

**REPORT FOR  
GUILD COUNCIL**

**Guild President Dylan Storer (he/him)**

Period: 1/12/2024 – 20/2/2025

- Travel
- NUS NatCon (Ballarat) | Dec 9 – Dec 13
- Pres Summit (Melbourne) | Feb 5 – Feb 7
- Leave
- Dec 24 – Jan 6 (Holiday Shutdown)

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**Summary**

The beginning of the 56<sup>th</sup> Guild Council has been fast-paced and driven by a deeply motivated team of Reps that are eager to get the job done. 2025 presents the Guild with many challenges and opportunities; we have a state and federal election, a plethora of events for students, thousands of sausages to sizzle, hundreds of clubs to support and 60,000 students to advocate on behalf of and fight for every day.

The Curtin Student Guild, in 2025, will continue to be the leading full-service student union in the country. The Guild will fight for the rights of student renters on and off campus, we will advocate for the banning of outdated unit content and for better assessment feedback and we will back-in all student’s rights to self-determination on and off campus.

In 2025, the Guild will open the long-awaited Clubs Hub and a new Student Kitchen, marking the beginning of a broad revitalisation of the Guild Precinct into the hub of student life on campus. We will also embark upon making the big strategic decisions we need to turn our loss-making commercial portfolio around whilst ensuring that food and drink on campus is cheap for students.

The Guild will consistently engage with the University and Government and advocate fiercely inside and outside the halls of power. Our values will never waver and we will be the independent and strong Guild that the students of this university deserve.

In Solidarity,

Dylan

**Meetings**

**University Meetings**

Date	Meeting	Comments
4/12/24	Chief Operating Officer w/ Guild MD	
17/12/24	Academic Registrar	
18/12/24	Academic Registrar w/ Guild MD	
19/12/24	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic & Provost w/ Guild MD	
10/1/25	Director of Accommodation & Community Services w/ Guild MD	
21/1/25	Student Experience & Learning and Teaching Steering Committee	
22/1/25	Students as Partners Meeting	
29/1/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic	
29/1/25	Vice Chancellor	
10/2/25	Chief Legal Officer	
11/2/25	Chief Strategy Officer	
11/2/25	Chancellor & Vice Chancellor	
12/2/25	Academic Board Executive	
13/2/25	Curtin Academy Advisory Board	
13/2/25	Student Charter Working Group	
13/2/25	University Council	

14/2/25	Multifactor Authentication	
14/2/25	Academic Board Induction w/ Chair of Academic Board	

**Guild Meetings**

Date	Meeting	Comments
2/12/24	Guild Induction Day	
2/12/24	Representation Board	
2/12/24	Guild Council	
2/12/24	Guild Executive Meeting	
3/12/24	Manager – Student Engagement	
3/12/24	Managing Director	
4/12/24	Managing Director	
4/12/24	Guild Executive Meeting	
5/12/24	Document Management Training	
5/12/24	Managing Director	
Dec 9-13	NUS National Conference	
16/12/24	Managing Director	
16/12/24	Manager – Student Engagement	
16/12/24	Women’s Officer	
16/12/24	Managing Director	
17/12/24	Comms Strategy Meeting	
18/12/24	Student Assist (Housing)	
19/12/24	Managing Director	
19/12/24	Commercial Strategy Meeting	
23/12/24	Manager – Student Engagement	
23/12/24	Guild Executive Meeting	
6/1/25	Managing Director	
6/12/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
7/1/25	Rep Digital Workshop	
13/1/25	Managing Director	
13/1/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
14/1/25	Manager - Student Assist	
14/1/25	Guild Executive Meeting	
14/1/25	International Student Committee President	
15/1/25	Manager – Student Experience	
20/1/25	Managing Director	
20/1/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
20/1/25	Guild Executive Meeting	
21/1/25	Guild Website Meeting	
21/1/25	Period Product Dispenser Project Meeting	
27/1/25	Managing Director	
27/1/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
29/1/25	Kaloorlie Branch President & Secretary	
30/1/25	Circle Green Community Legal	
30/1/25	Kaloorlie Branch President	
3/2/25	Managing Director	
3/2/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
3/2/25	Exec & Program Managers Meeting	
3/2/25	Higher Education Sector Updates Meeting	

5/2/25	Guild Executive Meeting	
5/1/25	Finance & Risk Committee	
Feb 6-7	NUS President's Summit	
10/2/25	Managing Director	
10/2/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
10/2/25	Operations Committee	
13/2/25	Management Accountant	
17/2/25	Managing Director	
17/2/25	Manager – Student Engagement	
19/2/25	Ashlyn Horton (President of NUS) & Aiden O-Rourke (Gen Sec of NUS)	Visiting Perth as O-Week tour of country
20/2/25	Representation Board	

