

**President's Report**  
**Theodora Rohl (she/her)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April**

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**Theodora Rohl**

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Theodora is your 53rd Guild President and she's dedicated to making campus a better place for everyone!

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***University meetings***

<b>11 Mar</b>	Meeting with Seth Kunin (DVC-Global), Hameed and Sofia	Discussed supports for International students and Sofia's work with the global campuses
<b>14 Mar</b>	COVID-19 CIMT Disability Action and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) consultation with Rey "Pulse check" chat with Jon Yorke (DVC-Academic) and NTEU	Gave feedback on the DAIP with Rey to the people coordinating the review Discussed staff concerns with the project, and how best to phrase the questions. Settled on a "stop/start/continue" approach
<b>15 Mar</b>	SSAF Expenditure Advisory Committee	Noted reports from all areas where SSAF was spent in 2021
<b>17 Mar</b>	Academic Board Executive	Discussed the agenda, reviewed the workplan, made sure adequate time was allocated to each item that required discussion
<b>18 Mar</b>	Curtin Academy Advisory Board Scholarships Reference Group	Started investigating scholarships for incarcerated students, and read a testimony from someone who studied at Curtin whilst incarcerated. Very powerful stuff, and everyone was very much in favour!
<b>21 Mar</b>	COVID-19 CIMT Monthly Students as Partners (SaP) with Kat Clements (SaP Lead) and Maddie	
<b>22 Mar</b>	Monthly meeting with Harlene Hayne (VC) Safer Communities Tour	Discussed sentiment around the University about how the Guild doesn't actually represent the student body Exec were given a rundown of what Safer Communities can do and help with, and a tour of the facilities

	Introductory meeting with Good Sammy	Organised by Fiona Notley (COO), to link the Guild with how Good Sammy can help us. Attended with David and Rey
<b>25 Mar</b>	Academic Board	I can provide notes on request
	Fortnightly catchup with Julie Howell (Student Experience)	Discussed NSSS
<b>28 Mar</b>	Reconciliation and Strategic Plan 2030 chat with Veronika Goerke (Inclusion and Engagement)	Visited the Strategic Plan room (209.133), and planned to have a yarn with Indigenous staff members about a student's perspective on reconciliation
<b>31 Mar</b>	Respect. Now. Always (RNA) Steering Committee	Discussed NSSS results and Online Safety Act. I invited Rey and Cassidy, who are now standard invites
<b>1 Apr</b>	COVID-19 CIMT Meeting with Seth Kunin (DVC-Global) and Hameed	Gave updates, discussed Guild reps being presented with projects that Seth's team is working on
<b>6 Apr</b>	Fortnightly meeting with Julie Howell (Student Experience)	
	Monthly meeting with Val Reubenheimer (VP-Corporate Relations)	
<b>7 Apr</b>	Catchup with Kate Conway (Library)	Received answers for student queries, discussed Makerspace promotion
<b>11 Apr</b>	COVID-19 CIMT Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group	Considered Universities Australia (UA) Indigenous Strategy
<b>12 Apr</b>	Cultural Capability team (from Inclusion & Engagement) meeting	Discussed National Reconciliation Week, and reconciliation outside of the week
<b>13 Apr</b>	We All Need to Pee campaign follow up	Discussed ideas on the campaign and actions taken so far. I'm very proud of the work Cassidy has done on this campaign – go Cass!
	Higher education	
<b>14 Apr</b>	NSSS Meeting with VC and Equity Officers	Spoke about the NSSS results and our interpretations of it, actions we can take, and support for a campaign

### ***Guild meetings***

<b>11 Mar</b>	Activities Committee	See minutes for details
<b>14 Mar</b>	Weekly meeting with David	
	Weekly meeting with Maryanne	
<b>15 Mar</b>	Exec and Portfolio Managers meeting	Caught up on what everyone is doing
	Higher education	
	Finance and Risk Committee	See minutes for details
<b>21 Mar</b>	Weekly meeting with David	
	Weekly meeting with Maryanne	
	Parking Working Group	Campaign brainstorm

	Workload discussion with one of the reps	
	Meeting with NUS Secretary	Introduced ourselves, discussed the referendum
<b>22 Mar</b>	Grok interview	
<b>23 Mar</b>	Grok interview	
<b>24 Mar</b>	Executive Committee	See minutes for details
	Governance Review	Discussed results of comparing our governance with Australian Institute of Company Directors and Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission
	Guild Council	See minutes for details
<b>28 Mar</b>	Weekly meeting with David	
	Weekly meeting with Maryanne	
<b>29 Mar</b>	Grok interview	
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	Governance Review	Selected suggested changes to implement
<b>30 Mar</b>	Higher education	
	Grok interview	
	Grok interview	
<b>31 Mar</b>	Exec club approvals meeting	
	<i>Respect. Now. Always.</i> Steering Committee	Discussed actions arising from the NSSS results. I invited Rey and Cassidy (Salwa is already a member), who have now been added as members along with Jo-Ann
<b>1 Apr</b>	Grok positions discussion	Maryanne and I reflected on the interviews, and came to a consensus on who would be selected
<b>4 Apr</b>	Weekly meeting with David	
	Weekly meeting with Maryanne	
<b>6 Apr</b>	Guild does Strategic Plan 2030!	Visited the Strategic Plan room, and added our thoughts and perspectives
<b>7 Apr</b>	Executive Committee	See minutes for details
<b>8 Apr</b>	Student Housing Advisory Committee	Introduced ourselves and the Guild. Asked questions regarding current issues, including parking and COVID-19 management
<b>11 Apr</b>	Weekly meeting with Maryanne	
	Reps support meeting with Exec and Jo-Ann (Student Assist)	Discussed a triage email system, to help reps with student complaints
<b>12 Apr</b>	Weekly meeting with David	
	Placement discussion with Exec and Amber	Discussed ways to proceed
	Legal Committee	See minutes for details
<b>14 Apr</b>	Exec meeting – Club Approvals	See minutes for details

### ***Other meetings/activities***

<b>11 Mar</b>	Responding with Compassion	(CW: SA/SH) Attended a workshop on responding to disclosures of SA/SH, facilitated by Full Stop Australia
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	Attended the PSC/ISC Tropical Sundowner	Was an amazing turnout with a vibrant atmosphere! Huge congrats to everyone who played a big part in it
<b>13 Mar</b>	Tour of St Cat's	Was invited to speak to the residents, especially regarding women in leadership
<b>14 Mar</b>	Monthly Exec meeting with NTEU	Discussed COVID-19 measures, the NUS referendum, and the unit evaluation pulse check
<b>16 Mar</b>	A Reflection on Peace event	A short session organised by Curtin's Multi-Faith Officer, to come together and reflect on current worldwide events
	Filming Guild President video for New to Curtin students	Introduced myself and summarised what the Guild does
	Uni Council Drinks	The Exec and the PSC/ISC Presidents were invited to drinks with members of Uni Council after their meeting. Learnt some interesting things for sure
<b>28 Mar</b>	Meeting with Geoff Baker (MP and former Guild President)	Discussed SSAF allocation, University Council and legislation
<b>4 Apr</b>	NTEU monthly meeting	
<b>8 Apr</b>	Student Voice Australia – Student Network session	Gave a presentation and facilitated a discussion on the things I've learnt whilst designing unit evaluations
<b>12 Apr</b>	WA Guild Presidents meeting with Sue Ellery, State Minister of Education	See <i>Assorted stuff</i> for details
<b>13 Apr</b>	Student Voice Australia – Operational Group Meeting	Discussed what the group was for, and how SVA was structured

## ***Items of Significance***

### **Unit Evaluation Pulse Check**

The results have come back from the pulse check, and I'm disappointed to report that the number of responses was quite low, even with the deadline being extended a week. It's unclear if marketing was an issue – tutors were directed to include a slide on the pulse check in their classes, but we have no way of knowing if all tutors showed them for all of their classes. A meeting is yet to be set up to discuss this outcome.

