

CURTIN STUDENT Guild President Report

April 2024
Jasmyne Tweed

Presidents Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 14.03.2024 – 11.04.2024

Leave: 26.03.2024-28.03.2024

Travel: Nil

1. Meetings Log

| University Meetings | | |
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| Date | Meeting | Comments |
| 14.03.2024 | Academic Board Executive | |
| 18.03.2024 | DVCG & Guild President Check in | |
| | Foreign Risk – What to know | |
| 22.03.2024 | Academic Board | |
| 25.03.2024 | DVCA & Guild President Check-in | |
| 08.04.2024 | Minister Toni Butti x Guild Presidents | Expanded upon in the report |
| 10.04.2024 | Support for Students Implementation meeting | |
| Guild Meetings | | |
| Date | Meeting | Comments |
| 18.03.2024 | President x MD Check-in | |
| | President x MA Check-in | |
| 19.03.2024 | Guild Executive Committee | |
| 20.03.2024 | President and Reps Chat | |
| 21.03.2024 | Guild Council | |
| 22.03.2024 | Academic Board Pre-Meeting | |
| | Legal Committee | |
| 25.03.2024 | President x MD Check-in | |
| | Guild Executive Committee | |
| 03.04.2024 | VPSW Planning | |
| 04.04.2024 | Uni-Lodge Campaign Meeting | |
| | Digital Engagement & Guild Exec | |
| 08.04.2024 | President x MD Check in | |
| 09.04.2024 | President x SE Check in | |
| | President x MA Check in | |
| | President x MD Check in | |
| 10.04.2024 | Guild Ally Level 3 Training | |
| 11.04.2024 | Juicebox Presentation | |

2. Projects Overview

2.1 Support for Students Policy

- Recent legislation changes now require higher education providers to have a support for student's policy ensuring supports are available and students are made aware of them.

After reminding the project leads the importance of the Guilds perspective in developing this policy, the Guild sent extensive feedback on the draft policy and is now a part of the implementation working group. The policy seeks to intervene and provide support to students who are at risk of failing.

2.2 Self-Certified Assessment Extensions

- The Learning and Student Experience Committee met late March to and provided feedback on self-certified assessment extensions. There is still pushback from academics on self-certified assessment extensions being used for exam, group projects, presentation etc. The Guild advocated for self-certified extensions to be allowed for all assessments types as the only students who will be disadvantaged by this change will be those who can't afford to see a gp for a doctor's note.

2.3 Meeting with Education Minister

- Myself and the other Guild Presidents met with the State Education Minister, Toni Butti, to discuss some of the issues University Students are experiencing in WA. The topics discussed included growing HECs debts, the Accord recommendations, paid placements, increasing Guild SSAF amounts, student housing and the cost of living.
- The Minister provided very limited answers or solutions to the problems raised by the Presidents and instead told us to wait for the budget to be released. This was especially disappointing when discussing a paid placement stipend or payment being introduced in Western Australia for nursing students. The ACT have introduced both this year and it would help ease the financial burden many students experience whilst on mandatory unpaid placements.

2.4 100% SSAF

- The Western Australian Guild Presidents have all taken a joint stance to advocate for 100% SSAF. Despite previously discussed campaigns, the National Union of Students will only be advocating for 50% SSAF to be allocated for Student Unions in Australia, with some member organisations indicating that they will be campaigning for less than 50% SSAF since they 'wouldn't know what to do with all that money'. Guilds in WA have demonstrated why 100% SSAF is needed for student unions to provide the services that students need. For example with 100% SSAF, Guilds would be to provide non-for-profit student housing.
- The WA Guild Presidents and MDs will be meeting shortly the 100% SSAF Campaign.

Vice President – Education

April Guild Council

Reporting Period 15/03/2023 – 12/04/2024

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University / External Meetings

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 18/3/24 | Student Support meeting with foreign risk team | New supports in place for students who wish to speak freely without foreign risk/foreign interference + Curtin is going to do a campaign about academic freedom and freedom of speech and has asked the Guild to put some posters up to support. |
| 22/3/24 | Academic Board | |
| 26/3/24 | Global Positioning Committee | Attended as acting President |
| 10/4/24 | Guild Level 3 training with Curtin Ally | |
| 11/4/24 | Brand Presentation from Juicebox | |

Guild Meetings

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 15/3/24 | Darlington Statement chat with HR | All Guild forms that collect personal information should now be more in line with gender inclusive standards. |
| 19/3/24 | Guild Exec | |
| 21/3/24 | Humanities Rep catch-up | |
| 25/3/24 | Operations Committee | |
| | Exec Committee | |
| 28/3/24 | Hum Rep x VPE catch-up | |
| 4/4/24 | Student accom/housing campaign discussion | |
| | Exec & Student engagement catch-up | |
| 5/4/24 | Guild First Year Representatives | |
| 8/4/24 | Guild First Year Representatives alternative meeting | |
| 10/4/24 | Hum Rep x VPE catch-up | |
| | QO check-in | Regarding upcoming Curtin Gender, Equity & Inclusion meeting |
| 11/4/24 | Representation Board | |
| 12/4/24 | Guild Exec | |
| | Housing campaign discussion w/ President & Grok | |

First Year Representatives

The EOI form was put on the website and advertised via social media, 15 eligible EOIs were received and a first meeting was set up for 5/4/24 and 8/4/24. Many First-year Reps were passionate about problems in student accommodation and there was much feedback about commercial outlets.

