Student Guild of Curtin University

Guild Council – Meeting #06

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 23rd of July 2026

In Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 17:35

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

2.1. Members Present: Dylan Storer, Noor Fellah, Hadiya Naeemi, Tahni Rowe, Morgan Mills, Max Zhang, Finn Gardoll, Joanna Kuo, Bridget Clifton, David Phillips, Ebony Whitney, Suhaila Jaffna, Isobel Cubong, Hamide Kocer (Online), Emily Lassam (Online), Vivi Choi

2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Natasha Morgan, Moira Aynsley, Tom Harrowing, Isabella Harvey

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;

2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

None declared

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Circular Resolutions

Vivi Choi Joined the meeting at 5:36 PM.

4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meetings held on 21/05/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried

5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted

Dylan presented his report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

Paid Placements

Dylan advised that paid placements have been expanded to 10 more streams across two schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences — the School of Allied Health and the School of Population Health. He welcomed the expansion but noted the Guild's position remains that paid placements should apply to every mandatory placement and be set at a livable rate. He acknowledged this as a significant win for the student movement while noting it remains insufficient, with many students still facing placement poverty.

Guild Housing Report

Dylan advised that the Housing Report has been released and received significant media coverage including The West Australian, ABC News, ABC Goldfields, ABC Southwest, ABC Radio Perth, Perth Now, and the front page of the Kalgoorlie Miner, including a satirical cartoon in the Saturday edition. Dylan thanked Morgan for extensive work on the report, particularly the Kalgoorlie statistics, and Ebony for her significant contributions to the report's content, survey data, and a detailed submission to the state government's targeted consultation on reforms to the Residential Tenancy Act. He advised that the state government is now looking at legislating to better regulate rights for students living on campus and in boarding and lodging situations. Dylan also advised that he met with the Vice Chancellor following the report's release and that Curtin has acknowledged the Guild's concerns, with public commitments expected once confirmed in writing.

Anti-Semitism and Racism Definitions

Dylan advised that as part of new university governance standards, universities are required to define anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and other relevant forms of racism by the start of January 2027. He noted the Guild's opposition to the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism due to the risk of conflating criticism of Israel and Zionism with anti-Semitism, and advised that the Guild will work closely with the university on this over the coming months, with the university needing to have a definition through University Council by the end of November.

University Governance Standards

Dylan noted that the new governance standards also include positive changes strengthening student representation, transparency, and institutional accountability, including requirements for extensive consultation with students and staff before major changes are proposed.

Guild Precinct and Facilities

Dylan advised that construction on the new equity spaces and expanded club storage is underway, and that a designer has been appointed for the refurbishment of the Café Central space and the Tavern. He recognised Tanya for her significant work in progressing all precinct projects. He also noted improvements to the courtyard space including new furniture and remediation of tripping hazards in the cobbled path.

Mid-Year Staff Lunch

Dylan commended the mid-year staff lunch held at the Tavern as a milestone event marking 19 months of positive organisational change, bringing together teams from across the Guild's commercial areas, upstairs staff, and elected representatives. He advised this will now become a fixture on the Guild calendar.

NTEU Industrial Action

In response to a query from a member regarding the NTEU rally, Dylan advised that EBA negotiations have not progressed and there is no resolution in sight. He noted he had attended the rally to express support, emphasising that staff working conditions are student learning conditions, and called on the university to come to the table and reach a resolution.

Discussion

A member raised the proposal to conduct a survey on vending machine food options in the library, noting that 80 students had responded during O-Day with 75% indicating they would likely use a library food service at night. The member and Joanna advised they had been working on the survey and asked whether a formal motion could be brought to a future meeting. Dylan expressed strong support and advised he and Tanya are meeting the following day to progress the matter, inviting the members to attend and share the survey data.

Vernon noted that a two-phase approach to the vending machine project had previously been explored, encompassing both a coffee option and a meal option. He outlined the complexity around water access for coffee machines and the constraints relating to the existing Coca-Cola pre-packaged beverage contract, which runs until approximately 2028. Dylan noted that products outside the scope of the existing contract would by definition be broader options including healthier food choices.

A discussion followed on the implications of providing 24/7 coffee access from a student welfare perspective. Members acknowledged that students are adults entitled to make their own decisions, while noting the value of ensuring healthier alternatives are available alongside caffeinated products. It was noted that the Guild's existing vending machines already contain products with high caffeine content, and that the priority should be adding healthy food options within the scope of the current contract.

5.1.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Hadiya presented her report and highlighted the following matters:

Paid Placements

Hadiya provided further detail on the paid placement expansion, noting that the 10 allied health disciplines will receive payments from 1 July 2027. She noted the payment rate is as low as $67.72 per day for some students, describing this as wholly inadequate, and affirmed the Guild's continued advocacy for universal paid placements at a liveable rate through the National Union of Students.

Racism Definitions and Freedom of Expression

Hadiya echoed Dylan's comments on the requirement for universities to adopt racism definitions, noting that the Guild's concern is not compliance itself but ensuring that student freedom of speech, academic freedom, and political expression are protected. She affirmed the importance of universities remaining spaces where students can debate difficult issues, criticise government and political ideologies, and organise politically.

O-Day

Hadiya noted that the Ethnocultural Collective's activation at her O-Day stall had been warmly received, providing an opportunity for international students in particular to learn about their working rights. A Unions WA representative was also present to speak about gender-based violence policy.

Discussion

Tahni commended the Ethnocultural Collective's participation in the O-Day stall as a highly positive initiative, noting strong feedback from the collective about the value of engaging directly with students.