**Other Meetings/Activities**

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/12/24	David Luketina's Farwell Morning Tea	
15/1/25	NUS State VP Meeting	
24/1/25	Sovereignty Day Sign Painting	
26/1/25	Sovereignty Day Rally	
30/1/25	Students President's Meeting	
30/1/25	NUS State Branch Meeting	
3/2/25	Attended Graduation Ceremony	Congratulations to all graduates!
4/2/25	Attended Graduation Ceremony	
10/2/25	Attended Graduation Ceremony	
13/2/25	Attended Graduation Ceremony	
17/2/25	O-Week Official Welcome Address	
17/2/25	Guild Survival Guide Presentation	
18/2/25	Hosting Friend Speed Dating	
19/2/25	O-Day	DUNK TANK!

**Matters of Representation**

**Guild Win: Second Tuition Free Week**

A huge round of applause is deserved for the tireless work of many Guild reps and Guild Council's before us in securing, in the final days of the 55th Guild Council, the Academic Board's approval of the resumption of a second tuition free week every semester from 2026 onwards. The campaign to keep two tuition free weeks a semester started in 2018 when Curtin proposed changing to a trimester system by introducing an 11-week summer teaching period. This proposal was defeated by the Guild and 12,000 students who petitioned against it.

However, the university pursued some changes to the academic calendar and removed a tuition free week from each semester in 2021. This decision was not supported by most students or Curtin staff. The loss of the tuition free weeks had a severe impact on students' academic experience, mental health and campus culture. As well it had adverse effects on Curtin staff who struggled to keep up with their workload.

Since 2021, students have been speaking up about the impact of this change on their mental health, studies and campus community.

A special thanks has to go to former President's, including Dylan Botica and Jasmyne Tweed along with former VPE Veronika Gobba and many other Guild Representatives who served on Academic Board, such as PSC President Mitch Craig, and worked as part of this campaign.

Many students are talking about how this is one of the most impactful things that the Guild has achieved throughout their university life and it is something that we ought to celebrate as a triumph of the professional, staunch, diligent and driven theory of change that this Guild peruses.

### **National Union of Students Update**

I will be serving as the NUS WA State Branch President in 2025 and look forward to working with all office bearers, WA Presidents and students across all campuses to ensure that the NUS becomes the active and relevant body that it ought to be. I will also add that I was extremely proud of the stature of which all Curtin delegates held themselves in at National Conference, solidifying our Guild as a bastion of truly driven and left-wing change for our Uni, sector, state, country and world.

At the NUS President's Summit, we heard from most NUS Office Bearers, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Student Associations, TEQSA, the Young Workers Centre, National Student Ombudsman, NTEU and the Foundation for Young Australians.

### **State Election Enrol To Vote Drive**

The Guild has been running a comprehensive enrol to vote campaign across our digital platforms in the lead up to the close of the rolls for the WA State Election. This will remain relevant as we plan to do another drive – with an on-campus element – prior to the close of the rolls for the Federal Election later this semester.

### **Student Charter Review**

The Vice Chancellor has initiated a review of the Student Charter, which is being led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic). Initially, I was the only Guild representative set to be represented on the Working Group but, following engagement with the DVCA, was able to secure greater Guild representation (two Student Assist Officers as well as the VPE and VPSW) and an understanding that the university and Guild will work genuinely collaboratively, in the spirit of the Student Partnership Agreement, on this project.

The Guild attended an initial meeting of the working group and will now engage in a smaller group regarding any changes to re-wording the Student Charter. I am hopeful that this will be a positive process (the current charter hasn't been updated since 2008 so is in need of review) but I will inform Representation Board if there are negative proposals put forward throughout this process.

### **Housing Campaign**

The Guild has launched a petition demanding urgent action on the unbearable heat in much of the on-campus accommodation. Students are paying high rents yet are forced to endure extreme temperatures with no air conditioning. Worse, UniLodge consistently blocks students from using portable cooling units, leaving residents with no way to escape the heat. This isn't just uncomfortable—it's a serious health risk.

The Guild believes that Curtin and UniLodge must act now. Students already pay enough—they shouldn't have to suffer in sweltering rooms. Allow portable air conditioners or install permanent cooling solutions—without raising rent. Students deserve safe, liveable housing, not heatstroke.

The Guild plans on running a broader piece of advocacy on the rights of student renters throughout the coming year and I look forward to working with representatives on this campaign.

