Chancellor, the DVC Academic said that she thought 1 tuition free week in the middle of semester was plenty. This affirmed the need for Curtin's Senior Executives to be re-connected with the perspectives of ordinary students. I'm grateful for the NUS' National Week of Action, which prompted this rally to be organised, and has worked out to be perfect timing.

Since my last report, much of my time has been spent organising and building the [Speak Out to Return Our Tuition Free Weeks!](#) Rally. It was launched at O-Day, and we've been able to have posters up on campus beginning Week 2. We've run one stall 11/8 with another planned for 17/8. So far running these stalls has been a pleasure, finding overwhelming support from students and staff for fighting back against this. At the time of writing, the Facebook event has 29 people going and 52 interested.



I've taken a more community organising based approach with this campaign, focusing on building relationships within the student community and engaging normal students from all walks of life as speakers and attendees. I've been able to gather speakers from most faculties, international and postgraduate students, mature age and regional and remote students, and clubs on campus. I have been setting up one-on-one meetings to provide support and guidance to first time student speakers.

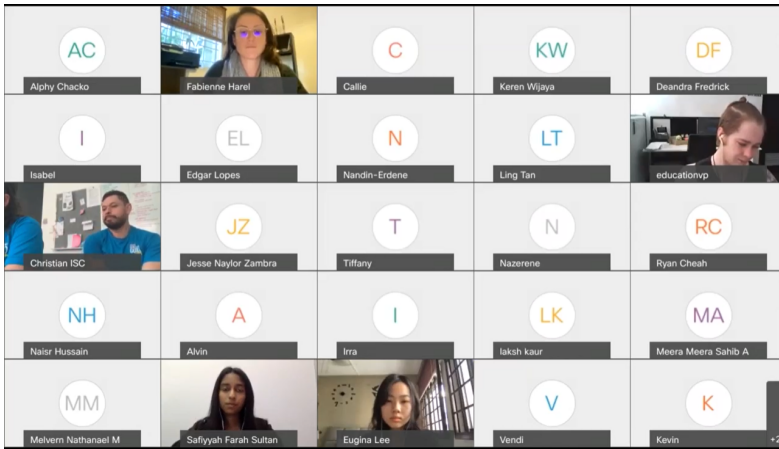
The goal of this rally is to have students share their experience and demand change at the door of Curtin's decision makers. The rally is on 18/8, and I am meeting with the VC on 20/8. We will continue organising students after this rally, building towards an action in week 10, which is when we would have had a tuition free week if it hadn't been removed.



Chatting with students stalls has also helped to refine our talking points for the digital information campaign. On social media, we have been highlighting the impact of the lost tuition free on [academic performance](#), [wellbeing](#) and campus culture. We also explained [why these changes were approved](#), and our proposed solution.

The purpose of this information campaign is to build understanding and investment amongst the student body for why we need to rally and speak out on Wednesday. So far these have had good engagement and many students I talked to at stalls learned about the issue through our social media channels.

2.5 Offshore International Students Speak Out!



The Speakout went ahead with over 40 students attending from 12 different countries. You can watch the entire thing [here](#).

We have compiled the feedback students gave and sent it to the Vice Chancellor, as I told her I would at our last meeting.

Internally at the Guild, we are working to create our advocacy points that we can provide to reps so that we are advocating for these students in our meetings. We also hope to close the loop with students who participated soon.

After receiving feedback that Offshore International Students felt isolated, and also discussions at Guild Online O Day, we have started looking into how we can greater include these students in club and Guild communities and activities. Discord servers and online events are looking to be a key strategy here.

2.6 Election Information Campaign

One of my goals this year was to improve engagement in the Guild Elections by increasing students' sense of belonging to the Guild and investment in its work.

During the holidays we planned an election information campaign to roll out in August, which would outline what each of the Guild representatives did. This was to inform and encourage students to run for these positions. You can see [my video on the Guild President role](#) here!

Even if students didn't end up running, I hope that raising the visibility of the work reps do will prompt more students to care about who gets elected and come down to vote.

Other initiatives to increase engagement with elections include having a Democracy Sausage Sizzle at the voting venue 2 out of the 4 polling days, having 'I Voted' stickers again.

2.7 Remuneration Tribunal

Submissions have been received for the remuneration tribunal, and the tribunal has set a time to convene. We are delayed, as it is ideal to finalise the Remuneration Tribunal's determination before nominations open on 16/8. I am aiming to finalise the determination before the 9th of September. This means when students are informed of any changes, they can still withdraw if they don't like them.

At my last meeting with the VC, I did advise her that I thought remunerated hours for representatives should be increased. Reps are doing huge amounts of valuable work for the community, but consistently racking up overtime due to the workload required. To ensure the Guild

can continue to provide these services fairly and sustainably, I flagged with her that I would be advocating for an increase in funds allocated to paying representatives. I also raised that I thought this funding should come from the Guild receiving a greater than 50% share of the SSAF.

2.8 SSAF Proposals

With less than 4 months remaining in my term, plans are already being drawn up across Curtin for next year. The time to propose initiatives or projects is now.

I have been developing my understanding of what the SSAF is and its history (see [Dylan and my NUS Edcon Presentation](#) for more info).

I am hoping to look at the services Curtin provides with the 50% of the SSAF it receives, and assess which of these could or should be run by the Guild. When 100% of student money went to the Guild back in the 70s/80s, we ran many more student services such as accommodation, theatre and cinema, post office, food markets and so on.

When funding to student unions was vastly reduced, the University bought or took over many of those services. Today, the Guild sets the standard and benchmark for carrying out and reporting on SSAF expenditure. This indicates to me that we are better equipped to spend student money efficiently, transparently and generate greater benefit to more students.

I would like to see the Guild grow sustainably in the future, and take back some of the services it used to run. The first initiatives to kick off this effort are projects I've already outlined - increasing remunerated hours for reps and a Guild Student Central.

2.9 Assorted Guild Work

- **First Nations Representative:** Ilona McGuire was elected FN Representative and is currently in the process of being onboarded to the role! The FN Department's event [First Nations Department Mural Brainstorm](#) is going ahead this Wednesday.
- **Curtin Counselling:** I have advocated for Curtin to not only fund Curtin Counselling, but look at its approach to Teaching and Learning and minimise the root causes of stress and burnout. As the Tuition Free campaign is a Welfare campaign, it [mentions](#) the Curtin Counselling issue and folds in this messaging.
- **Managing Director Contract Negotiation:** I met with the Guild Executive and gathered guidance from them going into negotiations. I also met with Nika to receive guidance on best practice when negotiating a contract. I have met with David the Managing Director to negotiate the terms of his contract. I hope to finalise this by 19/8 and submit a motion to the August Guild Council.

3. Use of Delegated Powers

N/A

4. TLDR

Have been busy engaging the community to build the Tuition Free rally. Education matters are ticking along. I have been strategizing and building support for forward looking initiatives that will set the Guild up for success in future years, such as a Guild Student Central, improved pay for representatives and a greater share of the SSAF. I am continuing to work on internal Guild admin, like negotiating the Managing Directors contract and convening the Remuneration Tribunal.

Thanks for reading!

