



Student Guild of Curtin University

Guild Council – Meeting #05

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

In Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

## MINUTES

Meeting opened at 536pm

### 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, David Phillips, Hadiya Naeemi, Tahni Rowe, Morgan Mills, Finn Gardoll, Joanne Kuo, Vivi Choi, Hamide Kocer, Ebony Whitney, Suhaila Jaffna, Isobel Cubong, Bridget Clifton, Emily Lassam
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Moira Aynsley, Natasha Morgan
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 2.4. Absent; Max Zhang

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

Morgan declares an interest with 6.4 and 6.5.

Procedural Motion: That Morgan be allowed to remain for discussion of items 6.4 and 6.5 but not vote.

Moved: Ebony

Seconded: Tahni

Carried

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

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

David noted that the minutes said that council thought the reports were good when it should be that Dylan Storer thought the reports were good.

**Motion:** That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meetings held on 23/04/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Morgan

Carried

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. President – Submitted

Dylan presented his report and highlighted the following matters:

#### University Merger Campaign

Dylan advised that the Stop the Uni Merger campaign had been officially launched on campus that day, jointly with the Murdoch Student Guild, with a focus on raising student awareness and starting conversations about the proposed merger. A BBQ was held as part of the launch, with Dylan thanking Exec members and Tahsin for their assistance. Dylan noted that over 70 students had signed up to the campaign on the day and that campaign stickers are available for members wishing to take some. Dylan advised that the campaign will continue to build momentum going forward and noted that a related motion passed at the AGM would be coming later in the meeting.

#### Running on Empty – Parking and Transport

Dylan advised that the Running on Empty petition had been launched the previous week, calling for a number of improvements to parking and transport on campus. He noted a significant early outcome from the campaign in the form of secured free parking during both exam weeks each semester, representing a saving of up to \$68 in parking fees per student over the fortnight and a reduction in fines issued to students.

#### On-Campus Housing Report

Dylan advised that the Guild's report into the state of on-campus housing is being finalised and will be published during the mid-year break, outlining key findings and recommendations.

#### Rental Reform

Dylan advised that the WA state government has formally announced a ban on no-fault evictions, describing this as likely the single most important improvement to renters' rights in decades and a significant win for the Guild as a principal partner of the Make Renting Fair WA alliance. Dylan noted that the Guild will continue to push for student accommodation and boarding and lodging situations to be covered under the Residential Tenancies Act, as these are currently excluded.

#### New Committee Structure

Dylan advised that the Exec's new committee structure had been introduced, replacing the previous operations committee model. The Student Services Committee had met the previous day with strong attendance from Guild Councillors, featuring presentations on the events and Student Assist portfolios. The Commercial and Corporate Services Committee is scheduled to meet the following week, with presentations covering HR and safety, the Tavern, and the Guild's catering operations. Dylan noted that the committees will meet on a bi-monthly rotating basis going forward and encouraged all Guild Councillors and the WASM Guild President to attend and participate.

#### Flu Vaccination Clinic

Dylan commended Faculty of Health Sciences representative Zobia for her work in organising a two-day pop-up flu vaccination clinic at the Clubs Hub. Dylan advised that 80 students had received vaccinations on the first day, with the clinic continuing the following day and available free of charge to all domestic and international students. Dylan noted that the Guild's relationship with the pharmacy presents an opportunity to expand health and public health

offerings on campus going forward.

#### Discussion

A member raised the matter of parking permits for students residing in on-campus accommodation, querying whether this could be incorporated into the parking campaign. Dylan confirmed that the Guild's current position is that parking should be included in the rent for student residents, noting that this had been raised with the Chief Operating Officer, who incorrectly asserted that this was already the case. Dylan advised that the Guild has since provided corrected information and is continuing to push for either free parking for residents or a system that prevents residents from being charged at the maximum rate for parking they are not using. A member noted that the current lottery system for resident parking disadvantages newer students who may not be aware of the process in time to participate, while longer-term residents benefit disproportionately.

A member commended the Student Services Committee meeting, noting it had been highly informative and encouraging further Councillor attendance at future committee meetings. There were no further questions.

## 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Hadiya presented her report, noting it had been a particularly busy period, and highlighted the following matters:

#### Accessibility Parking

Hadiya raised accessibility parking as an additional concern to be incorporated into the Running on Empty parking campaign, noting that Curtin's current system caps the rate for students with accessibility parking permits but requires them to pay for parking elsewhere once they exceed that cap. Hadiya noted that this practice does not occur at other universities in WA and identified it as an area requiring advocacy.