**Planned Rollout of Multifactor Authentication for Students**

The University plans on rolling out multifactor authentication for students using Microsoft programs including emails. I and Accessibility Officer, Lorien, met with a representative of the team rolling out this project to offer some feedback on timing and supports needed for students.

**Sovereignty Day**

We proudly coordinated a delegation of student representatives to the Sovereignty Day rally on Jan 26 which was disseminated through all WA Guild's via their respective Presidents.

On the Friday, there was a good showing at a sign painting event and on Jan 26 the Curtin Guild along with NUS WA State Branch VPE Rama Sugiarta and the UWA Guild's Ethnocultural Officers provided much-needed shade, cool water and sunscreen to those in attendance and assisted with other tasks such as distributing t-shirts alongside rally organisers.

The Curtin Guild has also donated a surplus of camping equipment from our 2024 Gaza Solidarity Encampment to a Noongar-led occupation to resist the Uniting Church's attempt to evict a self-sufficient Noongar women-run community support and healing service. You can keep up to date with this campaign on Instagram at [@landbackforstolengenerations](#). It's important for student unions to be active in our broader communities and to uphold the fundamental value of self-determination in our work.

**Inquiry into Antisemitism on University Campuses**

I and the Guild strongly oppose antisemitism and support measures that will keep members of the Jewish community, and Jewish students, safe.

I am concerned regarding a number of recommendations contained within the report from the Parliamentary Joint Committee into Human Rights and view several recommendations as posing a significant risk to academic freedom and the ability to engage in discourse on campus. The Guild is opposed to any and all policies where a university or government may seek to prohibit valid criticism of Israel by students and staff, which includes some problematic aspects of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. Of additional concern, although not limited, include the possibility of restrictions upon the academic freedom of recipients of Australian Research Council funding and of the door being left open to a punitive judicial review of these matters.

The Guild will be seeking information from the university on how it plans on responding to the recommendations of the inquiry and I will keep everyone up to date on how that progresses and whether the university's thinking on these matters is in alignment with ours.

**Inquiry into University Governance**

I welcome the of the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee that an inquiry into the quality of governance at Australian higher education providers will be undertaken and plans on submitting to this inquiry.

I see the announcement of this inquiry as a positive step for all universities to be exposed to scrutiny, particularly in matters relating to wage-theft, use of consultants and executive remuneration and believe it is useful for all universities to learn from many of the positive aspects of the Guild's integration into the wider governance of Curtin, along with common challenges we may face.

I note that there has been some reporting of a backlash from some universities against a 'witch-hunt' in relation to this inquiry. I don't see it this way and instead hope that processes like these will better

position all Australian universities further along the pathway of becoming the vibrant, sustainable public assets for good that we ought to be.

### **Guild Operations**

#### **Commercial Portfolio Strategy**

I have established a committee to advise me on matters relating to the commercial portfolio with the aim to secure its future in the Curtin community, secure the affordability of food on campus and ensure that the portfolio is a net-gain to the Guild in terms of financial performance. I welcome any suggestions from representatives or students regarding these matters and I look forward to seeing positive changes within the portfolio throughout this year and the years ahead.

#### **Guild Precinct Revitalisation**

I plan on working on a series of cost-effective and relatively fast strategies to maximise the space available to students, collectives and clubs in the Guild Precinct and to ensure that the precinct is clean, welcoming and fresh. So far, staff have cleaned the courtyards and rearranged furniture in the lead up to O-Week and I have hit pause on plans to turn the retreat into a storage and event prep room permanently to decide whether it is the best use of prime space.

Clubs Hub is progressing well and will be the first growth of the broader Guild Precinct in quite a while. The first stage of this project will be open soon with stage two projected to be open by Semester Two.

I am also informed that work will soon begin on the project to build a new student kitchen next to Concept Café. The Guild has received a few pieces of correspondence from students regarding a shortage of microwaves and fridges on campus so this is sure to be a welcome new facility.

#### **Period Product Dispenser Program**

The Guild has been caught up in bureaucracy regarding the wider rollout and funding of free period product dispensers on campus. We prepared a proposal and the Chief Operating Officer has agreed to fund 50% of the costs of the products in the dispensers. We are, unfortunately, still awaiting final approval from the properties team as to the placement of these dispensers and we will continue to agitate for the immediate rollout of the dispensers across campus ASAP.

Once dispensers are located around Bentley, we will begin the rollout of the project to the Murray Street Campus and are eager to work with the Kalgoorlie branch on a rollout to Kalgoorlie. I am also conscious of the Midland campus.

#### **Kalgoorlie Branch Engagement**

The Science and Engineering Representative and I plan on travelling to the Kalgoorlie campus in week two of semester to engage with the Guild branch there and learn about how we can support them best. A Student Assist Officer will be attending Kalgoorlie this week as part of a SSAF-funded project to increase the support available to the growing student population in Kalgoorlie.