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President
Curtin Student Guild

Vice President – Education

Report #8
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Meeting date: 19/8/21

Date submitted: 17/8/21

1. University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
2/8/21	Statistical Delivery Working Party	As this working party approaches the point of dissolving and splitting into four separate groups for each School within the Faculty of Health Sciences (Medicine, Allied Health, Nursing & Population Health), we met to discuss the project's current largest barrier: funding & staff. Overhauling units at this scale is a significant undertaking and working party members suggested that dedicated staff would need to be allocated for this process if Curtin wishes to redesign these units internally (quoting prices for external unit design at approximately \$25k per unit with an anticipated 14 units needing to be designed). At this stage, the leads of the working party were putting plans back out to the Schools for further feedback and the working party will be reconvened when this process is complete and appropriate resourcing has been further established.
3/8/21	Courses Committee Meeting	
3/8/21	Respect Now Always Steering Committee (RNA SteerCo)	

10/8/21	Learning and Student Experience Committee (LSEC)	This meeting of LSEC provided the chance for some really great conversations, including around hurdle requirements and the university's interest in moving away from them (where not required for accreditation). There was also robust discussion around teaching conditions and workload, within the context of Curtin's upcoming Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations.
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2. Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
23/7/21; 29/7/21; 6/8/21; 12/8/21	Guild Executive Committee Meeting	
23/7/21	International Students Overcharging Issue	Last month, both Cristian as our International Student Committee President and our Student Assist service identified a few international students who had been significantly overcharged on the tuition fees they'd initially been quoted. We met to discuss the communications that'd been received at that point and the best way to proceed. Jesse raised this issue to the VC at their next meeting and while we believe many of the affected students have been contacted and the oversight corrected, we understand the issue is still ongoing and will continue to monitor it.
29/7/21	Guild Council	
4/8/21	Higher Education Meeting	

3. Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/7/21	Curtin Student Guild Uni Survival Guide Orientation Session	Jesse, Dylan, Fatma and I ran another round of the Guild's Uni Survival Guide sessions for Semester 2 O-Week.
22/7/21	Embedding SDGs in Teaching and Learning	Lynndy Lee and Jack McCarthy are two staff members from LITEC who are currently working on a project to identify existing unit learning outcomes that align with the UN SDGs and ways to further implement ties to the SDGs in the Curtin curriculum. This project is still in its early stages so this meeting was primarily to touch base and ensure the Guild were aware of LITEC's efforts in this area.
27/7/21	Students as Partners Community of Practice (SaPCoP)	
28/7/21	Guild O-Day	Another O-Day has come and gone! Despite the rain and the expected smaller attendance of Semester 2's O-Day, it still felt like we had extremely good engagement on the day. I primarily helped out on the Education stall with the Fac Reps and had some great conversations with new students, particularly around ongoing online learning and the reduced tuition free weeks.

30/7/21	Offshore International Students Speak Out	<p>Jesse and Cristian organised this online speak out to allow travel restricted international (TRI) who are (or would otherwise be) enrolled internally at Curtin's Bentley campus but due to COVID-19 restrictions are currently unable to travel to Perth. International students are already subjected to some extremely difficult study conditions outside of a global pandemic, but are currently facing a new set of barriers (both literal and metaphorical) to the education they signed up for and are still paying for. Additionally, as these students are currently off-campus and scattered around the world, their chances to speak out about these issues and have their voices heard have been limited, so this event was organised and I jumped in to help moderate the chat. It was an incredibly powerful event and the stories shared there will go on to inform the Guild's efforts in this space.</p>
4/8/21	Curtin International Presentation to the Vice-Chancellor	<p>A group of the main project leads from Curtin International met with the VC to present on their various projects and initiatives. Due to my involvement in the Curtin International Student Leaders group and upcoming global summit, DVC-I Seth Kunin asked me to present on these projects and the importance of student-led initiatives in this area.</p>

5/8/21	Facilitating Effective Conversations	I approached SaP project lead Kat Clements a while ago about scheduling an upskilling session for our Guild OBs on workshop facilitation, group brainstorming, and related skills after attending a workshop she had designed and facilitated. This session was a great opportunity to improve our workshop facilitation skills, and if anyone's interested in accessing the materials from this session, please feel free to contact me.
5/8/21	Monthly Students as Partners Catch-up	
6/8/21	Student Voice Australia (SVA) Operational Group Meeting	

4. Other Projects/Developments:

- Semester 2 O-Week took place from July 19th-23rd and I took part in the delivery of two Friend Speed Dating sessions with Lachy.

5. Travel: N/A

6. Leave: N/A

Vice President - Activities Report

Guild Council Meeting #8/2021

Meetings

Date	Meeting and Notes
23/7	- Exec meeting – Club renewals
28/07	- O-Day
29/07	- Tidy HQ Discussion
3/8	- Health and Safety Committee
4/8	- Higher ed - Clubs X VP-A meeting
5/8	- Events x VP-A - Women's Department event discussion
6/8	- Optus Stadium Visit - Exec Club renewals - Remuneration Tribunal Submissions Due
10/8	- Activities Committee
12/8	- Exec - Clubs and Societies
13/8	- Clubs x VP-A Catchup - Guild Games Discussion

O-Day

O-Day progressed nicely, future VP-A's should endeavour to ensure that reps who sign up to a stall have plans to actually staff them. As this results in empty stalls. I spent some time promoting the club grant to clubs, and promoting the new Tav merch, more on that later.

Clubs Grant

We've had a big spike in applications for the grant, partially due to the rapidly approaching deadline. We have been able to steadily relax the list of requirements on this grant, which has also assisted clubs in getting their applications sorted. I have begun working with Shelley to get the raw data to start preparing the report for the University on why we should continue to get this grant. I am hoping to frame it not only around the immediate benefits of the grant, but also the continual benefits that will stretch into the future for clubs having received this cash infusion.

Room Bookings

We have unveiled the new bookable spaces for the clubs, but are predominately using the medical space to suit for last minute bookings/bookings when we don't have space anywhere else, as this will help for clubs who are caught without a room for any reason.

Regards,



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Secretary

August 2021 Guild Council Report

23/07	Exec Meeting – Club Renewals
27/07	MD Contract Discussion
6/08	Exec Meeting – Club Renewals
10/08	Activities Committee
10/08	Budget Reworkings Discussion
11/08	Commercial Services Meeting
12/08	Exec Meeting
12/08	Clubs and Societies Meeting
17/08	Two Representative Inductions
17/08	First Year Committee Meeting
17/08	Budget Finalisation
18/08	Representative Induction

Remuneration Tribunal

I have been providing administrative support in establishing the Remuneration Tribunal, including preparing motions, contacting relevant parties for their nominees, distributing emails to representatives and contacting reps to encourage the submission of feedback.

Managing Directors Contract

Excluded for confidentiality reasons.

Guild Council Preparation

I have spent hours in consultation with David and other relevant professional staff members regarding impacts of Guild Council motions and clarifying aspects of governance particular relating to (but not limited to) the items submitted to Guild Council. This also included a briefing with the Chair of Guild Council.

Nominations

Opening nominations for vacancies in the First Nations Officer, PSC President and Committee, ISC President and Committee and First Year Committee. Many of these representatives have now been onboarded and are commencing their roles officially.

Opening these nominations included creating forms, having emails sent out, organising onboarding forms and relevant documents whilst also communicating with the relevant representatives. During this process, I also progressed with the creation of helpful procedure documents on how to run this process for future secretaries and returning officers to use.

