



## Student Guild of Curtin University

55<sup>th</sup> Guild Council – Meeting #03

Thursday 21 March 2024

Council Chambers 100.301

# MEETING MINUTES

Opened at 5:30pm

## 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; *Jasmyne Tweed, Mitch Craig, Veronika Gobba, Max Zhang, Ryan Kirby, Ben Burgess, Rey Nairn, Dylan Storer, Callum Baxter, Sarina Pun, Ella Marchionda, Aleena Shaji, Jacquie Bicanic (Online 5:34pm)*

2.2. Others Present; *David Luketina, Paul Alvarez (Minute Secretary), Hannah Northey (Visitor), Robert Yusak (Visitor), Hamide Kocer (Visitor), Yuna Kataric (Visitor).*

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; *Texa Robin, Noor Fellah*

2.4. Absent;

## 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

None.

## 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Circular Resolutions

### 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29/02/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried.

## **4.2. Circular Resolutions**

Nil

## **4.3. Action List**

The Chair, Ryan Kirby, stated Guild Council had one action list item which was to check the AGM minutes regarding discussion and investigation of concerns about dietary options.

David Luketina commented on this saying that there was action undertaken after the AGM – looking at products and changes to the website to make it easier to search for dietary need, and he stated that we were in the process of redoing signage and labels with dietary information.

### New Action List (from Item #7 of this Agenda)

-Find out why Curtin Guild removed Ella Marchionda's comments on the YouTube recordings of the Reps Board meetings

## **5. Reports**

5.1. President – Tabled. Jasmyne Tweed said the report was taken as read. Ella Marchionda asked Jasmyne why the Guild never pursued or pushed the government for free education. Ella stated that education should be fully publicly funded and not just about industry connections. Jasmyne Tweed answered that this was recommended in the Guild's Accord submission. Veronika Gobba added that in the Guild's media statement we wanted to highlight the recommendations for which the Guild advocated. It was a strategic response as Government has not guaranteed to implement the changes.

5.2. Vice President – Education – as tabled. Ella Marchionda asked Veronika Gobba for clarification about some points relating to student action around Palestine. Ella explained how Palestine had suffered and she stated that pro-Palestine activism was attacked. Ella asked Veronika about Guild representatives' affiliation with the Labor Party. Veronika clarified her report with regard to the Student Strike for Palestine National Day of Action on 1 March saying that her report noted that attendance to this was lower than to the weekly rallies and it appeared to be lacking organisation. Veronika responded to Ella saying that she advocated lobbying the Labor Party for greater action on the Palestine issue. The Chair reminded Ella that members in the meeting needed to be called upon before asking more questions. Jasmyne Tweed noted that questions about people being in the Labor Party must be relevant.

***The Chair gave Ella a 1<sup>st</sup> warning as for speaking without being called upon.***

Hamide Kocer (visitor) queried Veronika Gobba about comments about the Student Strike for Palestine National Day of Action on 1 March reflecting that so much work had gone into building a pro-Palestine movement and Friends of Palestine. Veronika said that she felt the consultation process was lacking.

***The Chair gave Ella her second warning.***

Ella asked how many warnings she was allowed, the Chair responded that he operates on a “3 strike” system.

Ryan Kirby said that members should continue this conversation outside Guild Council Chambers.

5.3. Vice President – Activities – As tabled. Max Zhang added that since submitting this report, the Respect Fest and the ISC/PSC Summer Sundown event took place with strong attendance. No questions.

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare. As tabled. No questions.

5.5. Secretary – As tabled. Mitch Craig noted that the club policy was passed, except the escalation policy which was undergoing further review. As of today, the new club’s charter was active as per the resolution passed last Guild Council. No questions.

5.6. Managing Director – David added that there was a good chance that 100 clubs would be affiliated with the Guild this year. No questions.

**Motion:** That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried.

## **6. Business on Notice**

### 6.1. Safety Report

**Motion:** That the Guild Council notes the Safety Report.

Mitch Craig stated that he was curious about whether there was a trend up or down with respect to workers compensation in the last 12 months compared to the 12 months before. David Luketina responded that you can’t really draw a conclusion statistically. He said that on average there is one person a year on workers compensation. Jasmyne Tweed asked David when the floor at Building 105 (Guild Café - Library) would be fixed? David responded that the university has stated the floor was fine. David has pointed out to the University that the floor did not meet the relevant standards for that type of area. No further questions for the safety report.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed

Carried.

### 6.2. 2023 Financial Statements and Audit

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

- a) Notes the audit report and opinion;

b) Authorises the President and Secretary to certify that:

In the opinion of the Guild Council:

- i. The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Cash Flows are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the performance of the Guild for the year ended 31 December 2023;
  - ii. The Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild as at 31 December 2023;
  - iii. The Guild has complied with the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the *Curtin University Act 1966* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, and
  - iv. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Guild will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- c) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2023.
- d) Recommends to the University Council that it note the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed (President)

Carried.

### 6.3. 2023 Annual Report

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

- a) Approves the 2023 Annual Report.
- b) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it note the 2023 Annual Report.
- c) Recommends to the University Council that it note the 2023 Annual Report.
- d) Notes that typographical errors may be corrected prior to publishing or distributing.

Jasmyne Tweed noted that if there's any feedback from Guild Council we can edit the annual report. Mitch Craig noted some changes. Rey enquires about on the accessibility section of the report and Jasmyne agreed that we can add more wins.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (President)

Seconded: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Carried.

## 7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

- 7.1. Representation Board – 15/02/2024
- 7.2. Executive Committee – 09/02/2024, 26/02/2024
- 7.3. Finance and Risk Committee – 07/02/2024
- 7.4. Legal Committee – Nil

**Motion:** That the Guild Council notes the minutes of the boards and committees en bloc.

Ella adds that she has watched the Reps Board, and she was disappointed in the way Palestine activism was talked about. Ella asked why the Curtin Guild removed her comments on the YouTube recordings of the Representation Board meetings. Mitch Craig stated that he'll look into it.

***The Chair gave Ella a 3rd warning and reminded Council members if they asked questions they had to be relevant to the items under discussion.***

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried.

## **8. General Business**

There was feedback from the visitor gallery about the Guild's stance to pro-Palestine activism and the student strikes. Jasmyne Tweed was pleased to hear about the positive turnout and that the concerns of the Palestinian community were not realised. Jasmyne invited members of Friends of WA/ Students of Palestine/Socialist Alternative to meet with the Guild to plan out campus activism for next semester. Jasmyne noted it was a joint decision of the Representation Board and she respected the comments that were sent through from Palestinian students who did not want to have that event on campus. Jasmyne Tweed said that we should be holding our government accountable no matter who was in power. There was feedback that the Guild should be doing more to communicate Palestine activism. The Chair, Ryan Kirby, again reminded members that this was the remit of the Representation Board. There was discussion about communication about Palestine activism and event scheduling.

**Procedural Motion:** That standing order 12(4) be suspended.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Carried.

### **Motion:**

That the Guild Council **approve:**

that Maryanne Shaddick's term as a Deputy Managing Director be extended until 1 April 2025 on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Carried

**Procedural Motion:** that discussion be in-camera and for David Luketina to remain.

Moved: Mitch Craig

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed

Carried.

## **9. Meeting Evaluation**

Tahni Rowe noted the successful events, financial statements; the agenda was in a timely manner; new action was discussed in General Business. The committee could improve following the direction ruling of the Chair as it was sometimes hard to hear from members.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5PM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)

Meeting Closed: 6:31pm