

President's Guild Council Report August

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Leave: 6.6 days

1. Meetings

1.1 Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/8	SPEAK OUT TO RETURN OUR TUITION FREE WEEKS	13 students spoke to the impact of removing the tuition free week
18/8	Humanities Campaign Discussion	Providing guidance to the setup of a Humanities 'We Are Important' campaign
19/8	End of Sem Bash Planning	
23/8	Remuneration Tribunal Meeting #1	
24/8	Exec and Portfolio Managers Meeting	
26/8	Sci-Eng Rep x Pres x VPE	Discussing potential campaign against staff cuts and their lasting impacts in sci-eng
26/8	Guild Exec	
27/8	Remuneration Tribunal Meeting #2	Draft determination created
3/9	Tuition Free Open Letter Planning	
7/9	Activities Committee	
9/9	Guild Exec Meeting	
10/9	Student Meeting	Meeting with student who wants to escalate issue to VC
10/9	L6+7 Bldg. 201 Walkthrough and Brainstorm	Hosted a meeting with 12 representatives from various Curtin clubs, where we walked through the top floors of Building 201 and then brainstormed potential ways the Guild and clubs could use, manage and allocate these spaces

20/9	Tuition Free Organising Meeting	Lunch with students to discuss Tuition Free campaign and next steps
21/9	Exec and Portfolio Managers Meeting	

1.2 University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/8	Academic Board Executive	
20/8	VC and Guild President	Asked for University's response to Tuition Free demands - no response. Relayed Offshore International Students feedback from Speak Out. Put forward proposal for student hub on campus, with student common rooms and dedicated club rooms. Finally, discussed the Guild asking for 2.5% more SSAF this year.
24/8	Students as Partners Community of Practice	
25/8	Guild President: Academic Board Discussion	Meeting with the Chair of Academic Board to discuss the University processes for returning the tuition free week
26/8	Introduction to Curtin Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Negotiation Team	Curtin's Chief Operating Officer Fiona Notley introduced me to lead negotiators, Michelle Paul Davie and Angus Buchanan. Negotiations will be happening November onwards.
27/8	University Academic Board	Raised the issue of tuition free weeks. Asked to be involved in the 'Curtin Wellbeing Community of Practice'.
30/8	Meeting with Head Librarian	Learning about plans for library space in 2022, asking about potential for student spaces in Building 201 next year
31/8	Meeting with Tim Urquhart, Director of Properties	Determined there is no current use outlined for Building 201 for the next 5 years, after it's done being used for library space. Confirmed that plans are to leave the top two floors locked up next year. Pitched idea of club and student spaces on these floors.

1/9	Students as Partners - Leadership Team Meeting	Raised lack of teaching staff represented on the leadership team, raised need for Guild to have the resources and support to participate equally in student 'partnership'.
2/9	Tuition Free Meeting Jon Yorke	Learning about how tuition free was removed in the first place
6/9	Global Positioning Committee	Spoke to feedback from Offshore International Student speak out, received updates of how this feedback had been actioned
6/9	VP Corporate Relations Meeting	Raised Tuition Free, Student Hub on campus and asking for great SSAF allocation
10/9	Graduation	
12/9	Graduation	
13/9	VC Sports Day Debrief	Raised the fact that VC Sports Day took up the same day as Guild Games. Mentioned I want Guild Games to return next year, so to not schedule a directly competing event again.
14/9	Jill Downie Tuition Free Meeting	Meeting following Professor Downie was notified about the Open Letter for tuition free weeks. Professor Downie said she would work with LSEC to alleviate assessments falling at the same time, and to reduce workload one week later this semester to simulate the benefit of a tuition free.
17/9	VC and Guild President	Presented Launch Event Grant report, and Ecosia report. Presented open letter. Arranged a meeting next week to discuss process for returning Tuition Free weeks with key staff. Asked about study mode plans for Sem 1 2022.
21/9	Process for Changing Tuition Free Week	Met with VC, Chair of Academic Board, Academic Registrar and VP Corporate Relations to discuss process for returning Tuition Free weeks

2. Items of Significance

2.1 Semester 1 2022 Learning Mode

I asked the VC on 17/9 what their plans were for learning mode in Semester 1 2022. She suggested that it was largely a flipped classroom approach, with essentials being delivered online. In October, the Guild will need to seriously turn its attention to ensuring there are in-person options for all learning in Sem 1 2022. This work will require coordination with Faculty Representatives, as consultation has been moved to the faculty level.

2.2 Bringing Campus Back to Life!

2.2.1 \$400 [Launch Event Grant](#)

Earlier this year, I negotiated a \$20,000 from Curtin to activate campus by boosting clubs. Lachy and the Clubs team have been coordinating this over the end of the holidays and start of semester. \$15,000 was to go to Launch Event Grants, to help clubs run events early in the semester to increase signups, engage members early and activate campus.

At the end of the 5-week launch event period, \$15,343.60 total funding was provided for our Bentley clubs. The funding was redeemed by 37 different clubs to hold an event on campus. The list of events ranged from smaller professional development style workshops, to larger and more visible outdoor events, such as Beers on the Lawn. We saw an increase of 15% in the total number of club events typically held in this period.

Working with Lachy (VP-A) and Bec (Manager of Student Experience), a report was prepared and provided to the Chief Operating Officer. You can read the report, which will be attached to my report. I asked for the University to renew this funding next year, and to provide it in Semester 1 and 2 for a total of \$40,000 of funding.

I presented the report to the Vice Chancellor on 17/9. She commended us for doing a good job maximising benefits to students with the money allocated. The Chief Operating Officer will get back to me about whether Curtin will renew this funding.

2.2.2 Student Spaces on Campus

I put forward my pitch of allowing Building 201 to be a student hub on campus. She was on board with the idea, but made no commitments, seeing we would have to see if the building was pegged for another use. Following this, I met with key staff members such as the Director of Properties, Chief Librarian and VP Corporate Relations. After presenting my research and proposal to the VP Corporate Relations, she assisted me in championing the idea with the Senior Executive Team. Following this, the Vice Chancellor asked the Chief Operating Officer to work with me to prepare a business case. I have arranged a meeting with the Chief Operating Officer to do this on 28/9.

The initial proposal was for use of the space to begin in 2023 once the building was no longer needed for library spaces. However, while meeting with the Director of Properties it was confirmed to me that L6+7 were being locked up next year, as the University had no use for them. I pivoted to

asking for us to use these spaces next year. I think if we are successful in securing these spaces, it will serve as a good trial run for this idea, without committing to a whole building at once.

On 10/9, I organised a meeting with around 12 club leaders from clubs that had expressed interest in being informed and involved with this proposal. We walked through the rooms and then brainstormed how we might use, allocate and manage the rooms. The ideas from this, and subsequent proposals sent through to me by club leaders, will inform our proposal/business case to the University.

2.2.3 Activating the Guild Precinct

Refreshment to the Guild Precinct is now well underway! The walls and floors have been painted, the Equity Space mural is going up, and the First Nations Department mural is completed. Overall, things are looking a lot brighter and more cohesive. The mural in the Equity Space has made it easier to tell what the space is for, and hopefully invites students in from outside. Changes yet to come include extra signage for the Equity Spaces, a new sign for the courtyard (made of neon lights!), new furniture and a little sitting/swinging area across from the 106F bathrooms.

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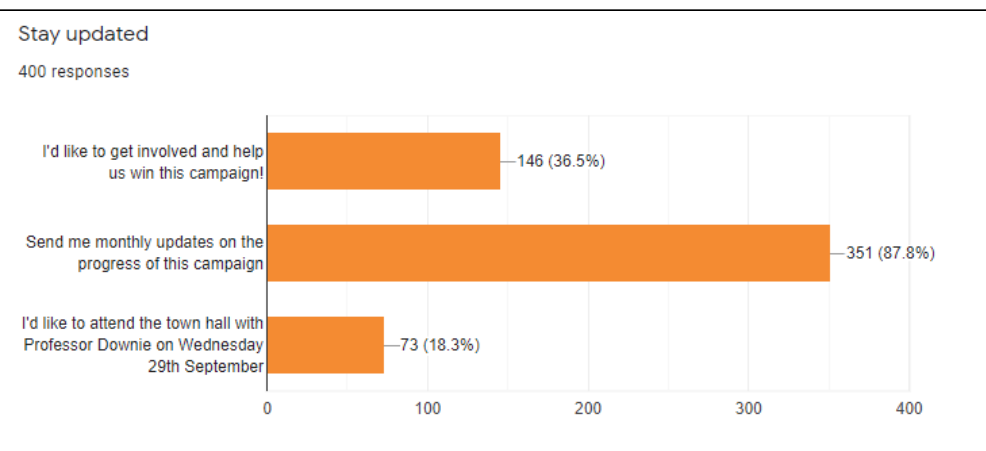
- 1: Guild Courtyard before any of the changes. A courtyard scattered with tables. Some of the tables have students sitting eating or studying.
- 2: Courtyard with yellow, blue and red line patterns painted on the ground, and the surrounding walkways painted in white.
- 3: Mural on the wall of the First Nations Department, with the text 'First Nations'.
- 4: Mural on the wall of the Equity Space, with the text 'Welcome to the Curtin Student Guild Equity Space'.



2.3 Return Tuition Free Week

The SPEAK OUT went ahead, with about 25 students attending and 13 speaking. We had speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds, including international and postgraduate students, all the faculties, mature age students, rural and regional students and club leaders. A summary of the speakers points and the recordings were sent to the Senior Executive Team. The Vice Chancellor was asked to comment by our meeting the following Friday, but did not provide a response.

