



# Guild President 2023 April Report

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## President's Guild Council Report

**Covering Dates:** 10/03/2023 – 23/04/2023

**Submitted to:** April Guild Council

**Leave:** Easter Public Holidays

### 1. University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
10/03/2023	Meeting PVC Humanities	Regarding new committee "Respect at Curtin" membership
10/03/2023	Curtin Ally Training	
14/03/2023	DVCA	Guild liaison role
14/03/2023	Global Positioning Committee	
15/03/2023	Council Drinks	
17/03/2023	DVCA x Guild	Meet and Greet
20/03/2023	VC Meeting	Pushed the two tuition-free week issue further, and she assured me an update is incoming. Discussed parking, the NTEU and student issues.
30/03/2023	Student Experience Program Steering Committee	Promoted the role of student societies (registered ones) and the Student Voice!
31/03/2023	Library Spaces	Advocated for more club spaces and Makerspace for Guild use. Library is on board.
31/03/2023	Academic Board	
05/04/2023	Deadnaming at Curtin University	Refer to QO
17/04/2023	President x DVCG	
18/04/2023	National Recon Week Organising Group	
20/04/2023	Vice Chancellor	With MD RE: Clubs incident

## 2. Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
13/03/2023	President x MD	
15/03/2023	Parking Meeting	
15/03/2023	Finance and Risk Committee	
16/03/2023	Representation Board	
22/03/2023	Higher Education	
23/03/2023	Guild Council	
24/03/2023	Executive Committee	
27/03/2023	President x MD	
27/03/2023	Legal Committee	Refer to Minutes
27/03/2023	Campaign Meeting	
28/03/2023	Operations Committee	
31/03/2023	Legal Committee	Refer to Minutes
03/04/2023	President x MD	
03/04/2023	President x Student Engagement	
03/04/2023	Legal Committee	
04/04/2023	End of Semester Events Planning	As acting VP-A
04/04/2023	Events x VP-A	As acting VP-A
04/04/2023	Accord Submission Planning Session	
05/04/2023	Guild Council (Special Meeting)	Appointment of the VP-A made. Proposed resolution under Statute 4 made.
12/04/2023	Executive Committee	
12/04/2023	Risk Review	
17/04/2023	President x MD	
17/04/2023	President x Student Engagement	

20/04/2023	Higher Education	
20/04/2023	Representation Board	

### 3. Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/03/2023	NTEU Members Meeting	Attending to lend Guild support / answers to staff
15/03/2023	Parliament Visit	Check Hansard
20/03/2023	Grill the Guild	
23/03/2023	Staff Strike Rally and BBQ Fundraiser	Hell yeah
30/03/2023	Meeting with NUS National President	RE: Accords, campus issues, Voice to Parliament, political ambitions
04/04/2023	Meeting Member for Victoria Park	RE: Universities review
05/04/2023	NTEU Checkpoints	
14/04/2023	US Consulate Meeting	Promoting the alliance and joint agreement + defence industry (you know :O)
18/04/2023	Minister for International Education	

## 4. Items of Significance

### 4.1. WA Government Universities Review

The State Government proposed review into a merger of Universities in WA. A review has commenced that has the hallmarks of a forgone conclusion. We have worked with the other Guilds to prepare a stance and response.

The primary response thus far has been that the State Government cannot progress with a review that could affect the governance and operations of the Student Guilds (as a separate entity) without any members having relevant expertise.

Our submission to the Terms of Reference has been accepted with some amendments to the process, including consulting student groups. I have met with Hannah Beazley to get some support.

The Meeting with the Minister for International Education suggests that amalgamation is the intended review purpose.

### 4.2 Student Housing Crisis

The State Government has responded to our correspondence regarding the student housing crisis with the following commitments:

- Agreement to bring back the \$1500 student subsidy for International students to assist with the cost of housing.
- Review of the residential tenancy act / reform to not let UniLodge get away with exploiting students.

This is a significant win for the Guild but we must continue to put pressure on the University and Government to make structural change to the system.

#### 4.7 NTEU Industrial Action

We have supported the NTEU when requested by providing a BBQ fundraiser for their first industrial action aiming to encourage more soft supporters to get involved and then we participated in the checkpoints.

#### 4.8 Student Discipline Panels

Nominations reopened with the new online system that I developed. We have received over 60 valid nominations which massively expands the pool of students.

#### 4.9 Voice to Parliament

The Voice to Parliament material is being received and ordered. We have developed a stage one enrolment campaign approach.

#### 4.10 Parking Campaign

We have revived the Parking Campaign for Semester One. This included signs outside of campus which were removed. From there, we decided to attach them to a trailer that would traverse campus all day for two days.

The campaign has resulted in increased media and University attention.

An email has been sent to all students encouraging signatures, a final petition will be delivered at the end of this month.

#### 4.11 Regulation Changes

Communications have been sent to the Secretariat for consideration by the University Council of the changes to Guild Regulations.

The notice to members was posted with no valid Request Notice lodged as of the time of this report.