A member raised questions regarding KPI reporting, noting that the frequency of meetings with Faculty Reps as recorded did not appear to reflect the stated commitment to regular monthly meetings, and that only two of four Faculty Reps are listed as involved in the Hidden Costs campaign. Hadiya clarified that the Hidden Costs campaign has been refined to focus on a Lab Coat Pilot Programme as a starting point, with all representatives involved in providing faculty-specific data, and that two representatives are specifically leading the lab coat component. She also acknowledged feedback about the need for a clearer and more coordinated joint campaign and undertook to ensure this is addressed.

Hadiya provided further detail on the Lab Coat Pilot Programme, advising that approximately 30 lab coats will be available — one station in Building 500 for chemistry students and one at Guild Reception, available during Guild hours. Students will be required to provide ID or complete a form at reception and return coats within a day. The coats will carry the Guild logo via an iron-on patch, designed by Sylvia. Dylan suggested placing the logo on the inside of the coat to avoid stigmatising students accessing the service, which Hadiya welcomed. Members also suggested exploring a donation model to supplement the hire scheme, allowing students to donate unused lab coats, glasses, and calculators.

A member raised concern about the timing of the Hidden Costs campaign given the approaching end of representative terms, noting that without a coordinated four-faculty effort, outcomes for students may be limited. Hadiya acknowledged the feedback and undertook to develop a more structured plan in the representative forum.

Hadiya also provided an update on the unit outline review, advising that the last successful review was conducted in 2021 and that she has obtained a previous framework to refine and implement this semester, with the intention of presenting findings to LSEC.

5.2.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted

Tahni presented her report, covering both June and July, and highlighted the following matters:

Curtin Open Day

Tahni advised that the rescheduled Curtin Open Day was successfully delivered, with the Guild running a mini lolly wall stall that was described as the most popular of the day.

Riff Rumble

Tahni reported that Riff Rumble, a battle-of-the-bands style event at the Tavern, had been a significant success. Three Curtin student bands competed, with prizes awarded to all three. The event was held in partnership with the Student Experience Network Tertiary Music Competition, allowing bands to use their performance footage as part of their applications. Curtin band Dreamline subsequently won the June round of the SEN competition, receiving a $500 music voucher, a music industry coaching session, and eligibility for further SEN events. Dreamline has also been engaged to perform at the upcoming Pyjama Party.

Stress Less Week

Tahni advised that Stress Less Week was delivered with a significantly upgraded Brinner offering, expanding from pancakes to include sausages, hash browns, muffins, and beans, serving approximately 350 to 400 students across two Brinner sessions. The snack cart was also upgraded to a wellness cart incorporating face masks, fidget toys, and deodorant. Tahni noted the positive reception from students.

University Merger Campaign

Tahni noted the Guild's involvement in running a barbecue outside the library late in the previous semester to launch the merger campaign.

Semester Two Plans

Tahni advised that planning is underway for Guild Ball and other major events, with new Events Manager Yvonne having commenced in her second week and receiving strong praise. Tahni noted the return of Love, Sex and Consent Week, including collaboration with a sexology student on awareness campaigns and the potential introduction of STI testing as a feature of the week. She also outlined work on a proposal for improved club storage in the new equity spaces, designed to provide each club with a contained, lockable section.

Courtyard Pots

Tahni noted the completion of the courtyard pot painting project, acknowledging Morgan's initiative in driving it.

Discussion

A member queried the completion date for the club storage project. Vernon advised that the equity spaces project is expected to be completed mid to late August, with some delays having arisen from mechanical and building permit requirements.

A member queried the new booking system for student representative events. Tahni explained the tiered system, which categorises events as A (simple, auto-approved), B (requiring Tahni's assistance), and C (requiring the Events team). She noted the system has been well utilised, with examples including Astor's Queer Collective events, the Women's Officer's morning tea, and Pride being booked as a Category C event.

A member raised concern about communication regarding the $250 sustainability grant for clubs. Tahni and Morgan confirmed the grant is now live and information is available on the website, noting that splitting the previously unified grant into separate event, sustainability, and accountability grants has improved clarity and purposefulness of expenditure. Morgan undertook to follow up on the accountability grant's uptake.

A member noted that several club-related KPIs remain unstarted. Tahni acknowledged this, explaining that the first half of the year had been heavily events-focused due to a new events team and the club registration period, and that her focus will shift to club-specific projects in semester two, including reviewing the Clubs policy document, the event application process, and implementing a reporting system. She welcomed a suggestion to send an open call to all club presidents for feedback on these matters rather than consulting a select group.

Tahni also noted an upcoming club sponsorship training workshop being developed in partnership with Curtin's outreach sector, covering both how to improve existing sponsorship packages and how to write new ones.

5.3.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Morgan presented their report and highlighted the following matters:

Sustainability Grant

Morgan confirmed that the sustainability grant for clubs is now live, noting the KPI had not been updated prior to going on leave.

Courtyard Improvements

Morgan advised that the courtyard pots are complete and that work is ongoing with Tanya on furniture and further greening of the space.

Racism Definitions – Working Group

Morgan advised that ahead of the university's working group on racism definitions, they have secured meetings with the individual coordinating the process and will attend alongside the First Nations Officer Bonnie and ISC President Tahsin to ensure the Guild's position is represented from the outset.

Housing Report – O-Day

Morgan advised that the Housing Report was a focus of their O-Day stall, with students completing a quiz drawing on the report's findings. Morgan noted that while few students appeared to have read the report in advance, the quiz effectively surfaced the key statistics and generated engaged responses.