#### LMS Transition to Canvas

Hadiya advised that the LMS transition is continuing, with phase one progressing into the following month. She noted that a recent security breach had caused Canvas to be temporarily locked to staff, but that access had since been restored. The transition is continuing as planned, with some courses expected to move to Canvas in July while running simultaneously with Blackboard. Hadiya encouraged members to monitor developments in this area.

#### University Merger Campaign – Murdoch Visit

Hadiya advised that she, along with Morgan and Noor, attended the Murdoch Student Guild's merger campaign launch on Tuesday, describing it as a valuable opportunity to connect with the Murdoch Student Guild. During the visit, the group was also able to put up posters relating to teaching placements.

#### Paid Placements Petition

Hadiya advised that a petition for paid placements for allied health students is currently being progressed by Zobia, Tom, Rama, and herself. The petition is open to allied health students and those currently on placement, and Hadiya encouraged eligible members to sign and promote it. She also noted that an upcoming meeting with Tony Booty had been scheduled, at which the merger, placement reform, and broader teaching placement issues would be discussed.

#### Discussion

A member queried the Scheduling Governance Group, seeking further detail on the issues being addressed. Hadiya explained that the group is examining patterns of student attendance across lectures, computer labs, and other spaces, noting that attendance at some computer labs had been recorded as zero for several consecutive weeks due to the self-directed nature of the work, with students only attending for assessed components. Hadiya noted that this contrasts with reports of students sitting on stairs in overcrowded lectures, which upon

investigation appeared to be partly a room allocation issue rather than a genuine capacity shortage. Hadiya suggested that underutilised computer lab spaces could be better promoted to students as study spaces, particularly given the difficulty students face in accessing specialised software off-campus.

A member queried whether clear communication had been provided regarding the Canvas security breach. Hadiya confirmed that following the submission of her report, clear communication had been issued, advising that the breach had caused a temporary lockdown of Canvas but that the transition is proceeding as planned.

A member queried whether Assessment 2030 is discussed at Academic Board meetings. Hadiya confirmed that it is raised across multiple committees including the Courses Committee, LSEC, and Academic Board, but noted that active discussion has quietened during the current transition period. Hadiya advised that she had recently made contact with the Director of Assessment 2030 to become more involved, particularly in relation to AI policy, noting a perceived double standard in the application of AI use expectations between students and staff. Hadiya advised that a significant Assessment 2030 presentation is scheduled for the following week's Academic Board meeting and indicated she would be able to provide more detailed information following that meeting.

There were no further questions.

### 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted

Tahni presented her report and highlighted the following matters:

#### World Week

Tahni advised that World Week, developed as an expanded version of the previous Sustainability Week, had been a well-rounded event incorporating the reusable coffee cup discount, the Welfare Wednesday event, and a community dinner on the Friday. Tahni acknowledged that while all sign-up spots for the community dinner were taken, attendance on the day was lower than anticipated. She noted that surplus meals were redistributed to students in the library, which generated positive engagement and conversations with students. Tahni commended Morgan for their significant assistance and support throughout the week.

#### Barnyard Bash

Tahni advised that Barnyard Bash was held as the Guild's first all-ages mid-semester tavern event, designed to be activity-based and inclusive of students who are underage or do not wish to attend a drinking-focused event. Tahni described the event as largely successful and noted it could serve as a template for future events, while acknowledging there were learnings to take forward.

#### CATSY Event

Tahni noted that the first CATSY event, headed by Accessibility Officer Mia, had provided a valuable platform for students across universities to discuss shared accessibility issues and advocate for improvement across institutions.

#### Riff Rumble

Tahni advised that Riff Rumble is scheduled for the following day, featuring double happy hour and performances by Curtin-based bands, with prizes including music equipment vouchers. Tahni noted that the Student Experience Network is a sponsor of the event and that all performing artists will be provided with information to apply to a national tertiary music competition, with opportunities including appearances on Triple J.

#### Stress Less Week

Tahni advised that Stress Less Week is scheduled for the following week and noted that assistance with the Brinner component of the event would be welcomed. She indicated a snack cart and a video to lift student spirits are planned as part of the week's activities.

#### University Merger Campaign

Tahni noted her contribution to the broader Exec effort in launching the Stop the Uni Merger campaign, including organising the BBQ and campaign stickers for the launch day.

