

President's Guild Council Report

Prepared by: Hana Arai

Covering Dates: 27/8/2020 – 29/9/2020

Submitted to: September Guild Council

Leave: I was on leave from the 27th of August to the 11th of September. Christopher Hall, Vice President – Education, held the position of acting president in my absence.

1. University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/9/2020	Sustainability at Curtin	
17/9/2020	Retention Taskforce	
17/9/2020	University Academic Board Executive	
23/9/2020	Monthly Meeting with the VC	
24/9/2020	University Academic Board	

2. Guild Meetings

Date/s	Meeting	Comments
16/9/2020; 23/9/2020	Higher Ed Media Monitoring Meeting	
17/9/2020	Representation Board	
21/9/2020	People and Culture Committee	

3. Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
16/9/2020	Health Sciences Student Consultative Committee	
16/9/2020	Meeting with EMAS Executive	

18/9/2020	Meeting with Student Journalists	
23/9/2020	Meeting with WASM President	
24/9/2020	Students as Partners Community of Practice	
24/9/2020	Student Engagement Meeting	

4. Items of Significance

4.1. University Sustainability Strategy

On the 15th of September, I met with Rocio Bona, the Director of Planning for Properties at Curtin to discuss the university's sustainability strategy moving forward.

This is particularly exciting as the initiative to build a sustainability strategy originated from Guild representatives raising the issue of climate change and the need for Curtin to divest from fossil fuels in 2019.

At this stage, we're looking at the consultation process for building the strategy. I have raised the time sensitivity of the situation and am looking forward to contributing. The strategy will cover the physical environment of the university, as well as looking at the research and collaborations we take on and pursue.

4.2. WASM Consultation

I met with Melinda Mees, the President of the WASM Student Guild to discuss strategies for pushing back against staff cuts on the Kalgoorlie campus. WASM has undergone a number of devastating change management proposals in recent years and it's important for the Guild there to be equipped with the skills to push back when needed.

We discussed strategies and outcomes for a mini campaign on the Kalgoorlie campus that included petitions, posterings, and spreading information, as well rallying.

The Guild at Bentley will support any action to push back against staff cuts at WASM.

4.3. Guild Elections

The Curtin Student Guild election period for 2020 has officially closed. Due to the exception circumstances of this year, we trialled a number of new elements including a new voting location at Clubs HQ, a digital (in person) voting process rather than paper ballots, as well as decreasing the number of booths from two to one.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the successful candidates and all those who participated in this important event.

4.4. Academic Support

After meeting with the Vice Chancellor and DVC-A, we can now confirm that the Opt-In Ungraded Pass will be available for Curtin students in Semester 2, 2020.

In that same meeting, we raised the Guild's official stance in opposition to the staff redundancies being proposed, citing the impact on student support and quality of education of staff cuts.

I also raised this at Academic Board on the 24th, talking to the wellbeing of staff and students and the impacts on quality of education once more.

5. Travel

N/A

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hana Arai', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Hana Arai
President
Curtin Student Guild

Guild Council Report

Christopher Hall (He/Him)

2020 – Vice President Education



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Education Vice-President-ing is a tough job. Chris makes sure all of the university's academic policies and procedures are in the best interests of the students.

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Guild and University Meetings:

Date: 2020	Prominent Meetings:
20th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University Council Meeting. - Student Engagement Management Meeting.
25th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSC Meeting.
26th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive and Higher Education Meeting. - Meeting with Grok. - Humanities Grill the Guild
27th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear it Purple preparations. - Meeting with the First Nations Officer.
28th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students as Partners Meeting. - Academic Board.
31st August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses committee preparation meeting with Faculty Representatives and VP-A. - VP of Corporate Relations Meeting.
1st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses committee. - Humanities Representative Meeting. - Staff Notice Meeting, Consultation Paper.
2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID Learning and Student Experience Committee. - Higher Education Meeting. - Student Petition Meeting. - Curtin Connect Accessibility and Facility Meeting.
3rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defining the Blended Learning Meeting. - JCUSA Trimester Online Meeting.
7th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Positioning Committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with the NTEU (Staff consultation paper). - Meeting with the NUS Education officer.
8th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September Activities Committee. - Rad Sex and Consent Week event; Pleasure Workshop.
9th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher education meeting. - Student assist Meeting. - Commercial services committee meeting 2020. - Curtin International Meeting about Singapore student council. - Rad Sex and Consent Week event; Creepy vs Cute
10th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Engagement Meeting on Blended Learning. - Speak out against the Curtin Staff Cuts.
14th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning and Student Experience Committee.
16th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher education and student wellbeing meeting.
17th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exec and Portfolio Managers Guild Meeting. - Excellence in teaching awards planning. - Meeting with Accessibility Officer. - Representation Board September.