We had a really great discussion with Francis Russell from the NTEU, where we discussed how all the issues – including the need for a pulse check – can be fixed by wider structural changes, and by personalising the relationship between the tutor and the student, so student feel more comfortable giving feedback directly. This can be achieved by smaller class sizes, more face to face contact, and less workload for staff – all changes the Guild has and will continue to endorse. I also flagged the need for some solution in the meantime whilst these changes were implemented, which is what this pulse check is intended to be.

### **Parking Working Group**

I have created a working group for the parking campaign, to help me (particularly considering I don't drive to campus...). We have prioritised our wants, and considered how achievable they are. We

have an upcoming meeting with Fiona Notley (COO) to discuss permits for residential students, which she doesn't see the need for.

### **NUS Referendum**

The NUS Referendum has finally drawn to a close, and I'm happy to announce that students voted to remain affiliated! A lot of work went in to organising this referendum behind the scenes – a huge shoutout to Dylan, February and David for your work! I also wanted to thank Georgie Beatty and Emily Sagolj, the NUS President and Secretary, for flying over to WA and visiting our campus. Always happy to host!



### **(CW: SA/SH) National Student Safety Survey**

The results of the NSSS were released, and they were very hard to read. This survey, given to university students, collects data regarding their experiences with sexual assault and sexual harassment. More than 43,000 students across Australia responded to the survey, 1,138 of which were from Curtin. Curtin's results can be found here: [bit.ly/3ukifEH](https://bit.ly/3ukifEH)

The most upsetting Curtin statistics were that 56.8% of students knew nothing or little about where to report sexual assault, and 49.6% didn't know where to get support. The *Respect. Now. Always.* Working Group, with support from the VC, is designing and implementing ways to increase knowledge.

(CW: Transphobia) I'm also sad to report that of the trans/gender diverse students surveyed, 20.6% reported being sexually harassed in the last 12 months. This is compared with 12.1% of women and 4.7% of men. The Guild has been pushing for more respect and support for queer students for years – think of the We All Need To Pee campaign. It's upsetting that it took a national survey for these campaigns to be taken more seriously, but on the bright side at least work is being done now.

I'll remind everyone that Curtin and the Guild have a zero-tolerance policy for sexual harassment and assault. If you are aware of, or have experienced an incident of sexual assault or sexual harassment, report it online or call the Safer Communities team on 08 9266 4444.

### **Assorted Stuff**

- The new contributing editors of Grok have been appointed, after a week or so of interviews. At the March Guild Council, the Council declared support for improving Grok, and suggested several ideas. The Grok Working Group Terms of Reference has been drafted.
- As mentioned in *Other meetings*, the other Guild Presidents of WA met with Sue Ellery, the State Minister of Health and former Women's Officer at UWA. We discussed the rising costs of student living, low mental health and 100% SSAF going to the student union. I also brought up student representation on higher-up university decision-making bodies, and issues with student placements. A few actions emerged from that meeting, so I will be meeting up with the other WA Presidents to plan.

***TL;DR!***

- The Unit Evaluation Pulse Check has closed, receiving a low response rate
- A working group has been set up for the parking campaign
- The NUS Referendum ended in a YES vote to remain affiliated
- (CW: SA/SH) The National Student Safety Survey results have been released, and actions are being planned and implemented
- Grok editors have been chosen
- I met with Sue Ellery, State Minister of Education

***Thanks for reading x***

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## Vice President—Education Report

Report Duration: 11/03/2022- 14/04/2022

Madison Ainsworth

### Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
14/03/2022	Accessibility Check-in	Met with Rey
15/03/2022	Exec x PM	Discussed what is happening over the Guild portfolios
16/03/2022	Higher Education	
16/03/2022	Queer Check-in	Met with Cassidy
17/03/2022	Womens Check-in	Met with Salwa
17/03/2022	1-1 Check-in	My check-in with Theodora
17/03/2022	Representation Board	
18/03/2022	Guild Indigenous Representative	Met with CAS to discuss ways that I can support the portfolio while we search for a representative
18/03/2022	Governance Review	
21/03/2022	Workload	Met with Dylan, Theodora and Sofia to discuss workloads
23/03/2022	Higher Education	
24/03/2022	1-1 Check-in	My check-in with Theodora
24/03/2022	Exec	
24/03/2022	Governance Review	
28/03/2022	Accessibility Check-in	Met with Rey
29/03/2022	Sci-Eng Check-in	Met with Rachel
29/03/2022	Governance Review	
30/03/2022	Queer Check-in	Met with Cassidy
30/03/2022	Womens Check-in	Met with Salwa
31/03/2022	Clubs Approval	
01/04/2022	Placement Discussion	Began discussing the issues that currently exist with placements
04/04/2022	FBL Check-in	Met with Jasmyne, discussed boundaries and how the check-in's typically work
06/04/2022	Ukraine	Met with Theodora to discuss options for supporting Ukraine in light of President Zelenskyy's speech to the Australian Parliament. These plans were not able to be taken into action.
06/04/2022	Higher Education	
07/04/2022	1-1 Check-in	My check-in with Theodora
08/04/2022	Health Sci Check-in	Met with Amber
11/04/2022	Ukraine	A student came to the Guild asking for support on a relief-fundraising effort—notes on the effort can be read at the bottom of this report—I look forward to helping this student in this fundraiser
11/04/2022	Accessibility Check-in	Met with Rey
11/04/2022	Reps Support	Met with exec, David and Jo-Ann to discuss promoting a triage email

12/04/2022	Placement Discussion	Met with exec and reps to form a plan of action to improve the ongoing issues with placements
13/04/2022	Higher Education	
14/04/2022	1-1 Check-in	My check-in with Theodora
14/04/2022	Clubs Approval	

## University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
14/03/2022	Mental Health App	Met with Guild Reps and Sarah Gerber to discuss mental health apps and possibilities for the university.
14/03/2022	NTEU	
14/03/2022	Pulse Check	Met with Theodora, Jon Yorke, Alice Scott and members of the NTEU to discuss staff thoughts on the pulse check.
15/03/2022	LITEC	Met with members of LITEC to discuss some of the Guild's goals for 2022.
21/03/2022	Students as Partners	Met with Theodora and Kathrine
22/03/2022	Students as Partners Community of Practice	
22/03/2022	Safer Communities	Had a tour of Safer Communities
23/03/2022	Students as Partners Leadership Group	
04/04/2022	NTEU	
04/04/2022	Uni Council Discussion	
05/04/2022	Courses Committee	
06/04/2022	Accessibility/LITEC	Put Rey in contact with people in LITEC who will be able to assist with making education more accessible
07/04/2022	Sci-Eng Interview Panel	
08/04/2022	Sci-Eng Interview Panel	
11/04/2022	Secretariat/Executive Officers	Met with members of Academic Board and its sub-committees to ask questions and have a quarterly check-in

## Ukraine Student Meeting

- Lecturer Kirrily Manning has taken up the role of bringing the efforts of the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal to Curtin University.
- The student has been collaborating with her to start a series of social media posts to spread awareness on the avenues to support those impacted by Russia's war on Ukraine, as well as to educate themselves on the matter.
- There is currently a sticker drive email, as well as a set of stickers to be sold with 100% of revenue going to the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal which is 1) fully transparent 2) directly impacting those in Ukraine 3) tax deductible



## Executive Summary

This month I put a lot of research into ways that the Guild could support Ukraine, as well as standing in for Rachel on an interview panel for two positions. Luckily when the options that I put forward for a Ukraine Support Fundraiser fell through a student came in to discuss the Guild promoting an already existing fundraising effort.