#### Discussion

A member queried whether there is a strategy in place to address the trend of lower than expected attendance at some events, noting this had also been referenced in the Managing Director's report in relation to Barnyard Bash. Tahni acknowledged that Barnyard Bash was an experimental mid-semester event and advised that a mid-semester party will not be repeated in semester two, with the Guild Ball expected to serve that function and generate stronger attendance. Tahni noted that key considerations going forward include ensuring events are accessible, avoiding scheduling during peak assessment periods, and ensuring broad appeal. She welcomed feedback from members who attended Barnyard Bash.

There were no further questions.

#### 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Morgan presented their report and highlighted the following matters:

#### University Merger Campaign

Morgan advised that they had attended the Murdoch Student Guild's merger campaign launch on Tuesday alongside Noor and Hadiya, describing the visit as enjoyable. Morgan also noted their involvement in the Guild's own merger campaign launch on campus that day.

#### Housing Campaign and International Student Rental Resource

Morgan advised that the on-campus housing campaign report is progressing as outlined by Dylan. In addition, Morgan noted that they are working with Tahsin on a separate resource specifically for international students, covering issues around finding rental accommodation, rental scams, and related matters.

#### Respectful Relationships Modules and Gender-Based Violence Code

Morgan advised that they had recently met with Jack Garrity, Eleanor Reed, and Sarah to discuss the new gender-based violence code, developed following a recent report, and updates to the respectful relationships modules. Morgan outlined two key areas of advocacy raised at the meeting. First, Morgan successfully pushed for a requirement that students retake the respectful relationships module every three years, with a refresher quiz that must be passed, and the full module to be repeated if the quiz is failed. Morgan noted that the previous threshold for retaking the module was only triggered by a leave of absence of longer than one year, which would mean students completing consecutive undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral studies without ever revisiting the content. Second, Morgan raised the accessibility of the modules, noting that the comic strip format used to convey information is not compatible with screen readers. Morgan advised that while this was acknowledged, a clear timeline for addressing the issue was not provided and indicated they would continue to push for a more transparent commitment on this front.

#### Discussion

A member queried how a meeting with Hannah Beazley regarding the merger had gone. Morgan advised that the meeting, attended by Dylan and Hadiya as well, had yielded some helpful information but was unable to recall the specific details. Morgan invited Dylan or Hadiya to provide further information on the meeting's content.

A member queried whether Morgan had attended a meeting with a Nationals MP. Morgan confirmed they had not attended that particular meeting and again deferred to Dylan or Hadiya for further detail.

A member suggested that further discussion of the merger be reserved for the relevant motion later in the meeting, which was agreed to.

There were no further questions.

## 5.5. Secretary – Submitted

Noor presented her report, noting that much of the period had already been covered by other reports, and highlighted the following matters:

### Annual General Meeting

Noor advised that the AGM had been held successfully, with the previous year's audit report and annual report formally approved. She expressed thanks to Vernon, Moira, Natasha, George, and Tanya for their contributions to this process.

### University Merger Campaign

Noor advised that ongoing collaboration with the Murdoch Student Guild and the NUS state branch is continuing in relation to the merger campaign. She noted that she and Hadiya are working on a content plan for the coming two to three weeks to build further momentum, with additional plans to be discussed at the appropriate point in the meeting.

### Constitutional Reviews

Noor advised that a review of a number of constitutions is ongoing. In response to a query from Hadiya regarding the PSC and ISC constitution updates, Noor clarified that the constitutions are being revised to better reflect the voluntary nature of the roles and to ensure consistency across offices, with particular consideration given to the faculty-based structure of the PSC. Noor advised that once drafted, the revised constitutions will need to go to the Legal Committee for approval before coming to Council for formal adoption. She further noted that committee positions cannot be filled during tuition-free weeks, exam periods, or holiday periods, meaning elections will need to wait until the next tuition period. Noor also noted that Morgan is currently serving as acting PSC Officer in the interim.

### Recruitment

Noor advised that interviews for the Finance Officer position have been conducted alongside Natasha, and that the governance officer recruitment process commenced that day with further interviews scheduled for the following day.

There were no further questions.