After consulting with the Guild Executive, we decided to continue the campaign in September by putting out an open letter. This would direct pressure towards the member of staff with authority over the Academic Calendar, Professor Jill Downie. It would also be a less time and physically intensive way to continue the campaign and discussion while elections were on.



The [Open Letter to Return Our Tuition Free Weeks](#) was launched on 7/9 and gained 1000 signatures within the first week. Lots of students wanted to stay updated on the campaign, with 146 saying they'd like to get involved with the campaign, 351 respondents asking for monthly updates on progress, and 73 expressing interest in attending a town hall with Professor Downie.

The open letter was presented to Jill Downie on 13/9. Professor Downie did not agree to attend the town hall with students, despite being available at that time. However she was amenable to student suggestions being passed on to her. She also said she would work with LITEC to alleviate workload in classes toward the end of semester, to simulate the benefits of a tuition free.

The open letter was presented to the Vice Chancellor on 17/9 and has resulted in a few positive actions. She was amenable to the VP-E and myself working with the Director of Student Experience to try and organise a wellbeing survey of students, which would touch on the impacts of the tuition frees being removed. Today (21/9) I met with the VC, Chair of Academic Board, Academic Registrar and VP Corporate Relations to discuss process for returning Tuition Free weeks. I keep being told it's 'too complicated' to return the tuition free weeks, so this meeting was to get everyone on the same page about what this process would actually entail. This is helping me to push the argument that this change is necessary, and to plan the best strategic move.

Moving forward, I think the focus of this campaign this year will be to get Curtin to commit to reviewing the impact of the change to Academic Calendars NOW (not in 3 years). I think it will be necessary to work within the university's internal processes, while also organising with and involving students on the ground. For this, we will build on the students who expressed interest in getting involved in the campaign. I will also look at meeting with staff across the faculties who have expressed support for returning the tuition frees.

Depending on our capacity, there is still time to build towards an action at the end of the semester. However, education matters for Sem 1 2022 will be needing our attention at this stage of the year.

Image description: Bar chart with three horizontal bars. The first bar shows 146 students selected the option 'I want to get involved and help us win this campaign!'. The second bar shows 351 students selected option 'Send me monthly updates on the progress of this campaign'. Bar 3 shows 73 students expressed interest in the option 'I'd like to attend the town hall with Professor Downie on Wednesday 29th September'.

2.4 Guild Elections

The elections are currently underway at the time of writing. Once the elections and voting has been completed, we can look at whether initiatives like the Election Information Campaign resulted in more voter participation/independent nominations.

Other new initiatives this year include the Election Debate hosted by Grok, stalls by different candidates/tickets in the first week of campaigning, 'NO CAMPAIGNING' stickers and a democracy sausage sizzle on the first 2 days.

While the Election Debate and stalls didn't see much engagement from students, I hope that next year the Guild, students and candidates will know what to expect and be able to grow these initiatives the second time around. It would be great to build an exciting culture around the elections for students.

2.9 Assorted Guild Work

- **Remuneration Tribunal:** There were delays starting the tribunal, and further delays confirming with all members of the tribunal before sending out the draft determination. The draft determination of the remuneration tribunal should be available for reading by 22/9. We are seeking feedback on the changes.
- **Room Bookings:** With regard to room bookings is club committee members, outstanding work is first, committee members being able to make bookings directly into 'Resource Booker' rather than having to have Guild staff do it on their behalf. Second, clubs being able to book rooms for free, even when they are selling tickets for an event. This will require follow up from myself and the VPA Activities in October.
- **First Nations Representative:** I'm sad to report that the newly elected First Nations Officer Ilona McGuire resigned from the Guild. Efforts to elect another First Nations Officer will resume once the annual elections are completed. Our hope is to do as much as possible to set up the First Nations Collective for success in 2022.
- **Curtin Counselling:** Curtin has recruited new Counsellors, and has advised that the wait time should be reduced to 3-4 weeks. I have been advocating for more counselling support at a faculty level.
- **Managing Director Contract Negotiation:** Guild Council approved the new contract for the Managing Director. This has been sent to the Guild's lawyers to be looked over. Once lawyer approval is received, the Guild Secretary and myself will execute the proposed employment contract and affix the Common Seal to the contract. The process will then

have been finalised. The Guild will benefit from Managing Director David Luketina's marvellous contribution for another few years yet!

- **SSAF Proposals:** In various forums I have been advocating for the Guild to receive greater funding. My plan currently is to apply for 2.5% extra SSAF for 2022. If secured, this could fund more paid hours for the VP-E and Fac Reps/ISC and PSC Presidents, allow for a full time member of staff to be hired to support reps with their projects, renovate and furnish spaces in Building 201 for student use, and more!
- **Offshore International Student Speakout:**
- **Enterprise Bargaining Agreement:**

3. Use of Delegated Powers

N/A

4. TLDR

I have been doing my utmost to keep the Tuition Free campaign going business as usual despite elections happening in the background. Education matters need urgent attention in October. We have reported on the outcomes of the Launch Event Grant and asked for \$40,000 extra club funding next year. We have been working on making existing Guild Spaces more colourful and inviting, and are continuing work to secure a new Guild Space in Building 201 as soon as 2022.

Thanks for reading!

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\$20,000 Club Funding to Curtin Student Guild

Briefing Note

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Preamble

The \$20,000 provided to the Curtin Student Guild by Curtin University was provided with the intended purpose of inspiring club leaders to hold events at the beginning of the semester to activate the campus.

The grant was split, with \$15,000 going towards financing launch events to take place in the first 5 weeks of the semester, and \$5,000 going towards an additional club membership voucher for students, which was aimed to increase club engagement and boost membership numbers, by making club membership more accessible to more students.

These two measures were aimed at increasing student participation in clubs, which in turn would empower clubs to activate the campus. We believe this has certainly been achieved, and is evident in the results reported below.

Launch Event Grant (\$15,000)

At the end of the 5-week launch event period, \$15,343.60 total funding was provided for our Bentley clubs. The funding was redeemed by 37 different clubs to hold an event on campus. The list of events ranged from smaller professional development style workshops, to larger and more visible outdoor events, such as Beers on the Lawn.

The Guild facilitated and supported an impressive 99 club events throughout the month of August alone. Whilst not all of these events were accompanied by a direct request for Launch Grant funding, the surrounding campaign encouraging increased club events over the first five weeks of semester is still believed to have had significant impact on these figures.

Making comparisons to previous year's total numbers of events (considering last year to be an outlier due to reduced student presence on campus), we can see that there is an increase of 15% in the total number of club events typically held in this period.

Allowing student club leaders to momentarily suspend their concern around an event breaking even removes one of the boundaries for clubs to hold these events.

Event & Expenditure Breakdown

CLUB	Event(s)	Confirmed Attendance	Event Date	Amount Approved
AIESEC in Curtin	Quiz Night	30	23-Aug	\$ 400.00
Asian Students in Australia	BBQ Fundraiser	200	25-Aug	\$ 380.00
Association of Chemical Engineering Students	Alcoa Technical Talk	151	25-Aug	\$ 307.00
Association of Malaysian Students	Meet n Greet	33	14-Aug	\$ 400.00
Biomedical Science Club	Quiz Night	30	13-Aug	\$ 400.00
Campus Christian Movement	Parasite (amazing race style event)	30	14-Aug	\$ 333.43

Computer Science Students Association	Talks from the Industry	40	18-Aug	\$ 296.48
Curtin Accounting Association	Resume and LinkedIn workshop; MYOB Workshop	TBC	11-Aug & 18-Aug	\$ 210.00
Curtin Chemistry Club	Industry Night	120	12-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Consulting Group	Intro into consulting	TBC	4-Aug	\$ 100.00
Curtin Economics Society	Discussion Panel Event	19	25-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Engineers Club	Beers on the Lawn	TBC	27-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Engineers Without Borders	School Outreach Training Night; Pavilion Challenge Night	35	12-Aug & 25-Aug	\$ 800.00
Curtin Filipino Students' Society	CFSS 4th Anniversary	47	6-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Film Production Society	Launch Party	48	27-Aug	\$ 800.00
Curtin IET on Campus	Woodside Graduate Event	62	12-Aug	\$ 250.00
Curtin Immanuel Club	Mid-Autumn Festival	TBC	18-Sep	\$ 400.00
Curtin Investor Society	Workshop 01: Investing Basics & Trading Strategy 2021	12	25-Aug	\$ 250.00
Curtin Machine Learning	AI and Automation Panel	37	20-Aug	\$ 318.00
Curtin Marketing Association	Quiz Night	20	18-Aug	\$ 370.00
Curtin Mechanical Society	SolidWorks workshop series	40	12, 19 & 26 Aug	\$ 331.10
Curtin Occupational Therapy Association (COTA)	Networking Night	TBC	3-Sep	\$ 800.00
Curtin Palestinian Society	Tea and Tatreez'- A series of workshops; Pop-Up Activation Stall (with giveaways!)	TBC	24/08, 30/08, 31/08, 7/09	\$ 800.00
Curtin Robotics Club	Woodside x CROc Knowledge Sharing Build Night; Special General Meeting	40	5-Aug	\$ 765.95
Curtin Society of Mechatronic Engineers - CSME	Renewables Talk	TBC	11-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Students' Physics Association	Games Night	28	19-Aug	\$ 400.00
Curtin Writers Clubs	Books and Publishing in Western Australia	10	30-Jul	\$ 400.00
Enactus Curtin University	Quiz Night	TBC		\$ 347.60
Exp. Share	Minecraft LAN Party Launch Day.	TBC	28-Aug	\$ 180.00
IEEE Curtin University	Leadership Workshop	50	18-Aug	\$ 400.00
Mind Medicine Curtin	Movie Night & Sundowner	TBC	17-Sept	\$ 800.00
Nutrition and Dietetics Student Association	Careers Night	TBC	18-Aug	\$ 370.00
Passion4Jesus	Board Games Night	25	17-Aug	\$ 400.00
Sri Lankan Australia Youth Association	Quiz Night	TBC	27-Jul	\$ 346.00
Student Actuarial Society	Industry Panel Night	TBC	12-Aug	\$ 395.00
Vegans at Curtin	Vegan BBQ	TBC	24-Aug	\$ 190.00
Women in Engineering Curtin Division	Alumni Sundowner	20	27-Aug	\$ 403.00

Grant Uptake

Not every club took advantage of the funding provided, with possible reasons including lack of time and/or competing commitments, failure to read outgoing communications from the Guild, a lack of motivation to hold an on-campus event, and/or difficulties organising their committees and planning events in the provided timeframe. To ensure that as many clubs as possible were aware of the funding, the Guild sent numerous emails, made several announcements at its regular clubs and societies meetings and via social media, and made several face-to-face efforts to encourage clubs to pursue this funding.