Items of note (*); Highlighted Parts Address Feedback from Council.

Curtin Staff Cuts:

Curtin University has announced plans to reduce its staff bill by \$41 million, with the first \$11 million coming from a deferral of staff pay increases next year and the rest coming from voluntary or forced redundancies.

6482 Curtin staff voted and 56.4% said they are **against** the forgoing of their much deserved pay increase in 2021. Staff working conditions are student learning conditions and we will continue to support staff and fight against job losses.; Our message to Curtin staff is: we see you and hear you, we will stand by your side as your students and fight for your working environment to be a safe and secure one.

Not only does this plan see the university maintain its surplus cash reserves, but its \$80 million library refurbishment plan will also continue. In fact, the university will only be making \$4 million worth of changes to its planned capital works. Potential course cuts and restructures to schools have also been proposed.

The Guild believes that universities should be places of learning and research first. Making cuts to valuable staff while investing millions into buildings in a time of crisis will only make our learning conditions worse. Curtin staff were stretched thin before and these changes will undoubtedly increase that pressure.

Curtin is planning to make the same number of staff redundant as we have seen over the last 5 years combined. Voluntary redundancies threaten the diversity and inclusivity of our university environment, they disproportionately affect women, people with disabilities, queer people and First Nations people.

The Curtin Student Guild stands against cuts to our education. Students, staff and the quality of our education is always on the line when it comes to universities cutting costs, these areas should not face the consequences of Curtin University's poor financial management and prioritisation of capital projects. We will not stand for this.

We have asked student to:

- Sign our Petition Here: bit.ly/curtin-staff-cuts
- Attend the Curtin University Town Hall this Thursday, September 3: bit.ly/curtin-town-hall
- Attend the Student Speak Out Against Staff and Course Cuts on Thursday, September 10; www.facebook.com/events/948917912254448/
- Attend the Student and Staff Protest Against the Cuts event on Thursday, October 8 at 1pm; www.facebook.com/events/1033605587065668

The Guild will be taking direct action with Curtin to ensure that we;

- Oppose any mandatory and the voluntary staff redundancy schemes.
- Fight to protect teaching, research and access to essential wellbeing support services.
- Oppose plans to restructure schools, courses or units that adversely impact the integrity of our education.
- Fight any move to introduce trimesters to accommodate the alignment of global teaching calendars as this will not benefit students.

Together we must fight for our staff and our quality of education.

#CurtinGuild #CurtinUniversity

Stress Less and Mental Health Week Events:

I wanted to acknowledge the hard work of all of the equity representatives, particularly the work of our Accessibility Officer Dylan, who have put a great amount of work into establishing such an impressive roster of events to support students wellbeing during these particular weeks. It's Mental Health Week! A whole week dedicated to promoting mental health services, raising awareness and reducing stigma that can be associated with seeking support you need. See the small rundown of the events below.

♥ MONDAY – 12 October

Headspace Workshop
11am - 11:45am / Club HQ, Building
106B

♥ TUESDAY – 13 October

Men's Mental Health Breakfast
9:30am - 10:30am / Hot Stuff, Building
106D

♥ WEDNESDAY – 14 October

George the Therapy Dog visit
11:30am - 12:30pm / All over campus!