Discussion

A member queried progress on environmental sustainability projects beyond the smart bins and sustainability grant. Morgan acknowledged that further projects, including sustainable transport advocacy and a review of Curtin Link, are listed as not yet started in the KPIs and will be a focus of semester two. Morgan also confirmed that the divestment campaign has not yet been progressed but undertook to revisit it. A member suggested contacting the NUS Welfare Officer, who is running a national sustainable transport campaign, as a starting point for the transport advocacy work.

In response to a query about KPI comments, Morgan confirmed that fortnightly meetings with equity officers and the ISC President are occurring and described the work being done with each officer, including assisting Tahsin with the international student housing booklet, supporting Sara and Astor on period product machines, and keeping updated with Bonnie's First Nations work.

5.4.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.5. Secretary – Submitted

Noor presented her report and highlighted the following matters:

Governance Officer

Noor advised that the Governance Officer role remains vacant following an unsuccessful round of interviews. Natasha has scheduled a new round of interviews commencing the following week. Mitch remains in the position in the interim, with regular informal check-ins occurring between Mitch and Noor.

Student Elections

Noor advised that a memorandum of understanding with Curtin University for the conduct of elections has been finalised. A new Returning Officer, Andrew Cousins, has been confirmed for this year's elections. The election timetable has been endorsed by WAEC, and the election handbook has been circulated. Noor noted that a code of conduct briefing will be introduced as a new requirement for all candidates.

Remuneration Tribunal

Noor advised that the Remuneration Tribunal is underway with Dylan as Chair, with submissions due the following day. She encouraged all members, including non-remunerated Councillors, to submit feedback on the remuneration of representatives.

University Merger Campaign – Social Media

Noor acknowledged that the merger campaign's social media presence had been inactive for several weeks, attributing this in part to a lack of activity from the Murdoch Student Guild on the joint Instagram page. She advised that a new content plan has been developed with Hadiya, focusing on student interviews, ground-level videos, and consistent posting. She encouraged all members to contribute ideas for campaign content.

NUS National Conference

Noor reported attending the NUS Education Conference from 27 June to 2 July, noting strong workshops delivered by the WA state branch including presentations by Clayton, Hadiya, Rama, and Dylan. She described the conference as productive overall.

PSC and ISC Constitutions

Noor advised that updated PSC and ISC constitutions have been circulated to relevant representatives for feedback. The revised constitutions will remove Council positions in favour

of open collectives to improve accessibility and ease of participation. These will be brought to Reps Board and potentially Council as circulars. The WASM constitution will also be reviewed in consultation with the Kalgoorlie campus.

KPIs and Other Matters

Noor advised that a guide on daily operations for future secretaries is in progress, along with a policy book of all representation motions and an assessment of how the Guild is representing students across different demographics. She noted a gap in representation for mature-age students and parents as an area to explore. Noor also raised the possibility of introducing an Environmental Officer role, inviting feedback from Council members, and noted that the WASM representation situation is being monitored.

Discussion

A member queried the availability of Guild Council reports on the website. Noor advised that reports had been sent through for upload earlier in the week and believed they were now live, undertaking to confirm and follow up directly with the member.

A member sought clarification on the KPI relating to assessing how the Guild represents students across different demographics. Noor confirmed this relates to equity representation and a desire to understand which student groups may feel underrepresented, with a possible survey or report to be developed in the second half of the year. She welcomed the member's input given their involvement in the housing space.

5.5.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted

Vernon presented his report and highlighted the following matters:

Mid-Year Staff Event

Vernon echoed Dylan's commendation of the mid-year staff lunch, noting its value in building positive culture and strengthening interaction between elected officers and staff, including the successful launch of the Guild Lager at the event.

O-Day

Vernon commended Tahni, Moira, the Events and Clubs team, and commercial staff for the successful delivery of O-Day.

Guild Precinct

Vernon provided updates on Guild Precinct projects, noting that the Tavern courtyard refresh is progressing well with pot painting, path cleaning, and Agora seating improvements underway. New seating and table re-staining are also planned. The equity spaces and club storage project is on track for mid to late August completion, with the delay attributable to building permit requirements. Café Central detailed concept designs have been approved in principle and are being priced, with design visuals potentially available for the next Council meeting subject to the President's discretion.

Little Concept

Vernon noted the launch of Little Concept, the outdoor café extension, including the Order Away online ordering system now live at the library and rolling out to Concept the following week. He acknowledged Tanya and the team for the effort in getting the project operational.

Commercial Operations

Vernon noted continued growth in student meal take-up, the launch of the Staff Portal by the Student Services team, and significant operational work including sourcing and installing new fridges at GMart, vacating equipment from the old Angazi space, purchasing and branding a new catering delivery van, and completing a full audit and documentation of Guild equipment across campus. We have sold a lot of redundant equipment and will continue to do so.

Vernon highlighted June as Kirribilli's strongest month to date, recognising Vanessa and the

team for stepping up during the manager's absence. He noted Mallokup's improved performance following a menu and presentation refresh, and acknowledged that library café sales are slightly below prior year, attributing this partly to redistribution of traffic across campus outlets.

Discussion

A member queried the financial reporting of individual events, asking whether event budgets and costs are reported separately. Vernon and Moira confirmed that events are funded from a pooled budget rather than individually tracked for profit or loss, as events are provided primarily as a free service to students. Vernon noted that budget data by event is available on request, and invited the member to meet with Tahni or himself directly to review this information.