#### **Clubs Funding**

For several years, the university has approved a \$20,000 grant for the Guild to disseminate to student clubs for events. Unfortunately, the COO has indicated to the Guild that this funding will not be renewed for 2025. I am engaging with the clubs team, the Managing Director and the university on these matters. I view this funding cut as inconsistent with the university consistently promoting the calibre and quality of Guild clubs in marketing and promotion to students. \$20,000 to the university is a small amount of money that the Guild ensures goes a very long way and I would urge the university

to reconsider this funding cut. I have raised this at Academic Board as it cuts into the broader student experience at Curtin and will raise it with the DVCA and the VC this week when I meet with them.

### **Guild Enterprise Collective Agreement**

The Guild's Enterprise Collective Agreement with professional staff located in B106F (not inclusive of retail, café, catering and Tav staff) is expiring this year. I have written to the Fair Work Commission appointing the Managing Director, Vernon Thompson, as the Guild's representative in negotiations. The final ECA will come before Guild Council for approval later in the year so I am eager to keep you informed.

### **O-Day**

A huge congratulations is in order for VPA Jacquie and the entire events team and Guild staff for what was an incredible O-Day! I had the best job on the day sitting by – and in – the dunk tank but it was brilliant to meet so many new students and present the diverse, welcoming and vibrant campus that the Guild works so hard to achieve.

### **QR Code in Tav**

A massive thanks needs to go to George and Slade in IT and Tanya and the Tav team on the successful rollout of QR Code ordering in the Tavern. This is a huge improvement and a sign of great things to come. Of particular note is that Guild discounts are activated if you log in using your connected Curtin account.

### **Café Drink Prices**

Following student feedback, we have lowered the prices of drinks in café's to be in line with student expectations. Moving forward, all drinks will be tied to the much-lower G Mart prices in all café's. This means a 40% decrease in the price of a large can of Red Bull at the Library Café. Further to this, all prices will be displayed next to all items in all café's soon and I'd like to thank the commercial team for working diligently to roll out these adjustments and changes as soon as possible.



Dylan Storer

56<sup>th</sup> Guild President



**Handover Period:**

Date	Meeting	Comments
01/11/24	Assessment Feedback Meeting	Outgoing and Incoming Reps Meeting
11/11/24	Learning and Student Experience Committee	Attended as an Observer
21/11/24	VPE Handover Meeting	
28/11/24	Students as Partners Meeting	
28/11/24	Exec Handover Meeting	Incoming and Outgoing Attended

**University / External Meetings:**

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/01/25	Students for Partners Catch Up	
30/01/25	Circle Green Presentation	
14/02/25	Academic Board Induction	
05/02/25	Met with local Kmart Manager on behalf of Guild for Giveaways	

**Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):**

Date	Meeting	Comments
02/12/24	Induction Day	
02/12/24	Exec Meeting	
03/12/24	M-Files Training	
04/12/24	Exec Meeting	
05/12/24	Budget Breakdown	
10/12/24	VPE x SciEng Rep Meeting	
11/12/24	VPE x Humanities Rep Meeting	
13/12/24	VPE x Health Sciences Rep Meeting	
16/12/24	VPE x FBL Rep Meeting	
19/12/24	Commercial Strategy Meeting	

23/12/24	Exec Meeting	
14/01/25	Exec Meeting	
20/01/25	Exec Meeting	
21/01/25	Events Team x Guild Reps Introductions	
28/01/25	Exec Meeting	
03/02/25	Exec and Portfolio Managers Meeting	
05/02/25	Exec Meeting	
10/02/25	Operations Committee	
11/02/25	Students for Palestine Meeting	
11/02/25	Exec Meeting	
11/02/25	Student Representation at Curtin Colombo Meeting	Rescheduled
14/02/25	President x VPE – Survival Guide Meeting & Check-In	
14/02/25	Housing Campaign Meeting	

### **Further Notes:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Details</b>
	<b>Events</b>
Reps	Meetings with Reps after their first meeting were more informal face to face discussions, however moving past O-Day as discussed there will be Fortnightly Catch Ups with All Faculty Reps.
LSEC	January LSEC missed due to Appointment, all future booked appointments changed to fit the scheduled meeting times of LSEC, Courses Committee and Academic Board
Post-Grad Rep	Due to the resignation of Nandani, we have appointed Mitchell Craig as the acting Post Graduate Rep until an election is held.