New representatives appointed to positions in this round of nominations are:

PSC President	Hameed Mohammed
PSC Vice President – Coursework	Sofia Gonzalez Torres

PSC Secretary
First Nations Officer
FYC Health Sciences Rep

Katie Oakley
Ilona McGuire
Nethu Hitihamu

I will be looking to open another round in the coming weeks.

Routine Tasks

I have been completing my routine tasks of:

- Approving creditor payments weekly
- Approving payroll payments fortnightly
- Processing reimbursements
- Processing leave forms
- Checking and following up with timesheets
- Processing resignations
- Filling vacancies in positions
- Addressing representative complaints
- Collecting items for agenda
- Preparing, compiling and consulting on agenda documents including Representation Board, Guild Council, Commercial Operations Committee, First Year Committee, Activities Committee, Legal Committee, Clubs and Societies and Executive Committee
- Distributing documents and reminders relating to meetings
- Taking minutes
- Chairing relevant meetings
- Updating documents that become outdated as a result of these tasks
- Addressing ad-hoc representative questions and requests
- Regularly meeting with members of staff to confirm processes and regulations and relay information from meetings
- Preparing documents for consultations, onboarding and data registers as needed

Sustainable Regards,



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Motion: Safety Report

Action: That the Guild Council discusses the Safety Report.

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the Safety Report.

Moved: Fatma Sehic

Seconded: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Performance:

- Safety inspections conducted on time (as % of planned inspections):
 - 70%
- Workers compensation claims (as hours of paid compensation over the past 12 months):
 - 0 Hours

Incidents and Hazards:

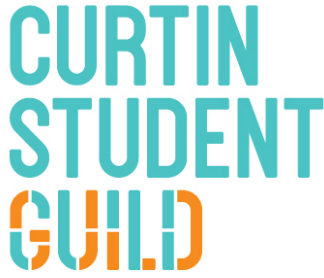
No incident or hazard reports to note since the last council meeting.

General Safety Update for the Month:

- Review of the Guild's current safety systems with regard to contractor management and events has been undertaken and assisted by (at the time) Curtin University Health and Safety Director (Quentin Hearn).
- Portfolio Managers have been made aware of their safety obligations and what this means in practice for their role.
- Contractor checklist provided to Portfolio Managers for review and feedback.
- Fire Equipment 6-monthly service completed.
- Half of the Guild staff First Aid Training sessions have been completed for employee development.

Confidentiality:

Open



Student Guild of Curtin University

52nd Guild Council – Meeting #8

To be held at 6pm on Thursday the 26th of August 2021

In 100.301

Motion: Amending NUS Referendum Motion

Motion: That the Guild Council amend Circular Resolution #4/2021 in order to meet the contractual requirements with the NUS of holding a referendum.

The proposition now being: "Do you agree that the Curtin Student Guild should remain a member of the National Union of Students Incorporated".

The referendum is to run in accordance with the Guild Statute Book and NUS Regulation 7 as determined by the Managing Director and Returning Officer as appropriate.

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Fatma Sehic

Background:

Please see attached for a letter of legal advice from the solicitor.

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YOUR REF:

18 August 2021

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Dear David

MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS

You have instructed us that the Guild is considering suspending its membership of the National Union of Students (NUS) for the calendar year 2022. You have asked us to advise about the following questions:

- 1 Does the Guild have the legal right to suspend its membership of the NUS for a year?
- 2 If no to 1, and the Guild wanted to achieve the same outcome by ceasing to be a member of the NUS in 2022, and to seek to re-join in 2023, what process would the Guild need to undertake to cease to be a member?

Our advice on these two questions is set out below under the corresponding headings.

1 Suspension of membership

The NUS is an incorporated association established under, and subject to, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (ACT) (**AI Act**). Under section 16(c) of the AI Act, an incorporated association may adopt as its rules either the model rules or rules other than the model rules, that comply with section 32. The model rules are defined in the Dictionary to the AI Act as the rules prescribed under section 127(2)(a). The *Associations Incorporation Regulations 1991* (ACT) (**AI Regulations**) prescribes the model rules. These are contained in Schedule 1 to the AI Regulations.

In the case of the NUS, it has elected not to adopt the model rules, but rather to adopt other rules. The instruments adopted by the NUS for the purpose of the AI Act are, in order of priority, a Constitution, Regulations and By-Laws (the provisions of which are referred to by the letters C, R and B respectively). Under the Constitution, National Conference may make Regulations by

resolution passed by a three-quarters majority of votes cast (C17.1) and By-Laws by resolution passed by a simple majority of votes (C18.1).

Part 3 of the Constitution is headed '*Membership*'. Within Part 3, C7 provides that: '*Admission to membership is governed by the regulations*' and C11 provides that '*Cessation of membership is governed by the regulations*'. There is no provision in the Constitution, however, providing for suspension of membership. Part 2 of the Regulations is headed '*Membership*' and Division 1 is headed '*Member Organisations*'. Relevantly, within Part 2, Division 1, there are provisions regarding Admission by Referendum (R3), Admission by Resolution of Governing Body (R4) and Cessation (R7). These are discussed in the next section. As with the Constitution, however, the Regulations do not provide for suspension of membership. The By-Laws contain no provisions regarding membership matters, including suspension of membership.

In our opinion, question 1 should be answered 'no'. The Guild does not have the legal right to suspend its membership of the NUS for a year

2 Process to cease membership

The starting point is to understand the Guild's powers in relation to its membership of the NUS, including the cessation thereof. Section 9 of *Statute No. 4 – Student Guild (Statute No. 4)* made by the Council of the University under section 44 of the *Curtin University Act 1966 (WA)* provides that the Guild Council is the governing body of the Guild and may do all such acts and things as it may think best calculated to promote the interests of the Guild. Under section 10 of Statute No. 4 the Guild Council is empowered to make, amend and revoke Guild regulations that are either required or permitted to be prescribed by Guild regulations, or are necessary or convenient to be so prescribed, for the Guild to perform any of its functions under Statute No. 4.

We have reviewed the Guild's regulations and by-laws and none contains any provision that expressly regulates the Guild's membership of the NUS or any other like organisation. That being the case, the admission to, or continuation or cessation of, the Guild's membership of the NUS is a matter for the Guild Council, as the governing body of the Guild, to consider and address in the exercise of its power under section 9 of Statute No. 4 to do all such acts and things as it may think best calculated to promote the interests of the Guild. The Guild Council's power in that respect is subject to the Referenda provisions contained in Part 4 of the *Student Guild (Election and Referenda) Regulations 2018 (SG(ER) Regulations)*. Within Part 4, regulation 54 provides that the results of a referendum under that Part '*shall be binding on the Guild Council*'. Under regulation 48(1) a referendum may be called by the Guild Council by a resolution passed by an absolute majority. Alternatively, under regulation 48(2) of the SG(ER) Regulations, a referendum must be called if the Managing Director receives a requisition signed by not less than ten percent of all Guild members.

