

REPORT FOR GUILD COUNCIL

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Summary

This has been an incredibly busy period for the Guild. Every day we've been working hard for students and with students to be the student union they deserve. We've got students back when it matters, push for a more ethical uni, a fairer society and fuller bellies. Firstly, I am very proud of two important cost of living and support measures being rolled out this week by the Guild. First is \$5 Student Saver Meals every day at Guild Café Central and the second is the launch of the Guild's Student Pantry. These initiatives are discussed further below but they come thanks to so much hard work from Guild staff, the heartbeat of our organisation.

On the advocacy front, I have been heavily involved in pushing back against unfair changes to Psychology exams that have turned take-home open-book exams to invigilated and closed book midway through semester! I've also been heavily involved in leading the Student Guild pushback against risky university mergers in WA. Finally the Guild is holding an SGM next Wednesday in support of two resolutions relating to Palestine and our unis ties to weapons companies and I'd encourage you all to attend and support the resolutions.

Every day I come onto campus I'm blown away by how much we've achieved together so far this year and I'm thankful for the support of this Council, our Reps, our Exec and our hardworking Guild staff for making the impossible possible and for making life better for students today and into the future.

In solidarity,
Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/7/25	Student Services & Amenities Fee Advisory Committee	This is the committee that governs SSAF and ISAF funds at Curtin. As Guild President, I am Deputy Chair. This committee meeting was mostly comprised of half-yearly check ins on funded projects and also contained a discussion on delays to SSAF-funded projects due to slow approval times from the Curtin Properties team.
24/7/25	Veronika Goeke (Equity & Inclusion) w/ VPSW	Discussion on Curtin's draft Antiracism Statement
30/7/25	Vice Chancellor	Discussion on University Merger Review.
31/7/25	Dean of Law	Discussion on Students as Partners projects in the Law School
6/7/25	Coordinator - Students As Partners	Monthly Catch Up alongside the VPE
7/8/25	Academic Board Executive	
7/8/25	Janet, Curtin Properties w/ Clubs Team	Discussion regarding branding of Clubs Hub
8/8/25	University Council	
12/8/25	Provost	Discussion regarding Uni Merger Review
13/8/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic	Monthly meeting. Discussed Psychology exam changes, housing concerns and fees imposed on clubs for use of the Curtin Stadium.
13/8/25	Students As Partners Leadership Group	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/7/25	Student Assist Team w/ VPE & PSC President	ASPM Review
21/7/25	Managing Director	Weekly Check-In
21/7/25	Manager – Student Engagement	Weekly Check-In

22/7/25	National Tertiary Education Union	Discussion around supporting staff at the upcoming Curtin EBA negotiation and union priorities.
24/7/25	PSC Councillor Muhammad Usman & PSC President	Discussion on postgraduate issues at Curtin.
24/7/25	MD, Head Chef & Secretary	Menu review (taste testing) of Student Saver Meals
24/7/25	Manager – Student Engagement	Discussion on re-doing the artwork on the pillars outside the Guild
24/7/25	Guild Council	
28/7/25	Manager – Student Engagement	Weekly Check-In
28/7/25	Manager – Student Assist	Discussion on Guild Pantry
28/7/25	Executive Meeting	
28/7/25	NUS WA VPE	Meeting on University Merger Review
29/7/25	Managing Director	Weekly Check-In
29/7/25	NUS WA State Executive	Emergency State Executive meeting with all WA Guild Presidents to discuss Uni Merger Review. WA General Secretary of the NTEU was also present for a period of the meeting.
30/7/25	MD & David Price (Elevate Consulting)	Discussion on Strategic Plan following Council feedback.
31/7/25	University Review Stakeholder Meeting	Meeting with University Merger Feasibility Study Committee
4/8/25	Managing Director	Weekly Check-In
4/8/25	Manager – Student Engagement	Weekly Check-In
4/8/25	Student Coffee Catch Up	
5/8/25	Panel Briefing ACSES Symposium	I have been invited to speak on a panel at the 2025 Australian Centre for Student Equity & Success Symposium in Sydney in September.
5/8/25	NUS WA State Executive	Regularly scheduled meeting including debrief discussions from our meetings with the Uni Merger Review Committee.
6/8/25	MD, David Price, Exec	Review of draft Strategic Plan following Council discussion and Organisational Review
11/8/25	Managing Director	Weekly Check-In
11/8/25	Manager – Student Engagement	Weekly Check-In
11/8/25	MD, Manager – Student Experience & Secretary	Discussion regarding planning for Special General Meeting
11/8/25	Executive Meeting	
12/8/25	Curtin Colombo Student Guild	Discussion regarding the prospect of establishing an official branch of the Guild at the Curtin Colombo Campus
13/8/25	MD, David Price, Secretary & PSC President	Discussion regarding regulations
14/8/25	Manager – Student Assist	Discussion regarding changes to psychology exams
14/8/25	Representation Board	