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12:30pm - 1:30pm / Atkinson Forum

♥ THURSDAY – 15 October

Mindfulness Fiesta
12pm - 2pm / Atkinson Forum

♥ FRIDAY – 16 October

Psychology Student Association
Pancake Breakfast BBQ
From 9:30am / Guild Reception,
Building 106F

Student Partnership Agreement Feedback from Global Campuses:

The partnership agreement has received feedback from the global campuses and I have summarised the points below. I am hoping for a fully finalised version to be displayed by the end of October.

Feedback: General

- Document needs to be clear that processes and structures that are in place in Australia aren't in place on all campuses and that the lack of a formal student representative body is in some case a legislative requirement
- It would be useful to acknowledge the commitment to structured training and development for student representatives
- The roles and responsibilities for both the University and students need to be clearly articulated.

Excellence in teaching Awards:

We have begun the Excellence in Teaching Awards! This is an opportunity to have you had a lecturer, tutor or research supervisor who has gone above and beyond to provide an inclusive teaching environment or taught in an innovative way to receive a reward.

Nominate them for an Excellence in Teaching Award to recognise their outstanding work for the 2019/2020 academic year! Nominations close October 2 and awards will be announced in October.

Submit your nomination here - bit.ly/excellenceinteaching2020

Timeline:

Sep 10 - Nominations open; Oct 2 - Nominations close; Oct 29 - Award Ceremony

Any nominations already received (from October 2019 onwards) will be reviewed. We have approx. 80 nominations received in 2019.

Category Winners

Faculty of Science and Engineering;

Faculty of Business and Law;

Faculty of Health Sciences;

Faculty of Humanities;

Research Supervisor;

Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Excellence (not awarded last year) and Honourable Mentions for each category.

Thank you for reading my report.

Social Distancing Regards,



**Chris Hall,
2020 Curtin Student Guild VP-E.**

Vice President – Activities’ Report

Prepared by: Bridge Truell

DATE SUBMITTED: 29/9/20

SUBMITTED TO: GUILD COUNCIL (THROUGH SECRETARY)

1. Vice President – Activities’ Diary

University Meetings	
DATE:	MEETINGS & NOTES:
27/8/20	<p>STUDENTS AS PARTNERS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE</p> <p>As Hana was on leave, I proxied for her at this meeting. It provided an opportunity for members of the Students as Partners Working Group to update each other on their current projects. The update from the UniPASS team was particularly interesting as this semester they have been offering both in-person and online formats and have found that online sessions have been significantly outperforming in-person sessions in attendance.</p>
27/8/20	<p>COVID-19 LEARNING AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE CI SUB-GROUP MEETING</p> <p>As Hana was on leave, I attended this meeting as proxy with Chris. It was definitely quite far over my head still, but this sub-group have been formed to handle the return to campus after COVID-19 and are working with the university executive, Faculty Deans, and support staff to address the changing needs of our university.</p>
28/8/20	<p>ACADEMIC BOARD</p> <p>This was my first opportunity to sit on Academic Board (proxying for Hana) and while the pre-reading was intense, it was really great to get a bit of a taste of the kind of meetings I’ll be dealing with next year.</p>
2/9/20	<p>UNIVERSITY HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE</p> <p>During this meeting of the UHSC, key topics included some concerns regarding COVID-19 safety breaches by contractors working on</p>

	campus and the need for prior training to be confirmed and the lower rates of students on campus as compared to this time last year and how this is affecting health & safety (e.g. There are currently 7000 people parking on campus per day compared to 9000 this time last year).
Guild Meetings	
DATE:	MEETINGS & NOTES:
26/8/20	HIGHER EDUCATION MEETING
26/8/20	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING This special meeting of the Activities Committee was arranged to workshop ideas for the End of Semester Bash. Tanya's proposal outlined the expanded use of the Agora Courtyard, grass bank and road near The Tav and we decided on a Street Party theme.
27/8/20	GUILD COUNCIL
2/9/20	HIGHER EDUCATION MEETING
8/9/20	SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE During this Activities Committee, I provided updates on the Street Party, Rad Sex & Consent Week and the Guild Upcycle Markets. At the time, the Furniture & Home Décor Market had taken place and raised \$300 for Backpack Beds. It was noted that larger items were difficult for students to arrange transportation for and if the event were repeated, we would likely focus on smaller items which proved to be far more popular. During our collaborative brainstorming session, we focussed on our upcoming Mental Health Week which will see a Headspace workshop, a Men's Mental Health Breakfast, stress ball making, pot plant making (in collaboration with the Curtin Environmental Action Network), a self-care arts and crafts activity with our First Nations rep Lulkbudia, the return of George Bode to campus.
9/9/20	HIGHER EDUCATION MEETING
16/9/20	HIGHER EDUCATION MEETING
Other Meetings/Events/Club Interactions	