As seen above, under the NUS's Regulations, a student organisation such as the Guild may be admitted as a member either by the student organisation holding a referendum that is passed by a majority (R3) or by the governing body of the student organisation passing a resolution by an absolute majority (R4). We do not have instructions concerning the manner in which the Guild was admitted as a member of NUS, nor whether the resolution or referendum satisfied the requirements of R3 or R4 as the case may be. If, for example, the Guild was admitted under R4 on the basis that the Guild Council had resolved to join the NUS, but the resolution of Guild Council was not passed by an absolute majority as required by R4, then arguably, the Guild's membership of the NUS and, if this position was put to, and accepted by, the NUS, the Guild would no longer be a member and would

be able to achieve the outcome it is considering simply by not seeking to be re-admitted until 2023. We recommend, therefore, that you investigate the manner in which the Guild became a member of NUS and, if there is any apparent non-compliance with R3 or R4 as the case may be, we would be pleased to provide further advice.

Assuming, however, that there was no defect in the Guild's admission process under R3 or R4, the question remains, what process must the Guild undertake to cease its membership? As you pointed out in your email of instructions, R7 - which is headed 'Cessation' - provides that a member organisation only ceases to be a member organisation if the member organisation holds a referendum that complies with the detailed procedure specified in R7 which resolves by a simple majority of voters not to maintain membership. There is no material inconsistency between the referendum procedure specified under R7 and the referendum procedure which the Guild Council is empowered to initiate by a resolution passed by absolute majority under SG(GC) Regulations. In other words, the process which R7 requires member organisations to undertake to cease membership is one that the Guild, through the Guild Council initiating a referendum, has the capacity to undertake.

It is noted that, unlike admission to membership (R4), there is no corresponding provision in the NUS Regulations for the Guild to cease its membership by resolution of the Guild Council as its governing body. We do not consider that this disparity invalidates the NUS's process. In this respect it is important to note that C9.5 provides that under section 48 of the AI Act, the Constitution is an enforceable contract between NUS and each member. Even if the Guild was admitted to membership by a resolution of Guild Council under R4, the absence of a corresponding provision for the Guild to cease membership by resolution of the Guild Council cannot be the subject of complaint, because the Guild freely entered into and is bound by the Constitution as a contract, regardless of whether the contract might be seen to operate unreasonably or harshly.

For all of the above reasons, therefore, in our opinion R7 is conclusive, and the only way the Guild can cease to be a member in 2022 is if Guild Council resolves, by absolute majority, to hold a referendum in accordance with R7 that then passes the requisite resolution not to maintain membership of the NUS in 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Lucy Ledger of our office if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

HOTCHKIN HANLY



Mark Hemery
Partner

Action: Review of Guild Strategy

Action: That the Guild Council reviews and provides feedback on the Guild's Strategy.

Background:

Clause 13(4) of *Statute No. 4 Student Guild* requires that:

The Guild Council must prepare, adopt and publish a strategic plan that –

- a) covers at least the next 3 Guild financial years;
- b) sets out the condition, aspirations and objectives of the Guild for that period; and
- c) is reviewed at least annually.

The Guild uses a Strategy Map to meet these requirements. A strategy map shows an organisations strategy on a page (long strategic documents may look impressive but they rarely get looked at or used).

In particular, strategy maps:

- Make it easy to communicate the key overarching objectives with people inside and outside of the organisation.
- Ensure thoroughness with focus - key perspectives and stakeholders/areas are defined and then strategies developed for those areas. The key perspectives and stakeholders/areas chosen for the Guild's strategy map are:
 - Members
 - Financial
 - People and Culture
 - University
 - Good Governance

At any one time, only so many strategies can be implemented. For this reason, not all strategies on the strategy map will be underway at the same time.

The strategy map in action is mostly shown by the Managing Director's annual business plan and Officers' plans and KPIs.

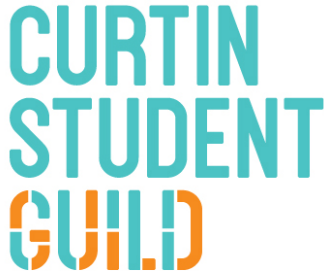
Next Steps:

It is requested that Guild Council reviews the strategy map and provides feedback.

Any feedback would be incorporated and the Strategy Map be presented to the September 2021 meeting of Guild Council for approval.

Confidentiality:

Open



Student Guild of Curtin University

52nd Guild Council – Meeting #8

To be held at 6PM on Thursday the 26th of August 2021

In 100.301

Motion: Renaming of Guild Cafe

Motion: That the Guild renames “Guild Cafe: Engineering” to “Guild Cafe: Basement”.

Moved: Rachel Taylor

Seconded: Luke Brosnan

Background:

As presented last month, we would like to change the name to reflect that more than just engineering students use that cafe.

Costing as given for the previous motion:

“Costs to rename the café would be around \$2000, comprising:

- Redoing artwork \$500
- \$450 of labour to locate and update the name / logo everywhere it exists : in our current menus, screens, email addresses, contact lists, POS records, order forms and posters.
- Printing and laminating costs approx. \$50 if all in house
- Labels printed: \$200 (external printer)
- Referendum costs and miscellaneous \$800”

As this is being presented as a motion not for referenda the costs will be less than \$2000.

Confidentiality:

Open

Minutes

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

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2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Cassidy Pemberton (online); Cristian Moreno (online); Madison Ainsworth; Clare Metcalf; Jesse Naylor Zambrano; Isabel Mountain; Dax Jagoe; Chris MacFarlane; Shaniqua Cutinha (10.28am); Dylan Botica; Jason Kim; David Jorritsma; Ali Rose Bolton, Fang-Yu (Cherry Chen)
- 2.2. Others Present; Ling Tan (online); Jo-Ann Naidu; Jess Baltovich; Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Lucy Rohl; Bridge Truell
- 2.4. Absent; Michael Farrell;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. None noted

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17/06/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Dax Jagoe

Seconded: Clare Metcalf

Passed with the following correction

Item 7.8.1 KPI Review should have been noted under the Queer Officer report.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

6. Items Not for Discussion

7. Reports

- 1. President – Submitted. Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the First Nations Officer remuneration and noted that the issue would be raised with the Remuneration Committee. Clare Metcalf asked about the Curtin Counselling reference in the President's report about Medicare funding creating page 82 of 108

positions. There was a query from Dylan Botica about funding of the WA hub of the NUS Education Conference.

2. Vice President – Education – Not Submitted. No questions
3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – Submitted. Jason Kim asked a question about SDP reporting.
4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted. No questions.
5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. No questions.
6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. Jason asked what the acronym LARIS stood for and sought clarification about references to graded attendance and meetings.
7. Student Assist – Submitted. There was a query about how many historic misconduct cases were open but Jo-Ann Naidu did not have access to that information. Jo-Ann Naidu said current students were not being disadvantaged by the Student Assist team's work on the historic cases. Jo-Ann reported that Termination Resources were being accessed however there was a drop in numbers attending and enquiring about workshops. There was a query about whether the Guild had access to Curtin Wellbeing case numbers. Jo-Ann said that the Guild could be get the data.
8. International Students Committee President – Submitted. David Jorritsma noted a reference to PSC in the report instead of ISC. Jason Kim asked about the status of international student campaigns. Cristian said there would be an update at the next Representation Board. Jesse Naylor Zambrano asked about offshore students. Cristian said that he met with the Curtin Global Positioning Committee and was told that Curtin was waiting for Government decision and it was not close. Cassidy asked about interim arrangements until election. Chair thanked Cristian for work carried out this year.