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/7/25	Friend Speed Dating	
25/7/25	NTEU BBQ Fundraiser	Raising money for the Strike Fund. I was unable to assist too much on this one due to the following item but thank you to Bridget for stepping up and assisting.
25/7/25	Mini Convocation for Masters Student	Please consider donating if you can
29/7/25	Official Opening of the Student Kitchen	Handed out free noodles to celebrate the opening of our new Student Kitchen! Also of note is that the kitchen is now open later than ever – 7pm!
7/8/25	NUS National Day of Action for Palestine	Huge shoutout to VPSW Razanne for delivering a fantastic speech to this rally
12/8/25	Humanities Rep Grill the Guild	Free BBQ – what's not to love!

Matters of Representation**University Merger Feasibility Study**

The Guild is actively engaged in the WA Government's review of the state's public university system. While we support the need for reform, our position is clear: reform must focus on improving outcomes for students, not structural change for its own sake.

I met directly with the Review Panel in what was a robust discussion. Curtin students' views were made crystal clear: they do not want risky, prestige-driven mergers that prioritise corporate ambitions ahead of their education. The Guild has pushed back strongly on any proposal that would worsen the student experience, and we will continue to do so.

Any lingering doubt about the prospect of mergers has been removed. I recently received correspondence from Allanah MacTiernan in her capacity as Chair of the University Merger Feasibility Study, confirmation that merger discussions are real and active. The Guild has been invited to make a further submission and will do so.

WA's university sector is facing serious pressures: chronic underfunding, creeping corporatisation, insecure and casualised workforces, and worsening learning conditions. Reform is necessary. But mergers are not the solution. They are expensive, disruptive, and historically lead to bloated bureaucracy, job cuts, increased casualisation, reduced student satisfaction, and the erosion of course diversity and campus identity. Bigger does not mean better — and the diversity between Curtin, UWA, Murdoch, and ECU is a strength worth protecting.

The Guild's position is that students are not merely stakeholders; we are co-stewards of the higher education system. Our voices must be embedded in every level of governance and reform. This means:

- Protecting and legislating the role of Student Guilds as independent, democratic institutions.
- Ensuring Guilds are properly resourced, with 100% of SSAF directed to them to operate effectively.
- Guaranteeing strong student representation on university councils, senates, academic boards, and executives.

- Placing equity and inclusion at the heart of change — ensuring universities are accessible, culturally safe, and responsive to First Nations students, students with disabilities, regional and remote students, and those from low-SES backgrounds.

We also stand in solidarity with the NTEU in calling for job security and improved conditions for staff. We oppose any model that prioritises global rankings or prestige at the expense of educational quality.

Curtin students have been clear: they do not want mergers that trade away quality education for vanity projects. The Guild will remain at the table, make our position heard, and fight for a system that is accessible, accountable, and built around student outcomes — not balance sheets.

Special General Meeting & Palestine Activism

The Guild received the requisite number of signatures on a petition to call a Special General Meeting of the Guild to consider two resolutions as follows:

GM #04/2025

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild:

1. Censures the Australian government for its complicity in the genocide in Gaza.
2. Demands an end to all weapons sales to Israel by Australia and Australian companies.
3. Calls for sanctions on Israel.

GM #05/2025

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild calls on all Australian universities to end their complicity with Israel's genocide by ceasing partnerships with weapons companies.

The Guild is, therefore, convening a Special General Meeting for 12:00pm (for a 12:15pm start) on Wednesday August 27 in the Watson Lecture Theatre (307.103). I would heavily encourage all students to attend this meeting and to put their support for these motions on record.

As the most pro-Palestine student union in Australia and the student union with the most results in this fight, the Curtin Student Guild continues to support activism for Palestine and the self-determination of the Palestinian people. I and several Guild Representatives were present at the NUS National Day of Action where our VPSW, Razanne, spoke passionately about how more student unions need to stand up in this fight.