To assist clubs with the relatively short timeframe, the application for the funding was made as quick and as easy as possible. Application criteria was also twice revised to make it easier for clubs to access the funding.

There was, unfortunately, no way of getting around the short time frame for these events, as high impact events typically require at least eight weeks' notice to meet the necessary logistics, health and safety, and planning requirements. With limited notice before the beginning of the semester to develop a grant application process and announce the grant to clubs, we found that if clubs were not already planning on holding a large-scale event within the specified timeframe, there was not quite enough time to organise themselves to commit to a large event.

This presented the choice of either not applying for the funding, or holding a smaller-scale event. Should this funding be renewed for next year, making clubs aware of the available grant at least eight weeks prior to the proposed application period will allow them to greater utilise the funding for larger and more impactful events.

Application Process & Criteria

The Launch Grant application form can be viewed here: <https://ap-prod-au-u1-csg.azurewebsites.net/Forms/launch-event-grant>. Please note: The Guild has migrated to a new website since the Launch Grant closed, and as such this particular form is hosted as a now inactive temporary legacy site only. Should this link have expired upon attempted viewing, a look at the form's start text has been provided below.

CLUB LAUNCH EVENT GRANT

The Guild has recently negotiated a one-time additional club funding allocation from the University for Semester Two, 2021, designed to encourage and support increased club events on campus across the first five weeks of semester. The Club "Launch Event" Grant is aimed at enhancing club culture and visibility on campus, whilst also helping clubs attract new members at O-Day.

This funding is in addition to all existing Guild club grants and entitlements, including the \$1500 Sponsorship Grant, Function & BBQ Packs, and Club Voucher Reimbursements - more info on these ongoing Guild-provided club grants and financial perks can be found here: <https://www.guild.curtin.edu.au/club-perks>.

At this stage, this funding has been allocated for this year only, but if we can bring the University sufficient evidence of a corresponding increase in campus activation and club engagement in the first five weeks of semester, our hope is to convince them to extend this funding into the years ahead. (Hence the reporting requirements outlined post-event.)

To apply, simply plan an on-campus event that falls within the first five weeks of Semester Two, draft up a basic budget to outline your expenses, and lodge this form! First in, first serve, and while funds last.

Please contact the Guild VP-Activities (activitiesvp@guild.curtin.edu.au) and/or the Clubs Officer (clubs@guild.curtin.edu.au) if you would like to access further support and/or advice around planning a suitable launch event for your club!

Grant Criteria

- Maximum grant value of \$800 each club or until the grant allocation has been reached.
- Must be used for a club-run event/s held within the *first five weeks of Semester Two, 2021*
- Each separate event requires a separate grant application
- Event/s must be run on-campus
- Event/s is to be promoted online as a way to:
 - get students to your first event,
 - promote more engaged members, and
 - show members that your club is active on campus.
- Club must submit a rough event budget / expense breakdown within this form, showing approximate / expected event costs
- Any underspend of 20% or more below the actual grant amount awarded, must be paid back to the Guild post-event
- Club must submit a **post event acquittal** by no later than 31st August 2021. The acquittal form will be sent to successful grant recipients directly, and will require the following info:
 - Attendance numbers
 - Event/s summary & photos
 - Promotional material used
 - Proof of purchase showing final actual event spend (i.e. receipts / invoices)
 - Each separate event requires a separate acquittal

Application deadline: 23 August 2021

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Please allow up to one week for your application to be processed, and up to two weeks for funds to be transferred to your club bank account.

Post-Event Club Feedback

Below is a sample of the post-event feedback and images provided to the Guild by clubs, following the delivery of their events.

“Opportunities at Woodside Event went well, turnout was significant compared to the expected turnout. The funding allowed for expanded catering for the attendees, staff and presenters, which was well received by all who attended. The supplies purchased in addition to the catering allowed for a better experience for all staff, attendees and presenters.”

- Curtin IET on Campus

“The Launch Event Grant greatly assisted Curtin Film Society with our Launch sundowner as it allowed us to welcome our members, introducing them to the club and what we offer at a minimal charge to them. The event went so well with various student members, some representatives of associated or future collaborating clubs and Screen Art staff stopping by to meet each other, committee, enjoy a drink and have some free food. It was thanks to the grant we were able to offer this food at no cost to attendees, as well as utilise various photography mediums to memorialise the event, and add entertainment such as DJ’s for added enjoyment. Overall, the grant benefited the members of CFPS as it created a space for a fun and rewarding reception into the society!”

- Curtin Film Production Society

“Received great feedback from attending members especially in regards to being able to talk to the alumni about getting vacation work and better understand the transition from university to full time work. Even attending committee members found a lot of value in it, learning about the history of the club and how we used to do things. The grant was used on catering food platters.”

- Women in Engineering, Curtin Division

“The event was from our perspective, very successful. The funding contributed to the students who attended our event having a more luxurious experience with lots of food provided. The funds definitely were worth having because the students loved it and found it was great value and a great experience.”

- Curtin Mechanical Society

“In this work shop, students were given the opportunity to gain insight into leadership roles in the electrical engineering industry. Four guest speakers, each with over 10 years of experience, covered topics including their responsibilities as engineering project leaders, as well as how to lead effectively, motivate others and continue growing as a leader throughout your career. The event ran extremely well and allowed us to promote our club and upcoming events to a large audience, whilst building our relationships with industry representatives that are now keen to work with us again. To show just how well we had kept the students engaged, many students were keen to hang around after the event, whilst others left with a smile on their face. The final, overarching goal of the event was to provide students with new leadership and teamwork skills. Our speakers provided the fantastic advice and gave in-depth responses during the Q&A time. This left many students telling us that it was one of the best university events they had attended, and that the newfound knowledge was both incredibly useful and inspiring.”

- IEEE Curtin Society

“The grant was to fund game props, prizes and light refreshments for our Parasite event. Our event was very successful with approximately 30 students that joined and participated. The props bought with the grant such as balloons, flour, canned fruits, nerf gun bullets, cups, tape and yarn were used to make the games more exciting and fun for the participants. The light refreshments before and after the event such as tea, cup noodles and subway helped to facilitate a more friendly and comfortable environment for students to make new friendship. Following the event, the overall feedback from participants were that they had fun and enjoyed the event. We would like to thank the Guild and the University for their generous consideration for granting us the funds to execute this Parasite event. The club and the students that participated would not have been able to enjoy this free event without the help of the grant provided.”

- Campus Christian Movement

“The event was successful, drawing around 40 people in total (committee and speakers included). The audience asked questions and were engaged throughout the presentations; A substantial crowd

persisted throughout the catered portion of the event post presentations / Q&A. This grant helped the club by drawing more attendees to the event, resulting in a better and more social experience for people, in addition to more outreach for our sponsors. The funding was invested in catering (pizza), snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages. This makes for a more enjoyable and comfortable experience for both our guests and speakers. Overall, the event and grant was worth it for the value it brought our members, sponsors and brand.”

- Computer Science Student Association

“The grant assisted us in sharing a genuine Filipino birthday experience with members, as it covered catering costs. It also helped reduce the financial stress from having a significant net loss: catering and the reduced membership sign-ups usually expected during sem 2. I was so pleased to see members excited to eat Filipino food and enjoy it during the event.”

- Curtin Filipino Students’ Society

Event Images





Additional Club Vouchers (\$5000)

Clubs have reported significant increases to their second semester membership intake, which certainly appears to align with the provision of an additional \$5 club voucher for first and second year Curtin students, made possible by the additional \$5000 in voucher funding from Curtin. We are pleased to report that 13,295 students were members of Guild-registered clubs as at the end of August.

The additional club vouchers available were communicated broadly across the Guild's social media platforms, with new students (i.e. those starting in Semester 2, 2021) receiving three vouchers (instead of the standard two) upon activating their membership and collecting their Guild sticker.

First and second year students who commenced in Semester 1 were also able to return to the Guild to collect an additional voucher in Semester 2, by simply visiting Guild Reception and presenting their student card. This was then scanned to confirm they'd not already collected a third voucher, and the additional voucher then provided to the student.