# Faculty of Business and Law Report - April

Jasmyne Tweed

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Summary</b>
1 April 2022	Handover Meeting	Dylan and Shaniqua gave me rundown of everything I need to know about being the FBL Rep.
4 April 2022	Student Engagement Introduction	I introduced myself to the FBL Student Engagement Team as the new Rep. I answered any questions they had about the handover. I was informed that a collaboration was in the works between the faculty and the previous Rep.
6 April 2022	Student Consultative Committee	Introduced myself as the FBL Rep to the Committee and took notes about the concerns of students.
7 April 2022	Quiz Night Meeting	February and I had a meeting with Arun and Bec about the possibility of a Quiz Night. A date was set, and planning started.
7 April 2022	Centralised FBL SDP	I sat on the panel for the first centralised FBL SDP. Discussed new Academic Misconduct Rules and the development of a new matrix system.
8 April 2022	Student Engagement FBL SDP	I attended the last faculty ran SDP.
8 April 2022	Meeting with Hannah Wilkinson	Meeting about everything Student Engagement can provide for students. Informed the faculty about the new Academic misconduct process.
12 April 2022	Placement Discussion	Contributed an FBL (Law specific) perspective on how to better support students on placement.
12 April 2022	Health Sciences Fundraiser	Assisted Amber with her fundraiser stall for the Cancer Council Foundation.
12 April 2022	Faculty Courses Committee	I attended this month's Faculty Courses Committee, where the new Dean was introduced.

13 April 2022	PVC Interview Panel – Long List	Attended the long list PVC interview panel where we narrowed down the candidates that would make it to the essay stage.
13 April 2022	First-Year Committee	Attended half of the First years Committee. Discussed addition of First Years ideas for Stress Less Week.
14 April 2022	Clubs Discussion	Discussed the rebranding of the club Presidents meetings and how to better engage clubs.
14 April 2022	Centralised FBL SDP	Attended SDP and advised on 5 cases.

TLDR;

I might not have had the tradition start in a faculty representative role, but I enjoy it. Since I already knew the faculty, the transitions have been smooth, and I have introduced myself to all relevant staff and have already attended quite a few meetings in the two weeks I have been in the role. I am looking forward to further planning and hosting the FBL Quiz Night in collaboration with the Student Engagement Team. I have not dealt with too many issues in the faculty so far, but there is a theme of recycled content in multiple units.

# Key Performance Indicators

1. Be adequately prepared for all meetings.
  - 1.1. I am submitting agenda items in a timely matter and of high quality.
  - 1.2. Read and approve all necessary items.
2. Engagement with students.
  - 2.1. Aim for consistent engagement with students online and in-person.
    - 2.1.1. Aim to post weekly content on the FB page.
    - 2.1.2. Attend FBL/Club/Guild social events when possible.
3. Run a minimum of one event for FBL students each semester.
  - 3.1. Assist with other Guild events when possible.
4. Build a relationship between the Guild and Law School
  - 4.1. Represent the Guild at a Law school event.
  - 4.2. Aim to secure Guild representation in semester 2 orientation.
  - 4.3. Aim to meet with CSLS and Law School Staff and establish how the Guild can better support Law Students.
5. Endeavour to respond to all emails within 48 hours.
  - 5.1. Prioritise emails from students.
6. Represent and advocate for all FBL students to the best of my ability.

## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING – REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT #4

*For the Representation Board held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2022, A.D.*

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
SAE Guild Rep x Student Experience Coordinator	15/03/22	University	Discussed Faculty x Club event ideas for this semester and next semester. Sem 1: Social Event Sem 2: Beers and Networking  Advertising for clubs in the Pavilion, and other places.  Student Consultative Committee (SCC) applications.
International Students Reorientation	16/03/22	University	A smaller orientation for Travel Restricted Students now in Australia. Presented on who I am, and the Guild.
Field Trips in Tuition Free	17/03/22	University	It is unavoidable to hold field trips during the tuition free week. Would be good to get back a second one though. Alternative options are available, but less fulfilling for students.
Representation Board	17/03/22	Guild	—
SAE Faculty Board	22/03/22	University	Discussed a number of reports from Faculty Executives. Noted the reports from a number of other Faculty Committees. Very high level.
Science Presidents Club Meeting	23/03/22	University	Organised by Student Experience. Only 2 Presidents showed up. Discussed what they wanted to see from Uni/me support-wise, as well as potential collaborative events.
Shortlisting for Lecturer	24/03/22	University	Discussed the applicants and chose who we thought was most qualified.
Guild Council	24/03/22	Guild	—
Sci-Eng Check In – VP E	29/03/22	Guild	Discussed the role. No major issues so a quick meeting.
Feedback on Engineering First Year (EFY) Orientation	30/03/22	University	Gave feedback on the EFY event, discussed ways to make it better for next year.
SAE Guild Rep x Dean Learning and Teaching	31/03/22	University	Discussed strategies for engaging with students.

			B-ENG (Honours) is undergoing renewal, discussed best way to have student representation for this.  Student Report from me at Learning and Teaching Council and at Faculty Board.
Student Discipline Panel`	13/04/22	University	One student. New protocols, so learning the new system was half the time.
First Year Committee Meeting	13/04/22	Guild	Ideas from the First Years about events. Discussion around major issues they're currently facing.
Learning and Teaching Executive Council Meeting (LTEC)	13/04/22	University	Discussion around changes to, removal of, and addition of units.  Discussion around the work plan for the year.
Science Board	14/04/22	University	Discussion of strategic items. Main focus around the English Language Development program which is designed to improve communication skills of students.  Health and Safety, including SH/SA discussion.

## OTHER EVENTS

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### GRILL THE GUILD

We had the Science and Engineering Grill the Guild. It was a lot of fun, got a number of students to interact with the Guild and me as the rep. I'd like to think it went well, and there was a fun atmosphere around us. While waiting for sausages to cook I had few minutes to talk with the students, and there were a few students that knew who I was from other Guild-based events. I also had a number of friends drop by.

## FINAL NOTES

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This report was submitted 14/04/22 and the following meetings are scheduled to occur between submission and Reps Board meeting. If you have any questions about the following please ask me, otherwise I will include them in my report next month:

- SAE Equity, Diversion and Inclusion Committee
- Interview Panels for Stats Lecturer.

I took leave during this month and there were very few things that happened in my absence, mostly just routine emails, or follow-ups from other meetings.

## Faculty of Health Sciences Report

Amber Hilston (she/her)

Representation Board – April 2022

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### Acknowledgement of Country

*As a wadjela woman, I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land both past, present and emerging. I pay my respects to the Whadjuk Noongar people who continue to endure the effects of colonisation. I recognise that we live on stolen land and that sovereignty was never ceded. This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.*

### *Guild and University meetings, progress and planning*

<b>17/03</b>	Representation Board	
<b>22/03</b>	Students as Partners	In this meeting, we opened up invitations for each member to join initiatives or projects within the SaPCoP team. I mentioned that Rey and myself along with other faculty staff are developing a working party for accessible labs. I encouraged anyone to join if the cause resonated with them.
<b>30/03</b>	Club Space Brainstorming & Investigation	Myself and other members of the Guild team joined February on a visit to UWA to explore the club spaces. This was to get some ideas around what could be implemented on Curtin Bentley Campus for Curtin clubs.
	Fundraiser Preparation with February	February and myself began organising the GoFundMe for fundraising at the Wellbeing Fair. We also established that all donations will go toward the Western Australian Branch for Cancer Council (located in Subiaco).  We also confirmed a price for raffle tickets that will also serve as donations. Raffle tickets will be priced at \$2 each and drawn by the end of that week. Those who buy tickets will go into the draw to win 1 of 3 hampers/bundles.
<b>31/03</b>	Fundraiser Hamper Confirmation	February and myself confirmed hamper items for the raffle prizes. There will be three tiered hampers 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> .

