



Student Guild of Curtin University

52nd Guild Council – Meeting #02

Held at 10am on Thursday 11th of February 2021

On WebEx

MINUTES

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

“The Curtin Student Guild would like to pay 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; Jesse Naylor Zambrano, Bridge Truell, Lachlan Lee, Dylan Botica, Luke Brosnan (10.50am), Shannon Chong, Chris Grant, Jason Kim, Clare Metcalf (10.49am), Fatma Sehic, Rachel Taylor Robert Vusak, Lucy Rohl
- 2.2. Others Present; David Luketina, Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Julia Khen
- 2.4. Absent; Min Dee Chia

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. Dylan Botica disclosed a potential conflict of interest with agenda item 7.2

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings (attachment 1.1 – 1.2)

Resolved GC#1-2021

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meetings held on 26 November 2020 and the 1 December 2020, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None noted

6. Reports

6.1. President – as tabled.

Jesse Naylor Zambrano reported on the National Day of Action and spoke about the Blended Learning consultation period which had been extended to 30 April 2021.

6.2. Vice President. Education - as tabled.

Bridge Truell reported on the Guild input to the Student Progression Manual. Bridge answered a question from Rachel Taylor about strategies for connecting students with their teachers.

6.3. Vice President – Activities – as tabled

Lachlan Lee reported on the Club induction session and a collaboration opportunity with Curtin Stadium. There was a query about an incomplete KPI. It was noted that the KPI should conclude with the words “to help boost our reach.”

6.4. Secretary – as tabled

Jesse Naylor Zambrano asked about the KPI regarding Guild Communications noting that information about the Guild should be readily available.

6.5. Managing Director – as tabled

David Luketina spoke about the Guild’s response to the snap 5 day COVID lock down in Western Australia. He said there was no impact on wages staff.

Resolved GC #2-2021

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Jason Kim

7. Business on Notice

7.1. Revised 2021 Capital Budget (attachment 7.1)

Jesse Naylor Zambrano said that it was important for the Guild’s future sustainability to encourage students to spend time in the Guild precinct. David Luketina noted that all projects outlined in the budget were long standing and that students would benefit from the planned upgrades. He said that it was important to complete these projects before the opening of The Precinct.

Resolved GC #3-2021

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Finance & Risk Committee, Guild Council approves the revised 2021 Capital Budget.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano (President)

Seconded: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

7.2. Chair of Representation Board as a Voting Member of F&R (attachment 7.2)

There was discussion by the Council about the appropriateness of including the Chair of the Representation Board as a voting member of the Finance and Risk committee. David Luketina said that it would be highly unusual in external companies for a member of the executive to sit on a Finance and Risk committee. The role of the Finance and Risk committee was discussed and the potential for a conflict of interest if the Chair of the Representation Board had voting rights was debated by the committee.

Resolved GC #4 -2021

Action: That, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Risk Committee, the Guild Council reviews the suitability of the Chair of Representation Board being a voting member of the Finance and Risk committee and if issues are found, to amend the constitution of the Finance and Risk Committee accordingly.

Moved: Rachel Taylor

Seconded: Fatma Sehic

7.3. Introducing a 'no campaigning period' for clubs during Guild Elections (attachment 7.3)

That the Clubs Charter be amended to prevent student clubs and societies from campaigning for any purposes during a specified period of the annual elections - between 12:00am (midnight) on the Monday the week prior to the commencement of polling and the close of polling.

That the charter also be amended to not allow campaigning that could reasonably be identified as for Guild Elections outside of this period.

That clubs may not divert any of their resources towards use in campaigning in Guild Elections.

That it also be recommended to the Returning Officer to include this provision in the Election Handbook.

Dylan Botica said that under the current regulations clubs could circumvent the election regulations and spend club funds on election campaigning. Chris Grant indicated his concern about the short time frame committee members had to assess the motion. There was discussion about whether the motion, if passed, would compromise the legitimate activities of clubs. The committee discussed what role and powers the Returning Officer had to identify and take action with regard to violations of election campaigning. The committee discussed what clubs could and could not do during the Guild elections. There was discussion about the wording of the motion and whether if passed it would bring about unintended consequences for clubs. Dylan Botica raised a point of order with regard to misrepresentation in relation to the action of a club in the last election. A procedural motion to close the discussion was called by Fatma Sehic. It was moved by Rob Vusak and seconded by Shannon Chong.

An amendment to motion 7.3 was moved by Dylan Botica and seconded by Fatma Sehic. Dylan Botica requested his dissent be recorded.

Amendment to motion

Item 7.3 be considered at the next Guild Council meeting and if the amendment does not pass it will be voted on during this meeting

Resolved GC5 -2021

That item 7.3 be considered at the next Guild Council meeting

8. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council
 - 8.1. Representation Board – N/A
 - 8.2. Executive Committee – Meetings held on 26/11/2020, 17/12/2020 and 21/01/2021 (attachment 8.1 – 8.3)
 - 8.3. Finance and Risk Committee – Meeting held on 16/9/2021 (attachment 8.4). It was noted that the date was incorrect and should be 2020.
 - 8.4. Activities Committee – N/A

Resolved GC6 -2021

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the minutes of the boards and committees en bloc.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Lucy Rohl.

9. General Business
Dylan Botica moved the following motion:

That clubs may not divert any of their resources towards use in campaigning in Guild Elections.

There was discussion about the necessity of the motion before it was withdrawn by Dylan Botica.

David Luketina left the meeting at 12.14pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday, the 25 March at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 11 March to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

The meeting concluded at 12.18pm