Student Guild of Curtin University

Guild Council – Meeting #08

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 15th of October 2026

In Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

Minute

Meeting starts at 5:34PM

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, Hamide Kocer, David Phillips, Ebony Whitney, Suhaila Jaffna, Isobel Cubong, Joanna Kuo, Finn Gardoll

2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Natasha Morgan, Moira Aynsley, Roshan Gurung, Sophie Frazer, Anneqa Mahmood, Zobia Laarayb

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Vivi Choi, Bridget Clifton,

2.4. Absent; Emily Lassam

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

None

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 23/07/26 and 20/08/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Noor Fellah

Noor noted that she will re-look at the July meeting's recording to confirm one name from the others present list.
Ebony raised concern about that and considered it a bit of a red flag. She emphasized that we need a bit more time spent on that to make sure the minutes are correct.
David points out that he was not the one leaving at 5:53PM and rejoining at 6:10PM as mentioned in the August minutes.

RESULT: CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted

Dylan highlighted that:

- There have been no major developments in state Government's University review at the time of writing his last report but since submitting the report there had been;
- He and Hadiya raised some concerns with the University around the Turnitin changes and using students' data to train AI to which the Uni cleared their position and stated that wasn't happening. The Uni confirmed that Curtin legal team will closely scrutinise these matters when university contracts are renewed in the new year and committed to inform Guild of any developments;
- Working heavily with Make Renting Fair WA to advance legislative reforms on student accommodations and government is committed to putting those reforms into Parliament before the end of November. Also working hard to ensure that this delivers stronger protections for students living outside of student housing and areas that are currently not regulated by RTA;
- After more than two years of advocacy, Curtin University has committed to installing 2.1 metre security fence around the Vickery house for safety and security of residents;
- Update on Flying Turtle Project - Got the new 24 hours hot and cold drinks vending machine installed at Library. Plans to meet with Tanya to get some initial data to see how it is performing and keen to see those expand across campus if this one's successful;

Dylan completed his speech and opened the session for any question other than the Uni merger which is kept to be discussed at last.

- Hamide mentioned that Dylan's report has a ACSES symposium meeting but there was no clear information about it. Dylan clarified that it was just for the visibility which he had attended as a member of advisory board rather than as a Guild's President;
- Ebony questioned Dylan on where the 4.29% increment number across Curtin-affiliated student accommodation come from to which Dylan said due to heavy involvement in merger issue he doesn't remember where the numbers came from;
- Ebony asked about the few empty things in the vending machine and Dylan said it may be due to energy drinks being sold out straight away;
- Ebony conveys complaints from the students over toilet paper running out in the library more often and asked if that can be communicated to the properties. Morgan said that he sat in University Health and Safety Committee meeting on Monday and believes that there has been new contractor and new cleaners are in their two weeks of training before they start.
- David noticed that the vending machine is a tanked one rather than a pumped one so he raised a concern if refilling would create any issue. Dylan suggested letting it for a couple of

weeks and looking at the numbers before making any calls.

- Suhaila asked where the initial cost came from and where does the money go. Addressing the initial cost, Dylan said the only initial cost Guild incurred was minor one for the Power output. He also explained that there is a smaller percentage than the Coca-Cola vending machine that the Guild gets but their value proposition was that they would sell far more than a Coke vending machine.
- David questioned if there was a manpower issue with managing the vending machine purely by the Guild. Dylan clarified it was not a manpower issue but purely financial one as it has no cost to the Guild and don't think there's a machine on the market that offers stuff from coffee all the way through to energy drinks which was a factor as well.

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Hadiya summarized her report and the Chair opened the session for any questions or concerns.

- Ebony asked if anything has changed in terms of engagement with the initiative from the student regarding unit outline review since last week's meeting. Hadiya answered there hasn't been any change but is looking forward to reviewing unit outline with future faculty representatives yearly.
- Hamide mentioned that staff in Melbourne Uni went on strike a few days ago against the workload the AI has created and asked whether staff at Curtin has raised any issue of that sort. Hadiya said the Uni is more open to AI, as so much money and resources have been put in for Assessment 2030 but will have to look more into how it's affecting staff in Curtin.
- David added a follow-up question, mentioning if the staff are being forced to use AI or is it more so like they can if they want to type deal. To this, Hadiya said she thinks there is no force but a big push towards it.
- Isobel suggested Hadiya if it was possible to get information from the insight surveys as it is targeted at each unit and then students could give feedback from there. Hadiya noted it was a good point but mentioned that statistics on insight had really gone down, students were not really engaging with it at all, and the data itself isn't really organized.
- Isobel asked if there could be issue of higher parking costs and possible impact on free parking during exams due to lot of the parking bays being changed to orange. Hadiya said she had firsthand experience of parking at orange parking bay realized that the charge was the same as yellow ones and don't think it would affect the free parking during the exams. Hadiya stated that orange once only open during the later hours and she had noticed lots of green once being turned to orange which has been clearly noted and if anything, it might even help to advocate cheaper parking.
- Ebony asked if guild is doing anything from students' perspective where units require the use of AI and if there are any opt out options. Hadiya said she is having a meeting with Assessment 2030 professor who is always affirmed that students will have the choice but realizing how disadvantaging it is for students, she said she will bring that up and advocate on making assessments more accessible.