## 5.6. Managing Director – Submitted

Vernon presented his report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted that the report had been reconfigured in form and function by the newly established senior leadership team, reflecting the Guild's new branding style and incorporating contributions from Moira. Vernon welcomed feedback on further enhancements to the report format and highlighted the following matters:

### Guild Precinct Update

Vernon advised that the Guild Precinct plan continues to progress as planned. A contractor has been appointed through the RFP process for the Student Equity Space project, with the contractor now preparing a construction plan for Curtin University approval, with a confident commencement date of June. Regarding the Guild Tavern and Café Central, Vernon advised that two architectural and interior design firms will be presenting conceptual designs to the Guild the following week, with space available for approximately 20 attendees. Dylan noted that Guild Councillors and elected student officers are welcome to attend and provide input to assist in the decision-making process for appointing a designer. Vernon also advised that a meeting had been held with the university regarding the Angazi Café, with architectural drawings and designs reviewed and feedback provided.

### Commercial and Retail

Vernon advised that trading has been relatively solid but noted that early indications of cost pressures foreshadowed earlier in the year are beginning to emerge, with month-on-month gross margins decreasing due to rising raw material and transport costs outpacing sales

volumes. Vernon emphasised that there is no immediate cause for concern and that the situation is being monitored. He noted that price increases would be the last resort, with other levers such as rostering adjustments and product offering reviews to be explored first, and that any pricing strategy would be escalated through Exec if required.

Vernon provided an update on the student savings meals, noting a promotion of these at the outlet level and through the student engagement strategy. He noted an anomaly at one outlet where staff were unaware that a toasted cheese sandwich was a student special, which has since been rectified. A breakfast promotion by Tanya and the team was also noted. Vernon advised that online remote ordering is being trialled at the Library Café, with live testing conducted that day yielding promising results, and acknowledged the significant effort by George in progressing this complex project.

#### Catering and Kitchens

Vernon welcomed new Head Chef Christopher at the Tavern, noting that he has made a positive impact on product quality, kitchen processes, and team culture. Vernon also recognised Vanessa, Anna, and the Tavern team for their contributions, and noted that Curability Catering is tracking in line with budget and recently delivered its first live cooking station activation at an event, which was well received.

#### Discussion

A member queried at what point gross margin pressure would trigger a formal pricing review. Vernon advised that there is no single triggering metric, and that any decision to increase prices would involve a holistic assessment of gross profit margin trends, reserve levels, and other available levers, with price increases being the final response if sustained pressure cannot be managed otherwise.

A member raised the question of whether Instagram and social media traffic can be tracked as a source of website sessions, noting it did not appear prominently in the current analytics. Vernon advised that tracking pixels would need to be confirmed as correctly installed and undertook to check with the team. The discussion also touched on the limitations of Instagram as a platform for driving website traffic, given that clickable links cannot be embedded in post captions and must be accessed through the bio. The potential of Instagram Stories as a tool for linking directly to events and RSVPs was raised as a suggestion for further exploration.

A member queried the status of clubs registration, noting that 34 clubs appear to be pending renewal or lapsed. Vernon advised that the reasons vary, including clubs still gathering required information, insufficient committee members, or incomplete processes, and that some may ultimately be deactivated. Vernon noted this is a normal trend, often linked to student graduation cycles, and undertook to review the data on the specific clubs and identify the primary sticking points, including whether difficulties with the MYOB system or membership numbers are the main factors.

A member also confirmed that the QR code system being trialled by George at the Library Café had performed well during the morning's testing session.

There were no further questions.

*The Chair noted the following attendance updates: Bridget joined at 5.51pm, Emily joined at 5.49pm, Hadiya left at 6.17pm and rejoined at 6.24pm.*

### **DYLAN STORER SAID THE REPORTS WERE GOOD**

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony

Carried

## 6. Business on Notice

### 6.1. Safety Report

Noor spoke to the motion, advising that the safety report had been prepared by Nika and reviewed by Natasha and Vernon. She noted that 100% of workplace inspections were completed on time, that no new items of concern had been identified, no items had been reported during the month, and no ongoing items remain outstanding.

Tahni seconded the motion, noting the Safety Committee report as a highlight of Guild Council.  
Discussion

A member queried whether there are any health and safety matters that Vernon finds particularly concerning. Vernon advised that while nothing specific requires urgent attention, the complexity of the Guild's operations, encompassing physical workspaces, electrical equipment, hot oil, and food service, means safety is a constant consideration. He outlined a number of areas of ongoing focus, including the development of a new risk management framework, a review of manual handling training across outlets, and the growth of the Guild's safety awareness under the new General Manager of Corporate Services. Vernon expressed satisfaction with the rigour of the monthly inspection process and noted that outlets have responded positively to the emphasis placed on completing inspections.