A member noted the low number of student saver meals sold at Concept and Mallokup and queried whether this put the offering at risk of being removed. Vernon advised that the student meal offering is a commitment set by Council and will remain at all outlets. He noted that Concept's lower uptake likely reflects its customer demographic, and that Mallokup had a delayed rollout of the student saver meals. A member noted that signage at Concept indicating additional meals can be made on request had been removed, and suggested this be reinstated to avoid students assuming the offering is finished once the display is empty.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the KPIs.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Bridget Clifton

Carried

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

Noor advised that 100% of safety inspections were completed in June. A workers' compensation claim was noted. A new item of concern was listed regarding untagged electrical equipment in B104113 meeting room at Central, occupied by Curtin Living. A member queried whether new equipment is required to be tagged before use, noting that under Australian standards (AS/NZS 3760), brand new electrical equipment does not require testing before first use.

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

6.2. Finance Report

Vernon noted that the report could be taken as written and welcomed questions. A member queried Kirribilli's performance, with Vernon noting improvements through menu development, relationship building with on-campus staff, new product offerings, and a monthly newsletter. Vernon also addressed the library café's slight underperformance relative to prior year, attributing this to traffic redistribution across campus and the loss of transport card recharging as a revenue stream, while noting overall healthy growth.

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe (VP – Activities)

Carried

6.3. Little Concept

Dylan spoke to the motion, advising that after considerable internal discussion the name "Little Concept" was selected as a whimsical and fitting name for the outdoor café extension of Concept Cafe. He noted the name had been used as a working title by the team and requires Council approval before printed materials are produced. Tahni commended the initiative, noting that the speed of service has been well received by staff and students, and that the outlet also offers sweet treats alongside coffee. A member commended the QR code ordering system as a particularly convenient feature.

Motion: That the Guild Council:

approve the name of the outlet located in B106D 'Little Concept'**.**

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

6.4. The Guild 2026 Election Handbook and Timetable

Noor advised that the motion is effectively for noting rather than approval, as the timetable has already been approved by the Returning Officer with some dates amended at the RO's request. The version before Council reflects those RO-approved dates.

Motion: That the Guild Council:

1. **approves** the 2026 Curtin Student Guild Election Handbook for use in the conduct of the 2026 Annual Student Elections; and
2. **approves** the 2026 Election Timetable for the conduct of the 2026 Annual Student Elections.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Morgan Mills (Vice President - Sustainability & Welfare)

Carried

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 14/05/2026

7.2. Executive Committee – 04/06/2026, 09/07/2026, 14/07/2026

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 13/05/2026

7.4. Commercial and Corporate Services Committee –

7.5. Student Services Committee -

7.6. Legal Committee – NA

No Discussion

Motion: That the Guild Council:

Approves the minutes of the Committees Reporting to the Guild Council.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

8. General Business

8.1. Ideas and Suggestions

None raised

8.2. Other Business

A member raised a light-hearted query regarding the number of Tim Tams remaining from the O-Day giveaway and the associated cost. Vernon confirmed approximately $500 was spent on Tim Tams as part of the giveaway, with a small number of remaining packets distributed to staff as a thank you. The expenditure was confirmed as budgeted.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Bridget presented the meeting evaluation and noted the following:

Bridget described the meeting as well-rounded and more engaged than some previous meetings, commending the diversity of opinions contributed by Councillors and the quality of feedback and ideas offered. She specifically highlighted the initiative by Hadiya and Joanna in conducting an on-ground student survey regarding vending machine food options as a strong example of Councillors capturing the student voice.

Bridget noted one area for improvement regarding the timeliness of the agenda being circulated, suggesting that late report submissions may be a contributing factor and that this should be addressed. She also noted that some Exec members were observed to be on their phones while other Councillors were speaking, describing this as a recurring concern throughout the year. She further noted that some mildly dismissive remarks were made in response to Councillors' opinions during the meeting and encouraged all members to maintain a respectful and inclusive tone.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 20th August 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

Meeting Closed 19:20

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2. Attendance

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2.2. Others Present:
Vernon Thompson, Moira Aynsley

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence:

2.4. Absent:
Dao Jun Lee, Joanna Kuo

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Noor Fellah and Hadiya Naeemi disclosed conflict of interest with motion in agenda regarding their role in NUS Affiliation Amount.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves that Noor Fellah and Hadiya Naeemi be allowed to be present but not to vote for motion in agenda 6.5.

Moved: Ebony Whitney (Guild Councillor)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe (VP – Activities)

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 meetings held on 23/07/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded:

FAILED

5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted

Dylan presented his report, took it largely as read and highlighted the significant progress and stronger financial and operational position of the Guild compared to 18 months prior and on the following matters:

NDIS Inquiry

Special thanks were extended to Accessibility Officer Mia and Accessibility Collective member Caitlin for their exceptional representation of Curtin students at the Senate inquiry into NDIS cuts. Dylan noted that despite the legislation passing, the Guild remains committed to supporting disabled students through ongoing uncertainties.

Precinct Plan & Capital Works

Dylan stated the Precinct Plan Capital Works is proceeding very well, and he was happy for Vernon to talk about that more in his report.

Dylan also has discussions with the members on the following:

24-Hour Vending Options

Dylan updated that the council has proposal from Flying Turtle Vending to closely work with the properties on getting something installed that will be akin to a 24-hour beverage making machine and a 24-hour meal provision in the library at least, in some form of a trial period. This is currently sitting with Curtin Properties for approval and any timelines on installation will sit after that.

University Merger

Dylan stated that there is no tangible difference than what he updated last month and there have been further delays in an announcement due to several different sorts of political things happening.

Campus still being dark at night

Dylan cleared that he spoke to the properties in relation to the library and has been fixed but stated the problem with Angazi building is that it is currently offline, nevertheless he will bring that up to them. He also worked with the women's department and different areas of the Guild so that people can report on the dark areas.