The Guild's support for Palestine stretches back decades and continues strongly to this day. In 2023, the Guild passed motions adopting BDS as formal policy, in 2024 we ran the most successful Gaza Solidarity Encampment in Australia that led to the strongest agreement for Curtin to disclose ties and provided a formalised structure for the Guild to peruse divestment and ethical investment, leading to Curtin agreeing to cut ties with Ben Gurion University, a major partner of the IDF, earlier this year. Our work in this space is not done and we will keep pushing.

We will be present again this Sunday at the Nationwide March for Palestine and I look forward to seeing you there and at the Guild SGM.

Psychology Exam Changes

The Guild has launched an open letter calling for the immediate reversal of sudden changes to psychology exam formats. The decision to move from open-book, take-home exams to closed-book, invigilated exams has caused widespread distress and disruption. In just days, over 1,100 students

and supporters have signed in opposition, a clear demonstration of the strength of feeling that this decision is unfair, unacceptable, and damaging to students' academic planning and wellbeing.

Many students enrolled in good faith on the basis of the advertised assessment format. For online students, in particular, the ability to complete open-book exams from home was central to their decision to study at Curtin. The abrupt shift has imposed financial and logistical burdens, forced students to adopt entirely new study techniques mid-semester, and added further pressure through additional revision sessions that were never part of the original Unit Outlines. Students balancing employment, personal responsibilities, and study are now being placed in untenable situations because of an oversight that should never have arisen.

The Guild is of the firm view that these changes breach Curtin's Assessment and Student Progression Manual (ASPM) and the Course Quality Assurance Manual, both of which require majority student consent to alter assessment details once a Unit Outline has been published. No such consent was sought or obtained. While there is a narrow "exceptional circumstances" clause, the University has advanced no evidence that such circumstances exist. To invoke this safeguard for foreseeable administrative difficulties is a misapplication of policy that undermines Curtin's governance framework and erodes student trust. Unless this decision is urgently reconsidered and reversed, the Guild will continue to pursue every avenue of scrutiny and challenge available to us.

Academic Reforms

The Guild is advocating that the university adopt a universal submission time of 11:59pm on all online submitted assignments as part of a second review of the Assessment and Student Progression Manual.

Student Housing Concerns

The West Australian ran a story on the unacceptable state of security in older UniLodge buildings, and I made it clear to the media just how badly students are being let down. Since that coverage, we've seen a surge in students coming forward with their own stories — more trespassing, more theft, more cases of students feeling unsafe in their own homes.

The Guild is calling for Curtin to urgently install proper fencing and gates in all accommodation and improved lighting and security cameras. We would also like to see improvements made to the training of accommodation staff and Residential Advisors and improvements in the communication between accommodation providers, their residents and the university.

The Guild's petition calling for air-conditioning across all student accommodation (or permission for portable units) received over 1,000 signatures. UniLodge's response failed to acknowledge the serious health and safety risks posed by extreme heat and we are still awaiting a written response from the University since it was submitted in March. Guild temperature monitors in the summer recorded internal heat not dropping below 30 degrees Celsius for weeks at a time — well above WHO temperature safety guidelines. We are fast approaching the warmer months and nothing has been done to prepare for the impacts this heat has on students.

It is incredibly frustrating that these reasonable requests have not yet seen action from the university and UniLodge but what is even more disappointing is the notion that these problems can be fixed — but only if rents go up. It's disheartening to hear this from the highest levels of our university when we know this simply doesn't have to be the case and that it runs completely counter to the values this university purports to embody.

The notion that rents are affordable is frankly laughable. The cheapest student housing at Curtin (a room in an 8-bedroom apartment at Vickery House) costs a student \$13,972 a year in rent and fees.

The maximum rate of Youth Allowance for a single adult living away from home is \$17,245.80 per year meaning that 81% of the income of a student in income support would go directly to rent – in our cheapest offering. 30% or above of an income being spent on rent is considered rental stress.

At a rate of \$13,972 in rent and fees per room each year, an 8-bedroom apartment at Vickery House – our cheapest offering – brings in upwards of \$111,776 a year in rent and fees. Extrapolated out over all our accommodation offerings is tens of millions of dollars – what is this being spent on? It doesn't seem that it is going into making the accommodation better for students now or into the future.

I am very afraid that something bad will happen in accommodation and I don't think that we should wait another day to make the changes we know are required to make our student accommodation safer and more habitable.