Natasha added that safety is being addressed across multiple levels, including work on portable equipment responsibilities as tenant, and staff training such as buggy operation training completed by Vernon that day. Natasha noted the intent to build a risk-first focus across the Guild's commercial operations, ensuring appropriate training and risk management are embedded in day-to-day practice.

There were no further questions.

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried

### 6.2. Finance Report

*It was noted that Noor was out of the room during discussion.*

There were no comments or questions

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony

Carried

### 6.3. AGM University Merger Motion

Dylan spoke to the motion, advising that it was passed overwhelmingly at the AGM and reflects the views of the Guild's membership. He outlined the Guild's key concerns regarding a potential merger, including years of operational uncertainty, job losses, larger class sizes, reduced student services, and the diminished proximity of student representatives to their members. Dylan noted that a merger would also likely result in the merger of student guilds, making the matter existential for the Guild as an organisation. Dylan emphasised that the Guild's position is

not simply one of opposition, but also of advocacy for positive reform, including greater state government investment in students and research, and the decorporatisation of universities. Hadiya noted that the motion passed by an overwhelming majority at the AGM and observed that conversations with dissenting students revealed that opposition was often based on misinformation about what a merger would actually entail in practice.

A member expressed support for the motion and characterised the proposed merger as a continuation of the broader corporatisation of universities, arguing that the ranking system prioritises institutional profitability over student and staff outcomes.

A member raised a question regarding recent developments that may have prompted the campaign launch, noting it appeared largely proactive. Dylan confirmed that a report is currently before Cabinet and that while no specific budget funding has been allocated for a merger, forces within government are pushing for a decision. He noted the importance of ensuring the Guild's views are clearly on the record while Cabinet deliberations are ongoing.

The same member raised concerns about the Guild's decision to meet with Nationals MPs as part of its political engagement strategy, questioning whether such meetings were appropriate given the Nationals' political positions. Dylan responded that the Guild is engaging with members of parliament across the political spectrum, noting that any decision by government would need to pass through Parliament, making it important to understand where various parties stand. Dylan clarified that the Guild has met with the Greens, Labour members, Liberals, Nationals, and will meet with the Legalise Cannabis Party, but has not sought and will not seek meetings with One Nation. He noted that the purpose of these meetings is to put the Guild's position on record and gather information for campaign planning, not to endorse the political positions of those parties. Dylan noted that there is considerable scepticism and division across the Parliament on the merger, including within the Labour Party, and that cross-party scrutiny of the Minister at budget estimates is a positive development for the campaign regardless of its source.

A member queried whether the meeting with the Nationals had produced any useful outcomes. Dylan advised that the Nationals Party Room has not made a definitive decision on the merger and that the meeting was collegial. The Chair noted that an in-camera session could be made available if members wished to discuss specific meeting content in a more confidential setting. The discussion continued regarding the principle of engaging with parties holding different political views. Dylan acknowledged the difference in perspectives but maintained that pragmatic engagement with the existing parliamentary landscape is a necessary component of effective advocacy. He expressed confidence that a significant public awareness campaign will be a central feature of the strategy going forward, noting that over 80 people had already signed up to the campaign. Dylan outlined the campaign's current focus on consolidating support among university students as the strongest base of opposition to the merger, before broadening outward to wider community engagement after the mid-year break.

There were no further questions.

Motion: That the Guild Council:

**adopts** the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting held on 06/05/2026 that:

The Curtin Student Guild unequivocally opposes any proposal to merge, amalgamate, or otherwise consolidate Western Australia's universities.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi (Vice President – Education)

Carried

#### 6.4. Ratify Appointment of Acting PSC Representative

Noor advised that Morgan had been appointed as acting Postgraduate Student Committee President following the resignation of the previous incumbent, noting that Morgan is a postgraduate student and is already performing well in their existing portfolio.

Dylan spoke in support of the motion, expressing confidence in Morgan's ability to fulfil the role. He noted that Morgan's appointment is not solely by virtue of being the only other postgraduate student in the office, but that they are well placed to take on the responsibilities.

Dylan used the opportunity to outline the broader context of the appointment, advising that the Guild is undertaking a serious review of the structure of both the Postgraduate Student Committee and the International Student Committee, noting that neither has been functioning as intended for a number of years. He advised that the review aims to establish clear responsibilities for committee members, greater autonomy, defined budgets, and improved internal processes, with the goal of enabling these committees to operate more effectively and run their own events. Dylan noted that Morgan's primary focus in the acting role over the coming months will be attending university committee meetings at which the Postgraduate Student Committee President is a representative, ensuring continuity of high-level postgraduate engagement while a by-election is prepared.