**University / External Meetings:**

Date	Meeting	Comments
09/12/24	FBL Dean International Shortlisting	
16/12/24	Pre-Interview Briefing – FBL Dean International	
16/12/24	FBL Dean International Interview 1	
16/12/24	FBL Dean International Interview 2	
16/12/24	FBL Dean International Interview 3	
19/12/24	Pre-Interview Briefing – FBL Dean Learning & Teaching	
19/12/24	FBL Dean Learning & Teaching 1	
19/12/24	FBL Dean Learning & Teaching 2	
19/12/24	FBL Dean Learning & Teaching 3	
30/01/25	Global Quest Event (formally Global Village) meeting	Kylah (Guild events staff) and I met with Curtin events team and discussed Guild contribution to this event (ISC Stall, Guild Stall (if possible/staff coverage available), I asked for 2 external stalls to be included - Cancer Council for Sun Safety education and Surf Life Saving for beach safety education).
03/02/25	Guild Rep for Graduation Stage Party	

**Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):**

Date	Meeting	Comments
02/12/24	Induction Day	
02/12/24	First Exec Meeting of the 57 <sup>th</sup> exec team	
03/12/24	M-Files Training	
04/12/24	Exec Meeting	
05/12/24	Budget Breakdown	

09/12/24	Clubs VPA introduction	
09/12/24	Adobe Challenge Clubs Meeting	
11/12/24	Events, VPA & Manager Student Experience introductory meeting	
11/12/24	Explanation about Planet Positive meeting with VPSW	
16/12/24	VPA & VPSW – Sustainability & Welfare events 2025 discussion	
17/12/24	David Luketina Farewell	
17/12/24	ISC & VPA discussion about Café Connect	
17/12/24	Exec & Student Engagement Comms Strategy Meeting	
19/12/24	RedBull collection	O-Day giveaway
19/12/24	Commercial Strategy Meeting	
23/12/24	Exec Meeting	
24/12/24 – 04/01/25	Guild Shut Down Period	
07/01/25	Events / VPA Weekly Meeting	
14/01/25	Exec Meeting	
15/01/25	Events / VPA Weekly Meeting	
17/01/25	Met with HDR Student	
20/01/25	Exec Meeting	
21/01/25	Events Team & Guild Rep introduction meeting	Arranged for all Guild reps to meet the events team and learn how the team works and what they need to do for their events
21/01/25	International Women’s Day – Plan	
21/01/25	Period Product Vending Machines meeting	
21/01/25	PMEC dates – events team	
24/01/25	VPSW & VPA brain storm	
24/01/25	Events / VPA Weekly Meeting	
28/01/25	Exec Meeting	
29/01/25	Accessibility Matrix Meeting	Accessibility Officer, VPSW, VPA and Carla from events team reviewed the Accessibility Matrix for guild events Carla has been working on. We made some suggestions/amendments. Hoping for this to be delivered in time for O-Day.
29/01/25	Health Sciences Rep & VPA	Discussed O-Day

30/01/25	VPSW, Circle8, CFC and VPA site tour	VPSW & VPA met with Mark from Circle8 and Natasha from Containers for Change to discuss the Smart Bin project and toured the Guild outlets to discuss ideal location for the bins.
03/02/25	First Year Rewards Student Reflections	
03/02/25	Exec and Portfolio Managers Meeting	
03/02/25	Higher Ed Meeting	
05/02/25	Exec Meeting	Clubs Approvals only
05/02/25	Clubs VPA Meeting	
05/02/25	Events / VPA Weekly Meeting	
10/02/25	Operations Committee	
11/02/25	Students for Palestine Meeting	
11/02/25	Exec Meeting	
11/02/25	Student Representation at Curtin Colombo Meeting	Had to be cancelled due to technical difficulties and nonattendance
12/02/25	Events / VPA Weekly Meeting	
13/02/25	Free sample scrounging	Went to multiple shops near me and at Karawara sourcing samples for Guild Giveaways
13/02/25	Showcase & Judging Panel – Adobe Challenge (Clubs)	Did not attend entire time, popped in
13/02/25	Clubs & VPA Meeting	

### **Leave Taken:**

20/12/2024 – 04/01/2025 – Guild Shut Down Period Leave

### **Further Notes:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Details</b>
O-Day		All reps are gearing up for O-Day, it's full steam ahead for prepping for the event. I'm looking forward to high levels of student engagement from all the reps and new students getting to learn about the Guild at o-Day.
Guild Events		The events team and VPA are working on putting together the Guild events calendar. We're hoping to be able to present this to the exec team shortly after O-Week.

