



Guild President 2023 March Report

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President's Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 16/02/2023 – 16/03/2023

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1. University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
16/02/2023	Academic Board Executive (01/23)	
17/02/2023	VC Monthly Meeting	<p>Discussed the pressing issues with the housing shortage and the need for the University to do better.</p> <p>I raised issues with Curtin Connect and the ongoing Curtin Common proposal response.</p> <p>The VC indicated academic calendar reform is coming.</p> <p>The VC also criticised the Guilds solidarity with the NTEU.</p>
20/02/2023	Sem 1, 2023 O-Week Official Welcome	
23/02/2023	Curtin Academy: Students as Partners	
24/02/2023	eVALUate Steering Committee	
24/02/2023	Academic Board 01/23	
27/02/2023	Library Opening	
27/02/2023	VC & Guild President Strategic University Review	Discussed areas of strategic alignment between the Guild and University with

		regards to the snap Universities Review in Western Australia.
08/03/2023	Students as Partners / Guild - catch up	
08/03/2023	SSAFEAC 01/23	
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	

2. Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
16/02/2023	Guild Council	
20/02/2023	President x MD	
20/02/2023	Guild's stance on AI generators	
24/02/2023	Appointment of GROK Editors	Following multiple interviews over the week.
27/02/2023	President x Deputy MD	
27/02/2023	Executive Committee	
28/02/2023	Operations Committee	
01/03/2023	Higher education meeting	
02/03/2023	Meeting Student Assist Manager	RE: Demand increase / housing shortage
02/03/2023	Accessibility Officer x Exec	
06/03/2023	President x MD	
06/03/2023	President x Student Engagement Manager	
08/03/2023	Higher education meeting	

09/03/2023	Executive Committee	
13/03/2023	President x MD	
15/03/2023	Parking Meeting	
15/03/2023	Finance and Risk Committee	
16/03/2023	Representation Board	

3. Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/02/2023	Global Curtin meeting with Ms. Angelica Ojinnaka Australia's Youth Ambassador to UN	
22/02/2023	O-Day	
22/02/2023	Urgent Meeting RE: WA Government Review	With other Guild Presidents
24/02/2023	Swan Voice to Parliament Forum	
07/03/2023	B100 Council Chambers (Stakeholder Engagement)	With contracted company
14/03/2023	NTEU Members Meeting	Attending to lend Guild support / answers to staff
15/03/2023	Parliament Visit	Check Hansard

4. Items of Significance

4.1. WA Government Universities Review

A significant item that has arisen in the last month is the State Government proposed 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.

We will continue to provide the student voice whether or not invited directly to do so.

The Ministers Officer has since called the Guild Presidents to assure them they will now be consulted.

4.2. Student Partnership Agreement

This agreement is due for review at the end of the year. I've met with University parties and discussed the logistics of renewal. Refer to the item submitted to the Representation Board.

4.6 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 organised the following actions in solidarity:

- Mass postering (500+ posters around campus and Guild areas)
- Digital screens in Guild outlets
- Online messaging including videos and posts
- EDMs to all enrolled students and associates
- Submissions to online forums (e.g Yammer, Curtin Confessions)
- Regular consultation with the Curtin Branch.
- Flyering and stalls

As a result of the campaigning efforts of the Guild, NTEU, Staff and Students. Over 70% of eligible staff rejected the awful offer.

We have been working closely with the NTEU to support students and staff with the progression of industrial action.

4.8 Student Discipline Panels

The Guild has provided from eligible students interested in participating in a Student Discipline Panel and Student Discipline Appeals Board.

A further nomination opening will be advertised to allow for more panel members later this semester.

4.9 Voice to Parliament

The Guild assisted in the running of the Swan Voice to Parliament forum. We have commenced gathering materials and have established a website for students to find information about the referendum.

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.

4.11 Other Matters

- I published an article on Student / Staff solidarity to GROK
- We produced and distributed material on the IWWD action in the city.
- UWA Fever Pitch Music Festival – I have been working on an agreement to cross-promote.
- Library Café is open with a very fast turnaround by Tanya. Special recognition to Maryanne for producing all the tags!
- Appointments made to University equity and diversity group.