Guild Operations

Student Saver Meals

Students can now access freshly prepared, affordable meals every weekday at Guild Café Central, with vegetarian options available for just \$5 and meat-based meals for up to \$7.50. This initiative has quickly proven to be extremely popular and has been warmly welcomed by the student community, offering meaningful relief in the face of rising living costs on campus.

This achievement would not have been possible without the creativity and dedication of the Guild's Head Chef, Casey, whose work has been central to making these meals both high-quality and affordable.

Importantly, this outcome reflects the Guild's broader success in rebuilding its financial strength, particularly within our commercial operations, after the significant challenges of COVID-19. By turning our finances around, we are now able to reinvest directly into initiatives that deliver tangible benefits for students. This program is a clear example of the positive results that can be achieved when the Guild is in a strong and sustainable financial position, and we are proud to be leading the way in making campus life more affordable.

Guild Student Pantry

The Guild has officially launched the Student Pantry, providing free and confidential access to non-perishable essentials for students experiencing financial hardship. The initiative has been warmly welcomed by students and is already proving to be a huge win in making campus life more affordable and supportive. Importantly, it also steps up to fill the gap left when the University closed its own in-person pantry service.

The Pantry has been made possible through \$10,000 in funding from the University, combined with Guild resources. Special recognition goes to the Guild's Manager of Student Assist, Jo Ann, whose tireless work was central to bringing this project to life.

Operating on a community-sharing model, the Pantry encourages donations from staff and supporters while ensuring students can access assistance confidentially and with dignity. As part of the Guild's Student Assist service, the Pantry also links students to longer-term supports such as Foodbank, financial advice, and hardship grants — ensuring immediate needs are met while helping students build stability for the future.

New Student Kitchen

It was great to cut the ribbon and officially open the new Student Kitchen! It is being well used and is a welcome addition to the Guild Precinct. I'm happy to share that the kitchen is now open until 7pm

each day (previously it was 4pm). This is a big win for a campus that works for everyone and I'm so happy to see it being used so well!

Clubs Hub Stage Two

Clubs Hub Stage Two is nearing completion with most construction work done and finishing touches and furniture being installed. Once complete this will be the first expansion of the Guild precinct in years and fits in with our larger plan to revitalise the Guild precinct into a vibrant hub for community, clubs, campus life and connection.

Strategic Plan Development

I'm happy that the strategic plan is up for approval at this meeting. This strategic plan will be the first time in a very long time the Guild has adopted more than a "strategy map" and will serve future Council's decisions for the coming three years. Thank you to Councillors for their input at the last meeting and I'd like to express my thanks to David Price from Elevate Consulting for working on this project with us.

Spaces Proposal

I have been working with the Managing Director on a plan to see the spaces proposal endorsed at the last meeting come to fruition. We intend on meeting with a designer to discuss options soon.



Vice President – Education

Guild Council Report – July/August

(14/07/2024 – 14/08/2025)

Ben Burgess (He/Him)

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/07/25	DVCA Leaders Meeting	F2F
31/07/25	Students as Partners MoU – Law Campus	F2F
05/08/25	Courses Committee	F2F
05/05/25	Students as Partners – Catch up /w Libby	F2F
13/05/25	Students as Partners – Leadership Group Meeting	F2F

Guild Meetings/Events (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/07/25	Executive Meeting	F2F
18/07/25	ASPM Review /w DS, MC, Student Assist	F2F
22/07/25	NTEU Meeting	The Bridge
28/07/25	Exec Meeting	F2F
06/08/25	Guild Strategic Plan Draft Review	F2F
06/08/25	MD + Exec Meeting	F2F
11/04/25	Exec Meeting (First Full Formal Meeting since Early June?)	F2F
14/08/25	Representation Board	F2F

Faculty Rep Meetings

Rep	Dates	Informal Chats?	Comments
Nicole	O-Day	YES	
Tom	O-Day	YES	
Rabab	O-Day	NO	
Cooper	O-Day	YES	

New Consistent Dates (Verbal Update)

Courses Committee

On August 5th was Courses Committee during this meeting we looked at key points worth noting.

Health Sciences presented comprehensive reviews for the Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences, the Bachelor of Advanced Biomedical Sciences (Honours), and the Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) (Honours). These reviews checked how well the courses are meeting industry and accreditation needs.