Mind Mojo	This event is scheduled for week 3, we're planning giveaways, cuddly koala's and Aussie Animals, activities and working with Curtin for their Global Quest (formally Global Village) event on the Wednesday of that week. We are hoping for 2 stalls at this event, one for the International Student Committee where they can engage with international students and a general Guild tent where we inform students on who we are, the services we offer and upcoming events etc.
International Women's Day	I've been working with the Women's Officer (Bridget) on the delivery of a stall day for International Women's Day. Bridget has been collaborating with the other equity officers on this project as well.

### Projects

Recycling Hub	<p><b>Brief:</b> Delivery of a Recycling Hub on campus where students can recycle hard to recycle items such as foundation bottles &amp; beauty product packaging, stationary, batteries and bottle caps.</p> <p>I have been assisting the VPSW on this project as I started it in 2024 as VPSW and it's set to be delivered in semester 1 2025. Razanne has been hard at work ensuring the delivery of this project for this semester.</p> <p>The current road block is uncertainty of the location of the Hub. Razanne and I are working together to figure out where the breakdown of communication is and finding a solution.</p>
Smart Bins	<p><b>Brief:</b> Enabling students to recycle 10c containers on campus. Smart Bins are designed to only open when a 10c container is scanned.</p> <p>I have been assisting the VPSW in this project as needed; similar to the above it's a project I started last year that's rolled over to this year. Razanne has been liaising with Mark from Circle8 and Natasha from Containers for Change and I have been assisting from a distance. She is doing an amazing job and I can't wait to see how this looks when the project is rolled out!</p>
Sustainability Matrix	<p>I plan on developing a <i>Sustainability Matrix</i> for Guild events – sort of like a checklist of ways we can reduce the environmental impact of events &amp; activities. From this I also want to develop a 'watered down' version for clubs to be able to use for their events. This will be a collaborated project between the VPA and VPSW.</p>
Sustainability Grant	<p>Following on from the <i>Sustainability Matrix for Clubs</i> I intend to propose a <i>Sustainability Grant</i> that clubs can apply for if they show what steps they are taking to reduce the environmental impact of their events or how the event benefits the environment (e.g. Beach Clean Up, opting to use alternatives from single use items, etc). This grant would assist clubs to pay for more sustainable options, which sometimes come at an increased cost. This will be a collaborated project between the VPA and VPSW.</p>

**University / External Meetings:**

Date	Meeting	Comments
09/12/2024	Sustainable Development Working Group	Final meeting
14/12/2024	Curtin Multifaith Meeting	
13/02/2025	Student Charter Meeting	
13/02/2025	Student Charter working group Meeting	
18/02/2025	University Health & Safety Committee Meeting	
20/02/2025	Mental health and resilience in students reference group	

**Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):**

Date	Meeting	Comments
02/12/2024	Induction Day	
02/12/2024	Executive Meeting #1	
03/12/2024	M-Files Training Session	
04/12/2024	Executive Meeting #2	
05/12/2024	Meeting with Guild Finance	Met with Karen to discuss Finances at the Curtin Student Guild, and set up appropriate accounts
05/12/2024	Meeting with Mark Grogan – Circle 8	To discuss introduction of smart bins on campus – phone meeting
05/12/2024	Guild Womens Officer Meeting	Introductory meeting with the Womens Officer
05/12/2024	We All Need to Pee Overview	With Queer Officer and President
06/12/2024	Guild Accessibility Officer Meeting	Introductory meeting with the Accessibility Officer
11/12/2024	Meeting with 2024 VPSW RE Planet Positive	

17/12/2024	Guild ISC President Meeting	Introductory meeting with the ISC President
17/12/2024	Student Engagement Strategy Meeting	
18/12/2024	Housing Campaign Meeting	With Executive Committee
19/12/2024	Commercial Strategy Meeting	
23/12/2024	Executive Meeting #3	
07/01/2025	Equity Reps Digital Workshop	With Student Engagement
14/01/2025	Academic and Welfare Goals/KPIs	With Student Assist
14/01/2025	Executive Meeting #4	
20/01/2025	Executive Meeting #5	
21/01/2025	Events and Guild Reps Induction meeting	
21/01/2025	Meeting RE: Period Products Vending Machine	
22/01/2025	Health and Safety Committee Meeting	
28/01/2025	Executive Meeting #6	
29/01/2025	Accessibility Matrix discussion meeting	
03/02/2025	Executive and PMs Meeting	
04/02/2025	External CAP reviewer Discussion Meeting	
10/02/2025	Operations Committee Meeting	
11/02/2025	Students for Palestine Meeting	
11/02/2025	Executive Meeting #7	
12/02/2025	Student Charter Pre-Meeting	
20/02/2025	Representation Board #2	



