



Student Guild of Curtin University

52nd Guild Council – Meeting #3

Held at 6pm on Thursday 25th of March 2021

In Council Chambers (100.301)
Meeting started 6.13pm

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; Bridge Truell (online); Dylan Botica (online); Min Dee Chia, Jason Kim; Clare Metcalf; Lucy Rohl (Chair); Robert Vusak; Jesse Naylor Zambrano; Fatma Sehic
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick (Minute Secretary); David Luketina (Managing Director)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Lachlan Lee; Shannon Chong,
- 2.4. Absent; Chris Grant; Julia Khen; Luke Brosnan; Rachel Taylor

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. None noted

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Resolved GC7 -2021

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11th of February 2021, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Jason Kim

The motion passed

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6. Reports

- 6.1. President – Submitted. Jesse reported on the Defend Our Education Rally and updated the meeting about the Blended Learning education campaign. It was noted that some changes were made which make it easier for students to understand what blended learning was. The meeting was told that the Guild was moving forward with student consultation and that there would be a special meeting of the Representation Board to discuss how to proceed. Jesse reported that the Guild had received a response from Jill Downie with regard to funding cuts to Curtin Counselling. Jill Downie said there were no funding cuts. However information from

Curtin Counselling suggested otherwise and Jesse said the Guild would continue to explore inconsistencies in information. Jesse updated the meeting about the resignation of the First Nations officer and discussed feedback that there were few First Nation students involved in the Guild and it was not a welcoming environment. There was discussion about the return of in person lectures.

- 6.2. Vice President – Education. As tabled.
- 6.3. Vice President – Activities. As tabled. There was a query and discussion about the status of changes to Student Guild Regulations 2018. It was noted that the hold-up was from the Guild as more changes were required. There was a discussion about nominations for committees and the possible need to re-open nominations if not enough people submitted applications.
- 6.4. Secretary – Not Submitted
- 6.5. Managing Director – Excluded for confidentiality reasons.

Resolved GC8 -2021

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Min Dee Chia

The motion passed

7. Business on Notice
7.1. 2020 Financial Statements and Audit

Resolved GC9 -2021

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

- a) Notes the audit report and opinion;
- b) Authorises the President and General Secretary to certify that:

In the opinion of the Guild Council:

- i. The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Cash Flows are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the performance of the Guild for the year ended 31 December 2020;
 - ii. The Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild as at 31 December 2020;
 - iii. The Guild has complied with the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Curtin University Act 1966 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, and;
 - iv. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Guild will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- c) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2020.
 - d) Recommends to the University Council that it note the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2020.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano (President)

Seconded: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Jesse Naylor Zambrano and David Luketina spoke to the motion. It was noted that there were no deficiencies or shortcomings.

Dylan Botica asked that the term General Secretary be changed to Secretary.

Motion passed.

Annual Report

**Resolved GC10
-2021**

7.2. Motion:

That the Guild Council:

- a) Approves the 2020 Annual Report subject to the associated audited financial statements being approved.
 - b) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it note the 2020 Annual Report.
 - c) Recommends to the University Council that it note the 2020 Annual Report
- Jesse spoke to the motion and recommended approval. Fatma read out statute regarding the annual report. Dylan Botica said he would forward minor changes

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano (President)
Seconded: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)
The motion passed

Resolved GC11 - 2021

7.3 Motion:

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.

Moved: Dylan Botica (Guild Councillor)
Seconded: Fatma Sehic

Dylan Botica spoke to the motion. He said that he received one response to his call for feedback on the amended motion. It was noted that the Clubs charter could require updating. There was general discussion about the motion. Rob Vusak said if the Guild Regulations covered this it should be left in the hands of the Returning Officer. There was discussion about the Guild Regulations not prohibiting clubs from campaigning but prohibiting Guild funds being used by Clubs to campaign. David Luketina requested Dylan Botica explain his understanding of campaigning. A discussion ensued about what in practical terms was considered campaigning by a club. David Luketina said the Guild would need to be prescriptive about what was club campaigning and what was not. Rob Vusak asked whether clubs could endorse a candidate in the motion. Dylan Botica said this was not in the motion. Rob said he was concerned about the comments in the motion background. There was a discussion about whether clubs should endorse a candidate. Jesse Naylor Zambrano asked if the background material to the motion could impact the motion. David Luketina said only if there was ambiguity in the motion.

There were two no votes cast. The motion passed.

8. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

- 8.1. Representation Board – Meetings held on 19/11/2020 and 1/12/2020
- 8.2. Executive Committee – Meeting held on 4/02/2021
- 8.3. Finance and Risk Committee – N/A
- 8.4. Activities Committee – N/A
- 8.5. Commercial Services Committee – N/A
- 8.6. Legal Committee – N/A

Resolved GC12 - 2021

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

Moved: Fatma Sehic (Secretary)

Seconded: Jason Kim

The motion passed

Clare asked about where the minutes of the Activities Committee meeting were. Minutes for the latest AC minutes were not ready and need to know if earlier minutes could be passed only if corrections.

9. General Business. None
Meeting closed 7.10pm

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday, 29th of April at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers (100.301). Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5pm on Wednesday 21st April to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au