In Health Sciences there was a proposed an **Undergraduate Certificate in University Studies** for recommendation this is a stepping-stone program to help students build academic skills and transition into further study. The general belief of this course is to ensure that students that may have a lack of understanding or gap in skills will be able to get the help they require, and this course would be a smaller course that is enrolled when needed.

In Humanities there was also a proposed **“Regional Changemakers,”** course/units for recommendation AND approval. This course’s goals are to develop leadership, advocacy, and community development skills specifically for students in, or working with, regional and remote communities. The program blends classroom learning with real-world projects in local areas, aiming to equip graduates with the tools to drive positive social, cultural, and economic change where it’s most needed.

Science and Engineering asked to run some undergraduate and postgraduate classes together, and to get special approval to go beyond the usual limit on how much this can be done. The idea is to use teaching resources more efficiently, give students the chance to learn alongside peers at different study levels, and still make sure the learning quality stays high, this item was for recommendation.

Overall Courses Committee remains a committee that continues to have a ridiculously large agenda for how much discussion that happens within the meeting, this however has gone down slightly since the last two meetings where this point has been brought up by most sitting members.

The next Courses Committee is on the 2nd of September.

Learning and Student Experience Committee

There has not been a Learning and Student Experience Committee Meeting since my last report.

The next planned date for LSEC is on the 8th of September.

Academic Board

There has not been a Learning and Student Experience Committee Meeting since my last report.

The next planned date for LSEC is on the 15th of August - As this date is before Guild Council, I will provide a verbal report of the meeting.

Faculty Representatives

I have sent out an email to all faculty reps to organise the best times for meetings with all of them for this upcoming semester, as well as continued to have consistent verbal updates for 75%.

On the question that was raised last Guild Council, the meeting has been booked for after the report’s due date, but before GC, so I will provide a verbal update there.

Assessment and Student Progression Policy Review – Part 2

Following the last round of reviews in Semester 1 that tackled the entire document, there was a follow up version that was distributed for review, this exclusively tackled changes to ensure a smoother transition for the vision of Assessment 2030 that Curtin has.

In a meeting with Dylan, Mitch, Jo-Ann, Myles and Andrew we combed through a lot of the changes and provided our feedback which was acknowledged this time around. We also noticed a change that was done on very short notice (between LSEC and Academic Board) without it being specifically brought up that may cause issues in the future, this has already been flagged and will be followed up in the nearest round of reviews that may occur.

There are also plans for another round of reviews later this year, which I will refer directly to in my update on Universal Submission Times.

Students as Partners

Throughout the year Dylan and I have consistently met with Libby Kinna the project head of Students as Partners and supported the framework put forward to ensure that all projects using the name “Students as Partners” follow this to have a level of quality control and consistency in the range of projects throughout the University.

Earlier in the year it was flagged that there was a MoU being made in the Business and Law Faculty, we had reached out to raise our concerns about the lack of consultation with Libby over this, and that we could not support this until there was a level of interaction with Libby, this had lead to both Dylan and myself being invited to a meeting with all parties involved in the FBL MoU as well as Robert Cunningham to resolve this. All parties are in agreeance of where move forward with this project and I look forward to seeing the this finally keep moving and hopefully provide another update in one of my later reports.

There is also a leadership meeting that has been scheduled after this was written, and I will provide a brief update to that meeting if necessary.

Universal Submission Time

During the first ASPM Review and Academic Board, we raised our concerns and student priorities around a Universal Submission Time as one of our core 4 items. The Academic Registrar indicated they weren’t opposed to the idea but flagged that there could be several challenges to work through, and that more consultation would be needed before moving forward.

Dylan and I were also invited to sit in on the start of the Deans of Learning and Teaching Monthly meeting to discuss Assessment Extensions and Submission Deadlines, and used this as an opportunity to speak to them about their opinion on a Universal Submission Time, during this meeting we went over what it could look like and the ways we could avoid many of the issues raised by the Academic Registrar during Academic Board. Towards the conclusion of our time in the meeting there was a principle understanding and support of the idea from the people in the meeting and a lot of the discussion here is what I based my talking points on O-Day to students.

Following these two meetings, I spoke with nearly 40 students to understand their views, and it quickly became clear where the student body stood. To give more people a chance to have their say, I dedicated my O-Day stall to gathering feedback and consulting with students on whether they wanted the Guild to pursue this.