## Leave Taken:

20/12/2024 – 30/12/2024 – Guild Shut Down Period Leave

## Further Notes:

Item	Details
Ethnocultural Collective	The structure and constitution of the Collective has been explored alongside the President. My aim is to have it running in Semester 2
Multifaith spaces	With the Curtin Multifaith Officer, I am currently pushing for two more multifaith spaces on campus. One in the library and one on the north end of campus. These rooms would double as meditation rooms, for all students to use. Capacity, access, requirements and structure have been discussed. Janet has been amazing to work with on this
Multifaith Calander	I am in the process of creating a multifaith calendar for access by course staff, for the benefit of students. This includes liaising with faith chaplains and other groups. This is also being done with Curtin's Multifaith Officer
Inclusivity guides for Guild clubs	This was originally a KPI of mine. Since then, I have been helping the Events team, alongside the VPA and AO on creating a accessibility guide. I'm hoping to see this branch out to clubs once its running for Events
Introduce Welfare Week on campus	In 2024, the VPSW held a brilliant sustainability week. My hopes was to extend this to a Welfare Week for semester 1, with sustainability week in semeester2. The plans are underway and almost formalised.
Introduce Containers for Change on campus	Largest project at the moment. Liaising with Circle 8, and CFC to introduce smart bins and more CFC bins on campus. The CFC system for Guild outlets is still underway. Pickup is at every 300 containers.
Housing campaign	Currently working with the President and VPE on the housing campaign, also a large project and ongoing.
Working with Equity reps and ISC on their KPIs, day to day concerns, and current projects as line manager	
Ethical university ties	Currently working on pushing for ethical university ties, alongside the President, in light of the MOU signed in 2024. Confirmation of improvements should hopefully be finalised by the next Reps board meeting
Representation socially	Pushing for social organising and showing up for rallies, while assisting where the Guild can. This has included the Sovereignty Day rallies, and the anti-genocide rallies.

Recycling Hub	The Hub has been delivered, and I'm looking for it to be painted and decorated during Curtin's Sustainability Week. It can thereafter be put to use in the library.
Item 9.1 – representation board meeting	See below (item 1)
Women's Department social media comment	A comment was made on the Womens Department social media which the Womens Officer flagged. The comment was threatening in nature and offensive. The comment was reported to Safer Communities and the Police. The perpetrator was a 20 year old male, who was arrested overnight and released as he was 'joking'. The individual was not a student. I commend the Womens Officer for being diligent with this regard. See <b>Item 2</b> .

### Item 1

At the Representation Board meeting, a motion was passed which read:

*“Condemns the refusal of the Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton and State Liberal Leader Libby Mettam to stand in front of the Aboriginal Flag if elected as Prime Minister or Premier, respectively. Further to this, the Representation Board condemns the all major parties for not taking the action necessary to adequately represent the views and aspirations of First Nations people and to close the gap.”*

I moved the motion and explained that it very much speaks for itself, alongside Dutton's track record when it comes to attitudes towards First Nations people which also speaks for itself. I echoed Human Rights Commissioner and First Nation's leader, Mick Gooda's words, as behaviour that is divisive, and an attempt to disappear Indigenous people from Australian politics.

This motion is important to the Curtin Student Guild, as it is not unusual for such immature and racist behaviour to express itself in the behaviour of the general public, and if this reaches students or staff, will be denounced as unacceptable.

I did so at the Representation Board meeting and will do so again. Internal condemnations are never favourable but are necessary for the values of the Guild. To repeat, the role of a Guild Councillor outlined, is 'to set the objectives, values and direction of the Guild'.

On January 20th, the Curtin Student Guild posted a statement on its social media channels, headed, 'January 26 is not a day of celebration' in alignment with the Circular Resolution passed by absolute majority, endorsing the rally and the self-determination of First Nations People.

Campus, located on stolen land, should be a safe space for First Nations people, and the Guild maintains this as a uncompromisable value.

Guild Councillor Coben Foster took the time however to mock the statement on social media, where it was publicly viewable, commenting underneath the Guild post: "Beers going to go down a treat".

During the Operations Committee on the 10th of February, President Dylan Storer during his verbal reports, reported positively of the Curtin Student Guild's support of the Sovereignty Day rally, to which Councillor Foster scoffed.

Student representatives at the Curtin student Guild, regardless of political affiliation, in this case, Foster's affiliation with the Liberal Party, should not override the duty of the Curtin Student Guild to its students, including First Nations students. As a Vice President of Welfare, such behaviour does not contribute to a safe space, and I would request that Guild Councilors act both professionally and considerately.