5 Travel

Nil

President 2023 Key Performance Indicators

Members

- A review of Guild Membership is initiated to identify opportunities for improved engagement, financial diversity and member benefit.
- The strength and benefits of the student guild are demonstrated to the Government through the University review process.
- The University accord process is engaged where required with high-quality submissions that reflect our member's values.
- A campaign engages students on the Voice to Parliament and Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- Global Curtin is addressed with a Global Guild perspective that engages with students on offshore campuses. Global Guild branches are established where appropriate and legal.
- Commercial operations and the approach to student societies are made more relevant to students with ongoing steps to implement 'Curtin Common'.
- Better identification of the connection between the giveaways/benefits of the Guild and membership by utilising the online membership program.

Financial

- University accord processes and State Government legislative reviews are fully engaged to put forward a robust case for Universal Student Unionism / 100% SSAF.
- University implements a broader levy of the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) shared with the student guild at least 50%.
- Opportunities to index the Guild Grant are explored where they arise.

People and Culture

- Guild Councillors and members of the Representation Board are able to scrutinise and contribute to the activity and strategy of the Guild.
- The Managing Director is effectively supervised and supported to deliver the Business Plan and staff management.

University

- The Student Partnership Agreement is comprehensively reviewed
- The Guild is identified by senior management as the best opportunity for enhancing student engagement and experience.
- University committee reports are completed on time and all University committees of relevance are provided with student representation.
- The University is pushed towards reviewing the tuition-free week issue.

- Matters of grave importance to students are addressed comprehensively when they arise with a full campaign.

Good Governance

Major pitfalls of the regulations are amended and the role of VP - Sustainability is established.

The Guild Executive is effective in delivering the commitments made during the Guild Annual Elections in 2022.

Vice President – Education

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Veronika Gobba – She/Her

Meetings

Date	Meetings	Comments
3/2/23	VPE X QO Check-in	
	CAS orientation meeting	
	Forum on Generative AI	
6/2/23	Exec Meeting	
	University LSEC	
7/2/23	EBA Town Hall	
	University Courses Committee	
8/2/23	Higher Ed	
	Students as Partners with VPA	
	Guild Membership meeting with IT	
9/2/23	Check-in with Health Sci Rep	
	Representation Board	
10/2/23	Check-in with QO	
	Entrepreneur Hub x Faculty Reps (+PSC Pres)	
13/2/23	PSC Meeting	
14/2/23	Library walkthrough & photoshoot	
	Content filming with FBL rep	
15/2/23	Higher Ed	
	Panel for First Year Uni life orientation session	
16/2/23	Curtin College Orientation with VPA	Talked to Curtin College students about Guild and sold memberships. Low uptake due to students not having their student IDs.
	Guild Council	
17/2/23	DBE Graduation Ceremony attended as Guild stage party rep	

20/2/23	PSC Pres Catch up	
	Reps Generative AI Meeting	
22/2/23	O-day Representation Stall	I had the pleasure of running the representation stall at O-day alongside the First Nations Officer, we encouraged relevant students to join the First Nations collective and the first year reps team. Students took much interest in a Students Guide to Rights at Work flyer and our parking campaign. Zooper Doopers were also a hit.
23/2/23	Health Sci Rep check-in	
	Exec 'WA Gov universities review' meeting	
24/2/23	Check-in with QO	
	Academic Board	
	Swan Voice to Parliament Forum	
27/2/23	Exec Meeting	
28/2/23	Guild Operations Committee	
1/3/23	Higher Ed	
	AO Check-in	
	Accords submission meeting with FBL rep	
2/3/23	AO x Exec	
3/3/23	QO Check-in	
7/3/23	Courses Committee	
8/3/23	Higher Ed	
9/3/23	Exec Meeting	
	Humanities Faculty Lunch stall	
	Meeting with FN Officer	
10/3/23	VPE X QO Check-in	
	Sci/Eng Faculty Lunch Stall	
	Ally Training	
13/3/23	University LSEC	

15/3/23	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	
	Beach Bonanza Promo shooting	
	Student Voice Australasia Operational Group meeting with VPA	
	VPE X AO Check-in	
	Exec Parliament Visit – Question Time	

Projects

- **Students Guide to Rights at Work**
 - I created a flyer to give out at O-day which contained basic information about rights at work for young people in WA and international students. It also contained information on what is legal in terms of unpaid work. I included information on unionism and how to find the right union for you. I would like to take this further and have more information as a guide available on a page on the Guild website.

