

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; Ryan Kirby (Chair), Ben Burgess, Sarina Pun (online), Callum Baxter, Ella Marchionda, Alleena Shaji (5.37pm), Noor Fellah, Rey Nairn (online), Dylan Storer, Tahni Rowe, Jasmyne Tweed, Max Zhang, Veronika Gobba, Mitch Craig, Jacquie Bicanic
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick (minute taker), David Luketina (Managing Director), Bernie Playford, Eleanor Wright, Tegan Milligan, Kinta (surname illegible)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Texa Rose Robin
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

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 meeting held on the 25/07/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Callum Baxter

Carried

4.2. Circular Resolutions

CGC#03/2024

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed (President)

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

approve a proposal to **amend** the Student Guild (Student Societies) By-Laws 2023 for the following purposes:

- Make all student societies sub-entities of the Guild.
- Protect unincorporated clubs from being taxed on their income.
- Require student society bank accounts to be subaccounts of the guild (this change is linked to the sub-entity change).
- Remove the option to have custom constitution and place any customisation in optional club specific by-laws.
- Spelling, grammatical and other administrative corrections.

the Guild Council also authorises the amendment of other Regulations and By-Laws where required for related purposes.

Carried by Absolute Majority

5. Reports

5.1 President – Submitted. As tabled.

There was a query about affiliation of Students as Palestine as a Guild club and how the Executive Committee could override a discussion by Guild Council. Mitch Craig responded saying that the information to take the matter to Guild Council was incorrect. The Executive Committee had already reviewed the matter and its decision was final – the only exception was for reserved matters. The secretary listed the matters reserved for the Guild Council. Ella Marchionda wanted clarification about whether the Guild Council could overturn a decision by the Executive Committee. Mitch Craig said Guild Council could overturn a decision.

Dylan Storer asked more about the Guild's period products win. Jasmyne Tweed said this was first raised in January. The Guild reached out to other student unions and the university was supportive of the initiative. The Guild researched what was available in Australia. The Guild has secured six machines. One machine has been trialled with a positive response.

Callum Baxter asked about the student accommodation minimum debt set at \$300 before students receive an academic sanction. Jasmyne Tweed said there was no previous minimum. Jasmyne noted the bursary available to students which would be implemented at the beginning of this month. She said the Guild would meet soon with the university to obtain some data.

Ella Marchionda asked why there were so many attempts to stifle Students for Palestine affiliation and activism. Jasmyne Tweed said she had to follow the Guild bylaws. Jasmyne said she was pro Palestine and provided all examples of how Guild had supported this issue. Jasmyne noted the reasons why Students for Palestine was not approved as a Guild affiliated club.

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Ella Marchionda asked about the MOU working group and whether there had been an agreement to cease pressure on Curtin about its connections to Israeli defence companies. Veronika Gobba noted there had been no recent MOU meeting.

Callum Baxter asked about the FBL Phydigital project and whether feedback was taken onboard.

Veronika Gobba said that the faculty had realised that students and staff were not supportive. DVCA told the faculty to halt work on the project. Jasmyne Tweed noted that the Guild was able to mobilise students.

It was noted that the Guild was continuing to post about Palestinian activism and that a month of events was planned in October.

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As tabled

Max Zhang noted that there had been another international student migration awareness session which covered advice about visas and immigration status.

5.4 Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted. As tabled

Jacque Bicanic noted that the Guild had met with the Library and Men's Shed to progress the Containers for Change hub.

5.5 Secretary - Submitted. As tabled.

Mitch Craig reported on his Kalgoorlie trip. Dylan Storer asked about WASM. Mitch noted it was a small but thriving regional campus with a "family" atmosphere. The rural health students were integrating well. The student accommodation provider looked after about 50% of student accommodation. It was noted that Curtin had bought houses for accommodation and had assisted with letters of recommendation, as well as guaranteeing rental contracts. Tahni Rowe asked whether more accommodation would be built. Jasmyne Tweed noted that this was the university's plan.

5.6 Managing Director – Submitted

David Luketina reported that the Clubs Hub was at a fit-out planning level. As well, David noted that most of the Guild's leases were up for renewal at the end of next year and that the university was positive about extensions. Jacque Bicanic asked about a student kitchen communications plan. David Luketina said the detailed plans were being drawn up as part of master planning for the area and that the goal was to have the kitchen ready for semester one 2025.

Dylan Storer asked about the Kalgoorlie lease. David Luketina said the Guild had a draft lease. This had taken 1.5 years to negotiate with the university. He said that the Guild would go back to the university with suggestions for change. David noted that the university wanted the social club and liquor licensing to be more strongly controlled by the Guild and this needed to be reflected in lease. Rey Nairn asked if the Guild Council would be able to review the master planning design for the student kitchen. Rey said that the current kitchen was not accessible. There was a query about food waste at Guild outlets. David Luketina he was aiming to reduce it by 30%. It was noted that the outlets received a wastage report and there discounts were being offered at the end of the day.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Ben Burgess

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

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

David Luketina noted that inattention or rushing appeared to be a bit of a pattern. There was discussion that the planned refurbishment would help with end-of-life buildings. It was noted that the contractor that worked at the end of semester event had received a final warning. If there was no or an inadequate response, the contractor would not be used in future.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.2. Review of Guild Strategy

Motion: That the current Strategic Plan is **approved** and shall continue to apply until a revised plan is approved by Guild Council.

Mitch Craig said that the Guild Council requested that the Strategic Plan be reviewed last year. New MD and 2025 student representatives would start their terms soon. It was noted that the Strategic Plan needed to come to Guild Council annually.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.3. Work Health and Safety Plan

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

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 18/07/2024, 15/08/2024

7.2. Executive Committee – 17/06/2024, 08/07/2024, 11/07/2024, 8/08/2024, 22/08/2024

7.3. Finance and Risk Committee – 17/07/2024

7.4. Legal Committee – 22/03/2024, 19/08/2024, 02/09/2024

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

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

8. General Business

Ella Marchionda wanted to know why no-one attended the last Guild Council meeting. Dylan noted Ella was not at the July meeting. He said it was disingenuous to suggest that the Guild was not pro Palestine. He noted that the Guild supported recent graduation activism. The Guild continued to stand by and proudly work with the Curtin Palestinian Society. Dylan said that Ella did not own Palestine activism.

Jacquie Bicanic stepped out of room 6.31pm and came back at 6.36pm.

Bernie Playford made a comment about the MOU working group saying it was strange it had not convened recently. Veronika Gobba confirmed there had been one meeting and clarified that it was the university members of the working group who had been on leave. Veronika noted that the university still had ties to Israel and that Guild communications was clear on that. There was a question about the Guild not taking enough action over Palestine. Students did not know about Curtin ties to defence companies. More social media about Curtin defence ties was required. Veronika Gobba said the Guild had distributed communications via posters, emails and social media. There was a question about the Guild trying to obstruct Students of Palestine. With regard to the Guild not supporting the student general meeting, Jasmyne Tweed said that the Guild's annual general meeting and earlier Representation Board meetings had already passed the motions. Dylan Storer reiterated that the Guild was pro Palestine, and that Students for Palestine should reflect on why the Curtin Palestinian Society did not want to work with the group. Jasmyne Tweed said that the Guild Council would release information on the appointment of the new managing director. Mitch Craig said that the information was confidential.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Veronika Gobba noted that the council needed to improve their knowledge of regulations and procedure.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday 24th October 2024 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5PM on Thursday 17th October 2024 to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed 6.56pm