Support for Students Policy

The Guild has been in consultations with the university about their new [Support for Students Policy](#). Curtin will now monitor students for 'at risk' measures which include things like not accessing scheduled unit sites, failed units in previous study period, failing to engage in support previously offered, etc. Students will be sent notifications regarding information of the census date and what support services are offered at Curtin. Although this policy is to comply with Government requirements for Commonwealth supported students, the university is implementing similar mechanisms for all students, allowing for HDR, global campus, international students, etc. to receive more guidance on support available. The procedures of enacting this policy are still in refinement and the Guild is advocating for highest standards.

Vice President – Activities

Max Zhang

Guild Council Report April 2024

22/03/2024 – 12/04/2024

Meetings

| Date | Meeting |
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| 25/03 | Operations Committee |
| | VPA X Clubs |
| | Executive Committee |
| 27/03 | VPA X Events |
| 29/03 – 02/04 | Closure period |
| 04/04 | Executive X Student Engagement |
| 08/04 | FBL Student Consultative Committee (in place of Hannah Northey) |
| | VPA X Clubs |
| 10/04 | Level 3 Ally Training |
| 11/04 | VPA X Events |
| | Juicebox Digital |
| 12/04 | Executive Committee |

Events

| Date | Event |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 27/03 | Clubs Carnival |
| | Faculty Reps Feedback Stall |
| 03/04 – 05/05 | Clubs Adobe Storytelling Workshop |
| 12/04 | FBL Grill the Guild |

Upcoming Events

| Date | Event |
|---------------|---|
| 17/04 | Humanities Grill the Guild |
| 24/04 | Health Science Grill the Guild |
| 30/04 – 02/05 | Pop Up Thrift Market |
| 08/05 | Guild AGM |
| 15/05 | Science and Engineering Grill the Guild |
| 24/05 | End of Semester Bash |

Event Notes

Clubs Carnival: Overall very positive feedback and very high attendance. The layout was less than ideal due to the marquees being from Curtin Open Day, and is not the layout typically used for Clubs Carnival, which led to poor traffic flow to some areas of the event and impacted the membership intake of several prominent clubs who typically do very well. It is something I'm keeping an eye on.

Adobe Storytelling Challenge: Due to the event falling in tuition free week and just after the Easter long holiday, many clubs could not attend. Despite that, the event ran successfully and all attendees gained valuable experience and expertise in using the Adobe suite, specifically Adobe Express, to further their club's social media presence. Congratulations to EMAS for winning the challenge.

Club Notes

So far, most clubs have seen record high attendance to their events this year, which is a very good indicator that campus life is blossoming from the ground up. Traditionally strong events such as networking events continue to do well, and there has been a resurgence in consistent weekly/fortnightly events, which serves to build lasting connections between students. Unfortunately, there are, as always, some clubs that do not follow all the rules and regulations in place, but with over 100 clubs currently active, its good to see there are very few bad actors.

The renewals process is coming along, I recently approved 24 more renewals, with more to come soon. It is a different process than 2023 but we should be moving through the bulk of them now.

Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare

March Guild Council Report (05/03/2024 – 11/04/2024)

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University / External Meetings:

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 05/03/24 | Carbon Literacy – Train the Trainer | |
| 06/03/24 | Respect @ Uni Week | Event update |
| 08/03/24 | International Women’s Day | Unions event outside Parliament House |
| 13/03/24 | Sustainable Development Working Group | The first meeting of this working group. Discussed what the goals are and the steps we need to take. |
| 26/03/24 | Gender-based Violence Working Group | |
| 09/04/24 | Environment and Climate Emergency Presentation | |
| 09/04/24 | Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee Meeting | |
| 09/04/24 | Gender-Based Violence meeting | |

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 14/03/24 | Reps Board | |
| 18/03/24 | Higher Education | |
| 20/03/24 | Respect at Uni Week Event (Respect Fest) | Please see below. |
| 20/03/24 | Health & Safety Committee Meeting | |
| 21/03/24 | Events Team & VPA catch up | |
| 21/03/24 | Guild Council | Attended online |
| 25/03/24 | Operations Committee | |
| 25/03/24 | Exec Meeting | |
| 26/03/24 | Meeting with Aimee Smith (Planet Positive) | Met with Aimee. We discussed Planet Positive. She invited me to a dinner event at St Catherine’s - sustainability and a positive future for our planet. I accepted and will be given a few moments to discuss sustainability at the Guild. |
| 27/03/24 | Queer Officer Check In | Discussed projects the QO would like to deliver for 2024 and the Queer room in the equity space. |
| 27/03/24 | Events Team & VPA catch up | |
| 29/03/24 – 26/04/24 | Easter Break | |
| 03/04/24 | Recycling Hub on campus meeting | See below. |
| 04/04/24 | VPSW/President Check In | |