<b>04/04</b>	Sci-Eng Grill the Guild	Volunteered to help with Grill the Guild with Rachel and a bunch of our team members. Had a great time chatting to students and getting familiar with the Science & Engineering precinct.
<b>05/04</b>	Student Concerns	There have been some serious issues ongoing in relation to Curtin Fieldwork. Students have reported feeling unsupported and disheartened by their learning experiences. Myself, Madison and other team members will be investigating what can be done to resolve Fieldwork issues.
<b>06/04</b>	Strategic Plan	Myself and other Guild team members went to view the current Strategic Plan for Curtin. We added some valuable contributions to the boards available.
	Fundraiser Finalising	February and myself put together 3 prize hampers for the fundraiser beginning on Monday. We also created the donation point through GoFundMe awaiting approval from student engagement and the socials team.
	Meeting with Dean of Learning and Teaching	Adrian was unable to make this meeting. However, Kelly Nowak was available to catch up on important matters I have been addressing. I raised the student concerns around fieldwork with Kelly, who agreed that these were important to address. This was noted and will be raised in further meetings this afternoon through Health Science student engagement.
<b>07/04</b>	Fundraiser Donation Point	I shared the fundraiser donation point for students to access and share ahead of next week. Hopefully, we will be able to reach our goal of \$1000. If not, we plan to run this donation point for further events.
<b>08/04</b>	Check in with Vice President of Education	Myself and Madison caught up to discuss what I had been working towards over the past few weeks. We also discussed general experiences and relevant student concerns to be discussed in future meetings. Madison is equally concerned about student Fieldwork concerns. We will be holding a meeting to address these matters next week.



<b>11/04</b>	Cancer Council Stall & Fundraiser	Day one of fundraising began today, we sold quite a few raffle tickets for our prizes. Students also shared the QR code link to the GoFundMe for free lollipops if they did not have money to donate. We got to connect with many students in the process.
<b>12/04</b>	Quarterly Review	Addressed areas of improvement and strengths I have identified while in my position of Health Science Representative.
	Fieldwork Discussion and Solution Strategy Planning	Discussed with the Guild team how we can address the fieldwork concerns students consistently raise. We are currently establishing a working party. We will be in the research phase initially to collect responses from students about their experiences.
<b>13/04</b>	Cancer Council Stall & Fundraiser	<p>Today was our final day selling raffle tickets towards the cause. This was an excellent effort that could not have been achieved without the support of fellow team members. I would like to personally thank everyone from the Guild team who donated!</p> <p><b>Special mentions:</b></p> <p><b>February</b> – Huge thank you to Feb who not only helped organise and set up each day, but supported my idea for the fundraiser from the very beginning.</p> <p><b>Jess &amp; Luke</b> – Jess was an excellent support, offering advice in planning and donation points. Luke was also super helpful, supporting me as I dashed in and out of the Guild office looking for things and settling the eftpos machines.</p> <p><b>Jasmyne</b> – A big thankyou to Jasmyne who gave up some time to help at the stall.</p> <p><b>Theo</b> – For offering support at the stall on our first day and getting students engaged.</p>
	First Year Student Committee	The first year student committee meeting was very insightful. I have observed and taken stock of what each student has raised this far. It appears biochem students require more support towards learning outcomes for Health Sciences.

**TLDR: This was a busy yet successful month. Fundraiser for cancer was organised and held. Thank you for everyone's support. I have been reviewing my performance. We are working towards outcomes for urgent student concerns. This includes fieldwork and OHT.**

## Student Assist – Representation Board report – March 2022

Case statistics for Student Assist is as follows:

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Academic sessions	137	264	221
Financial Counselling sessions	35	38	63
LifeHacks	106	130	149

Financial sessions in the month of March were mainly focused on tuition fee payment.

### Emergency Relief

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 9 students during the month of March in the form of Student Assist's vouchers and Foodbank.

### Official Complaint Outcome

#### Recap:

Student Assist submitted an Official complaint against Curtin Medical School to Curtin's Integrity Standards Unit (ISU). Due to student confidentiality we will not be able to provide a copy of the complaint.

Part of the complaint that would be of interest to the board – The school has set up a Professional Behaviour and Registration Panel that seeks to appropriate the powers of Statue 10 and/or the General Misconduct Rules, but denies procedural fairness. There is no record that this panel has been approved by the relevant Curtin authorities.

#### Outcome:

Curtin has found that the concerns have not been substantiated and consider this matter closed. Student Assist are exploring other options, including external avenues, to address this issue.

### TL;DR

Outcome of complaint against Curtin Medical School was that the concerns were not substantiated.



## ISC president Report Representation board April 2022

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### **Guild and University Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
14/3	Mental Health app	Peer support discussion
15/3	Student Leader Network	Curtin Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Mauritius meeting.
17/3	Representation Board Meeting	
21/3	Parking Campaign Meeting	
21/3	ISC, Guild President, VP education, Secretary.	Workload discussion
22/3	ISC team meeting	Introductions and induction
23/3	Student Assist Meeting	Monthly meeting
25/3	Academic Board meeting	
29/3	Student Leader Network	Curtin Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Mauritius meeting.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Movie night 21/04/2022

### **ISC members induction**

- ISC has provided an induction for new ISC members: Guild constitution, Guild emails, Curtin Extra, Trello management tool, Guild websites.

### **The successful return of international students to Western Australia**

- Prime Minister Letter sent in February 2022 requesting to open borders for international students
- Borders opened in March 2022
- Prime Minister has responded to our request by a letter to the Guild and ISC president.

### **Donut Give Away**

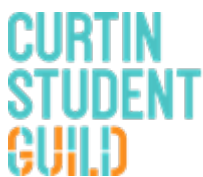
- Successful ISC stall, delivered more than 200 donuts to international students.



### Overall Comments

International Student Committee has recruited a strong team, and successful events at Curtin University evidence it. Unfortunately, my involvement in April has been challenging due to health issues. However, the Guild president has provided me support to continue improving my performance in May.

Kind regards,



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*Ngaala kaaditj Wadjuck Nyungar moort, kura wer yeye, keyen kaadak nidja boodja.*

*Postgraduate Student Committee acknowledges the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Custodians of this land on which Curtin University stands. We pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.*

## PSC President Report

**SUBMISSION DATE: 14/04/2022**

**FOR MEETING DATE: 21/04/2022**

**NAME:** Hameed Mohammad



**POSITION**

PSC President, Chair of PSC Board.

**GUILD MEETINGS**

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/03/22	a) Meeting with PSC VP-Research b) Meeting with Guild Digital Team	HDR coffee chats digital promotion and team conflict resolution.
16/03/22	a) HDR Coffee Chats b) Digital Team Filming	HDR & PhD students catch up – sharing issues and success Covid preventative measures filming for students.
17/03/22	a) Career & Development Workshop b) Meeting with elected PSC VP Coursework c) Meeting with Maryanne d) Representation Board	School of Business & Law students' workshop. Official welcome to PSC team and induction. PSC public health measures for students. Please see March Reps Board Report
21/03/22	Meeting with PhD students	Addressed concerns about supervisor issues and financial support from the university.
23/03/22	Meeting with PSC Health Sciences Rep	Upcoming Health Sciences board meeting discussion.