Accordingly, a total of 3,620 vouchers have been used to join clubs so far this year, for which the Guild has subsequently reimbursed clubs to the current value of \$18,100.00. The additional \$5000 from Curtin toward this figure has enabled the provision of more club vouchers than ever before, with a corresponding increase in membership figures being reported by clubs.


\$20,000 CLUBS GRANT!

The Guild has secured \$20,000 in clubs funding from Curtin to reinvigorate campus culture.

Visit the Guild website for more information on Guild clubs and how this grant will benefit you.

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CURTIN STUDENT GUILD

 Curtin Student Guild
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The Guild has secured \$20,000 in additional clubs funding from Curtin to start Semester two off with a bang!

Curtin is working with us to reinvigorate campus culture as we return to face to face, and has supported this initiative to help get as many students back on campus as possible in Semester two.

Guild clubs provide students with events and communities in which to network, share skills and knowledge, and make lifelong friends.

💰 \$5000 will fund additional club vouchers in Semester 2. Each club voucher is worth \$5 and can be used to pay for club membership.

If you are a first or second year student you are entitled to one extra club voucher. You can collect your club voucher from Guild Reception commencing 19 July (O Week).

👉 \$15,000 is available to fund clubs to run free on campus events in Semester 2. Thank you Curtin, it's going to be an exciting semester.

See you on campus!

#CurtinGuild #CurtinUniversity

Conclusion

On behalf of the Guild and our student clubs, I want to give our sincere thanks for giving us this opportunity.

Our goal with dedicating funding to providing an extra club voucher was to offset the lower signup rates in Semester 2. We were able to do so, and clubs did report seeing increased signups. However, reflecting on the feedback, we felt that the Club Launch Event provided more benefit to students per the amount of money spent.

If this \$20,000 allocation of funding were to be renewed in 2022, we would suggest dedicating all of it to providing grants to clubs.

Our goal with the Launch Event Grant was to incentivise clubs to plan events early in the semester to promote at O-Day. These events would boost signups by showing that the club would be active and providing benefits. It would also allow them to build connections with new and continuing members before they got too busy with the semester. This would set them up for success into Semester 2 and beyond.

As predicted, \$400 was an absolute game changer for students, and allowed them to run bigger and better events than they had capacity to before. The ability to provide good catering was a huge boon for clubs. Many also acquired resources for their Launch Events that they will benefit from for years to come, like signs and banners that can be reused at O-Day. Students are resourceful, and it has been a pleasure to help them take this money and make magic for their communities.

With this grant, we have been able to activate Curtin campus for students. Allowing student leaders in clubs to choose how this money was spent maximised the benefit gained by students. It also allowed a diverse range of events to occur that engaged students across faculties, cultures, religions and special interests.

We feel that the Launch Event Grant has been a success, and bolstered clubs culture at Curtin not only now, but as an investment for the future. Our mission is to build a strong campus and clubs culture, and foster a strong sense of identity with being a Curtin student, and coming to Curtin campus. We would like to see a thriving campus culture at Curtin to rival the likes of UWA, whose bigger clubs and club events draw Curtin students who don't have the same offerings here.

We would like to ask that this become a permanent grant. We would love to be able to provide clubs with a \$20,000 Launch Event Grant at the start of Semester 1 and another \$20,000 ahead of Semester 2. It is our firm belief that the benefits to student retention, student engagement and campus life would be worth every penny.

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University

Name	Date	Comments
Courses Committee	14.09.21	Comprehensive course reviews for postgraduate courses evaluated. Nil major deactivations.
Club Presidents Meeting	15.09.21	

External

Name	Date	Comments
BoardEffect Demonstration	08.09.21	Presented details on possible implementation. Proposal will be post discussion with internal stakeholders.

Guild

Name	Date	Comments
MHW x Accessibility x StudentEx	02.09.21	Mental Health Week
Activities Committee	07.09.21	
*Executive Committee	09.09.21	
*Higher Education Updates	15.09.21	
*Executive Committee	24.09.21	
Commercial Services Committee	28.09.21	

Student Disciplinary Panels

Date	Comments
27.08.21	-
03.09.21	-
10.09.21	-
17.09.21	-
23.09.21	-
Total cases	80 7 - No AM Avg Reduction: 32%

Initiatives

More detail around the creation of academic rules have been created. I have been discussing with staff the creation of frameworks to oversee the conditions of IRIS exams and audit.

I have been trying to use some of my time accrued this period, this has meant I have been focusing on contributing to my base responsibilities as well as some work in my other Guild commitments.

Science and Engineering Faculty Representative - Representation Board Report

For the Representation Board #8 to be held on Thursday, 28/09/2021.

Summary of Meetings

Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
Undergraduate/ Postgraduate (UG/ PG) Science Suite Meeting	17/08/2021	Faculty	We are slowly reaching the end of these meetings .Progress and possibility of the Science Suite of courses is looking good in our faculty.
Student Consultative Committee (SCC) Discussion Meeting	17/08/2021	Faculty	This was a touch base meeting to discuss the running of the newly reformed Student Consultative Committee
Student Meeting	18/08/2021	Guild	Nothing to note.
Learning and Teaching Council Executive Committee (LTCEC)	18/08/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note – just usual approvals of changes to courses and updates on actions out of other committees.
Student Disciplinary Panel (SDP) Meeting	19/08/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Representation Board Meeting	19/08/2021	Guild	Refer to minutes from last meeting.
Learning and Teaching Strategy Catch Up	23/08/2021	Guild x Faculty	This was a catch-up meeting to discuss the proposed Learning and Teaching strategy. I am seeing some very cool initiatives arise from this document and the precedence it can hopefully set as the future of teaching and learning within our faculty.
UG/ PG Science Suite Meeting	24/08/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Students as Partners Community of Practice (SAPCOP)	24/08/2021	University	Nothing to note – just round table updates about the space of students as partners.
SDP Meeting	25/08/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Curriculum Course Review (CCR) Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) Honours.	26/08/2021	Faculty	Good progress as always in this committee – I am doing my best to maintain a high work ethic in this committee.
Staff Cuts Petition Meeting with Jesse and Bridge	26/08/2021	Guild	Had a touch base meeting about an initiative that a student wanted to start in Science and Engineering. We discussed logistics and route to achievement. I have relayed this all back to the student and are awaiting their actions before proceeding.
UG/ PG Science Suite Meeting	31/08/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Bachelor of Technology Feedback Workshop 1	01/09/2021	Guild x Faculty	This is part of the CCR process to run a review of the Bachelor of Technology course – received good feedback and I

			compiled a report that was sent back to the faculty.
Bachelor of Technology Feedback Workshop 2	01/09/2021	Guild x Faculty	Same as above.
Math unit survey feedback meeting	01/09/2021	Guild x Faculty	The faculty has asked me to conduct a student survey about a unit of concern. I've consulted a maths tutor to get some help formulating some of the survey questions around content material.
Shortlisting Actuarial Lecturer	03/09/2021	Faculty	A part of the Talent Acquisition panel that I have been asked to be a part of.
SDP	03/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Staff Cuts Petition – Student Meeting	03/09/2021	Guild	Touched base with the student about where to proceed following their request to start such a petition.
Student Assist Meeting with Jo-Ann and Bridge	07/09/2021	Guild	Student Assist has noticed a large number of students coming to student assist for help and wanted to touch base to get on the same page about similar cases.
UG/ PG Science Suite Meeting	07/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Student Meeting	07/09/2021	Guild	Nothing to note.
Learning and Teaching Council Meeting	08/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Student Assist Meeting	08/09/2021	Guild	Nothing to note.
CCR BEng(Hons) Meeting	09/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
SDP	10/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Pro-Vice Chancellor Meeting	13/09/2021	Guild x Faculty	Just a meeting to touch base and catch up on updates going on throughout the Faculty.
Science and Engineering Faculty Board	14/09/2021	Faculty	Welcomed the Dean of Indigenous into our faculty. There were other actions on student representation that have been followed up separately.
UG/ PG Science Suite Meeting	14/09/2021	Faculty	Was unable to attend due to other commitments but have been updated and hadn't missed anything.
Meeting with Jesse and Lachy	14/09/2021	Guild	Regarding student hub and the clubs walk through that occurred.
Student Consultative Committee (SCC) Meeting	15/09/2021	Faculty	Great discussions were made and some good actions have arisen.
LTCEC	15/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Science First Year Academic Working Party	16/09/2021	Faculty	This party was created in response to the large dropout rates of science students following first year. We looked through a lot of data and identified units to investigate in further depth.

Actuarial Science Candidates Confirmation	17/09/2021	Faculty	Confirmed the list of interviewers.
Engineering Board Meeting with Curriculum Advisory Chairs	17/09/2021	Faculty	A part of the CCR BEng(Hons) process and the chairs of the Industry Advisory Group gave a summary presentation on their recommendations.
UG/ PG Science Suite	21/09/2021	Faculty	Nothing to note.
Follow up SCC meeting	21/09/2021	Faculty	Touching base and discussing the actions that arose from the previous SCC meeting.