During O-Day we had received over 250 student responses on the topic, with a lot being passionate when explained what “Universal Submission Time” meant and could look like. The data is as follows

Faculty Representation

- Business and Law: 97 respondents
- Science and Engineering: 68 respondents
- Health Sciences: 53 respondents
- Humanities: 33 respondents

Would universal submission times reduce student stress?

- Yes: 194
- Sometimes: 35
- No: 13

Students that have missed deadlines due to confusion over times?

- No: 124
- Yes: 119

Would Universal Submission Times reduce anxiety about accidentally submitting late?

- Strongly agree: 118
- Somewhat agree: 51
- Neither agree nor disagree: 38
- Somewhat disagree: 16
- Strongly disagree: 18

In total, **80.2%** of respondents said a universal submission time would reduce stress, with a further **14.5%** saying it would sometimes help; **49%** had previously missed a deadline due to confusion over submission times, and **70.2%** either strongly or somewhat agreed it would reduce their anxiety about submitting late.

This has further solidified my stance on Universal Submission Times and after Dylan chatting with the Academic Registrar after a meeting had, there will be another review of the ASPM later in the year with the opportunity to provide our view on this implementation on this.

Further Notes:



Vice President – Activities (ACTING)

Guild Council Report

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University / External Meetings

DATE	MEETING	COMMENTS
25/07/25	NTEU BBQ	W NTEU, Tom

Guild Meetings (or Guild-Related Meetings)

DATE	MEETING	COMMENTS
22/07/25	VPA x Events	
	Reel Filming	
	VPA x Clubs	
	Red Bull Pickup	
23/07/25	O-Day	
28/07/25	Content Filming	
	Pride Meeting	W Jess, Morgan
29/07/25	VPA x Events	
	Student Kitchen Launch	
	VPA x Student Engagement	
30/07/25	Sustainability Grant Meeting	W Noor
	Reel filming	
	VPSW/Ethno x Events x VPA	W Jess, Razanne
31/07/25	Banner Painting	W Razanne, Noor
1/08/25	End of Semester Bash: House Party	
04/08/25	CAS Meeting	W Noor
05/08/25	VPA x Events	
	Events Calendar x Promo Planning	W Jess,
06/08/25	Talent for Tomorrow	
	MD x Exec	
07/08/25	Sustainability Week Photos	
	Sustainability Week Reel Filming	
11/08/25 – 15/08/25	Sustainability Week	
11/08/25	O-Day Debrief	W Tanya, Bec, Maryanne, Jess, Adib
	Exec Meeting	
12/08/25	Grill the Guild - Humanities	W Tom, Dylan
	Sustainability Week: Pop Up Thrift and Clothes Mending	

	VPA x Student Engagement	W Maryanne, Adib, Katia
13/08/25	Sustainability Week: Stall day	

Further Notes

O-Week and O-Day

Despite the weather, O-Day has been a success, with 5000 – 6000 people attending which is a decrease from previous years but would be due to the poor weather that day. However, there were reportable crowds during that event both due to most stalls being moved to be undercover and people just going to class during that day.

House Party/Winter Warmup – Start of Semester Bash

House Party was a major success this year with roughly 1500 people in total attending that night and the Tav being at capacity (capped at 500) most of the night. Drink specials included were mulled apple cider, hot chocolate and baileys, and chai with bourbon, along with smores being offered. However, with the larger attendance, came with higher reports of antisocial behaviour with women attendees being with persistent advanced, harassment and unwanted touching. We're now taking steps to mitigate this for future events, with having security and bar staff being briefed on how to deal with antisocial behaviour, consent education on the Guild social medias in the coming weeks, and having designated "patron safety" staff so that attendees can report issues to.

Sustainability Grant

Work is being made to develop a sustainability grant for clubs. This will be an amount that Guild clubs can draw from if there's any additional costs that may incur when buying supplies that are reusable or more environmentally conscious. In addition to this, the Clubs team and I are working on making another club award for club awards – the Sustainability Award.

Sustainability Matrix/Checklist

The events team has started work on the Sustainability Matrix based on the Faculty of Business and Law's sustainability event guide. After discussion, we decided that a checklist or guide would be better used than a matrix.