## **Item 2**

I also want to strongly commend the Women's Officer for her swift response to an incident on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. **I'd like to invite Bridget to speak on the incident.**

It is important that individuals understand the implications of harassment. The Pew Research Centre reports that only 16% of gender-based violence incidents are actually reported, and with the responsibility of leading by example, I hope such examples encourage women especially to speak up. Well done Bridget.



## Secretary

December/January/February – Guild Council Report (01/12/2024 – 20/02/2025)

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### Travel

NUS Natcon	08/12/24 - 13/12/24	Ballarat, Victoria
NUS President Summit	05/02/24 – 07/02/24	Melbourne, Victoria

### Leave

December	14/12/24 - 19/12/24
Holiday Shutdown Period	24/12/24 – 06/01/24
February	18/02/24 – 24/02/24

### University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A

### Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
02/12/2024	Induction Day	
02/12/2024	Executive Meeting #1	
03/12/2024	M-Files Training Session	
04/12/2024	Executive Meeting #2	
04/12/2024	NUS Meeting	Meeting with Curtin NUS Delegates and UWA Revive Delegates to discuss upcoming conference
05/12/2024	Budget Breakdown with Finance team	Met with Karen, Jo and Sally to discuss the budget and financial operations of the Guild.
08/12/2024-13/12/2024	NUS Natcon	

23/12/2024	Executive Meeting #3	
23/12/2024	Finance catch up	With Karen Rennie, to refresh knowledge about Finance and my responsibilities
14/01/2025	Executive Meeting #4	
20/01/2025	Executive Meeting #5	
20/01/2025	Higher Education	With Student Engagement
28/01/2025	Executive Meeting #6	
28/01/2025	Meeting with Dylan Storer	Catch up meeting following NUS Conference and the holiday break period.
30/01/2025	NUS State WA Executive Meeting	
03/02/2025	Executive and PMs Meeting	
05/02/2025-07/02/2025	NUS President Summit	
10/02/2025	Operations Committee Meeting	
11/02/2025	Students for Palestine Meeting	
11/02/2025	Executive Meeting #7	
13/02/2025	WASM Finance Meeting	With Dylan Storer, Karen Rennie and Vernon Thompson

### **Other Meetings/ Activities**

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/01/2025	Sovereignty Day Sign Painting	
30/01/2025	State Presidents Meeting	Held at UWA
13/02/2025	Attended Graduation as Student Representative	

### **Administration:**

- Guild Councillor Vacancies: Managed the process of filling vacant Guild Councillor roles due to resignations and removals, following the procedures outlined in the by-laws.

- Administrative & IT Support: Ensured all relevant members had proper access to emails and timesheets.
- Police Clearances: Organised and provided the necessary information for police clearances of new representatives and executives.
- Meeting Coordination: Finalised the meeting calendar alongside HR to ensure all key Guild meetings were scheduled and accessible.
- Training & Onboarding: Finalised and approved training sessions for representatives. Set up by HR (Nika Velios) and distributed by me.
- Office Organisation: Decluttering and reorganising spaces for better workflow.
- Room Bookings: Coordinated room bookings for meetings (Council Chambers for Representatives Board and Guild Council) as well as venues for Finance & Risk Committee and Operations Committee meetings (The Bridge, Clubs HQ)
- Financial & Budgeting Support: Assisted representatives in understanding the financial processes, including reimbursements, budget allocations, and timesheet submissions.
- Discussion with WASM: Worked alongside the President in meeting with WASM Executives. Assisted WASM executives with some of their queries.
- By-Election Coordination: Managing the set up of the nomination process for by-elections to fill vacant roles on the Postgraduate Students' Committee (PSC) and International Students' Committee (ISC).
- Conflict of Interest Register: Ensured the register remained updated to reflect the most accurate and transparent record of conflicts among council members.
- Attendance Tracking: started the development of an attendance log to monitor representatives' participation in meetings and drive accountability.
- Club Approvals & Review: Worked with the Clubs team, Vice President (Activities), and the Executive team to review, approve, and renew clubs as needed.
- Policy Documentation: Began compiling a policy book consolidating all motions passed by the Representation Board, creating a reference guide for future councils.
- Orientation Day Planning: Worked closely with representatives to finalise budgets for Orientation Day stalls, ensuring financial efficiency and event success.
- Equity & Inclusion Assessment: starting an evaluation of how the Guild represents students from diverse backgrounds.
- Worked with the VP-A to work out the budget for campaigns, o-day and events (in progress).

### **Further Notes:**

Found it a bit difficult to find my footing in the beginning, but I feel more comfortable in the role as time goes by and hope to continuously improve. Looking forward to the rest of the year with the 56<sup>th</sup> Guild Council representatives.