Other Events

- Tuition Free Rally – Flyer Handouts (17/08/2021)
 - I helped hand out flyers to promote the Guild’s rally at the Vice Chancellor’s building about the tuition free.
- Northern Star Networking Night (02/09/2021)
 - I was invited as a guest at the faculty’s Northern Star Networking Night. It was a fantastic evening and a fantastic story that was shared to us. A story of Curtin Alumni going off a starting a company together and have since maintained a strong connection with the university where they met and constantly commit to recruiting students from this institution.
- Graduation Ceremony (09/09/2021)
- Indigenous STEM Students BBQ (15/09/2021)
 - I was unable to attend due to coinciding meetings, but I heard it went well.
- Industry Advisory Group and Engineering Board Members Afternoon Tea (17/09/2021)

Other Things

- A unit was refusing to mark both submission of a resit test.
- A unit breached confidentiality of CAP students.
- A unit had issues communicating with a travel restricted lecturer.
- Student asked for information regarding leave of absences.
- A couple of clubs have asked me to ask act as Returning Officer (RO) for their Annual General Meeting (AGM) – I had to turn them down due to conflicting commitments.
- I am also helping another student with a further assessment in a unit.

KPI Reflection

1. When attending various board/panel/committee meetings, be punctual, ensure I read the agenda and ask questions.
 - Is going well - only had to miss 5 meetings the entire year due to other commitments.
2. Submit punctual, accurate, and comprehensive reports for committees when submissions are due.
 - Not really going well as time progresses. Workload allocation issue.
3. Work on increasing communications with club representatives to make myself aware of academic club related issues.
 - Relationship with clubs is going really well.
4. Communicate with academic staff to abolish handwritten coding exams.
 - Abolish hand written Achieved / no longer applicable.

5. Communicate with academic staff to create a universal 11:59 PM submission time.
 - Ongoing
6. Works on systems to have Ecosia set as the default search engine on all computers at university.
 - Ongoing
7. Work on systems to have closed captions included in all online learning material (e.g.: iLectures) regardless of if students are on a CAP or not.
 - Ongoing – done everything that I can.
8. Liaise with faculty staff to streamline the process to get logbook approval for networking events run by students/ clubs.
 - Ongoing
9. Bridge the sci-eng gap through a science and engineering event.
 - Ongoing

Final Notes

The past reporting period has been extremely strenuous. A lot of things have been happening in my space and which workload allocation is a continuing issue. I am making slow progress on most of my KPIs and my relationships with different stakeholders relevant to my positions is also well. In particular, my relationship and rapport with faculty is going extremely well. I genuinely feel that the faculty are constantly working with me to help enhance the student experience.

Summary – Key Points

- There have been a lot of meetings about various things within my faculty.
- There have been a lot of emails.
- KPIs are on track.
- My relationship with the faculty is well.
- There have been workload issues.

Thanks for reading my report and stay nifty!

Regards,



JASON KIM

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Faculty of Health Sciences Report
Lucy Rohl (she/her)
Representation Board – September



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Health Sciences students, we've got you back!

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Guild and University meetings

25/8	Shortlisting for new Learning Technology Support Officer
	Fortnightly meeting with Dean of Learning & Teaching and Manager of Student Engagement
30/8	Meeting with Hameed (PSC President), Sofia (ISC President), postgraduate nursing students and Head of School of Nursing about issues with their course and employability
2/9	Interviewing for Learning Technology Support Officer
6/9	Meeting with Bridge (VPE) and Hameed (PSC Pres) about a campaign, more information on the next page
8/9	Fortnightly meeting with Dean of Learning & Teaching and Manager of Student Engagement
16/8	Faculty Courses Committee
	Meeting with Manager of Student Engagement and Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences about getting students involved in more faculty committees

What am I up to?

Students involved in Health Sciences committees

I'm currently working with the Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, Helen McCutcheon, to that we have in the faculty. I'm reaching out to clubs and people I know personally in the meantime, but we are wanting to give students this information during orientation.

Roger Cook Campaign (title is a work-in-progress)

Hameed, Sofia and I met with many postgrad nursing students about their issues with the course, and one of the things that came up was that, whilst hospitals are saying that they're short-staffed and the government says there's a nursing shortage, the government is hiring nursing graduates from overseas, rather than locally. This has left lots of nursing graduates without jobs, and hits especially hard for international students, who pay significantly more and don't end up with a job.

In response, us and Bridge are working on a campaign directed at the State Health Minister, Roger Cook. We are setting up a meeting with him to discuss these issues, and are laying the groundwork for a letter-writing campaign, which I'm really excited about!

Faculty Common Free Time

The Manager of Student Engagement for Health Sciences, Kelly Nowak, is looking to implement a Faculty Common Free Time, so all Health Sciences students would have a certain time free (e.g. Thursday 12-2), so it's easier for Health Sciences clubs (and the faculty itself) to run events. This Faculty CFT would exist on top of the CFT we have University-wide on Wednesdays 12-2.

The faculty staff and I think it's a cool idea, so she may reach out to Student Engagement people in other faculties to see if they'd be interested too. Realistically, this wouldn't be implemented until 2023.

TL;DR

I'm working with faculty staff to get students more involved in working parties. I'm organising a campaign to get the government to hire local nursing students, not hire from overseas. Staff in the faculty are looking to implement a faculty common free time, which I'm in favour of.

Thanks for reading x

Lucy

Humanities

12/08/2021-21/09/2021

University

Name	Date	Comments
Courses Committee	18/08/2021	
Student Disciplinary Panel	19/08/2021	
Student Disciplinary Panel	24/08/2021	
Student Disciplinary Panel	02/09/2021	
Learning and Student Experience Committee	09/09/2021	
Student Disciplinary Panel	09/09/2021	
Blended Learning Meeting	15/09/2021	Met with Bridge Truell and Nicole Slatter (Dean of Teaching and Learning) to discuss the Humanities Faculty's plan.
Student Disciplinary Panel	16/09/2021	
Courses Committee	20/09/2021	

Guild Meetings

Name	Date	Comments
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Humanities Campaign	08/09/2021	Met with Chris Hall (NUS Education) to discuss steps leading to a National Day of Action
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Events

Name	Date	Comments
Rally	18/08/2021	Attended and spoke at the rally demanding that the University return our tuition free weeks. Good attendance, some fantastic speakers.

Initiatives

We Are Important Campaign

I am planning a campaign to stress the importance of the Humanities with the end goal of improving our learning environment and quality of learning.

This campaign will take place online, through an open letter, and through an NUS affiliated National Day of Action.

I am in the process of getting in contact with other student Guild's and setting up a meeting time.

My demands that throughout the campaign I will be pushing for include:

- Increase humanities funding
- Stop cutting humanities courses and units
- Give humanities the recognition they deserve

TL;DR

I attended a number of meetings as well as the rally to have our tuition free weeks returned.

I am also planning a campaign to improve the quality of education and treatment given to the humanities faculty. I am currently communicating with other student guild's and Chris Hall to make this campaign a National Day of Action

Student Assist – Representation Board report – September 2021

Case statistics for Student Assist is as follows:

	Jun	Jul	Aug
Academic sessions	212	373	273
Financial Counselling sessions	26	49	41
LifeHacks	51	105	84

**Note that there was an error in August's report. July Academic numbers should have been reported as 373 instead of 199.*

Academic sessions in the month of August were mainly focused on complaints and General Misconduct.

Emergency Relief

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 3 students during the month of August in the form of Student Assist's Hardship Grant, Foodbank and voucher.

TL;DR

Business as usual for Student Assist.

PRESIDENT OF THE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE (PSC)

2021 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

1. Fill all positions on the PSC to ensure appropriate representation and advocacy. Introduce the PSC to the broader Guild community, particularly Faculty representatives.
 - a. Additionally, plan induction sessions so all members of the PSC are well equipped to carry out their roles.
2. Attend meetings to represent the agenda of Curtin postgrads in broader conversations and decision-making processes.
3. Present information to postgrads and introduce them to the PSC at the beginning of both semesters. Attend orientation presentations.
4. Improve PSC social media growth and create a PSC LinkedIn page for postgrads as recommended by Curtin Career Development.
5. Organise social events to foster a social culture and support system for postgraduate students to create a more vibrant campus life.
6. Represent the interests of the Curtin University postgraduate student community both within the University and externally.
7. Manage the implementation of the Mental Health Initiative: Providing postgraduate students from all Faculties Mental Health First Aid. Work with the Accessibility officer to minimise the prolonged waiting list for counselling sessions.
8. Work with the Guild reps to provide more Graduate programs for postgraduate students.
9. Formulate and disseminate a quarterly bulletin from the PSC to all postgraduate students, highlighting the PSC efforts to advocate postgrads.
10. Advocate letter-writing campaign regarding Postgraduate Nursing Graduate Program issues and meet Health Minister Roger Cook in person.

QUEER OFFICER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER REPRESENTATION BOARD

Going to save everybody's time today and just list out the most important points of the last month and a bit:

- Wear It Purple Day afternoon tea/meet & greet went really well – had a lot of returning members as well as a whole bunch of new folks attending. Hope to do another meet & greet next month.
- I have been meeting with a number of people across campus regarding updating and improving the queer support content on the Curtin website, including the “Gender transition guide” – we are making good progress on this, however slow it is.
- We have made some progress on the issue of allowing students and staff members to have their preferred names on their Curtin IDs, to match with policies at other WA universities – will update more when we know more!
- Rad Sex and Consent week events and content were good, but I do believe the workshop will have more attendance as an online workshop, as we only had one student attend who was not part of the Guild or a friend of the presenter. This is a really excellent workshop and I really think we should try to make it easier for more students to attend this, especially for those who feel too shy to attend in person.
- I am collaborating with multiple parties across campus to try and arrange a Curtin presence for Pride Parade and Fairday this year. Watch this space!
- Really important thing – bathroom sticker rollout day on **WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER!** Allies – please, please, please come along and consider bringing a friend, to try and take some of the physical and emotional load off the members of the queer community themselves. I'm looking forward to seeing other reps board members there!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. I am currently dealing with an extended housing issue, so my attention and energy has been quite divided lately and I apologise for that. However, I'm very keen for the next few months and what I can get done.