Joanna – Joined the meeting at 6:01PM

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted

Tahni summarized her report and opened the session for any question:

- Ebony asked about clubs' consultation along the way for the policy review as it was also

raised in one of the previous council meetings. Tahni stated that no clubs have been consulted yet but took it on notice and could maybe put out policies towards clubs before presenting it to the council.

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Morgan went through his report and Hadiya added that the meeting with Simren about anti-racism being largely disappointing. She said the Uni was definitely not open to having a definition of anti-Palestinian racism which is quite concerning as some other Universities use definition of antisemitism conflate Zionism. So, she mentioned it was important to continue lobbying and pushing to make sure the Guild is involved.

The Chair opened the session for any question on the report:

- Hamide missed the point of the conversation around antisemitism and asked who was against the definition. So, Morgan clarified that there was a conversation on definition of antisemitism and; Morgan and Hadiya had made a point that along with this, there should be a definition for Palestinian. Regarding this matter, Uni's representative Simren and her colleague were stressed and against it but don't know in terms of whole view about the University's stance. They were mainly against it because it's unclear when to stop making definition for each country and nothing substantial to argue at all.
- Hamide then asked what the next plans were on anti-Palestinian matter. Morgan said he will be meeting with the new Ethnocultural officer to discuss on plans later when he starts later in the year but for now will continue to have conversations with Simren.
- Hadiya expanded on the matter Morgan had put forward as she had a motion at Representative Board, making sure the Uni puts in a definition for anti-Palestinian racism and also wanted the Guild to actively be involved in the development of all the other definitions and pushing for the University to adopt a definition that is similar to APAN's definition.
- Anneqa said that it was worth raising and educating about Islamophobia, especially post October 7th along with this definition matter. Hadiya agreed and said the statistics based on racism at university were quite alarming. She added it is important to have student representative making every single one these definition because it's not just the definition but also about the reporting pathways.

Max - Left the meeting at 6:30PM

- Hadiya expressed concern that the university cherry-picks a few students to claim they have conducted student consultation, before holding a final meeting with the Guild and declaring the process complete.
- David discussed whether there could be a more structured definition of what it means for university to have gotten student consultation. Then Hadiya added she and Dylan have been in meetings with students as partners and looking at the whole framework so, the Guild is involved and hopefully get involve in creating guidelines.

5.5. Secretary – Submitted

Noor submitted and briefed on her report. Then, the chair opened the session for any questions or comments on the report:

- Ebony asked about the meeting not being updated on the website. Noor updated that

YouTube was up to date and website's work was delegated to Jaimie Tse but October's agenda was considerably late because of all the chaos due to major events.

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted

Vernon took the report largely as read, provided a short brief on it and opened the floor for any question regarding the report.

- David asked if we were on the same stage of having preliminary designs for Tavern as we were with the Central Café. Vernon said only the conceptual designs were done and there are still some matters regarding functionality and the design, specially with beer garden fence being able to incorporate the stage and such. The main focus has been with the Central Café but things are progressing concurrently as well.
- Tahni asked about the status of storage locker, to which Vernon and Moira confirmed that they were installed and waiting on locks.
- Ebony enquired if the $5 meal were still around and mentioned that there was issue with availability a couple of times. Vernon answered the meals were still around but look into the availability, consistency and whether there is issue with running out.
- Morgan added that the issue with the meal was due the technological thing because the system registers it as a $7.2 meal instead of $5 meal unless a button is pressed and many people don't question it. Vernon stated he would make sure to straighten out any confusions.
- Zobia asked if the new doors would be a single automatic one or would it have door to the storage side as well. Vernon confirmed that both sides would have doors.
- Ebony expressed her concerns on the new equity space invoice being processed late. She mentioned it was already hard enough to convince the Law School for parting their money and now she only has 6 weeks until the money comes in and get the equity space up and going. Vernon agreed to meet Ebony outside the meeting to see if he could help with facilitating funds for the in-leu time of waiting. Noor also said she would follow-up with them.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Ebony Whitney

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

RESULT: CARRIED

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Tahni Rowe (VP - Activities

RESULT: CARRIED

6.2. Finance Report

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

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

RESULT: CARRIED

6.3. Appointment of an Acting Officer – First Nations

Motion: That the Guild Council:

ratify the appointment of Ammie Turner as Acting First Nations Representative.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

RESULT: CARRIED

6.4. Appointment of an Acting Officer – Ethnocultural

Motion: That the Guild Council:

ratify the appointment of Shahir Arian as Acting Ethnocultural officer.