- **First Year Reps**
 - Expressions of interest are open for the first-year reps' team.
 - I have consulted with the Women's officer and Sci-Eng rep as they were both part of the first-year committee last year. I also consulted last year's Secretary who was head of the committee last year. I have taken their feedback and started planning how I will be organising the first-year reps.

- **Abolishing HeCs Indexation Senate Submission**
 - We have sent in a submission in support of the Education and Other Legislation Amendment (Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income for Education and Training Loans) Bill 2022. You may read it here:
https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Education_and_Employment/AbolishingIndexation/Submissions

- **Second Accords Submission**

The process of writing our second submission to the National Universities Accords is underway, there are 49 prompts that the committee has requested consultation on.

More information can be found here: <https://www.education.gov.au/australian-universities-accord>

- **Guild Policy Book Update**

The Guild Policy book has not been updated since early 2016, I am in the very early stages of updating that document.

Guild Council #2

Vice President – Activities

Meetings:

Date	Context	Comments
10/02/23	ATSI	
13/02/23	Club Leadership Workshop	
13/02/23	Graduation	
14/02/23	Digital Content	
14/02/23	VP's + Pres + Sec	
14/02/23	Pick up for Oday	
15/02/23	Higher Ed	
15/02/23	VPE +AO	
15/02/23	Costco for O day	
16/02/23	Curtin College Orientation	
16/02/23	Guild Council	
17/02/23	Library Café Inspection	
17/02/23	Pick up for O day	
18/02/23	Pick up for O day	
19/02/23	Friend Speed Dating	
22/02/23	O-Day	
23/02/23	Friend Speed Dating	
23/02/23	WO + VPA	
23/02/23	Exec	
24/02/23	Voice to Parliament Forum	
27/02/23	Library Opening	
27/02/23	Exec	
28/02/23	Operations Committee	
28/02/23	Toga w Tanya	
28/02/23	Events w Jess	
02/03/23	Events w Jess	
02/03/23	AO x Exec	
02/03/23	Basketball w Megan Jenkins	
03/03/23	Events w ISC	
03/03/23	Education Department	
03/03/23	Events w QO	
03/03/23	Toga	
07/03/23	Health Science Fac Lunch	
07/03/23	Guild Library Inspection	
07/03/23	Events w Jess	
08/03/23	Business and Law fac Lunch	
08/03/23	VPE + VPA	
08/03/23	Higher Ed	
08/03/23	Students as Partners	
08/03/23	W Clubs	
09/03/23	Humanities Fac Lunch	
09/03/23	Ball w Jess + Athina	
09/03/23	Exec	
09/03/23	Luke	
09/03/23	Student Concern Clubs	
09/03/23	Shelly + AISEC	
10/03/23	Science and Engineering	
10/03/23	ATSI + QO + WO	
10/03/23	Ally Review	
13/03/23	Clubs x Website	
13/03/23	ISC + PSC Event	
15/03/23	Beach Bonaza	
15/03/23	Higher Ed	

15/03/23	SVA Operational	
15/03/23	VPE + AO	
15/03/23	Parliament	
15/03/23	VPE + FBL	
15/03/23	Council	
15/03/23	WO + VPA	

Past Events:

O-Day: Event went amazingly, clubs reported a lot of engagement and shifting the Stalls to have one stall per Faculty and per Equity was successful and allowed the reps to engage with students more. For stage games, the waterfall game had many people want to attend but not enough time!