- Dax Jagoe (they/it)

WOMEN'S OFFICER Report

REPRESENTATION BOARD 2021 – 19/08/21

Submitted 12/08/21

GUILD MEETINGS

17/8	Meeting about collectives with Fatma
27/8	Women's Collective

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

19/8	Representation Board
14/9	Respect. Now. Always. Steering Committee

PROJECTS

Women's Equity Collective

- The Equity Collective met again.
- Minutes were approved at this meeting, which have been submitted for this Representation Board.

The National Student Safety Survey

- The NSSS started on the 6th of October and I organised for posters to go up around the Guild precinct and social media posts to go out on the Guild accounts regarding it.
- I had another couple of social media posts scheduled to inform the students more about it, but due to the NSSS having some issues and Jesse communicating with the Social Research Centre, the body behind it, they have been pushed.
- I am hoping to get at least one more social media post out about it before the survey closes on 3rd October.

Discord Server

- The Discord server is still being maintained.
- There is currently 31 members.
- We've also started doing Discord games nights using Jackbox party packs and have done two so far.

Facebook Group

- The Facebook group is still being used, mainly to share information and create polls for event options
- It currently has 143 members.

Women's Department Equity Space

- Since the fairy lights and extra blankets etc have been added to the Equity Space, I've noticed more people in there than ever, which has been really encouraging.

EVENTS

Discord Games Night

7pm-9pm
28/09, 4/09

- I promoted these games nights through the Discord server to gauge the interest of those who were in it.
- Roughly 3 students came each night, so we were able to have some small but fun games of scribbl.io and Jackbox.
- Now that we've had a couple of trial nights within the server, I plan to start promoting on social media channels

OVERALL COMMENTS

It's been a slow month, as I've been getting into the swing of doing my subjects and dealing with my mental health.

The National Student Safety Survey began this month, so I have made myself knowledgeable about it and am in contact with Women's Officers from around Australia. Unfortunately, communications going out to the students have stalled due to some issues with the survey, but I'm hoping to get something out about it again before the end of the month.

I also answered some questions about menstrual products on campus that a professional writing student emailed to me. This has given me the idea to order stickers to put up in bathrooms advertising the free menstrual products in the WD, akin to the QD's 'We All Need to Pee' campaign, as it seems not enough people know about them, so that they are more informed and don't have to keep buying menstrual products.

TLDR

It's been a slow month in terms of meetings, but we've continued engaging the community and worked on getting information out to the students regarding the NSSS.

Cassidy Pemberton
Women's Officer 2021



Accessibility Department

August Report

Universal Design Working Party (09/09/21)

- Little progress on the Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)
- Inherent Requirements
 - The goal of this review is to make sure inherent requirements are clearly communicated to students before starting course
 - Moving away from a focus on diagnosis, e.g. "Students with ADHD must..." towards a focus on skills, e.g. "Must be able to complete this kind of task."
 - Use of enabling language rather than restrictive language, so instead of inherent requirements meaning you cannot do a course, it means you may get a partial accreditation or restricted license.
- CAP Distribution System
 - This project had undergone a few changes and become much larger. Currently Assessment due dates, information on extensions, and information on CAPs are all stored separately. The new goal of this project is to bring all that data into one database so assessment due dates will automatically be updated with CAP information and approved extensions.
 - There will still be a manual option but students will no longer be able to email their CAPs to their UCs. They will be required to manually trigger it to be sent in the system.
 - This system will send reminders to students to send their CAPs, and when CAPs are close to expiry.
 - Problem: This system will monitor how many extensions a student can get overall.
 - The system will include an appeal process to take workload away from scrutinising every decision. I will advocate to have student reps including in this appeal process.
- Abilities Collective at Curtin
 - Curtin has launch a staff Disability Peer Network
 - It has had a very good uptake.

Peer Disability Network update

- Events
 - August Meet and Greet
 - This event was attended by two students, who I had reached out to directly - no organic reach! I am hoping the catered Meet and Greet in October will be more appealing.
 - Rad Sex and Consent Week
 - Dax (Queer Officer) and I failed to find an intersection between our departments that really clicked, but we worked together to deliver this event, specifically the "sexy" Donut Giveaway. Bridge (VP-E) also helped run this event.

Mental Health Week

- Mental Health Week will be the 11th-15th October.
- I have consulted with Lachy (VPA) and Events staff on Mental Health Week and some plans are in place.
 - Event ideas include Mens' Mental Health Breakfast, Cat Cafe + activities (taking up some of the unused stalls from the cancelled Wellbeing Fair) and a Pancake BBQ or Sausage Sizzle with visiting Greyhounds.

TL;DR

I attended UDWP, ran my scheduled events and have started planning for Mental Health Week.



Accessibility Officer: Clare Metcalf

Higher Education Report September Representation Board Meeting 2021

Alan Tudge will require unis to standardise their approach to IP

Federal Education Minister Alan Tudge has given universities four weeks to respond to a new mandatory plan to standardise their approach to commercialising research.

The consultation paper, Higher Education Research Commercialisation IP Framework, sets out standardised agreements designed to prevent commercialisation of research being hindered by intellectual property issues.

The government will make the standardised approach to IP mandatory for all federal government funded research, and wants all universities – even in the case of non-government funded research – to have IP policies consistent with the framework.

Mr Tudge asked for responses to the consultation paper by October 18.

<https://www.dese.gov.au/urc>

WA Chief Scientist propose one big public uni

*The state's chief scientist **Peter Klinken** has proposed merging WA's four unis into one.*

He said that there were universities in WA that were really struggling and suggested to make sure that this sector remained viable the best option was to combine all of them into one..

He added that “preliminary analysis that I have seen” indicated a state-wide university would be in the world top 50 and “it would take us close to being the highest ranked university in the country and it would provide serious scale.”

“If you have good rankings, students come to you. That covers your research, therefore you get better rankings and therefore you get more students; it is a virtuous circle going forward. If you cut the students, you have less money to go into research, your research rankings go down, your international rankings go down, students are less likely to come and see you, therefore you have less money, you do less research and you go through a death spiral.”

Professor Linken added that it would take leadership to start the needed serious conversation. “I think the universities here in Perth have been so focused on internecine warfare that they feel the competition is local, not global. We are playing in a global field; we should not be squabbling amongst ourselves and wasting our energy.”

[transcript.pdf](#)

Merging WA's universities an 'appalling idea': ECU vice chancellor

<https://www.watoday.com.au/national/western-australia/merging-wa-s-universities-an-appalling-idea-ecu-vice-chancellor-20210922-p58tzo.html>

Edith Cowan University's vice chancellor has lashed an “appalling” idea to merge Western Australia's four major tertiary institutions to create a “super-university.

“Peter's analysis is superficial and flawed – it seems the main argument he's making for a super university in Perth is that it will raise us in the league table to be in the top 50,” he said.

“In the top 25 universities, only one of those universities is bigger than our biggest university Curtin – that’s Toronto – so it’s nothing to do with size.”

Professor Chapman said making a big university would not guarantee any league table position, and there was no evidence to prove otherwise.

The argument that a high league table position attracted more students was “a myth”, Professor Chapman said, noting ECU had been growing “tremendously”, and “our league table position is much lower than other universities that have not been growing”.

What upset Professor Chapman the most was very little in the argument for the merger was about the students, their experience, and what the role of a university was.

“I believe, and all the vice chancellors here, believe that we’re here to transform students to give them a place in society, to make them good citizens, to get them good jobs, we want to make them rounded individuals,” he said.

“That’s nothing to do with intake. The good thing about universities in Western Australia is that they have a diversity of culture.”

There are students who want to go to ECU who wouldn’t think of going to UWA, Professor Chapman said, and the idea of a homogenous, one-culture university in WA was “appalling”.

Professor Chapman said a way to cater further to students’ needs was moving towards year-round campuses.

With travel restrictions and an increase in online tertiary education, WA universities are having to compete more than ever before for students from around the world.

But Murdoch vice chancellor Romy Lawson said international students still wanted to come to Australia and New Zealand –

“We’re getting 60 per cent of our international students opting to start their courses online rather than defer, which is quite encouraging,” she said.

“We’ve opened opportunities to students to start your degree in Singapore and finish it in Australia, or start it in Singapore and do the middle bit in Dubai and finish it in Australia, and that is such a rich experience that we can offer to international students.”

Curtin vice chancellor Harlene Hayne said the university currently had more international students studying at one of its four campuses around the world than in Australia.

“The reason for that is students don’t actually necessarily want to study online, they want to come and study with their peers,” she said.

WA universities have taken a financial hit as a result of the COVID pandemic, due mainly to a loss of international students, but the panel did not think finding ways to commercialise their research was a tangible solution.

Professor Hayne said while there were examples around the world where universities had discovered a piece of technology or had a great piece of intellectual property they had been able to generate income from, those were few and far between.

She said the university was a school and its research should be done in the service of educating students rather than creating material to keep the business going.

“We need to start ranking and considering our universities on the basis of the quality of the education that they produce, rather than all these other markers that are tied to their economic contribution,” Professor Hayne said.

Addressing the 15,000 jobs lost in the sector, Professor Hayne said everyone did what they had to do to balance the books, however it wasn’t sustainable much longer.

“It’s not good for people to come to work at any of these places on a daily basis and wonder when that pink slip is coming,” she said.