<b>24/03/22</b>	a) Covid Preventative Measures Filming  b) Meeting with newly elected PSC Councillor Ashok	PSC & School of Public Health Dean of International Jaya filmed a video – Covid19 preventative measures for our Curtin Student Community.  A warm welcome to PSC team, induction, discussion of PSC constitution and KPIs
<b>25/03/22</b>	a) PSC & CAPA Media Release Meeting  b) Meeting with Guild VP-Activities	PSC in association with CAPA & UWA will do a joint media release about NSSS results.  Immigration information workshop with ISC.
<b>24/03/22</b>	Meeting with CAPA President and UWA Postgrad President Max	Education Minister Meeting Pre-discussion
<b>30/03/22</b>	a) PSC March Board Meeting b) Immigration Workshop Meeting	Please see the attached meeting minutes. Meeting with Registered Immigration Agent.
<b>11/04/22</b>	Meeting with Curtin Secretariat	Induction program for Curtin Student Guild Representatives.
<b>12/04/22</b>	Meeting with PSC Team	PSC Postgrad Mentoring Project

## **UNIVERSITY MEETINGS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>14/03/22</b>	Meeting with Dean of International Health Sciences	Covid preventative measures project
<b>25/03/22</b>	a) Academic Board  b) Meeting with Business & Law Student Engagement Coordinator	Meeting with Academic Board members  Upcoming postgrad student events discussion.
<b>01/04/22</b>	Meeting with DVC Global & Guild President	Discussion of Curtin global projects



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Postgraduate Student Committee – Meeting 03

Held at 9am on Wednesday the 30th of March 2022

Location: Online

# MINUTES

## Meeting opened at 09.06 am

### 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

- 2.1. Members Present; Hameed Mohammed, Timothy Ian McDougal, William Lesmana Setiawan, Mitchell Craig, Debs Devahuti Chaliha, Siana Wardell, Mitra Elmi, Ashok Radhakrishnan.
- 2.2. Others Present; Andrew Cameron
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Carlos Tabora Vilamayor, Yawen Liang
- 2.4. Absent; Avin Sharma, Alphy Chacko, Jessica Frigger.

The meeting was presided by the PSC President, Hameed. The meeting was started with the introduction of the PSC Committee members.

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

No conflict of interest.

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### **RESOLVED PSC #03/22**

Motion: That the Postgraduate Student Committee approves the minutes of its meeting held on Monday the 17th January 2022 as a true and accurate record of those proceedings.

Moved: Hameed Mohammed

Seconded: William Lesmana Setiawan

*Carried*

### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### a. Action List

Nil action list created.



## 6. Verbal Reports

### 6.1. President

Has been working with Curtin Vice-Chancellor on the plan to distribute free food bags from the University for students in isolation. Received some feedback from the committee member about this program. Will also be meeting with the COO together with Sofia (ISC President).

Has been working with Deputy Vice-Chancellor (John), about making mental health services in the university more accessible. Has been working on this project with the Women's Officer and Queer Officer. Has also brought up the National Safety Survey and working on ways to make Curtin a safer place.

Currently, also working on the immigration workshop, which will be discussed later as part of the agenda.

Has made a video with the Public Health School to explain more information about COVID, such as what Omicron is, how to isolate and other things. Currently, there is already a FAQ page on the Curtin website about this, but the information is not complete. Will be distributed soon.

### 6.2. Vice President – Coursework

No formal verbal report because the person is still new to the role.

### 6.3. Vice President – Research

Hameed said that Jessica has just shifted from part-time to full-time work commitment, and therefore decided to leave the role, leaving the role vacant now.

### 6.4. Secretary

Has created a shared spreadsheet where committees can input their availability for meetings. Will be working on setting a fixed schedule for PSC Board Meetings based on the committee's availabilities. Will be working with Hameed to check on and monitor committee members' KPIs.

Hameed said if any of the committee members have any issues, as an example a problem with meeting motions, and schedule, reach out to the PSC Secretary.

### 6.5. Business & Law Representative

Hameed said that the role will be temporarily vacant, as Avin has just lost his loved one and decided to step back from the role temporarily.

Timothy offered to take on the role temporarily, but Hameed said that Timothy will be too busy, as he will also have many tasks associated with his current role as VP Coursework.

William asked how this role will work because of the vacancy. Hameed said because this kind of condition is not on the constitution, we can get someone from the committee or associated faculty to fill the position temporarily, as Avin will be back to fill the role soon.

### 6.6. Health Sciences Representative

One PhD student came to her, the student was quite confused because of the lack of communication between the professors, as different professors recommended her to specialise/focus on different parts of her project. And it's still ongoing. Have not had any meetings, the first one will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

Andrew said that Student Assist provides advice on individual cases, thus if a student needs any help, any of the committee members can refer the student to contact Andrew/Student Assist team. Andrew said that his role is more to help individual cases, while PSC Committee members' task is more on the strategic planning side for the students

Hameed said that the committee capacity is not mainly to help students on an individual basis, but the committee can refer students to the appropriate service needed, such as Student Assist. Hameed also

added that if the committee members are not sure where to refer the students, committee members can CC the questions to Hameed, which then will be sent to Andrew/Student Assist team.

#### 6.7. Humanities Representative

Attended the Faculty of Humanities Orientation event and met some students asking about the Guild and its role. During the event, one disabled student came to her, asking about the best way to travel within the campus, because she must travel from one side of the university to another. She was not sure how to answer this, she recommended to ask to Curtin Connect, as currently, there are not that many ways to transport within the campus.

Hameed said we should get in touch Accessibility Officer (Rey Nairn) because she is mainly helping students with disability. We can also see and discuss this with the DVC. Hameed suggested Siana put this on an email and send it to Hameed, and then he can bring up this issue to Theo and Rey.

Mitch said that students can call the Safer Communities team, and they can give students a lift. Hameed mentioned that there are only a few securities available to do this. As an example, if there are some students asking for the service, how can the team handle the requests. Andrew said in terms of this problem, refer to the Safer Communities team, as they do have a service to escort students on campus and pretty sure that they have many staffs in the team to do this service.

Siana said currently not many people are aware of this, and this information should be shared on social media channels and groups to increase awareness.

Mitch added that they also have an app, where students can talk to them about this, and the security can see their GPS locations to pick them up

**ACTION: Hameed to send an email to the Digital team to ensure that the service provided by the Safer Communities team and the app that they have are communicated in social media channels and CC Mitch and Siana about this.**

#### 6.8. Science & Engineering Representative

Have been invited and joined the Science and Engineering Faculty Board, got access to the papers and minutes. Attended the sundowner and the first HDR Coffee Chats.

#### 6.9. Councillors

Mitra said that in terms of her KPI, she wants to work on projects with multicultural communities and has been helping Hameed with some tasks. Debs asked if she already contacted Sofia about this, but Mitra said she had not. Hameed will help to connect Mitra with Sofia.

**ACTION: Hameed to send the current President KPIs to new committee members and ask new committee members to create KPIs.**

#### **RESOLVED PSC #04/22**

Motion: That the Postgraduate Student Committee approves the reports.

Moved: Timothy Ian McDougal

Seconded: Debs Devahuti Chaliha

*Carried*

#### 7. Business on Notice

##### 7.1. Appointment of PSC Deputy Chair

Hameed explained the role of the position and that only Debs has mentioned to him that she is interested to take the role.

#### **RESOLVED PSC #05/22**

Motion: The Postgraduate Student Committee appoints Debs Devahuti Chaliha as the PSC Deputy Chair and recommends ratification by the Guild Council.

Moved: Hameed Mohammed  
Seconded: Timothy Ian McDougal  
*Carried*

#### 7.2. Appointment of PSC VP Research

Hameed explained the role of the position and that only Debs has mentioned to him that she is interested to take the role.

#### **RESOLVED PSC #06/22**

Motion: The Postgraduate Student Committee appoints Debs Devahuti Chaliha as the PSC VP Research and recommends ratification by the Guild Council.

Moved: Hameed Mohammed  
Seconded: Mitchell Craig  
*Carried*

Debs said that she will continue to organise monthly networking/catchup events that Jessica usually organised. Debs will talk to Mitch about the last monthly catchup. Mentioned that she might need help with graphic designs. Hameed said that last time with Jessica, usually she sends the information to Hameed, which then will be forwarded to the Digital team, and they will help to create the graphics. Hameed also said that for the monthly catchup, we will need to book the Clubs HQ, suggested Debs be in contact with February about this. From there, February will help to book the room and get in touch.

**ACTION: Hameed to ask Jessica to give handover about HDR catchup to Debs.**

#### 7.3. Postgraduate mentoring program

Hameed said that he has been in talks with the DVC to develop a postgraduate mentoring program.