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/07/2025	Meeting with Australian Human Rights Commission RE Racism@Uni survey	To get final confirmation RE concerns we had with the survey, on possible obscurities. Confirmation of participation
14/07/2025	Racism University meeting	To discuss a possible definition for racism and discrimination on campus
30/07/2025	Curtin Multifaith meeting	New multifaith officer, to establish a rapport and highlight student issues
31/07/2025	Palestine Organising Meeting	With Socialist Alternative students
13/08/2025	Ally Training	Level 1

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/07/2025	Guild Executive Meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
17/07/2025	Representation Board Meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
23/07/2025	Guild Orientation Day	Guild VPSW stall, gave out succulents in exchange for CFC containers. Awareness for Guild services
24/07/2025	SWANA Fest Meeting	Meeting with Events team RE SWANA Night to take place in October
24/07/2025	Guild Council Board Meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
28/07/2025	Guild Executive Meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
30/07/2025	Health and Safety Committee	
31/07/2025	Ethnocultural Collective Banner Painting	Banner painting with students for rallies for Palestine
6/08/2025	Banner Drop event for Palestine	Guild stall outside Gmart, to raise awareness for upcoming student strike
6/08/2025	Strategy review	
6/08/2025	Guild Executive Meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
7/08/2025	Student Strike for Palestine	Delivered speech at rally
11/08/2025	Guild Executive meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website
14/08/2025	Guild Representation Board meeting	See meeting minutes on Guild website

Leave Taken:

None

Further Notes:

Guild Meetings (Or Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
28/07/2025	Finance Q2 2025	With Karen Rennie regarding Q2 Finance review
28/07/2025	Executive Meeting	Minutes attached in GC Agenda
29/07/2025	WA State Branch Emergency Meeting	Regarding uni merger discussions
30/07/2025	Meeting with VP-A	Sustainability Grant budget and policy planning
31/07/2025	Finance Policy Review	With Karen Rennie regarding Finance Policy
31/07/2025	Palestine activism campaign planning and banner painting	With VP-A, VP-SW & Curtin student activists
04/08/2025	Centre for Aboriginal Studies	With VP-A and CAS regarding Guild initiatives for First Nations space
05/08/2025	NUSWA SX3	Meeting with NUS State Branch execs and WA Guild execs
06/08/2025	Palestine activism meeting	With VPSW, President and Socialist Alternative Club
06/08/2025	Strategic Plan draft review	With MD, Exec & David Price
06/08/2025	Exec + MD Meeting	Discussion on commercial and structure
07/08/2025	Sustainability Week Shooting	With VP-A and Media
11/08/2025	SGM Planning	With President, Bec, Vernon
11/08/2025	Executive Meeting	Minutes attached in GC agenda
13/08/2025	Regulation updates Ethno officer	With Mitch Craig
13/08/2025	Meeting with President, GC Deputy Chair, MD, David Price	To discuss Guild Council Admin Regs
14/08/2025	Representation Board August Meeting	

Leave Taken:

None

Further Notes:

This reporting period was busy and covered a wide range of priorities.

Following the Q2 Finance review and the Finance Policy Review, I've begun planning and reviews for the 2026 budget. I'll be working closely with Karen over the coming weeks to finalise this and ensure everything is in order well ahead of time.

At the WA State Branch Emergency Meeting, we discussed the WA Government's announcement of vague plans to merge the state's three major universities (UWA, Murdoch, and Curtin). This was a significant conversation with student unions across WA, and the Guild's role will be critical in making

sure Curtin students' voices are not sidelined in what could become one of the biggest structural changes to higher education in the state.

A large portion of this period was spent on strategic planning, both at the draft review stage and in follow-up sessions with the Exec, MD, and David Price. These discussions focused on commercial structures, long-term sustainability, and the governance aspects of the changes being proposed.

I also continued to be actively involved in campaign work. I attended multiple Palestine activism planning meetings alongside VP-A, VP-SW, the President, and student activists, which included both strategy discussions and banner painting sessions. VP-A and I also met with the Centre for Aboriginal Studies to ensure First Nations voices remain part of Guild decision-making when spending allocated funds. Given we do not currently have a dedicated First Nations Officer, it's vital that this representation is not lost.

On the sustainability front, I've been assisting VP-A with introducing a new sustainability grant and award for clubs, as outlined in their KPIs. My role here has focused on reviewing the budget and drafting policy to make this initiative workable and impactful.

Behind the scenes, a good amount of governance work has carried on, including SGM planning and continued work on updating the Regulations, in particular, drafting the changes needed to establish a new Ethnocultural Officer role (see draft later in the agenda).

As always, core Secretary duties such as budget and payment approvals, administrative support, and compliance work have continued alongside these broader priorities.