- Noor Fellah moved a motion for amendment of the word in the item 6.4 from Postgraduate Student Committee President to Ethnocultural officer.
- The motion was then seconded by Ebony Whitney.
- The chair called for vote and the motion was passed.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

RESULT: CARRIED

6.5. Approval of Appointment of Managing Director Procedure

Motion: That the Guild Council:

approve the amended Appointment of Managing Director Procedure.

- Dylan Storer proposed and moved a motion to discuss the matter in camera.
- Noor Fellah seconded the motion.
- Dylan briefed the motion, he mentioned that as it discusses staffing matters, it would be appropriate that staff are not present.

- The Chair called for vote and the motion carried. So, the discussion moved in ~~the~~ camera.

The meeting is resumed and the chair noted Moira Aynsley and Joanna Kuo left at 6:59PM

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)
Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

RESULT: CARRIED

6.6. Work Health and Safety Management Plan

Motion: That the Guild Council:
the Guild Council **approves** the attached updated Work Health and Safety Management Plan.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Natasha said the plan was to be reviewed every two years, it has minor changes, branding changes and references to legislation and resources. This had gone through the Health and Safety Committee in May but haven't managed to get it at the Council meeting till now, so it is here.

RESULT: CARRIED

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 20/08/2026

7.2. Executive Committee – 11/08/2026, 08/09/2026

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 09/09/2026

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: Morgan Mills (VP – Sustainability & Welfare)

RESULT: APPROVED

8. General Business

8.1. Ideas and Suggestions

8.2. Other Business

Merger issue:

Motion to move in camera but people in the meeting stay
Ebony stated as the meeting would discuss the direction of the campaign against the merger, it would be better to keep that to ourselves now.

- Hamide suggested that the discussion be on the camera as this is already a public matter and even the university has made their instances clear. Students should be able to listen to this recording and actually know where the campaign is heading.
- Dylan said he would prefer to speak openly with Council and if we don't go in camera there will be things that he won't say.

Motion be put
- The motion failed having 2 votes for and 2 votes against.
- Dylan asked the Chair to move for division as it was unclear who voted or not.
- Chair understanding the concern of vote conducted quickly, decided to wait deliberate 10 seconds to allow people to vote.
- Dylan then asked the Chair under By-law 14.7 to record the voters names and how they voted. The Chair then quoted the By-law 14.7 and accepted the request.
- The Chair initiated the vote, waiting 10 seconds for the response.

Morgan Mills – Left the meeting at 7:11 PM and rejoined the meeting at 7:15 PM.
Finn Gardoll & Suhaila Jaffna – Joined the meeting at 7:27 PM
Max Zhang – Joined the meeting at 7:30 PM

Vote for		Vote Against	
Name of the voters	**How they voted**	**Name of the voters**	**How they voted**
Dylan Storer	Raised hand in the meeting	Hamide Kocer	Raised hand in the meeting
Ebony Whitney	Raised hand in the meeting	Isobel Cubong	Raised hand in online meeting
Hadiya Naeemi	Raised hand in online meeting	Tahni Rowe	Raised hand in the meeting
Noor Fellah	Raised hand in online meeting		
Suhaila Jaffna	Raised hand in online		

	meeting		
Max Zhang	Raised hand in online meeting		
Finn Gardoll	Raised hand in online meeting		
7	**Total Voters**		**3**

Moved: Dylan Storer
Seconded: Ebony Whitney

CARRIED

Moved: Ebony Whitney
Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

CARRIED

Motion to move out of camera
Moved: Tahni Rowe
Seconded: Ebony Whitney

CARRIED

- Hamide stated that the proposed merger provides no benefit to students, staff, or the wider community. Primary concerns include anticipated job losses, course cuts, detrimental degree restructuring, and increased fees (particularly for international students).
- Hamide also criticized the government's approach to the merger for treating tertiary education purely as a business and "degree factory" driven by a cost-benefit analysis. The group was urged to actively oppose this corporatised view of education at upcoming events.
- Hamide, while acknowledging that Harleen Haines opposes the merger, the speaker critiqued her public reasoning. Her argument that the merger would bring "more complexity and not more competition" was rejected for reinforcing a problematic, profit-and-rankings-driven model of education rather than focusing on student and community value.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Hamide pointed out that the strength of the meeting was there were a variety of topics and all issues that affecting the students. It was good to discuss university merger.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 12th of November 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

Meetings closed at 8:45PM