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| 04/04/24 | UniLodge Campaign Presentation Discussion | |
| 04/04/24 | Exec meets new staff member | Bella – Student Engagement |
| 08/04/24 | Student Assist Check in | |
| 10/04/24 | Ally Training | |
| 10/04/24 | VPSW & President check in | |
| 11/04/24 | Juicebox Presentation | |
| 11/04/24 | Representation Board | |

Leave Taken:

None

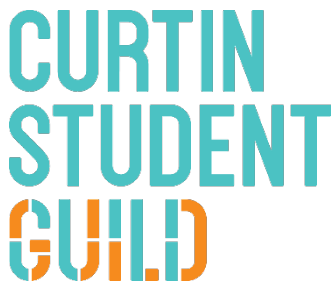
Easter Long Weekend

Further Notes:

| Topic | Details |
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| Containers For Change | <p>I am in the process of putting together a proposal for the reverse cycle 10c vending machines on campus. I have spoken to several Curtin staff members who seem interested in this project. Resultingly I am hopeful that once the proposal is created and approved from the Guild end, there will be support from Curtin for the project to go ahead.</p> |
| Recycling Hub on Campus | <p>I have arranged a meeting with the Library to discuss the potential to deliver a recycling hub (similar to those seen at the entrance of <i>Officeworks</i>) in the library. They seem interested in the idea and I am hopeful this can be delivered with their support.</p> |
| Respect @ Uni Week | <p>The event was delivered as <i>Respect Fest</i>. The Guild ended up delivering the majority of this event, and I felt that we were heavily relied on for the delivery of this event; we delivered 3 out of 5 stalls and the BBQ and sourced giveaways.</p> <p>This is the first year Curtin has delivered this event, and we recognise that there is a learn curve involved. We note there was little to no advertisement around the event from Curtin, and a severe lack of branding and awareness that led to students being confused as to what the event and its purpose was.</p> <p>We support this event and what it stands for (Respect at Uni, sexual consent and sexual health), however, the event was ill organised and the Guild provided a lifeline. Should Curtin wish to deliver this event next year, it is suggested that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Curtin events team member takes the lead (someone who does not have a background in events was assigned to deliver this event) |

- To have clear expectations around the event and clear responsibility allocation
- There be a marketing plan behind the event to ensure students are aware of the event occurring and what the event is.

The events team will be reviewing how the Guild will be involved, and what expectations there are, should Curtin deliver this event again next year.



Secretary's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 11/04/2024
FOR MEETING DATE: 18/04/2024

NAME: Mitch Craig
POSITION: Guild Secretary

GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 19/03/2024 | Exec | |
| 19/03/2024 | Guild Council Chair Meeting | Went through the Agenda with Ben and Ryan |
| 21/03/2024 | Guild Council | See minutes |
| 22/03/2024 | Legal Committee | Good, productive meeting, discussed Exchange Liquor and recommended 2 committee constitutions |
| 25/03/2024 | Operations Committee | Discussed a variety of operational matters |
| 27/03/2024 | HDR Procedure | Met with Student Assist and PSC President to go through where improvements could be made to HDR procedure |
| 04/04/2024 | Exec x Student Engagement | Catch up with the team and met new staff member in the portfolio |
| 10/04/2024 | Level 3 ALLY Training | Attended Level 3 ALLY training. |
| 11/04/2024 | Brand Strategy Meeting | |
| 11/04/2024 | Reps Board | |
| 12/04/2024 | FBL Grill the Guild | |
| 12/04/2024 | Exec | |

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

| Date | Meeting | Comments |
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| 19/03/2024 | SSAFEAC | Meeting did not go ahead as there was a problem with the calendar invite so no Curtin members came to the meeting |

PROJECTS/General

- I have been working hard on constitution and policy reviews
- By-elections for PSC & ISC have been completed
- Legal committee recommended changes to the constitutions for Operations Committee and Executive Committee
- We had four motions submitted by students this month
- I am working on improving engagement by promoting the livestreams for Guild Council and Representation Board
- Annual Report is complete and the audited financial statements have been signed
- Have been working with student assist and the PSC President on the current review of HDR procedures
- All payments have been completed on time
- Planning for the AGM is underway

KPIs

- I have attended all required meetings
- Constitution & Policy review is progressing well
- My reports have been getting submitted
- The majority of my hours are from campus

tl;dr

Continuing the grind.