Cleanliness of the Library

Bridget brought up ongoing cleanliness issues, highlighting fruit fly infestations and

overall upkeeping during peak study periods. Dylan added that he had put things about the cleanliness of the library to which they said that they were renegotiating the contract so there's extra cleaning being done around the exam time.

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Hadiya presented her report and to expand on it she highlighted the following matters:

- Hadiya expressed that planning is going great for the teaching awards and she is excited to be on the judging board along with the reps,
- She has been having catchups with the new PSC rep weekly who she has been doing well and has brought forward many exciting ideas for positive changes in the area.
- AI hackathon concluded successfully and a lot of assessment 2030 collaboration projects are coming to an end, though regular consultation with Molly continues regarding ongoing student concerns.
- Overall, in the specific courses committee and LSEC area has been quite a quiet period.

Discussions:

Bridget raised a concern regarding Master of Teaching Students (such as a 21-year-old student) being excluded from current practicum placement payment schemes due to age limits, asking whether the Guild would advocate for lowering the eligibility threshold.

Hadiya acknowledged the question, noting that current paid placement reforms contain significant gaps—including inadequate pay rates, the exclusion of certain disciplines like nursing and vet students, and age-based restrictions. She confirmed that the Guild is working closely with Zobia and the state branch to keep these broader reform issues active on the advocacy agenda.

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted

Tahni highlighted the following matters on her report:

Recent Events & Execution:

O-Day**:**

Marked one of the largest semester-two O-Days in over five years, matching typical semester-one school turnout. Welcomed six new clubs: Fashion Society, Energy Society, Karaoke Club, Chess Club, Book Club, and Social Soccer Club. Featured a dedicated Disability Pride Month zone, including popular guide dog.

PJ Party:

Focused on enhanced student feedback integration, featuring activities such as a skill-tester claw machine, Mario Kart, a ball pit, and live music. The Tavern reported strong attendance and sold out of drink specials.

Guild Nights:

Scheduled earlier in the semester to avoid student assignment clashes. Successful events have already been hosted by the FBL and Science Guilds, featuring creative engagement strategies (e.g., hot dog costumes and grill master sessions despite poor weather).

Interclub Quiz Night:

A new initiative designed to foster cross-club networking, drawing 13 registered teams (12 competing). The Curtin Chess Club won the heads-and-tails grand prize, securing a Square POS system or a JBL speaker.

Talent for Tomorrow:
The VP participated as a guest judge on the annual panel. Special recognition was given to Guild Councillor Vivi Choi's band, "Septune," for winning the People's Choice award.

Upcoming Events & Initiatives
Love, Sex and Consent (Next Week):
Transitioning away from traditional fair-day stalls to interactive workshops hosted by a sexologist, WAC, and Relationships WA. Students who participate in activities and STI testing earn tokens, redeemable for lunch or sweet treats on Friday.

Club Awards:
Relocated to the John Curtin Gallery to showcase the booking space and provide a formal atmosphere with gallery access for attendees.

Wear It Purple Day:
Hosted by Asta to support queer youth, running concurrently with the Love, Sex and Consent week and features keychain-making workshops and cupcakes.

Collaborative Spring Market:
Planning is underway for a joint event between the Women's Department and Women in Business that will be later in the semester.

Projects & Administration
Clubs Policy:
Initial kickoff meetings have begun to review, update, and refine club policies and eliminate clashes.

Unused Spaces Document:
A functional template has been established, enabling the team to begin populating data for specific campus buildings.

Discussions:
Guild BBQ Equipment & Logistics
Ebony noted that scheduling the Guild events earlier in the semester was highly effective due to higher student turnout (specifically for the FBL Guild). However, a minor delay occurred due to equipment issues with the barbecues (one burner was non-operational, and another required propping up with a brick).

Moira confirmed that a new BBQ has already been purchased to replace the faulty unit. The second BBQ has undergone repair checks, and team members were advised it was fine as long as it is not moved.

Interclub Quiz Night Evaluation
Ebony enquired about how many club could have participated and how many spots were there for each club on which Tahni addressed that each club could only bring one team and capped based on venue capacity and team size metrics of 4 to 5 average members per team, it could host about 15 teams.

Ebony asked about fewer club engagement & future Scaling. Addressing lower initial turnout relative to the total number of campus clubs, Tahni noted that the first iteration served as a baseline experiment. Initial confusion regarding exclusive eligibility for club executives will be addressed by establishing it as a recurring event (held twice a year) to build traction and potentially scale up to the main café once refurbished.

Ebony offered to share the run plan and budget from a similar, successful FBL interclub event—which featured club-presented quiz rounds—to assist with future planning. Tahni accepted the offer and expressed interest in incorporating the ideas.

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Morgan submitted the report and moved on to highlight the following matters:

Food Security & Pantry Updates

Frozen Meals Restock:

The food pantry was recently restocked with 84 new frozen meals (with a small number already collected by students).

Menu Options

The new additions include a chicken and vegetable noodle dish alongside a Mediterranean vegetable and lentil pasta, supplementing the existing 12 additional items available per student.

Accessibility Initiatives

After-Hours Lift Access:

Following concerns raised by Hadiya and Mia regarding students trapped or unable to navigate buildings after 6:00 PM, Morgan worked with Properties and Timetabling. Lift access has now been successfully extended to 9:30 PM for all buildings with scheduled classes past 6:00 PM. Members encountering malfunctioning lifts are urged to report them.

Equity Spaces:

Construction on the new equity spaces is progressing well, with completion nearing.