9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. David Jorritsma reported that there was turmoil in the PSC. He said that nominations had been announced. Clare asked about an issue reported about placements. David Jorritsma said that that this was an academic not accessibility issue.
10. Queer Officer – Submitted. Dax Jagoe was in discussion with sexology students who were interested in running sessions for Rad Sex and Consent Week. Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the distribution of the We All Need to Pee leaflets.
11. Women’s Officer – Submitted. Cassidy reported that the Steering Committee meeting had been changed to 3 Aug and a reference in her report was actually in relation to the National Day of Action. Cassidy spoke about her visit to the QUT Guild which included looking at a framework for collectives.
12. First Nations Officer – Vacant.
13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. Clare Metcalf reported on the NUS Edcon conference. Clare noted a 30 June meeting with Bridge Truell and representatives from Curtin ‘s Counselling Service. Clare said that the Guild was asked to promote the wellbeing app. Chris MacFarlane asked about broader outcomes of the Edcon conference. The Chair commented on what was required in accessibility report. David Jorritsma asked for clarification about a tweet included in the report.
14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. There was a question about EDx sale.
15. Chair of the Representation Board*. Dylan Botica spoke about research he was conducting about parking at Curtin and said that there was the possibility of an FOI request to Curtin.

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: David Jorritsma
 Seconded: Jason Kim.
 Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution
 - 8.1. NUS Education Conference
 - 8.2. Referendum on the National Union of Students (NUS)

Motion: That the Representation Board recommend to the Guild Council the holding of a referendum to run concurrently with the Annual Elections.

The proposition being: “That the Curtin Student Guild leave the National Union of Students for 2022”.

That the Guild Council appoint agents for the ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ campaigns with preference given to members of the Representation Board.

Moved: Clare Metcalf
 Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

David Jorritsma asked if there was a conflict of interest for those who were NUS delegates and whether they should have declared a conflict of interest at the beginning the meeting.

Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the objectives and benefits of the conference and the decision to have a face to face hub at Curtin. Jason Kim said he found the seminars disruptive and that a lot of students did not get an opportunity to speak. Jason asked about the outcomes. Jesse said there was a culture of disruption. Jesse said there was value in the opportunity for collaboration and sharing of resources especially with regard to national days and weeks of action. Jason asked whether the Edcon agenda, action items or minutes be released to the

public. Jesse said most sessions were recorded but that she was unaware of NUS policy in that regard.

The Chair asked if anyone had a material conflict with item 8.2. There was discussion about what constituted a conflict of interest and the Chair reviewed the regulations. Chris Macfarlane and Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the responsibilities of those who were delegates to the NUS conference. David Jorritsma said that the Guild's Code of Conduct needed to be taken into account.

Clare, Jesse and Chris identified themselves as NUS delegates. Jesse declared a conflict of interest.

The Chair called for a resolution that members who declared a conflict of interest may stay for discussion.

Moved Jason.

Seconded David.

David Jorritsma requested a secret ballot.

Carried.

Resolution carried by absolute majority

The Chair called for a resolution that members who have declared a conflict of interest could vote on item 8.2.

Moved David Jorritsma.

Seconded Madison Ainsworth

David Jorritsma requested a secret ballot.

Resolution carried by absolute majority

Discussion commenced on item 8.2

Clare spoke to this motion saying a referendum was a good gauge of opinion. Clare outlined the wording of the referendum and that it would incorporate an education campaign. Chris argued against the motion saying that the NUS had been involved in many important campaigns in recent years. Jesse said the value of NUS was its connections to other student networks. However, Jesse said support from NUS support was poor. Elected representatives could be disconnected from their communities and that there was a lack of organisation at a grass works level. Jesse said that she supported referendum and that the movers of the motion should undertake to coordinate the yes and no campaigns. David spoke to NUS failing to meet KPIs in the past. Dax Jagoe expressed concern about the way NUS was organised and about behavior at EDcon. However Dax advocated for a survey of students outside the election. Cassidy Pemberton said that the NUS was an important voice for WA students and a referendum as part of the Guild elections was not suitable and could damage our standing with other universities. There was discussion about the Guild's financial contribution to the NUS. There was discussion about having a referendum after the Guild elections and the impact on national student representation if the Guild left the NUS.

A secret ballot was requested.

The motion was carried.

9. Meetings

9.1. Women's Collective – Meeting held on 18/05/2021

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the minutes of the meetings

Moved: Cassidy Pemberton

Seconded: Jason Kim

Carried

10. General Business.

Cassidy Pemberton asked for assistance with the WA National day of Action against sexual assault.

11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, 19 August at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday 12 August to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed 11.45am



Student Guild of Curtin University

Executive Committee

Meeting #17

Held at 3pm on Thursday the 24th of June 2021

Location: The Bridge

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 3:12pm.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to 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

- a. Members Present; Jesse (chair), Lachy, Dylan, Fatma, Bridge (joins at 3:15pm)
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- d. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Dylan said that he's a member of the Bubble Tea Society.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Fatma said that they had not been prepared for this meeting as this meeting was for clubs only.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6. Significant Items

- a. Simple Club Renewal Approval

6.7. POWER TO DO ALL THINGS NESSECARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF STUDENT SOCIETIES - Executive Committee

Conditions: Nil

8.7. POWER TO REVIEW AND CANCEL REGISTRATION - Executive Committee

Conditions: Cancellation may only occur if student society has failed to provide reasonable application for low membership.

- Bubble Tea Society
- Sri Lankan Youth Association
- Omani Student Society of WA (Curtin)

- Catholics at Curtin

Dylan followed up with a previous question he raised on clubs that have conflicting themes. Lachy said he is looking into this.

EC#27/2021

Motion: The Guild Executive Committee approves the simple club renewals and recommends that the Vice President – Activities sign the appropriate approval documents.

Moved: [Fatma Sehic](#)

Seconded: [Lachlan Lee](#)

Motion passes.

- b. New Club Expressions of Interest

8.5. POWER TO APPROVE REGISTRATION APPLICATION - Executive Committee

Power to approve registration application of student society.

Conditions: Nil

- Good Deeds Society

EC#28/2021

Motion: The Guild Executive Committee approves the registration of the club above, including the approval of the recommendation of the Clubs Officer, and recommends that the Vice President – Activities sign the appropriate approval documents.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was withdrawn with a request that the club provides more information on its purpose and whether it is linked to a faith.

- c. Review and Renewal Approval

8.2. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STUDENT SOCIETY CONSTITUTION - Guild Secretary

Power to approve amendments to constitution of student society and effective date of that amendment.

Condition: The Secretary must exercise this power upon discussion with (but not on the advice of) the Executive Committee

8.3. INTERPRETATION OF STUDENT SOCIETY CONSTITUTION - Guild Secretary

Power to interpret student society constitution.

Condition: The Secretary must exercise this power upon discussion with (but not on the advice of) the Executive Committee

- Electronic Music Appreciation Society

Fatma said she will read over the changes that were suggested previously and ensure they are made.

7. General Business

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday 1st of July 2021 at 10am in The Bridge.

Meeting closed at 3:27pm.