Andrew asked to clarify that the DVC is already open to the idea of a mentoring program, but PSC needs to provide a business case. Andrew recommended that the PSC could describe the outcomes that University can achieve through this program, such as the increase in graduate success rate.

**ACTION: All committee members to help provide business case for the mentoring program via a Google Doc created shared by William in the group chat.**

#### 7.4. Immigration pathway workshop

Hameed said he has been in contact with an immigration agent about the workshop, and they will discuss information about pathway visas that will be helpful for students. Hameed mentioned usually students will have to pay 100-150\$ for a consultation with them, but for the workshop, the consultation will be free. There will be refreshments for students, and registrations will be required.

#### 7.5. HDR coffee chats

Already discussed this point during the new appointment of the new VP Research. PSC representatives and committees are welcome to come. But not compulsory.

#### 7.6. Covid Support Scholarship

Hameed is working with the COO (Fiona) and DVC Academic (John). Last time, they had a meeting with Student Assist Manager (Joan). For international students that came from their home countries, they received a \$2,000 grant for their quarantine process and received a \$5,000 scholarship from the University. However, onshore international students and domestic students that have to isolate, possibly also experience a loss of income. So, we are thinking to bring the COVID Scholarship to support them as well. Also has requested the DVC to give vouchers for students that are impacted by COVID (positive), and she is working on this. Andrew and Student Assist also assist students that received a positive COVID test, so if any of the committees receive an email from students about this, can refer it to Student Assist.

#### 7.8. Meeting with the Minister of Education

Hameed will be meeting with the Minister of Education, together with the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA), and other postgraduate associations' presidents. Hameed has distributed a document to students asking for recommendations for topic that should be discussed with the Minister.

### 7.9. Vending machine on-campus issue

Timothy brought up the point that the Guild vending machine is broken, and it affects his and other students that are studying late at night the ability to purchase snacks and beverages within the university. Asking if it is possible for the Guild to repair the machine, if not, what are the plans.

Andrew recommended to get in contact with the Guild Managing Director about this. Timothy said that he will take photographs and ensure that the issue has not been fixed yet.

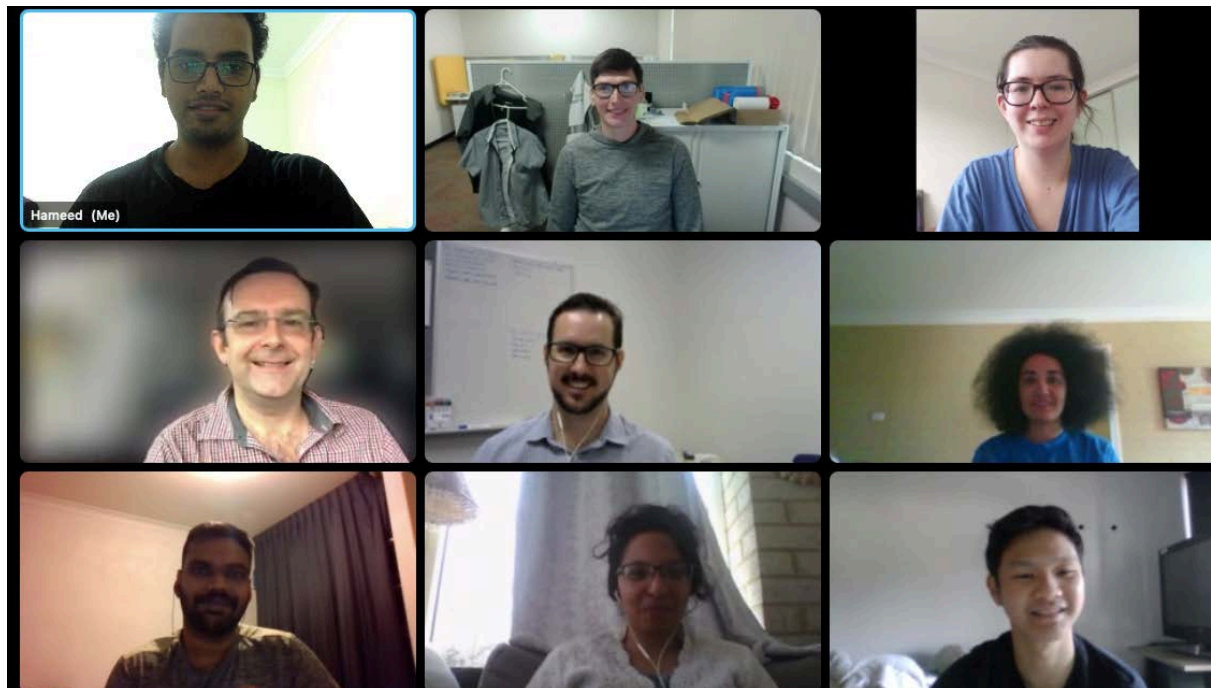
**ACTION: Timothy to send Hameed an email regarding this issue.**

### 8. General Business

### 9. Next Meeting

The schedule for the next meeting will be arranged soon and the committees will be informed.

**Meeting closed at 10.26am.**





**Student Guild of Curtin University**

**Wednesday the 30th of March 2022**

**Declaration of Approval of Meeting Minutes**

I declare that the minutes of the Postgraduate Student Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, have been approved and are true and accurate.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hameed Mohammad".

Hameed  
Mohammad  
PSC Chairperson

## Business & Law Postgraduate Students Workshop





# QUEER OFFICER'S Report

## REPRESENTATION BOARD 2022 – 21/04/22

Submitted 15/04/22

### MEETINGS

15/3	Meeting with Jess and February regarding Upcycle Markets ( <i>more below</i> )
16/3	Catch-Up with VP-E
25/3	Curriculum Queering Community of Practise Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is group which meet to discuss making university curriculum more queer/inclusive of queer identities</li><li>• Received an interesting presentation from a Murdoch staff member about how they 'queered' the curriculum and made the university more inclusive through what they teach</li></ul>
25/3	Call with Sheldon regarding NSSS results
28/3	Queer Collective ( <i>more below</i> )
8/4	EO Catch-Up
8/4	Online catch-up with NUS QO <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filled them in on what I've been doing at Curtin</li><li>• They made me aware of past campaigns relevant to my work, and how they could help me</li></ul>
13/4	WAN2P meeting ( <i>more below</i> )
21/4	Meeting with VC regarding NSSS – with Theo, Rey and Salwa <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed safety on campus, especially for trans people</li><li>• Also discussed approaches the university could take to address concerns from the results of the NSSS i.e. students not knowing where to report</li><li>• Came away with some good actions for the VC (<i>I will follow these up in future</i>)</li></ul>

### PROJECTS

*(what I've been up to)*

#### **We All Need To Pee Campaign**

Due to my study commitments and working on setting up the collective and some other community aspects with the Queer Department, I haven't been able to dedicate as much time to this as I have wished.

I had a meeting on the 13/4 to catch-up with the others on the small steering group we've formed, with significant updates discussed regarding the campaign.

Kate Jennings from Corporate Relations was working on a draft brief regarding how to improve trans safety on campus overall, expanding the campaign outside of the bathrooms, as it were.

Valerie Raubenheimer, also from Corporate Relations, has talked to the VC about the campaign etc, and all of the Senior Executive will be taking ally training imminently.

Sheldon Smith, the head of ally training, has been giving campaign posters those who complete ally training, to put up in an area near where they work and manage them themselves. Outside of the WAN2P campaign, he has also been working on getting ally training into different schools/majors

where it is sorely needed, such as HR, Education and Public Relations degrees. He's actively working on expanding it into other schools as well.

David Luketina, managing director of the Guild, has ordered different sticker samples so we can test whether a different type of sticker would be less damaging to bathroom doors etc.