Student Accommodation:

Working closely with Mia to address ongoing student accommodation accessibility issues raised by a student.

#Note: Suhaila left the meeting at 5:53pm and rejoined at 6:10pm

Discussions:

Period Product Dispensers & Logistics

- Murray Street Campus Update: A new period product dispenser is active at 478 Murray Street, supported by an all-student email, Maze Map direct links, and around 40 informational posters. And then they will go out on Instagram post soon as well. Staff on-site have agreed to locally fund and manage stock replenishment to prevent empty dispensers. FBL is also exploring funding for a second dispenser at this location.

- Bentley & Regional Rollout:
  - New larger dispensers are scheduled for installation in the Library, Guild building,

Bentley (DBE), Chemistry building, and Building 204 (replacing previous locations).
    - Tahni suggested reallocating older smaller dispensers to Kalgoorlie (WASM), though local management is currently handled through the WASM Women's Officer.

- Restocking & Communication Strategy: Concerns were raised regarding dispensers frequently running empty due to volunteer capacity constraints. Morgan noted that local departmental partnerships (similar to the Murray Street staff-managed model) and Guild volunteer networks will be utilized to maintain consistent stock levels before a major promotional Instagram campaign goes live. Building 204 will be prioritized for an early re-installation.

Twin Hall accessibility issue:
Suhaila wanted to know what the issue with Twin Open Hall was as that is not an accessible building as discussed on the report. On that Morgan mentioned he has been assisting with it and there are some accessibility issues around sliding door access and other general after-hours stuff. Discussions with university properties and legal teams are ongoing.

Health & Welfare Initiatives
- Kalgoorlie HIV Vending Machine Initiative: Following an expansion championed by Queer Officer Astra, a new self-test HIV vending machine initiative has been successfully extended to the Kalgoorlie campus with Tahni's support.
- Queer Forum Presentation: Astra and Bruce who is running the Connect program will present at the upcoming Kalgoorlie Queer Forum next Wednesday, which Morgan plans to attend and said others to come along if interested.

5.5. Secretary – Submitted
Noor took her report as read and highlighted the following matters:

New Governance Officer:
Noor reported the successful conclusion of a lengthy recruitment process, welcoming the new Governance Officer to the team.

Election Preparations:
Election preparations have been finalized, with nominations officially opening.

General Business:
Portfolio operations are continuing as usual.

Council Scheduling:
The upcoming Guild Council is currently scheduled for September 17, which falls directly within the election period.

Discussions:
- Dylan and David raised concerns about holding the meeting during elections, suggesting it would be more appropriate to shift the date so members can focus entirely on election matters and Guild Council business without overlapping pressures.

- Noor agreed to review the calendar noting the Reps Board is set for October 8 and collaborate with David and Dylan to propose alternative dates—either pushing the meeting back or bringing it forward—to resolve the scheduling conflict.

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted

Vernon took the report as read and welcomed any queries by way of a free overview. He then went on to highlight the following matters:

Commercial & Operational Performance:

Strong commercial outcomes continued through July and August. Corporate Services commenced the annual budget process and completed its component of insurance renewals (awaiting the draft program for review). Student Services experienced high demand, supported by successful O-Day events, club activities, and well-accessed support services.

Audit Tender:

The Guild has received an audit services tender request Proposal.

Precinct & Property Projects:

Equity Spaces:

Handover is delayed until next Friday due to unforeseen roof batten and ceiling repairs, but progress remains positive.

Central Café:

Conceptual designs were presented to Curtin Properties, though feedback meetings have been temporarily pushed back.

Tavern:

Initial floor plan designs have officially commenced.

Initiatives & Engagement:

Acknowledged the successful launch of "Little Concept," strong student engagement metrics across digital channels including social media platforms and websites; and the continued expansion and heavy utilization of the food pantry.

#Note: Emily lassam left at 6:32PM, Noor Fellah left at 6:33PM and Dylan Storer left at 6:34PM.

Discussions:

Club Status & Lapsed Clubs

- Max Zhang questioned whether assets from the 22 lapsed clubs could be redistributed to active clubs operating in similar spaces.
- Moira clarified that assets are generally held rather than immediately redistributed, allowing lapsed clubs potential avenues for future reactivation if new committees form

#Note: Dylan Storer rejoined the meeting at 6:55PM

- Ebony noted recent examples like the Photography Club and interest in restarting the Accounting Society and wanted to know the reasoning behind there being so many lapsed clubs

- Moira addressed that some of the reasons behind clubs lapsing are not having the committee members or being quite a niche club; or students having passion being graduated or moved on.
- Ebony raised concerns that quoting over 100 registered clubs while a portion remaining inactive or lapsed might mislead students. Vernon explained that total active numbers fluctuate dynamically based on annual lapses and newly joined clubs, and data is presented transparently.
- Lapsed Club Breakdown: Moira provided further data from May 2026 regarding the 24 initially flagged lapsed clubs:

  (Note: Two clubs have since re-registered, bringing the active count up while continuing support for ongoing renewals).
    - 13 clubs were completely unresponsive despite multiple follow-ups.
    - 4 clubs were returning entities currently receiving governance support to complete handovers and recruit committees.
    - 2 clubs failed to meet Annual General Meeting (AGM) requirements.
    - 5 clubs experienced general delays in starting annual tasks.