Student Guild of Curtin University

Executive Committee

Meeting #18

Held at 10:30am on Thursday the 1st of July 2021

Location: WebEx

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 10:37am.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to 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

- a. Members Present; Jesse, Bridge, Lachy, Fatma, Dylan
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- d. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Jesse raised a conflict of interest for the whole committee as elections and methods of voting will be discussed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes

Due to technical difficulties, these minutes are not currently available.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6. Significant Items

- a. Guild Executive Verbal Reports
 - i. *International Student Committee President;
 - ii. *Postgraduate Student Committee President;
 - iii. *Chair Of the Representation Board;

Dylan reported that he had been working on confirming that Guild stances have been followed up with/actioned by the relevant people.

He met with reps interested in the parking campaign and is currently preparing a proposal.

- iv. President;

Jesse reported that the education campaign will be ending. The Learning for Tomorrow model has been scaled down to a page of values, which has significantly reduced its ability to have any power or influence.

She has put out a call for SDP nominations.

She has been considering how to help international students during this difficult time. Cristian has indicated an intention to resign from the position of ISC President.

Jesse is shifting her focus to advocating for the return of tuition free weeks. There is support from students, but the university is hesitant to make changes.

She has been in discussions regarding equity collectives and making the nomination process easier.

She has been advocating to fix the room booking system.

She has been liaising with Lachy about clubs and supporting them through the recent COVID restrictions, as well as going forward into the new semester.

Jesse and Lachy have been discussing having rep events scheduled early so that they can be promoted during O-Day.

She met with a student that expressed interest in the First Nations Officer role.

She has delegated actions in preparation for her leave next week.

Bridge asked about the summer school intake. Jesse said that has been no uptake in three of the faculties according information from staff and that this due to the lack of resources and workforce.

v. Vice President – Education;

Bridge reported that the Blended Learning Task Force has stopped holding meetings and a significantly downscaled model has been produced.

He said that he will continue to monitor and follow up in the individual faculties to be aware of any rippling effects.

He sat on the panel for the interim PVC for Science and Engineering and has been invited to the interview for the Director of Health Sciences.

He attended Academic Board.

He sat on a statistics delivery workforce, which is about rehauling the delivery of statistics in health sciences. He expressed that the combining of key statistics units would not be beneficial to students.

He and Clare met with counselling to discuss the current state of the services.

Jesse asks where Bridge is at with the unit outline review. Fatma to work with Bridge on this project.

ACTION Bridge to reschedule workshop with Kat.

vi. Vice President – Activities;

Lachy said that Jesse covered most of the items he has to report.

He added that the venue visit for the Guild Ball is planned for next week.

A quote for the Tav merch has been prepared.

vii. Secretary;

Fatma reported that she is doing the work she usually does and has been preparing agenda for and minuting many meetings.

Jesse asked about the First Year Committee. Fatma said that they had a meeting last week and will be running a stall at O Day.

Fatma to send FYC meeting invites to standing invites.

EC#29/2021

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee notes the verbal reports given by the members present.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Bridge Truell

Motion passed.

b. Postal and Other Campus Voting

Considerations:

- Removing the requirement that a postal vote application be witnessed as long as the application comes from the student's Curtin email address
- Allow a postal vote to be lodged electronically (online voting)
- For the vote to be valid, require that the voter respond to an email sent by the RO confirming that they did vote and did not vote under duress. The response to come from the voter's Curtin email address.
- Students go to the library and get a unique code from library staff. The code itself can be used by us to determine what time the code was issued and that it is a genuine code (the codes being created by the RO using a key/method only known to the RO and a few staff).
- The student then votes online (using any device they wish) and enter the unique code along with their student ID and date of birth. This is to take place in the library.
- Votes will only be accepted if they are completed within, say, 10 minutes of the code being issued, and from an IP address that is available at one of the non-Bentley campus libraries.

- Of course, we would need the cooperation of the relevant libraries. This should be possible if we keep it simple for them.
- For the vote to be valid, we could require that the voter respond to an email sent by the RO confirming that they did vote and did not vote under duress. The response to come from the voter's Curtin email address.
- The RO would check that each vote is from an enrolled student (it will be necessary for the voters information to be recorded). The RO would ensure that that any identifying information is stripped from the vote before the vote is added to the main voting database.

Dylan raises that there is information in the information proposed above and some of this information is currently against regulations.

Jesse clarified that the first group of points is about postal voting and the second group of points is about voting at other campuses.

Dylan raised that there should be a delay between applying for a vote and being able to vote.

Jesse said that there are a cohort of students that won't be able to attend the campus to vote in person due to border restrictions. She said that the postal voting process should be improved but that online voting should not be an option.

EC#30/2021

Motion: That the Guild Executive recommends that the postal voting process be made simpler and more accessible without the use of electronic voting.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Seconded: Bridge Truell

Motion passed.

- c. Managing Director Contract Negotiation (excluded for confidentiality reasons)

EC#31/2021

Motion: That the Guild Executive recommends that the Guild Council authorises Jesse Naylor Zambrano (Guild President) negotiate the terms of reappointment and the Managing Directors contract with David Luketina.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Seconded: Fatma Sehic

Motion passed.

d. Hosting Education Conference WA

Jesse raised that Australian states are encouraged to have state conference hubs.

She said that it would be a good opportunity to invite students to attend the conference who would not have been able to attend the if it was interstate.

e. Equity Rep Pay

Jesse raised that some reps have indirectly expressed that they would not want to be remunerated further. Any intention that she has to remunerate equity officers extra would need to be appropriately justified.

She raised that the Remuneration Tribunal was not aware of the equity collectives at the time of making their decision and that the discretionary funding she has as president could be used to assist with some projects of the equity collectives.

7. General Business

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday 15th of July 2021 at 10am in the Bridge.

Meeting closed at 12:24pm.



Student Guild of Curtin University

Executive Committee

Meeting #19

Held at 3:09pm on Thursday the 15th of July 2021

Location: WebEx

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 3:09pm.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to 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

- a. Members Present; [Jesse](#), [Bridge](#), [Dylan](#)
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence; [Lachy](#), [Fatma](#)
- d. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

[Dylan](#) expresses a conflict of interest with the Curtin Labour Club and notes that he wishes to be present for the discussion but will not vote.

4. Significant Items

- a. Guild Executive Verbal Reports
 - i. *International Student Committee President;
 - ii. *Postgraduate Student Committee President;
 - iii. *Chair Of the Representation Board;

[Dylan](#) has been preparing a proposal on the parking system for the parking campaign, which involved liaising with many people.

He has also been working on engaging reps board members with meetings.

- iv. President;

[Jesse](#) has been working on organising events for international students and First Nations students.

The First Nations event involved a group workshop to design a mural, which will be commissioned to be painted by an Indigenous artist. She is also considering a movie night.

The event for international student is looking to be a workshop about work rights run by Unions WA.

O Week sessions by the Guild will be a seminar on Student as Partners and the Guild Survival Guide.

EdCon was held on Monday and Tuesday.

The VC is organising a sports day which will conflict with Guild Games.

Jesse will be preparing a report to the VC about tuition free weeks.

She is also organising an international student speak out, particularly targeted to offshore students.

v. Vice President – Education;

Bridge has been doing a lot of planning for EdCon.

They have also been putting together a draft for the Health Survey that is part of their KPIs.

They have been preparing for SDPs.

They will be on leave on Friday.

vi. Vice President – Activities;

vii. Secretary;

EC#32/2021

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee notes the verbal reports given by the members present.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Seconded: Bridge Truell

b. Club Renewals

Curtin Esports is for simple renewal. No issues are raised with this.