DATE:	MEETINGS & NOTES:
25/8/20	<p>CLUBS X VP-A FORTNIGHTLY CATCH-UP</p> <p>During this meeting, Shelley and I discussed plans for addressing a few internal issues that had arisen in a couple of our clubs. While confidential, these have largely been resolved now. An issue had come up around licensing with music being played within the dance studio on campus which is frequently booked by clubs such as the Curtin Dance Society. At the time, Shelley was continuing to look into this and I will update the Council when I have more information. AGM season was just beginning at the time of this meeting and is now in full swing, so we also discussed upcoming plans to support clubs with hosting their AGMS. We are running an AGM workshop following the next Clubs & Societies meeting on Monday 12th October and will be distributing a newly updated AGM guidelines document and agenda/minutes templates.</p>
27/8/20	<p>END OF SEMESTER BASH 2 MEETING</p> <p>This meeting was arranged to relay the contents of the previous day's Special Activities Committee and confirm decisions on a name and theme. Everyone was happy with the discussed Street Party theme and this meeting allowed us to cement some further ideas for marketing and promotion.</p>
1/9/20	<p>RAD SEX & CONSENT WEEK CATCH-UP</p> <p>With Rad Sex & Consent Week due to start the following week, Jess and I met to finalise some details and arrange any additional assistance we'd need for the week.</p>
1/9/20	<p>STUDENT SEGMENTS – AN OVERVIEW</p> <p>Maryanne organised this meeting to share some amazing work she's done on isolating and defining a few broad groups within the members of the Curtin Student Guild. This information is absolutely invaluable for events & clubs planning, so I've attached it for Council to review at their leisure. I'm very happy to</p>

2/9/20	<p>answer any questions or discuss this document further.</p> <p>2020 GUILD GAMES, CLUB AWARDS & CLUBS SUNDOWNER PLANNING</p> <p>Shelley, Bec and I met to cement plans for the upcoming Guild Games and Clubs Awards Sundowner. Wednesday 7th October has been booked for Guild Games and we'll be using the new location of The Forum. Club Awards are taking the form of a Sundowner at The Tav on Friday 16th October and drink tokens & food will be provided.</p>
16/9/20	<p>MENTAL HEALTH WEEK PLANNING</p> <p>Jess and I met up to cement the plans from Activities Committee for Mental Health Week, and additionally talked about the possibility of adding a digital engagement Q&A through the Guild Instagram like we did for Rad Sex & Consent Week, running a 'share your pets' promo at some point throughout the week, and the possibility of students being able to submit and share self-care tips.</p>

2. Significant Developments

- On Wednesday 26th August, Lachy, Connie and I got to hold our first Grill the Guild BBQ since COVID-19 began. It was a massive success and sold out extremely quickly as usual. We have also held two of our new format Meet & Greets which provide a catered lunch by Kirribilli on Wednesday 9th September for the Queer Department (in conjunction with Rad Sex & Consent Week) and on Wednesday 16th September for the Faculty of Business & Law. The First Nations Department Grill the Guild was also on Wednesday 23rd September and was extremely successful.

