

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

The Curtin Student Guild pays 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

Members Present; Dylan Storer, Noor Fella, Jacquie Bicanic, Max Zhang, Callum Baxter, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Mitch Craig, Ebony Whitney, Hamide Kocer, Emily Lassam (online 6.09pm), David Phillips, Bridget Clifton, Hadiya Naeemi, Coben Foster

2.1. Others Present; Julie Parolo

2.2. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Ryan Kirby, Vernon Thompson

2.3. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Mitch Craig noted a conflict of interest in item 6.5 and would abstain from voting. Jacquie Bicanic and Bridget Clifton noted a conflict with item 6.3 and Callum Baxter noted a conflict with 6.6 however would remain and vote.

Motion that Bridget Clifton be allowed to stay for item 6.3 but not vote.

Moved Mitch Craig

Seconded Dylan Storer

Carried

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 17/04/2025 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

5. Reports

- 5.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. Dylan Storer said he was proud of the representatives' achievements this year. Work was underway on the Commercial plan, a review of the organizational structure and a new strategic plan. The Guild was instrumental in updating the student charter, there was a review of use of Guild spaces, a new clubs hub, expansion of food relief, the roll out of free period products and the Guild had advocated for improved assessments. Dylan noted that Curtin University had ended its partnership with Ben Gurion University. Dylan acknowledged the work of last year's representatives for the Gaza Solidarity Encampment and the MOU with the university. Dylan reported that he spoke to Minister Buti about freedom of speech, student housing, visa issues and other topics.
- 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As tabled. Jacquie noted that the Guild introduced two new events this semester – the Interfaculty Scavenger Hunt and Welfare Week.
- 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. Razanne Al-Abdeli noted the introduction of Welfare Week which was very successful especially the Pop-Up Thrift Market and breakfasts. More than \$1000 was raised for Zonta House. The recycling hub was almost ready to be commissioned in the Library. Halal lollies were on track to be introduced in G Mart. A mental health framework had been produced as a result of a working group of which the Guild was a participant. Students could now access a My Wellbeing tab on Oasis. Razanne noted the formation of the Ethnocultural Collective. Razanne recommended a range of Guild services to students. There was a query about the opening hours of Guild outlets. Dylan Storer said that plans were being made to create more space for growing services including the ethnocultural collective. Razanne noted that no students would be impacted by Curtin cutting ties with Ben Gurion University.
- 5.5. Secretary – Submitted. As tabled. Noor Fellah noted that the AGM was a successful and efficient meeting. Noor said that she had started reviewing the regulations and bylaws to hopefully introduce an Ethnocultural Officer.
- 5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi

Carried

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

Carried

Noor Fellaah noted that 100% of safety inspections had been completed in April. There were no new hazards or incidents. Dylan Storer noted the temperature fluctuations in the Guild administration area.

6.2. Guinness in the Tavern

Motion: That the Guild Council:

Recommends the Guild stock Guinness at the Tavern and request the Executive Committee to report on feasibility or implementation at the next ordinary Guild Council meeting.

Moved: David Phillips (Guild Councillor)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

David Phillips noted that the request for The Tav to stock Guinness came from students who normally did not engage with the Guild. David said the request could encourage people to engage with the Tav and the Guild. Hamide Kocer commented that motions such as this were meaningless. David said that the Guild represented all students. There was a general discussion about what motions should be dealt with by Guild Council. Razanne Al-Abdeli noted that she would be abstaining as she did not drink alcohol.

6.3. Notification of Alteration to Hours (VPA & Women's Officer)

Motion: That the Guild Council:

- a) **note** the reduction in hours for the Vice President Activities Jacquie Bicanic by 4.5 hours per week from April 28, 2025
- b) **note** the increase in hours of Womens Officer Bridget Clifton by 4.5 hours per week to support the Vice President Activities.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

6.4. Curtin Student Charter

Motion: That the Guild Council:

endorse the new Curtin Student Charter as recommended by the Representation Board.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Razanne Al-Abdeli (VP Sustainability & Welfare)

Dylan Storer noted that the Guild played a significant role in re-writing the charter which affirmed student rights and responsibilities. The revised charter was working through the university approval process. It had achieved advocacy outcomes including the removal of punitive student charter breaches. It acknowledged the role of the Guild. Razanne Al-Abdeli said that the Guild worked to ensure that students' rights were being respected. There was a query about whether students' right to freedom of speech would be changed. Dylan Storer explained the changes in more detail and said that he felt student rights had been enhanced.

6.5. Chair of the Remuneration Tribunal

Motion: That the Guild Council:

appoints Mitch Craig as the Chair of the Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with the Student Guild (Tribunal) Regulations 2018, 17(1).

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

Dylan Storer explained the role of the Remuneration Tribunal. He said that Mitch Craig brought a breadth of experience and knowledge to the role of Chair.

6.6. Overturning of the AGM Recommendation

Motion: That the Guild Council, in accordance with R.19 of the Student Guild Administration Regulations:

overturns the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting to rename The Tavern to “The Saloon” and implement a 50% discount for students who wear a cowboy hat as it conflicts with the Guild Council’s reserved powers to approve the naming of any Building or Outlet and to approve of significant commercial activities

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried by absolute majority

Dylan Storer spoke to the motion saying that the commercial viability of the Tavern needed to be taken into consideration. He said that The Tav name had a long history and there were many stakeholders to take into consideration. Dylan said the Guild would work to recognise and look at ways to implement parts of the recommendation. Dylan said the Guild would work directly with Callum Baxter. Callum noted this recommendation had been put to one Guild election and one AGM. There was a discussion about the motion that went to the AGM.

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 10/04/2025

7.2. Executive Committee – 15/04/2025, 07/05/2025

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – Nil

7.4. Operations Committee – Nil

7.5. Legal Committee – Nil

8. General Business

Hamide Kocer asked whether the Guild could have a fund for representatives to access Edcon. Noor Fellah said that the budgets were set one year in advance and this year two representatives were funded for attendance at the conference. Noor noted that the Guild would look into increasing funding. It was noted that the NUS had equity grants. Dylan Storer said that the Guild hosted the conference in 2024 which cost a lot of money. There was a query about Containers for Change and Razanne Al-Abdeli spoke about the national 10c deposit scheme and the Guild’s partnership with Circle 8 which encourages students to recycle.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Ebony Whitney carried out the meeting evaluation noting the diversity of the discussion although it veered off times.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be at 6:00 pm on the 26th of June 2025, to be held in the University Council Chambers.

The meeting concluded at 7.18pm