Dylan thanked Morgan for their willingness to take on the role during this transitional period.

Motion: That the Guild Council:

**ratify** the appointment of Morgan Mills as Acting Postgraduate Student Committee President.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

#### 6.5. Increase of Hours for Morgan Mills

Noor advised that the increase is a governance matter, with the additional hours reflecting the extra committee attendance required of Morgan in their acting Postgraduate Student Committee President role. Noor noted that it is administratively simpler to increase Morgan's existing VP hours allocation than to establish a separate timesheet arrangement for the postgraduate responsibilities. Dylan confirmed that as both roles carry the same hourly rate, there is no material difference to the budget, and that the additional hours are intended to cover the extra committee commitments for the period while a more permanent appointment is pursued through a by-election.

Motion: That the Guild Council:

**approve** an increase of 3 hours to Morgan Mills' weekly hours allocation, bringing their total allocation to 29 hours per week.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

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

- 7.1. Representation Board – 23/04/2026
- 7.2. Executive Committee – 05/05/2026
- 7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – N/A
- 7.4. Operations Committee – N/A
- 7.5. Legal Committee – NA

**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

#### Lighting Issues on Campus

A member raised two lighting concerns. First, that a light outside the TL Robertson Library has been out of order for several weeks without being repaired, which is a safety concern given the increased number of students studying late at the library during the exam period. Second, that decorative lights near the stadium remain on past midnight, creating light disturbance for students returning to residential accommodation late at night. It was agreed that both matters would be raised with Curtin Properties.

#### Library Cleanliness and Maintenance

A member raised ongoing concerns about cleanliness at the library, particularly on level 6, noting that bin overflow, fruit flies, and toilet cleanliness are recurring issues that worsen during the exam period when student usage increases. It was noted that level 6 is expected to operate on a 24/7 basis from the following Monday through to the end of exams, likely increasing pressure on cleaning and maintenance services. Dylan advised that there has been prior interest from the library in establishing a regular liaison meeting with Guild faculty representatives and undertook to pursue this as a more structured forum for raising such concerns. He also noted an ongoing issue regarding the absence of a water bubbler on level 6 and indicated he would continue to advocate with Properties on this matter.

#### Pest Management

A member raised concerns about cockroaches observed on campus during late night hours, noting that other students had reported similar experiences. A separate member noted that pest issues, particularly rats and cockroaches, are also a recurring problem in older student accommodation buildings, particularly during colder months. Dylan undertook to make enquiries regarding the university's pest management program. It was noted with some levity that the situation bears resemblance to New York City.

There were no further ideas or suggestions.

### 8.2. Other Business

Nil

## **9. Meeting Evaluation**

Ebony presented the meeting evaluation and noted the following:

#### Wins and Highlights

Ebony opened by acknowledging a number of significant wins achieved since the last Council meeting, including the banning of no-fault evictions through advocacy with Make Renting Fair WA, the free flu vaccination clinic with 80 students already vaccinated, and the securing of free exam period parking. Ebony commended all those involved in achieving these outcomes. She noted that the discussion around the AGM merger motion was robust and valuable, and highlighted the Safety Committee report as a particular highlight of the meeting.

#### Alignment to Agenda and Values

Ebony advised that the meeting was well aligned to the agenda. She noted a values moment arising from a comment made by Noor during the meeting. She also recognised the number of tangible wins in the reporting period as reflective of the Guild's values in action. Ebony noted with some satisfaction that discussion at the previous Council meeting about the student savings meals may have contributed to the toasted sandwich becoming available as a student special at Malacca.

#### Committee Papers

Ebony advised that committee papers were generally of a good standard, but noted that some reports contained potentially misleading information and that the VP Activities and VP Sustainability and Welfare reports were presented in the incorrect order. She commended the layout of the Managing Director's report, noting that the use of tables and structured formatting was appreciated.

#### Strengths

Ebony identified the quality and volume of questions asked throughout the meeting as a key strength, and noted that the discussion on the merger motion was particularly substantive.

#### Suggestions for Improvement

Ebony noted two areas for improvement. First, that reports should be presented in the correct order for ease of reading. Second, and more seriously, Ebony noted that a number of Councillors and Exec members should reflect on instances of muttering under their breath while other Councillors were speaking, describing such behaviour as unhelpful and inconsistent with the respectful conduct expected of Council members.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

Meeting closed at 706pm