The Good Deeds Society is a new club EOI from the previous meeting, where the exec requested more info on potential faith ties. The exec agreed with the approval if the club type is changed to be faith based.

Curtin Film Production Society is a new club EOI. No issues are raised about approval.

The Curtin Labour Club is a new club EOI. No issues are raised about approval.

EC#33/2021

Motion: The exec committee approves the clubs based on discussion.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Seconded: Bridge Truell

Motion passed. Dylan abstains.

c. SSAF Underspend

Jesse raises that the Guild has underspent SSAF and that more money needs to be spent.

She has been encouraging Equity and Faculty reps to run events, and looking at projects like paying an artist for the First Nations mural.

She has also considered funding for the First Year Committee to run an event.

Dylan queries if the funding can be used to we enrich currently planned events like Guild Ball or Pasar Malam.

Jesse suggests to bring back Guild diaries. Bridge adds that the process of getting a diary is an opportunity to get more students involved with what the Guild does.

Jesse raises that more merchandise can also be purchased.

d. Semester 2 Strategy

Jesse is planning to have an action in week 3 of semester.

Possible suggestions for this are the tuition free week campaign and staff cuts/working conditions.

Dylan suggests continuing the parking campaign to run the campaign alongside the tuition free week campaign.

Jesse raises that the push on Curtin Counselling seems to have had good outcomes so far and that continuing that work could also highlight the Accessibility Department.

She raises the idea of a speak out at the Chancellory for tuition free weeks and staff working conditions.

Bridge to help drive this project forward as it has connections with their KPI.

e. Exec Admin Assistant

An assistant has been hired to assist the executive, which also helps address SSAF underspend.

The assistant will be delegated some tasks so that reps can focus on things that can only be done by reps.

f. O Day

The Education stall is booked. Bridge says they will check in with the faculty reps about what they want at the stall.

Semester 2 events to be promoted, along with the ASPM review and unit outline review.

Lachy to reach out to reps to help plan their stalls.

7. General Business

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday 29th of July 2021 at 10am in The Bridge.

Meeting closes at 4:20pm.



Student Guild of Curtin University

Executive Committee

Meeting #20

Held at 12:30pm on Friday the 23rd of July 2021

Location: WebEx

MINUTES

Fatma elected to chair 12:39pm.

Meeting opens at 12:39pm.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to 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

- a. Members Present; [Fatma](#), [Lachy](#), [Dylan](#), [Bridge](#)
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence; [Jesse](#)
- d. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Significant Items

- a. Club Review and Renewal

Simple Renewal

- [Curtin Singapore Society](#)
- [Geology Student Society](#)
- [Curtin Automotive Klub for Enthusiasts](#)

EC#34/2021

Motion: That the Executive Committee authorises [Lachlan Lee](#) to sign the simple renewal sheet for the clubs discussed.

Moved: [Lachlan Lee](#)

Seconded: [Bridge Truell](#)

No issues are raised with the renewal.

Motion passed.

Clubs for Review

- Curtin EAGE Club

The club is renewing with a name change to Curtin EAGE-SEG.

Dylan asks if club name influences whether they can be approved or not. Fatma expresses that unless the wording “Curtin” or “society” or similar aren’t included, then it probably would not be sufficient ground to reject their renewal.

Dylan raises the possibility of setting a limit on the length of clubs’ names in the future.

EC#35/2021

Motion: That the Executive Committee authorises Lachlan Lee to sign the club review sheet for the discussed club.

Moved: Lachlan Lee

Seconded: Dylan Botica

Motion passes.

New Club EOI

- Curtin Wakeboarding Club

Clubs Officer recommendation is to approve the club.

Fatma asks if the club conflict with any other clubs we have. Lachy says they do not.

EC#36/2021

Motion: That the Executive Committee authorises Lachlan Lee to sign the new club approval sheet for the discussed clubs.

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Bridge Truell

Bridge asks what wakeboarding is. Dylan provides the link <https://youtu.be/vSVZrZGm6Mo>

Motion passes.

7. General Business

Meeting closes at 12:58pm.



Student Guild of Curtin University

Executive Committee - Meeting #21

Held at 3pm on Thursday the 29th of July 2021

Location: The Bridge

MINUTES

Meeting opens at 3:08pm.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners:

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2. Attendance:

- a. Members Present; [Jesse, Bridge, Lachy, Fatma, Dylan](#)
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- d. Absent;

[Dylan raises removing the ISC and PSC Presidents as standing invites.](#)

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: **EC#37/2021**

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee approves the minutes of the meetings held on 24/06/2021, 01/07/2021, 15/07/2021 and 23/07/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: [Fatma Sehic](#)

Seconded: [Dylan Botica](#)

[Motion passes.](#)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a. Action List

[Dylan to compile actions from Representation Board. Fatma to compile actions from Guild Council.](#)

6. Significant Items

- a. Guild Executive Verbal Reports
 - i. *International Student Committee President;

- ii. *Postgraduate Student Committee President;
- iii. *Chair Of the Representation Board;

Dylan reports that he has been continuing working on the parking proposal, with the background and international comparisons completed.

He is working on issues of conduct at Reps Board meetings.

- iv. President;

Jesse reports that international students have been overcharged. They were initially told a maximum amount they would pay, which was later increased. A student reported to Jesse that it was difficult to get the money back and that they were requested by Curtin not to speak negatively about this.

Jesse has spoken to VC, who is investigating.

Jesse is organising offshore student speak out as offshore students seem to be frustrated at the neglect from the uni.

Co-presented the Guild seminar during O Week, one being the Survival Guide and another being Students as Partners.

She has been progressing on the MD's contract and the Remuneration Tribunal.

A Tuition Free Week campaign has begun.

She had a meeting with the VC yesterday.

She's taking the lead on First Nations expressions of interest and getting the first event up and running.

She discusses the VC sports day with the VC.

She organised an Environmental Action Network and Tuition Free Week stall at O Day.

Dylan asks about the letter for international students and raises potentially involving the Guild solicitor.

- v. Vice President – Education;

Bridge has had a very high workload. Fatma and Jesse express concerns on the workload not being manageable.

ACTION Jesse and Fatma to meet with Bridge to help delegate and redistribute tasks.

- vi. Vice President – Activities;

Tav merch is ready!

O Day and O Week went well. Lachy notes that there was less attendance than usual for the events, including Friend Speed Dating.

People have been reaching out to him about events.

Jesse asks about Clubs Launch Grant. Lachy says that uptake seems to be good and many clubs have plans to apply.

Fatma asks about progress with faculty and equity events. Most equity reps have events planned, as do a couple of fac reps.

vii. **Secretary;**

Fatma reports that nominations have opened for vacancies, it looks like another period of nominations will be needed.

She met with the First Year Committee to plan their stall.

Helping representatives with various requests.

General payment approvals, processing forms, archiving and storing files.

EC#38/2021

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee notes the verbal reports given by the members present.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: [Lachlan Lee](#)

Motion passes.

b. Debrief of Orientation Week

This will be discussed at Activities Committee meeting when there has been more time to prepare.

c. Delegation of Responsibilities to Marketing and Administration Officer

Jess has been with us for two weeks and can assist us with completing tasks so that we can focus on actions that can only be done by reps.

Bridge, Jesse and Fatma can give direct requests to Jess. Lachy and Dylan should talk to the other exec before requesting tasks.