Friend Speed Dating: Two events ran, the one with more reps attending was more successful in terms of active engagement and for both events we ran out of space.

Toga Party: Event was very busy, many students came, more than we estimated, students enjoyed the food and drink specials and the activity.

Mind Mojo Week: Cats on Campus, successful and sold out as usual, students were engaged with giveaways and the soap/bath bomb activity.

Faculty Lunches: A university run event, faculty lunches had low engagement our Fac reps had a stall at each, with more information if this event continues, possibly have a Guild Activity, or invite Faculty Clubs to have a Stall like Science and Engineering Faculty did.

Upcoming Events:

Grill the Guild: First one scheduled for the 20th March (Monday this week), Humanities.

Beach Bonanza: Organised for the 22nd of March, promo has been made and event has many specials and is a Free event.

Drag Queen Bingo: Queer Officer and events are planning a bingo to take place in April, there will be an exclusive Queer Department event beforehand.

Clubs:

General: Meet with different clubs to see what issues they are facing and how we can support, the biggest take away is more opportunities like O-Day and Clubs Carnival, to promote their clubs.

Extra:

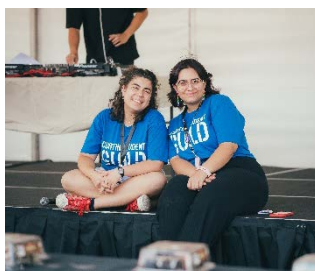
Health and Safety: Nothing of merit to report, just standard checks and incidences across the university and Guild.

Representation: I have met with all the reps multiple times to discuss events and things are coming along.

TL; DR:

The classics, making a lot of Social Media Content get that Tik Tok alive. Organising for the semester and I am on leave from the 20th – 31st March for Placement.

Vibes and Aesthetics - Salwa Kilzi ☺



Student Guild of Curtin University

Secretary Report

February 9 – March 16

Meeting Log

Date/s	Meeting	Comments
13/02/23	Chairing Meeting	Meeting with Chair of Guild Council to run through how to Chair
14/02/23	Exec Catch up	
16/02/23	Guild Council	
20/02/23	AI Guilds Stance	
22/02/23	Guild O-Day	
23/02/23	Urgent Meeting – WA Government Review	
24/02/23	Voice to Parliament Forum	
27/02/23	VC & Guild – Strategic University Review	
	Executive Committee	
28/02/23	Operations Committee	
02/03/23	AO x Executive Committee	
03/03/23	Battling Bureaucracy with Dale	
	SDP – General Misconduct	
07/03/23	WASM Clubs Discussion	
08/03/23	Higher Education	
	SSAFEAC	
09/03/23	Executive Committee	
15/03/23	Finance and Risk Committee	
16/03/23	Staffing Conditions Speak Out	

Elections

The casual vacancy and PSC/ISC committee elections were held this month. There were 120 nominations received through the online nomination's portal. The committee elections were held online and received over 250 votes in a 24hr window. Sadly, the in-person election for the Science and Engineering Representative had a low turn out of 38 votes. However, I am happy to report that all vacant office bearer positions have now been filled.

This year the new collective policy and procedure meant that collective members no longer had to go to an election and instead submit an online EOI to the equity officer for the relevant department.

SSAFEAC

The First SSAFEAC for 2023 was held. The key areas I raised concern over spending was related to the portfolio of Sports and Recreation with the Stadium. The continue to be able to spend SSAF on Stadium Clubs that have a membership make up of 35% students. The VC's Sports Carnivals and Sports awards received an alarming amount of funding for a dismal turn out of students. \$50,000+ spending for events that only a few hundred students attend. In future reposts the Stadium will be providing a break on the amount of SSAF that was spent at those events to ensure in reflects the percentage of student that attend these events.

Curtin Colombo Update

There has been some concern raised over the current approach to establishing the Curtin Colombo Branch. More specifically over the fact that a branch is a sub-section of the Guild that the Guild has the power to govern but may not have the powers to do so with the current legal status of Curtin Colombo. Myself and David have a meeting with Curtin Legal to discuss further.