Report identifies funding shortfall

The Federal government's new higher education funding scheme will leave universities \$1.1bn short of the money needed to pay for the extra 54,000 student places it promised by 2024, according to new analysis.

A report [The rhetoric and the reality of Job-ready Graduates](#), by former senior Education Department public servant Mark Warburton has been published by the Centre for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Melbourne.

Using new government data, the report found that the funding allocations to universities over the next three years were not sufficient to provide the extra student places promised by former education minister Dan Tehan when he announced the government's new funding plan – the job-ready graduates scheme – last year.

“The government would need to provide in the order of \$1.1bn more in subsidy from 2021 to 2024 to honour the claims it made to the public and the parliament,” Mr Warburton said in a paper,

Mr Warburton's paper fills in many details that were not clear when Mr Tehan announced the major overhaul of university last year, which reduced the overall government subsidy for university and raised fees on some courses such as humanities, law and business while reducing them on others.

The government said in 2020 that a key part of the scheme was a significant boost in the number of university places available to students. In 2021, 27,000 extra spots were promised and by 2023, 49,000 extra student places were to be available through increased government funding.

Earlier this year, the Education Department released details of its funding agreements with each individual university; using these, he pieced the puzzle together.

In the paper, Mr Warburton, who was previously in charge of higher education funding in the Education Department, identifies the main cause of the underfunding as lack of provision for growth in student numbers which occurred in 2018 and 2019 when the federal government froze university course funding.

By 2019, 27,800 students were effectively unfunded and the figure has probably risen further since, but data for subsequent years is not yet available. These extra students were not catered for in new university funding agreements released this year: although the government promised funding for an extra 27,000 students in 2021, it effectively is giving only enough to fund students already in the system.

As a result, instead of receiving \$7.4bn for student course subsidies for those enrolled in 2021, universities will receive only about \$7.1bn, Mr Warburton's paper says.

La Trobe University the first to mandate staff and student vaccination

La Trobe University has become the first university in Australia to mandate Covid-19 vaccination for students and staff as a condition of being allowed on to its campus from early December.

Curtin VC has said vaccination will not be compulsory.

Flinders U staff with both COVID-19 jabs will get two extra leave days.

Australia's largest regional university, Charles Sturt University (CSU), announced from next year it will be mandatory for all health students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

One in five education jobs gone in a year according to report

A report by the Australia Institute's Centre for Future Work uses ABS labour force data to show 40,000 tertiary education jobs — one in five positions — have been lost in the 12 months to May 2021.

The report estimates 35,000 of the job losses were at public universities with a significant number of TAFE staff also losing work

The report's main findings:

- Tertiary education has lost almost 40,000 jobs in 12 months
- Most of those, about 35,000, were lost from public universities
- Women have disproportionately experienced job cuts
- Job losses are mostly affecting permanent and full-time positions

[report](#)

<https://www.nteu.org.au/article/Media-Release%3A-Campus-action-as-report-reveals-university-job-devastation-22956>

\$1m gift to UNSW boosts nuclear studies

UNSW will expand its nuclear engineering course with the aid of a \$1m philanthropic gift. The donation will offer scholarships for about 20 domestic students to enrol in a UNSW master of nuclear engineering degree, the only such qualification of its type available in Australia. It will also fund five PhD students in nuclear engineering and help all the students find work placements.

Hoj to donate \$250K to Adelaide uni's new Indigenous fund

A personal donation of \$50,000 a year for the duration of his vice-chancellorship at the University of Adelaide has been announced by Peter Hoj.

The gift, to endow the new Indigenous Support Fund, will be more than matched by the university, which is allocating \$85,000 a year across the same period.

QILT survey shows graduate jobs hardly affected by the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has had very little adverse effect on the job market for early-career graduates. The federal government's 2021 graduate outcomes survey shows that three years after completing undergraduate degrees, 88.9 per cent of graduates who are available for a full-time job have one.

The result, based on a survey of tens of thousands of graduates in February and March 2021, is only marginally worse than the 90.1 per cent full-time employment rate recorded by the survey in 2020.

Overall, including those in part-time jobs, 92.3 per cent of graduates who are available to work, have a job (three years after completing degrees).

The survey, part of the federal government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching, also reported that the median salary for those who had completed an undergraduate degree was \$77,000 three years after graduation, an increase on last year's median salary of \$75,000.

[https://www.qilt.edu.au/surveys/graduate-outcomes-survey---longitudinal-\(gos-l\)](https://www.qilt.edu.au/surveys/graduate-outcomes-survey---longitudinal-(gos-l))

Chinese international student numbers in Australia hold steady

Australia's universities are still seeing significant enrolments from Chinese students despite an overall drop in international students and tensions between the two nations.

Chinese university enrolments as of July were 140,786, falling just 2% from 2020, according to federal government data.

At Australia's elite universities, Chinese enrolments were up 6.4% compared to July last year, according to the data.

Australia's Group of Eight (Go8) universities, which consist of the country's leading institutions, account for 70% of Chinese higher education enrolments and 73% of

Go8 enrolments from Indian nationals, however, are down by 21% for total enrolments and 43% for commencing students.

University of Sydney to repay nearly \$13m to underpaid casual staff

The University of Sydney will repay \$12.75m in wages to nearly 13,000 staff who were underpaid from 2014 to 2020, vice-chancellor Mark Scott said on Monday.

Most of the money is owed to casual, non-academic staff and the repayment follows a year-long review of payments made to more than 36,000 people over nearly seven years. About 600 will receive back pay of over \$5000.

WA unis sexual assault and harassment complaints

Documents obtained by The West Australian from WA's four public universities reveal 137 complaints of sexual misconduct were reported between January 2019 and May 2021, including 38 sexual assaults.

Almost 100 reports related to sexual harassment such as sexually suggestive comments, unwelcome physical touching or sending of sexually explicit texts or emails. Some of the alleged incidents took place off campus, including during work placements.

Perth's biggest university, Curtin, recorded the fewest number of complaints with just 13 listed. They include a Curtin staff member who was forced to resign after an allegation that he sexually harassed a woman off campus in July last year was investigated by the university and reported to police.

Another three employees accused of harassing female staff on campus had to undergo education and training.

And a Curtin student's enrolment was cancelled after he allegedly sexually assaulted a female student at one of the institution's offshore campuses in 2019.

At Edith Cowan University, 14 of 41 complaints were substantiated, including a male employee who was sacked for having an "inappropriate relationship" with a female student last year.

Another two staff members were also fired from ECU, one for inappropriate conduct with a student and the other for inappropriate physical contact with a fellow employee.

A claim that a male student made "unwanted advances" towards a female employee was upheld, while an allegation that a male student sexually assaulted a female student on campus earlier this year was still under investigation.

The University of WA investigated 42 reports of sexual harassment and misconduct, with 13 found to be substantiated — including five claims of indecent assault or rape.

One perpetrator was sacked for indecent assault while three incidents resulted in official behaviour warnings.

"One incident of a rape allegation was unable to be substantiated because the complainant did not want

In response to The West's investigation, each of WA's four universities pointed to initiatives such as setting up online reporting tools, rolling out online training programs and revising staff codes of conduct.

Consent Ad campaign

A new public advertising campaign about consent will be rolled out next year to inform young people and adults about respectful relationships and sexual violence, including targeted advertising for university students.

Longitudinal Study of Australian Youth results

<https://www.isay.edu.au/publications/search-for-isay-publications/generation-z-life-during-covid-19>

University entry alternatives to ATAR

One third of students who graduate will rely on something other than their ATAR score, including an interview or an early entry program to get into university.

New education model. Big Picture. In 40 schools accepted by 18 universities.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-17/how-some-students-are-relying-on-pathways-in/13500352>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-08-16/university-offers-for-year-12-students-before-exams/100370768>

Motion: We Are Important Campaign

That the Representation Board endorses the Humanities Campaign “We Are Important” as it:

- Reaches out to students to gain their perspective on their treatment as a Humanities student
- Co-Hosts a National Day of Action with the National Union of Students (NUS)
- Collaborates with other Student Unions across Australia
- Publishes an Open Letter addressed to University management and the Federal Education Minister Alan Tudge

With the goal of bettering the quality of education provided to Humanities students with three demands:

- Increase funding for humanities courses and staff!!
- End the cuts to our courses and units!
- Give our courses the recognition they deserve!