Event Attendance Trends & Student Engagement

- Winter/Pyjama Party Turnout: Discussion arose regarding the Pyjama Party drawing approximately 400 attendees, contrasting with historic pre-COVID high-attendance raves.
- Moira discussed the shifting landscape of student life:
    - Students face heavier financial, work, and academic pressures, reducing late-night event participation.
    - Shifting drinking cultures and rising living costs make alcohol-focused evening events less universally appealing compared to daytime, highly interactive events (e.g., O-Day or Speed Friending).
    - Providing free cost-saving incentives at events (such as complimentary food options like popcorn) helps mitigate financial barriers.
- Vernon acknowledged Zobia's point about importance of using post-event reviews, student surveys, and data analysis to understand engagement drivers and better align future programming with student preferences.

Guild Social Media & Informational Visibility

- David Phillips highlighted a gap in current social media communications, noting that foundational informational posts (such as explaining what the Guild does beyond discounts for incoming or semester-two students) are no longer pinned on Instagram.
- Moira noted this was an oversight due to staff turnover and agreed to work with the team to recreate or re-pin a comprehensive Guild orientation video, with Hadiya offering insights from her previous media KPIs.

Financial Report Inquiries (Preliminary Questions)

Finn questioned the ordering and emphasis of statements in the financial report regarding commercial trading performance versus non-commercial staffing variances. Finn pointed out that the staffing variance is significant and wanted a more honest evaluation. Vernon acknowledged the feedback on materiality and clarity.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Morgan Mills (VP – Sustainability and Welfare)

Seconded: Bridget Clifton (Guild Councillor)

CARRIED

6. **Business on Notice**

6.1. Safety Report

#Note: Ebony left the meeting at 6:57PM and rejoined at 7:01PM.

Tahni raised a query regarding a travel adapter referenced in the safety report.

Moira clarified that an unapproved travel adapter belonging to a staff. She also briefly discussed Curtin's updated policy permitting only Australian-standard travel adapters on campus—prompted by safety concerns regarding cheap imports (e.g., from platforms like Temu)—and noted potential challenges regarding future enforcement across shared spaces like the library and student accommodation.

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

Moved: Tahni Rowe (VP – Activities)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney (Guild Councillor)

CARRIED

6.2. Finance Report

- Dylan introduced the Finance Report, highlighting the Guild's strong and continuously improving financial position along.
- He emphasized that a lot of work in progress has been put in place on governance assurance processes and reporting and ensuring money is spent appropriately in line with budgeted outcomes, particularly vital ahead of upcoming major construction projects.
- Vernon reiterated that the positive financial standing is primarily driven by strong commercial trading results alongside rigorous expenditure and waste management.
- Quinn raised questions regarding the lack of direct itemized transparency for external consultant fees versus IT officer budgets within the financial statements. Vernon clarified that consultancy fees span obviously beyond IT and to multiple portfolios and assigned budgets, offering to provide granular data after the meeting.
- Wages Analysis (Non-Commercial vs. Commercial):
    - Non-Commercial Underspend: Driven primarily by timing gaps between staff departures and the recruitment/onboarding of new personnel following the previous year's structural expansion.
    - Commercial Casual Wages Overspend: Resulting from increased commercial activity, outlet sales growth, and restocking demands, coupled with the interim transition of permanent roles to casual coverage.
- Vernon noted that casual wage growth relative to sales revenue is used as an

operational indicator. While anecdotally speaking with the managers, staff are not idle during quiet periods (such as scaled-back tavern events), Guild is reviewing roster efficiency to ensure resource allocation matches actual demand without burning out staff or creating redundancy.

- Staff Wellbeing Impact: Responding to Tahni, Vernon confirmed that casual increases reflect necessary volume handling and stock turnover rather than inefficient over-rostering, though monitoring continues to ensure frontline staff happiness and proper shift sizing.

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

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Morgan Mills (VP – Sustainability and Welfare)

CARRIED

6.3. Food Charter

Morgan presented the Food Charter as a culminating year-long project tied to the Guild's current strategic plan KPIs. It serves as an overarching guiding document for existing programs and upcoming initiatives.

The charter focuses on student well-being and the sociological impacts of the cost-of-living crisis, built around six main concepts and five core pillars

- Sustainability: Focuses on reducing single-use plastics, expanding reusable item discounts and low-cost sales (like Keep Cups), moving commercial operations toward net-zero waste by 2030, and safely offering surplus food to students instead of disposal.
- Inclusivity: Emphasizes culturally and dietary-inclusive food options, diversified budget meals, and inclusive catering guidelines for clubs and Guild events.
- Accessibility: Aims to expand 24-hour food/drink options, extend general outlet opening hours, and improve labeling and signage for better student navigation and regular feedback integration.
- Affordability: Focuses on expanding low-cost meal options and improving student food relief services to combat rising grocery and living costs.
- Health & Nutrition: Directs that the majority of food and drink options in Guild outlets align with state and federal health guidelines to support balanced choices. This includes providing free tap water across all outlets, limiting the marketing of unhealthy items, and offering healthy decision-making educational resources.
- Education (Cross-Cutting): Integrated across all pillars to improve overall student food literacy.

Discussion:

- Tahni questioned how the charter's implementation and regular auditing would be structured beyond the written three-year review cycle. Morgan clarified that the charter serves as an overarching values framework and upon approval, there are plans to collaborate to develop a detailed implementation matrix and accountability plan for each pillar.

- Dylan commended Morgan on the extensive work, highlighting that while other institutions like Deakin have university-led food charters, this represents a major achievement for a student union.
- A brief procedural note was raised regarding authorship and paper submission formatting for the agenda records, which the Council agreed to tidy up without impacting the charter itself.

Motion: That the Guild Council **approve** the Guild Food Charter.