After the meeting, I received a draft of the brief Kate was developing, to give my input and edit it if needed. I'm not able to share it yet, but it looks promising, and I will forward it to the Representation Board when the completed version is made available to me.

## **Deadnaming in Curtin systems**

This is a project I've been meaning to take up, and since we are now halfway through the semester, I'll be starting to plan for it.

I'll start by reaching out to various QOs, opening a survey for the community to take, and reaching out to Curtin Connect to see if I can get a look at some of their processes from that angle.

I've also received communications for a QO from over east who has been facing the same issues and wanted to know if we did here as well. I'll be reaching out to them further to talk about the problem.

## **EVENTS**

### **Badges and Board Games**

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

I organised a 2-hour event in Clubs HQ, in which the community could play board games together and get pronoun badges if they didn't get an opportunity to on O-Day.

I also used QD budget to buy snacks and drinks for attendees to enjoy.

We had a great turnout (15 or so), and those who came all seemed to have a good time.

### **Trans Day of Visibility Sundowner**

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March*

There was a sundowner held at the Tav from 5pm to 7pm to celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility. Free food and soft drink was provided.

There was an awesome turnout, and I counted 24 people in attendance at one time.

Almost all the food was eaten, and a fun time was generally had by all.

### **TDOV Protest**

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

I was invited to speak at a protest for TDOV, organised by in WA by the Australian Queer Student Network (AQSN). This happened in conjunction with similar protests in other states.

The key demands were:

- 'Kill the bigoted bills'
- 'Right to transition and recognition now'
- 'Defund the police and end police brutality'
- 'Sex work decriminalisation and anti-discrimination'

I gave a speech on behalf of the Queer Department, and spoke about the results of the NSSS, the difficulties of being a trans university student, and the difficulties we've had at Curtin with our WAN2P campaign.



## **Games Nights**

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April*

On the Discord server, I've been running regular games nights every second Wednesday night from 7pm. We play games such as Jackbox, Gartic Phone and skribbl.io. At each of these events so far, at least 5 people have attended, and at the conclusion of it, all who attended have said they enjoyed it.

## **Upcycle Markets (*planning*)**

A queer student reached out to the events team to suggest running a clothes swap in which all proceeds go to TransFolkWA.

Subsequently, I've worked with Jess and February to incorporate this in the existing upcycle markets.

For Upcycle this year, all of the proceeds of the event will go to TransFolk WA. Furthermore, on the Monday before the market opens to general students, there will be an exclusive access day for queer students, to exchange clothes, akin to a clothes swap.

I'm very excited for this event, and am looking forward to do it. It's in early May.

## **Collective member-run events (*planning*)**

I've given the opportunity for collective members to run and plan their own events for the community, by organising with February to book Clubs HQ for a day for two hours. Collective members will be able to submit event ideas for me, that require minimal organisation and budget, similar to the scale of the badges and board games event that was run in March. I'll pick one if there is multiple, and give guidance if needed, but will overall leave it to them to organise.

Our first such event is on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, and will be run by Elli from the Collective. It will be an arts and craft, and board games event.

## **OTHER**

### **NSSS results**

#### **CW: Sexual harassment**

The results of the National Student Safety Survey was released on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

The survey period was in October last year, with time taken to analyse and distribute the results.

There were some troubling results at Curtin regarding the safety of trans student, with 1 in 5 (20.6%) having been sexually harassed at university in the last 12 months.

I've looked at the results from other WA universities to compare. Curtin is the middle, with 2 universities having better statistics in this area and the other 2 having worse.

I used these results in meetings with the VC and WAN2P campaign to give more evidence for the important of the campaign/trans safety on campus, and talked about the statistics in my TDOV speech.

#### **CW: Sexual harassment**

### **Queer Collective**

A full Collective was elected after the results of the election!

The successful members are:

Elisha Rose Gray	Syn Stirling	Taraneh Comer	Elli Rose Hayward
Imari Morris	Nova Jade Sobieralski	Olivia Kay Williams	Taylor Reudavey
Bayan Bean Alfosail	Agnes Botman		

I was able to get in touch with 9 of the 10, and have set up a channel in the Discord server to communicate only with them

We had our first meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, with 8 of the members in attendance, plus myself. We appointed the QC Secretary, who is Taylor Reudavey. They have been in contact with Dylan to receive secretary training. I also discussed with all of the members what they wanted to achieve within the collective.

Furthermore, the minutes of the first QC meeting will be approved at our next, and submitted to the next Reps Board for noting etc.

### **Minecraft Server**

Driven by Elli from the Queer Collective, a Minecraft server for the QD has been re-established, after the previous one stopped being used/paid for a while.

The moderators/admins are me, Elli and Athena, a member of the QD who is proficient in coding.

It was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> April, for QD students to join.

Approximately 20 people have joined the server, and so far, people have been active on it every day since it was launched.

### **TL; DR**

It's been a busy month within the Department, and the community has been very engaged with the formation of the Queer Collective, and many in-person and online events. There have been significant updates on the WAN2P campaign, and I have been talking with others within the university to make campus safer and other general issues for queer students

*Cassidy Pemberton (she/they)*

*Queer Officer 2022*



## Women's Officer Report - Representation Board

21/04/2022

Type	Date	Name	Comments
<b>University Meetings</b>	14/04/2022	NSSS with VC	
<b>Guild Meetings</b>	16/03/2022	IWD Debrief	
	17/03/2022	Informal Meeting VPE	
	26/03/2022	Collective Meeting	
	30/03/2022	Informal Meeting VPE	
	08/04/2022	Informal Equity Reps	
<b>Organisation Meetings</b>	11/03/2022	Compassion Workshop	
	21/03/2022	NUS NSSS	
	23/03/2022	Universities Australia NSSS	
	08/04/2022	Golden Z Club	
<b>Student Meetings</b>	24/03/2022	Informal Meeting with Jo-Ann	

### Projects

Project Name	Updates	Comments
Discord Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 42 Members</li> <li>• Low engagement</li> </ul>	+7
Facebook Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1273 Follows</li> <li>• Low engagement</li> </ul>	+7
Instagram Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 618 Followers</li> <li>• High engagement</li> </ul>	+59 followers
Equity Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of use.</li> </ul>	Generally Full
Respectful Relationships		Organising meeting with QD & AD and Kai
Language Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting on update</li> </ul>	
SAAM (NSSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Uni Execs to respond to the results</li> <li>• Organising information to be realised</li> <li>• Republishing information</li> </ul>	- Meeting with collective and figuring out the best way to release information while being aware it is a sensitive topic.

### Events

Event	Date/Time	Location	Activity	Attendance	Comments
Community Event	10/05/2022 12PM-2PM	Sculpture Garden	Week 11, causal meet up.	n/a	It needs to be planned
Sophoromist Public Speaking	11/4/2022	Medical building	Competition	n/a	Still no finalisation from them on this event

Notes

- Collective Progress
  - 10 Elected. We have had one meeting so far and mostly have discussing things via social media.
  - Collective Meeting 1, minutes attached.

**TL; DR**

Some routine meetings were attended. Social media presence has increased. Women's equity space is popular. Been working on the NSSS and SAAM. Collective seems excited. Overall, everything is going well.

***Salwa Kilzi***

***Women's Officer 2022***

Submitted 14/04/2022



**Student Guild of Curtin University  
WOMEN'S EQUITY COLLECTIVE  
Meeting #1**

**To be held at 3.00pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2022  
Women's Discord Server**

## **MINTUES**

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:

- i. Members Present; Veronika Gobba, Oliva Kay Williams, Syn Stirling, Imari Moris, Tara Comer, Saba Mehdi, Bayan Bean Alfossail, Salwa Kilzi
- ii. Others Present;
- iii. Apologies and Leave of Absence: Piper Williams
- iv. Absent: Aleena Shaji

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were mentioned.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- i. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: No previous meeting

Moved: Imari

Seconded: Sarah

5. Reports

- i. Women's Verbal Report
  - Salwa speaks on what they have done
  - What the women's department is, and what the women's collective can do.