The member brainstorms some tasks that they have to do this week.

Dylan asks if the Guild can look into using BoardEffect.

d. Strategy for Semester 2 Campaigns

Advocating for return of the second Tuition Free Week. The university seems hesitant to reinstate it.

Jesse asks Lachy to talk to clubs about this. Lachy says clubs are currently very pressed for time as there are organising events. He can circulate the info to them

Jesse suggests preparing lecture slides for the rally. Dylan will MC the rally.

e. Environmental Action Network

Jesse to talk to David and Nika about the regulations around having this group to ascertain who can be involved in leading it.

f. Privacy and Confidentiality Policy

EC#39/2021

Motion: The Executive Committee approves the changes to the Privacy and Confidentiality policy.

Moved: [Dylan Botica](#)

Seconded: [Fatma Sehic](#)

Motion passes.

7. General Business

[Representatives Using Canva](#)

Fatma raises that reps have been distributing graphic that aren't on brand and that this is becoming an issue with the long term brand.

Dylan raises issues with current approval process. Jesse and Dylan express that they want reps to have the option to create their own content.

ACTION Fatma and Jesse to set up meeting with Maryanne to make a plan to address branding.

[Working From Home](#)

Make sure to let Jesse know if you'll be working from home. Core hours are 10am - 2pm.

[New Website](#)

Website is available for feedback please note there is a deadline to provide this.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday 12th of August 2021 at 10am in The Bridge.

Meeting closes at 4:28pm.

MINUTES

Meeting opens at 1:36pm.

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners:

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2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; [Lachlan Lee](#), [Cassidy Pemberton](#), [Dylan Botica](#), [Madison Ainsworth](#), [Jesse Naylor Zambrano](#), [Clare Metcalf](#)
- 2.2. Others Present; [Maryanne Shaddick](#), [Tanya Della-Santina](#), [Fatma Sehic](#), [David Luketina](#), [Jessica Adamson Bourne](#)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; [Bec Barendrecht](#)
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: That the activities Committee approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13/04/2021 and 11/05/2021 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: [Lachlan Lee](#)

Seconded: [Dylan Botica](#)

[Clare](#) says she was probably the one to second the motion to approve the minutes that was included in the past minutes. [Lachy](#) says he will check his notes and confirm this.

The motion passes.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6. Business on Notice

- 6.1. Reports
 - i. Vice President – Activities;

Lachy has been on leave. He says the Cat Café was lovely. He was unable to attend the End of Semester Bash due to academic obligations.

Jesse queried if events have been organised for Stress Less Week. Lachy says that there were fruit giveaways last week and there will be some this week. Brinner will also be held tonight.

ii. Manager – Student Engagement;

Maryanne reports that according to the industry standard, the digital engagement with the End of Semester Bash was good. Instagram stories tended to have less engagement, partially due to the limited broadcast time.

Maryanne says she compared the engagement for EOSB with the Cat Café. She notes that there was quite a bit gap.

There was 1.5% engagement on Facebook for EOSB, which is a bit above average and 3.5% for Cat Café. The reach was 15% vs 5% Cat Café vs EOSB.

Maryanne noted that students had a greater interest in Cat Café and there are a lot of possible reasons for this. She adds that the click throughs on emails for EOSB bash were less than the Cat Café.

Reasons cited for not attending EOSB includes that attendees live far away, don't have friends to go with, didn't hear about the event, don't drink alcohol and had other commitments. The statistics about this are similar to what they are for past events.

David asks how the level of promotion compared with other EOSBs. Maryanne says it's quite similar, but the timeframe for advertising was a bit shorter. There were also no sponsored posts.

iii. Manager – Student Experience;

iv. Manager – Retail and Tavern Services;

Tanya reports that activities for semester 1 have wrapped up and she is now looking towards events for semester 2.

Jesse asks how the Tav is performing day-to-day. Tanya says that it is doing better than pre-COVID levels, with more drinks and food being bought. She raises that the increase in food purchases could be because food trucks are no longer available on campus.

Tanya notes that from the exam timetable she's received, there are very few in-person exams and they're generally in the morning. This would make it hard to justify late opening hours for the Tav.

v. Events Coordinator

The events team held the first Wellbeing Fair and it seems to have achieved the goals that the team was aiming for, which was a similar feel to O-Day.

Guild Upcycle Markets has good attendance and did better than last year. The team raised \$872 for the charity that the proceeds were being donated to.

Cat Café was held to respond to the demand from students wanting to see animals on campus. It was more popular than anticipated. About \$900 was raised for the rescue. The team has some ideas on how to run the event in the future so that less people miss out.

The focus is now shifting to getting semester 2 events, including O Day.

O-Week will be held in Alcoa Court rather than Atkinson due to the library renovations.

Jesse asks if any of the cats were adopted from the event. Jess says that the Guild wasn't actively advertising that they were up for adoption. Some kittens were currently being fostered.

Motion: That the activities committee notes the reports.

Moved: Lachlan Lee

Seconded: Clare Metcalf

Motion passes.

- 6.2. Event Proposals
 - i. Guild O-Day Semester 2, 2021

Happens in week 1 rather than in orientation week to try to engage as many students as possible.

Last semester, there was an entry-exit system. After reflection with other teams involved, this was not effective. The safety of the event can be encouraged by the use of the QR code.

Jess is hoping to bring back the Guild stage.

There will still be a cap on external vendors.

It was noted that the reduced external vendors previously didn't seem to have much of an impact on the event compared to the usual number of vendors.

Some issues were raised regarding the Quiet 30 last semester. Virtual O-Day will be pushed as an alternative for students with more sensory requirements. Physical O-Day won't be advertised as low sensory, but it will not have amplified music.

Dylan asks if it's possible to have the last 30 minutes of the event being the quiet 30. Jess says this will result in a poor experience.

Dylan asks if it's possible to start the event 30 minutes earlier and tell stallholders to be ready for this, and to then advertise the official opening time as 30 minutes later. Jess says this is kind of what they do already.

Clare asks if there will be a clubs carnival in semester 2. Jess says she is hoping to have a wellbeing fair, and inviting clubs to attend this.

Clare asks if this is something that can be raised at a clubs and societies meeting.

Jesse says that she will be attending a working group for activations on campus and asks if Jess has any ideas to bring to their attention. She says that encouraging activations of infrastructure and furniture would be very helpful as we don't have the means to facilitate this. She suggests improving current places to make them more usable for students.

David and Maryanne leave the meeting at 2:29pm.

- ii. End of Semester Bash, Semester 1

EOSB numbers were very bad, only 300 in attendance. Based on previous events, the event attendance was unexpectedly poor.

There was a lot of comments of people not having heard about the event.

Dylan notes that a common issue that he found was that a lot of students in his faculty were having assessments due on the last day of semester. This might have impacted attendance.

Tanya asks if Jesse can get a hold of information regarding the what Dylan mentioned about students.

Tanya leaves at 2:38pm.

7. Collaborative Event Planning

8. General Business

Clare raises that a club was having an event in Clubs HQ during EOSB. She queries how the club's event went and adds that it would have been nice to have this as an addition to EOSB.

Cassidy says the Womens Department event was held last week.

9. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Activities Committee is Tuesday, the 6th of July at 1:30pm. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Friday, July 2nd to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closes at 2:43pm.