Moved: Madison Ainsworth

Seconded:

Background:

The faculty of Humanities has experienced an onslaught of attacks from the Government—just over the last year—including:

- Education Minister Dan Tehan informed the National Press Club that the Government was actively trying to turn students away from studying humanities degrees
[Government's university fee changes mean humanities students will pay the entire cost of their degrees - ABC News](#)
- The Higher Education Support Amendment (Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill which
 - Labelled humanities degrees as not fitting the description “...deliver more job-ready graduates in the disciplines and regions where they are needed most and help drive the nations economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic... targeted investments in national priorities”.
[Job-ready Graduates Package legislation passed parliament - Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Australian Government \(dese.gov.au\)](#)
 - Significantly increased the cost of studying a Humanities degree, to the point that a student’s contribution to their degree is close to equal to the cost of teaching the degree
 - Made government contribution to Humanities degree (per student) fall by \$5,126, while each student’s contribution rose by \$7,696

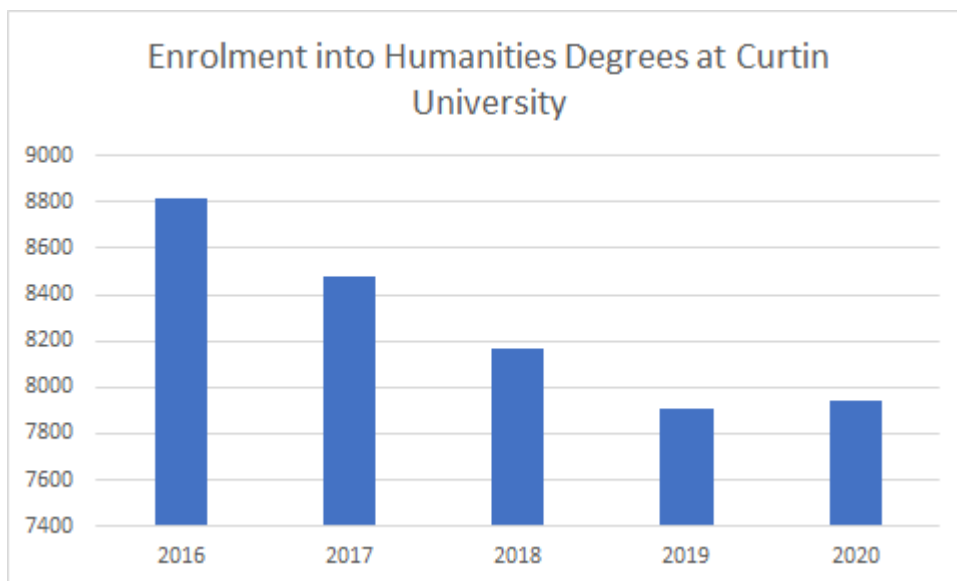
[Government's university fee changes mean humanities students will pay the entire cost of their degrees - ABC News](#)

As well as our own Universities decisions to:

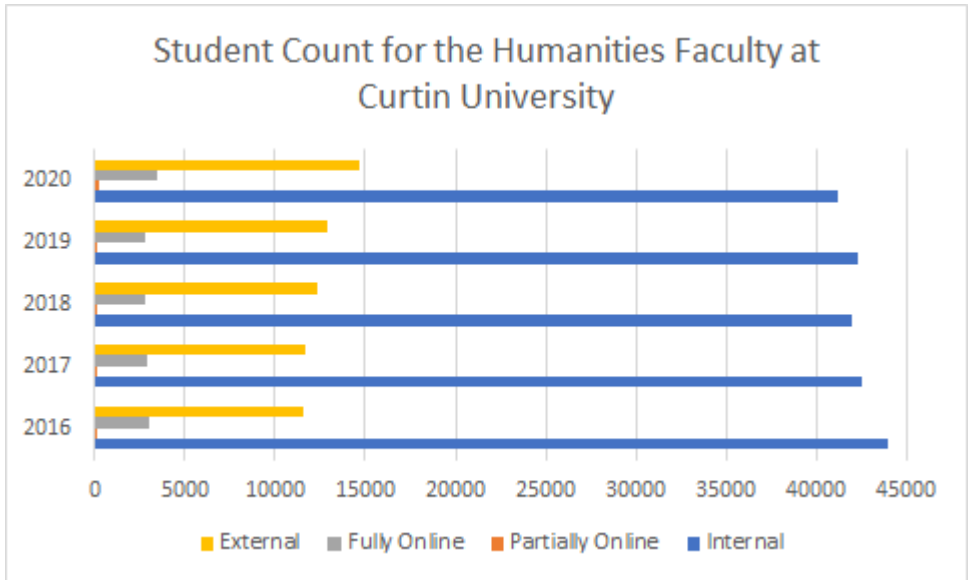
- Remove units and degrees with little to no notice given to students
- Displace those Architecture and Planning building—including thesis students and staff who have expressed their displeasure—for a temporary library
- The complete lack of a Humanities common room
- Only having three scholarships available for the faculty of Humanities—compared to 13 Health Science, 17 Business and Law, and 20 Science and Engineering (this is specifically when selecting the faculty and searching for the faculty specific scholarships)

[Search scholarships | Curtin University, Perth, Australia](#)

These are only a few of the ways that the Government and Curtin University has shown that they do not hold the faculty of Humanities to the same respect and recognition as the other faculties, which has led to the following statistics:



This graph displays the enrolment numbers of Humanities students 2016-2020



This graph displays the overall student count of the Humanities faculty 2016-2020

https://planning.curtin.edu.au/stats/student_stats.cfm

Confidentiality:

Open



Student Guild of Curtin University

WOMEN'S EQUITY COLLECTIVE

Meeting #3

To be held at 1pm on Tuesday 20th of July 2021

Via Zoom

<https://us04w eb.zoom.us/j/77546521274?pw d=RHp4aEpIa3FBN0I4SjFLYSt0NG5IUT09>

Meeting ID: 775 4652 1274

Passcode: VB8QS0

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Meeting opens at 1:02pm.

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; Cassidy Pemberton (chair), Salwa Kilzi, Elizabeth Powell, Lauren Doney,
- 2.2. Others Present; Alexa Browne-Cooper
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence: Taif Khalid, Paige Busher
- 2.4. Absent; Sarah Ong

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Cassidy asks if there is any conflict of interest or anything. There were no responses.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1. *unavailable due to technical error*

5. Reports

- 5.1. Women's Officer's Verbal Report

Cassidy discusses her in time spent out of state organising events and doing virtual meetings with the UWA officer and will follow up with follow events concerning a joint event between the universities, to discuss a Day of Action held in early August.

Cassidy mentions the zoom meeting had between the Women's collective to bounce ideas off and for Cassidy to explain where she was at with projects and tasks. Cassidy Mentions during her time out of state, she has meet up with equity departments of other universities and has received copies of their constitutions, and ideas of the way they run things which will be looked over by the guild, to discuss if there are any changes they will to implement.

Cat Café event will be discussed later.

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

Moved: Elizabeth Powell

Seconded: Salwa Kilzi

6. Significant Items for Discussion

6.1. NUS National Day of Action

Cassidy expresses the trigger warning for sexual harassment, in relation to this topic; mentions a survey that will be completed, and events that can happen surrounding that, asks for help organising the event for NUS, to bounce ideas off; Elizabeth, states they can.

Elizabeth mentions adding counselling session after events, having resources people can go to for support; also mentioning a Facebook catch-up after events

Cassidy mentions collaborating with the Queer department to organise the events, surrounding NUS.

Lauren states, that awareness should be spread, offer support and small catch up

Elizabeth mentions the COMFORTABLE IN MY SKIN INSTAGRAM PAGE, makes group chats for people dealing with sexual assault, having that sort of support system in the Women's department making a member admin.

- Cassy mentions that she will have to talk to engagement, team as it may be sensitive topics and a professional should run it. Cassy will undergo training, to be able to discuss these topics.

Salwa, asks if there can be a debrief after the results of the survey is published.

Alexa asks if there are resources at the Curtin counselling office that can be use, adding that links and information should be included.

- Taif mentions to state where to reach support.

6.2. Cat Café Event Discussion

Elizabeth states the event was successful, the participants seemed to enjoy yhe event, there was excellent customer services as well. The environment was

mediating and relaxing, Elizabeth states that the event was enjoyable; mentioning it should be run again.

Cassidy mentions that for attendance, there were three missing and majority that attended was those from previous events. She also states, that in the future the event should be free, if possible, for more people to attend. Cassy mentions that the guild has some resources to use and want to use it to make more free events for the students to attend.

Cassidy offers her apologies for not being able to attend, and was happy with the results of the event; Cassidy will add photos of the cat café catch up tonight.

Lauren adds that, exceed expectations. No more notes are added.

6.3. O-Day Planning

O-Day stall this semester will run from 10:00AM to 2:30PM, there is a box of decorations in the Women's department that will be need be put up.

- On the stall free period products are given, free lollipops that will be sourced from the guild office.
- Willow the plush elephant
- Heat packs, so students are aware of their availability in at the Women's department.
- Stickers must be cut, and pamphlets have to be printed out.

Stickers will be handed out and need to be prepared, i.e., cut out. Stickers this semester were as Cassidy mentions were based off what was more popular in the previous semester.

- Salwa and Elizabeth mention they can help cutting out the stickers.

Alexa mentions the previous o-week which they helped set-up. Previously a timetable was used, for availability made in 30 min intervals, Cassidy mentions the possibility of using this system this semester.

- Taif mentioned helping, Elizabeth can in the afternoon, Lauren also mentioned helping out

Cassidy is currently making a briefing document, to send to everyone regarding o-day preparations.

Elizabeth mentions having a picture frame that has the women's collective. Alexa mentions more pads should be given out as they ran out the previous O- Day. Elizabeth expresses the possibility of handing out Diva Cups as well.

Cassy mentions the discord server and will be sending an email to the student engagement team, to get it running in time for o-day; as Lauren states, it will be beneficial to advertise to a larger crowd. Alexa says they can help. The discord server has been set up and has yet to be advertised.

7. Collaborative Brainstorming

Cassidy discussed with Jessie the Women's retreat, for this semester having it include the Queer department, and possibly creating it to an equity retreat, allowing it to increase in number of participants. All participants of the meeting agreed with this concept.

Off Campus Ideas

- Wholey Moely (Elizabeth, mentioned this)
 - o The events should central to allow easy transportation and increase numbers.
- Zoo (Alexa, mentioned this)
 - o Stated that this should be held near the end of the semester.
- High Tea (Elizabeth, mentioned this)

8. General Business

No general Business was mentioned

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Equity Collective is Tuesday 17th August at 2.30pm.

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.

Meeting Closed at 1:49 PM.