Motion: That the Women's Collective notes the report.

Moved: Salwa

Seconded: Imari

6. Significant Items for Discussion

- i. Roles in the collective (Secretary, etc.)

- ii. NSSS (National Student Safety Survey)
    - Raising awareness that it exists
    - Pop up booth outside concept, with a give away to bring awareness, address how it is under reported,
    - Raising awareness on how to report,
    - A step-by-step process,
    - Annual surveys, maybe a
    - Fun raisers,
    - Possible sponsorship
  - iii. SAAM (Sexual Assault Awareness month)
    - Event or fundraiser online, raise money to support money,
    - Having, online and physically around campus, making awareness of our existence,
    - Having posters putting it outside guild, low key things.
    - Campaign, raise awareness, education, Asking Kai to do a consent talk. Tea campaign.
- 7. Collaborative Brainstorming
  - i. Social Media
    - Baya
  - ii. Equity Space
    - Liv, Imari, Tara
  - iii. Events
    - Syn, Saba, Veronkia, Sarah
  - iv. Positions
    - Sarah Elected for sectary
- 8. General Business
  - Pins for women's department.
- 9. Next Meeting
  - To be scheduled later, approx. 2 weeks away Approx  
The next meeting of the Women's Equity Collective... Submit documents and motions to be included in the next meeting's agenda no later than three days before the meeting to [women@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:women@guild.curtin.edu.au).

Meeting Closes at 3.33pm.

# Accessibility Department

Representation Board Report – 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 – 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022



## University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
14/03	DAIP Consult – Student Voice	Made various suggestions on making the DAIP actually useful – See greater details below
18/03	DAIP review participation	Key DAIP achievements and distribution strategy for survey. Further info below.
31/03	Respect. Now. Always. Steering Committee	Discussed NSSS results, developing work plan for 2022, details below
06/04	LITEC x Guild meeting	Discussed potential projects, set up bi-monthly meetings
14/04	NSSS Discussion w Harlene	

## Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
11/03	Activities Committee	
14/03	VP-E catchup	
22/03	Guild x Good Sammy Meeting	Discussed new Good Sammy initiative around disability access consultations
23/03	"Quiet 30" O-day review	I couldn't make it but synopsis is below anyway
28/03	VP-E catchup	
11/04	VP-E catchup	
12/04	Activities Committee	Couldn't make it (ironically) due to my event
13/04	Linkmate X Guild	Recommended LinkMate contact the Uni directly

## Other Items/Additional Information

### DAIP Consult – Student Voice/DAIP Review Participation

Met with the Universal Design Working Group and some others to discuss the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) survey going live for input. I raised that this DAIP should be action-focussed. Prior DAIP goals have been primarily procedural (eg; 'review processes for disclosure of disability', 'audit systems', etc.) but do not actually materially improve accessibility for disabled people interacting with Curtin. I also called out the fact that the DAIP 2017-2021 Key Achievements Report claimed to have implemented initiatives that have not actually been implemented (eg; automatic CAP distribution, auto-captioning of iLectures, etc.).

There was an embarrassing number of presentation errors and mistakes in the actual digital survey, including the fact that the survey asking about Accessibility at Curtin wasn't screen-reader accessible. Anyway, the results should be available in May for public comment.

### Good Sammy

The Guild was approached by Good Sammy (yes, the Op Shop company) who wanted to discuss their expansion into accessibility evaluation services. I was very enthusiastic as I can always use more people/organisations making complaints about disability access. Unfortunately, they would only be assessing Guild properties/processes – still could be useful though. There was also discussion about a pop-up shop on campus but the Guild is a bit pressed for space.

### Respect Now Always Steering Committee

Equity Officers were invited at the absolute last minute but not a lot happened. It really distilled down to reciting the National Student Safety Survey statistics from Curtin and a few other Universities around the country, noting that Curtin is fairly in-line with the national average regarding sexual assault and harassment. It was noted that the statistics don't really matter at all, because even a single incident is too many and the national average is frankly embarrassing.

I found it oddly concerning that the committee thought it was a relief that there weren't any media statements requested from the university about the NSSS results. Idk what to do with that info but it's something to look out for next time (see how easily the uni sweeps results like this under the rug).

### "Quiet 30" O-Day Review

As I mentioned in my last report, O-Day was loud. Really loud. We received a student complaint on the day regarding amplified music and loud noise during the "Quiet 30" and this meeting was put together to discuss changes so we could respond to the student properly. I wasn't able to attend but a brief synopsis of the changes is below:

- The lower sensory session will now be towards the end of the day from 1:30-2:30pm as the crowd naturally dies down a bit. This also allows those with sensory needs to explore for the full hour rather than rushing through in 30 minutes.
- The session name is likely going to be changed to "Reduced Noise Period" – it's not nearly as catchy, but it is clearer about what to expect.
- A traffic-light system for Guild events reflecting the sensory nature (Green = low sensory, red = high sensory). This will further clarify expectations
- Proper stall list and event map so attendees can plan their day properly and find everything easier.
- General quality-of-life improvements like more staff, better stall spacing, and more shade.

### Accessibility Collective

I'm working on it.

### Guild x LITEC meeting

A couple of individuals from the Learning Innovation and Teaching Excellence Centre (LITEC) met with Madison and myself about potential projects to collaborate on. We proposed an Accessibility-centred online module similar to (but better than) Respectful Relationships to



reduce the microaggressions that happen frequently on campus. LITEC is planning a series of Accessibility Seminars throughout May targeting staff. Topics include; Understanding CAPs, Into to Accessibility, Blackboard Ally and Inclusive design, Blackboard 'Fix your Content' day, and the History of Disability Access at Curtin.

It was proposed that the theme for this years 'Festival of Learning' be Accessibility/Universal Design and that some students give presentations around the topic. I'll be involved in further discussions about this as time goes on.

### LinkMate 2

February, Maryanne, and I met with David Titeu from LinkMate, a peer oriented mental health support app relevant to students. We discussed promoting it to students via an online seminar/workshop. This app would serve as an additional interim measure while students are waiting to access professional counselling services. Feb will be putting David in contact with someone from the Uni as they have more resources and reach than the Guild.

### Events

**Autism Acceptance Day event** – Held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Had about 10 attendees and got some good feedback. I'm really happy with how chill the event was.

**Pop-up Department** – Upcoming May 20th 11-1pm

**TL;DR** – DAIP consult survey went live in late March and closed on April 8<sup>th</sup>, results will be made available for public comment in the coming weeks. I've been involved in a few meetings with external organisations. Both the RNA committee and LITEC are enthusiastic about supporting accessibility goals. Autism Acceptance Month event went well, next event is in May.

### **Glossary:**

- **CAP:** Curtin Access Plan. A personalised document entitling students to reasonable adjustments to their studies enabling equitable access to education for those with specific access requirements.
- **DAIP:** Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. The University plan regarding disability, equity, and accessibility improvements to the Uni. This is sent to the Department of Communities as a legal requirement as an educational institution that receives public funding. It is renewed every 3 years, but the 2020 review was delayed due to COVID.
- **LITEC:** Learning Innovation and Teaching Excellence Centre. The University body that oversees teaching and provides ongoing education for teaching staff. Is also involved in digital modules for students (eg; respectful relationships, Curtin challenge)
- **NSSS:** National Student Safety Survey. An annual survey conducted by the Social Research Centre in collaboration with Universities Australia. Aims to discover SASH rates at universities across the country.
- **RNA:** Respect Now Always steering committee. The University committee tasked with reducing the incidence of sexual assault and sexual harassment at Curtin (including via digital means).
- **SASH:** Sexual assault and sexual harassment.
- **UDWG:** Universal Design Working Group. The University committee tasked with improving disability access

across Curtin.

- **VP-E:** Vice President – Education (Madison)