### **5 Travel**

Nil

## Vice President – Education

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**Veronika Gobba – She/Her**

### Meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
17/3/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Guild x DVCA meeting	
20/3/23	HUM Grill the Guild	The students have spoken. Mustard is a must.
	VPE x HUM rep Check-in	
	PSC Meeting	
22/3/23	Guild Health & Safety Committee	
23/3/23	Staff Strike Rally & International Student BBQ Fundraiser	
	Guild Council	
24/3/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Exec meeting	
27/3/23	VPE x FBL Rep Check-in	
	Guild Legal Committee	
	Curtin Fieldwork Group Meeting	
	NTEU Student Organising	
28/3/23	Guild Operations Committee	
	SaP Community of Practice	
	Accessibility Collective Meeting	Congratulations to Rey who chaired this meeting very confidently and effectively.
29/3/23	Check-in with Rey & Student Assist	
30/3/23	Lifhack video ideas + Filming with CORB	
	VPE x Health Sci Rep Check-in	

31/3/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	Guild Legal Committee	
	Academic Board	Highlight was a discussion on Curtin's submission to university Accords, VC alluded to the idea that Curtin would criticise JRG. Hoping to see a follow-through in their submission.
3/4/23	VPE x PSC Pres Check-in	
	Guild Legal Committee	
4/3/23	FBL Grill the Guild	Sausage sizzle giveaways are running out much faster than last year, likely as a result of more students on campus. However, when told there may be a half-hour wait for food, many students unprecedentedly are happy to wait. This, sadly, I believe can be perceived as a symptom of the exacerbated cost of living crisis.
	Accords prep with President & Student Engagement	
5/4/23	NTEU Strike support	
	Guild x Curtin Health Sci staff meeting	
6/4/23	HDR Student Experience Meeting	
	VPE x Health Sci rep Check-in	
12/4/23	Exec Meeting	
	SaP Check-in	
	Women's Collective Meeting	A very productive meeting ran by Aleena. Collective members present were actively engaging.
	Guild Risk Review	
	VPE x AO Check-in	
14/4/23	FNO x VPE Check-in	
17/4/23	VPE X PSC Check-in	
	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	

18/4/23	Queer Collective Meeting	
	First Years Reps Team Meeting	
	Operations Committee	
19/4/23	DVCA SaP Consultative Group	
20/4/23	Health Sciences Grill the Guild	
	VPE X Health Sci Rep Check-in	
	Higher Ed	
	Representation Board	
21/4/23	VPE x QO Check-in	

## Projects

- **Student Partnership Review**

The review of the partnership agreement is underway, I have consulted with Guild reps and some key members of the SAP COP as well as starting to research SPAs in other universities. Consultation with some key members of the university and reps is still ongoing and consultation with past Guild reps and the NUS is still required.

- **Second Accords Submission**

The Guild has made a second submission to the Australian University Accords, answering the relevant discussion questions which were created after the submissions to the terms of reference.

- **First Year Reps**

There were 13 nominations to be a First Year rep, of which 6 were eligible. There is a good balance of reps from the faculties of Science & Engineering, Humanities and FBL, however, there is no representation for Health Sciences nor students studying in the Centre for Aboriginal Studies. Another call for nominations may have to be made. The faculty reps will be invited as required and I will be inviting the First Nations Officer as she is in her first year of university and studying in CAS. The first meeting was productive, with the reps showing much engagement and interest in areas that the Guild is focusing on this year.



- **Assignment Resubmission Policy**

The President and I have been in contact with the Academic registrar about student concerns over assignment resubmissions. We have advocated for a blanket rule that allows students to resubmit work without penalty if it is still within the deadline, and if work is re-submitted outside the deadline- the relevant late submission penalty should be applied. The academic registrar is in favour of policing this on a case-by-case basis. Negotiations are ongoing.

# Student Guild of Curtin University

## Secretary Report

March 23 2023 – April 27 2023

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### Meeting Log

Date/s	Meeting	Comments
27/03/23	Legal Committee	
	ISC Secretary Training	
28/03/23	Operations Committee	
30/03/23	Higher Education	
31/03/23	Legal Committee	
03/04/23	Legal Committee	
04/04/23	SDP Appeal Hearing	
05/04/23	Special Guild Council Meeting	
12/04/23	Executive Committee	
	Membership Advisory Committee	
	Risk Review	
14/04/23	Secretary x VPA Catch up	
18/04/23	Operations Committee	
19/04/23	MFiles Discussion	
	Membership Advisory Committee	
20/04/23	Guild Thrift Markey Filming	
	Higher Education	
	Representation Board	

### Regulation Changes

Legal committee made final recommendations at the Special Guild Council meeting on amendments to the Student Guild Regulations. They passed and members were notified of the amendments. The Request Notice period ended with no Request Notice lodged.

The Regulation Amendments have been sent to the Secretariat for the University Council to consider.

### Legal Objection

I assisted with writing and submitting a legal objection for the University wanting to open a bottle shop in the Exchange. This is extremely concerning to the wellbeing of students, considering the how close student accommodation is to that area.

### Membership Advisory Committee

An advisory committee top the President has been formed to develop recommendations to better improve value delivered to the Guild Members, in response to the activation of financial Guild membership moving online.