3. Media/Student Engagement

4. Travel

5. Other Matters of Note

- On Friday 28th August, a cohort from the Guild attended the Hands Off Our Education protest at Forrest Chase. It was a great turnout and a really wonderful opportunity to hear from some amazing speakers, including our own local activist Jesse Naylor Zambrano.
- Rad Sex & Consent Week was a really great time as always and I had a lot of fun helping host our first online Creepy vs Cute with Dax and Lachy and helping Carla host Drink & Draw at

The Tav. Both were quite small but seemed to be enjoyed by those in attendance and got pretty decent engagement.

- On Monday 21st September, I attended my first clubs AGM for the year with the Curtin Marketing Association and acted as Returning Officer for their committee elections.
- Guild Elections have come and gone for another year. Congratulations to all those elected.
 - a. Leave: 28th Sept-2nd Oct
 - b. Higher Duties: Nil

Secretary's Report

Guild Council Meeting #10 1/10/20

Hello again, not quite so distant Members of the 51st Guild Council. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable long weekend, I know I did. Best of luck with any tests you all have coming up!

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting and Notes
26/8/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exec and Higher Ed- Humanities Grill the Guild- Special Activities Committee (did not attend, but did transcribe minutes)
2/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Higher Ed
8/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- September Activities Committee- Commercial Services Pre-meeting with Kelly.
9/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Higher Ed- Commercial Services Committee Meeting
10/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guild Executive Committee
16/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Higher Ed- Finance and Risk
17/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exec and Portfolio Managers Meeting- Representation Board
23/9/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CSME AGM

Other Items of Business

Finances

The Equity officers are doing quite well opening up their activities budgets, which has been excellent to see. The equity spaces are all looking quite nice, and it is nice to have some questions coming from all of the reps on how to access their money. A tight lid is still being applied to all of the reps on how much they spend, but so far so good.

M-Files

We all continue to get more and more proficient with M-Files, and this has greatly assisted in my duties, I am looking forward to handing over all of the knowledge I have gained this year.

Elections

Well, it was that time of year again. Election week rolled around and has finished. I and other executives took some time off to campaign on the ground, but I am happy to say we all completed all of our requisite duties during the election week.

Congratulations to all that are elected, you all thoroughly deserve this opportunity and I am looking forward to starting the handover process!

Commercial Services Committee

We had the first meeting of the Commercial Services Committee in about a year and a half this month! I found it to be a productive space for our representatives to have a conversation about our commercial branches and really ask questions and make suggestions from the student point of view. I am looking forward to holding more of these in the future. I was able to ask questions and learn more about how we monitor allergens in the Guild Cafés and I was impressed and was bale to make suggestions on how to take a more proactive stance on providing this information.

I hope everyone is staying productive and healthy during this semester, I know we are getting to a rough patch of the semester so I hope you are all taking time to look after yourselves.

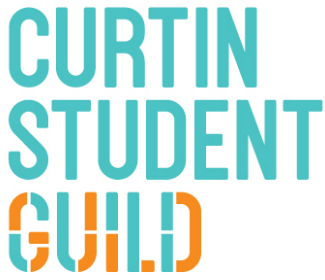
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I attend my office on Tuesday through to Thursday from 9am to 5:30 pm each week, outside of these times I may be slow to reply or unavailable.

I acknowledge that Curtin University is on the lands of the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation. This land is stolen land and was never ceded. I pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging.



Student Guild of Curtin University

51st Guild Council - Meeting

To be held at 6pm on Thursday the 1st of October 2020

In the University Council Chambers, Building 100

Commerce Club Investigation Findings

Motion:

That the Guild Council receive a report on the investigations the Guild undertook regarding the Curtin Commerce Club, David Bleakley and the deregistration of the club.

That this information is published with the minutes of the next Guild Council insofar as it does not compromise the good standing of the Curtin Student Guild.

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Background:

The Curtin Commerce Club was deregistered due to various problems that were raised by students, particularly around their financial management and conduct.

These issues have affected many Guild members who have not had the benefit of understanding the potential misconduct that took place or have been individually affected without recourse.

The Guild Council has not received any information about the processes that were undertaken to deal with these issues or whether any changes need to be made to ensure the good governance of its clubs and societies are upheld.

Confidentiality:

Open