Moved: Morgan Mills (VP – Sustainability & Welfare)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe (VP – Activities)

CARRIED

6.4. GC Central Refurbishment

Dylan presented the mature concept designs for the GC Central refurbishment, highlighting it as a major, once-in-a-generation project. The revamp aims to transform the Guild's largest footprint into a versatile, modern, high-standard facility capable of hosting major functions, balls, conferences, dances, tournaments, club networking, and day-to-day student dining.

Design Features & Operational Capabilities

Versatile Spatial Division:

The integration of heavy-duty ceiling tracks and operable acoustic walls will allow the space to be split into two separate areas or operated as a single large venue simultaneously.

Commercial & Catering Integration:

Features a completely upgraded, polished servery that can operate independently during daytime functions, creating broader commercial hiring opportunities with external organizations and catering partners like Kirribilli.

Technology & Accessibility:

Incorporates strategic AV planning, a large central event screen, digital menu boards, optimized lighting, and device charging infrastructure to improve navigation and student experience.

Rebranding Potential:

The Council briefly discussed future naming and branding opportunities to elevate the venue's market appeal beyond a standard campus cafeteria.

Discussion

- David raised a question on acoustics separation between divided rooms, Vernon noted that specialized acoustic consultants and drop-down ceilings have been factored into the engineering design.
- Confirming feedback from Tahni and Morgan, Dylan confirmed that servery and directional signage will use easily replaceable decals for adaptable branding.
- A lighthearted note was raised regarding a conceptual typo ("CG Central") on page 85 of the agenda, which Dylan clarified would be addressed alongside formal naming

rights decisions by the Council.

- Vernon emphasized that these are mature, developed concept designs intended to closely guide the final build subject to university property and engineering approvals.

Motion: That the Guild Council **discusses & notes** the 3D visuals of the Curtin Café & Function Space prepared by Urbani Design.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney (Guild Councillor)

CARRIED

6.5. NUS Affiliation Amount

- Dylan explained that while the initial maximum baseline affiliation amount is $45,000 (against an expected invoice of over $60,000 based on EFSL), the Representation Board conducted a thorough KPI-by-KPI review. Due to certain unfulfilled performance indicators, penalty deductions totaling $7,700 were applied, bringing the final recommended affiliation fee down to $37,300.
- Dylan and Morgan emphasized that while some benefits of peak bodies like the NUS are intangible, remaining affiliated is vital for national advocacy and ensuring Curtin students have a voice when federal policymakers consult student representative bodies. Furthermore, as a well-funded union compared to smaller student associations across the country, Curtin carries a responsibility to support broader student movement solidarity.
- Councilors discussed the challenges of enforcing accountability and transparency (such as meeting schedules, public website information, and policy document availability).
- Ebony and Tahni raised concerns regarding the timing constraints of the assessment period and partial KPI fulfillment. The Council discussed the possibility of reviewing performance later in the year, leaving open the option for a subsequent voluntary donation or a policy review if the NUS meets outstanding criteria prior to year's end.

Motion: That the Guild Council **approve** a National Union Students Inc. Affiliation fee of $37,300 as recommended by the Representation Board.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Morgan Mills (VP Sustainability & Welfare)

CARRIED

#Note: Vivi Choi left the meeting at 7:53PM.

6.6. Improving Late-Night Food Access at Curtin University

- Joanna highlighted that most hot food outlets close by 4:00 PM, and the IGA area closes at 8:00 PM. Students studying late in the library—particularly during exam and assessment periods—are left with limited options, often restricted to vending machines offering only chips or chocolate.
- The motion seeks to advocate for solutions rather than enforcing a single model

immediately. Potential options include refrigerated food vending machines, microwavable prepared meals, or small self-service food stations.

- Dylan discussed utilizing tools like the Flying Turtle platform to capture ongoing student feedback, ensuring flexibility and adaptability as the project develops.

Motion: That the Guild Council **support** the development and exploration of improved late-night food access for students studying at Curtin University's library.

The Guild Council **recognises** that the specific model should be determined through consultation with students, Curtin University and relevant food service and operational stakeholders, taking into consideration contractual, financial, food safety, security and operational requirements.

Moved: Joanna Kuo (Guild Councillor)

Seconded: Suhaila Mubarrat Jaffna (Guild Councillor)

CARRIED

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 16/07/2026
7.2. Executive Committee – 28/07/2026
7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 20/07/2026
7.4. Commercial and Corporate Services Committee – None
7.5. Student Services Committee - None
7.6. Legal Committee – None

Motion: That the Guild Council **approves** the minutes of the Committees Reporting to the Guild Council.

Moved: Tahni Rowe (VP – Activities)

Seconded: Suhaila Jaffna (Guild Councillor)

FAILED

8. General Business

1.1. Ideas and Suggestions

1.2. Other Business

9. Meeting Evaluation

- Dylan delivered the meeting evaluation, praising the Council for maintaining an extremely respectful, productive, and collaborative atmosphere despite the current stage of the electoral cycle. He commended councilors for engaging in constructive dialogue free of defensive posturing or "gotcha" questioning.
- While noting the agenda was circulated with reasonable timeliness given the volume of

content, Dylan emphasized the ongoing need to focus on early distribution—especially for policy-heavy documents—supported by incoming governance workflows.

- Dylan formally requested a correction to the previous meeting's minutes to accurately reflect and that Suhaila was present in the members-present record.
- Dylan highlighted the approval of the Food Charter and the 24-hour vending initiatives as key "values moments" for the Guild. He stressed that the true success of the Food Charter lies in its integration as a foundational framework for all future food and beverage decisions on campus, ensuring a lasting, generational impact rather than just short-term implementation.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 17th of September 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

Meeting Closes at 8:06PM.