

Minutes meeting opened 5.32pm

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; Max Zhang, Dylan Storer, Noor Fella, Ebony Whitney, Hadiya Naeemi, David Phillips Tahni Rowe, Hamide Kocer (online) Emily Lassam, Finn Gardoll, Joanna Kuo, Bridget Clifton, Vivi Choi
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Maryanne Shaddick (minute taker online)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Morgan Mills
- 2.4. Absent;

Noted that Shrek had resigned

3. **Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest.** Noor Fella and Hadiya Naeemi noted a conflict with item 6.3 owing to their NUS roles

Motion. That Noor Fella and Hadiya Naeemi can stay for the discussion of item 6.3.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

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 20/11/2025 and 01/12/2025 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi

Carried

5. Reports and KPIs

5.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer welcomed the council members and highlighted a number of areas of his report including the protected industrial action being carried out by the NTEU. Dylan said that the industrial action would have minimal disruption to students. Dylan noted that the WA Universities Review was still in play. He said it was prudent for the Guild Council to remain engaged. A three-way merger had not been ruled out. Dylan said he believed that students would not support it. He noted that it would involve mergers of Guilds. Dylan said that he was working with the First Nations Officer following the terror attack in the city on 26 January. He noted the proposed university score card system from the special envoy on antisemitism and the Guild's concerns about our right to protest. Dylan said that the momentum within Guild was strong and many projects were underway: equity spaces, expanding student assist facilities, Café Central upgrade and new prayer space. Dylan reported on an expanded food service that delivered 93 nutritional meals for Guild pantry. Emily Lassam asked how the Guild intended to push back against attacks free speech. Dylan Storer said he wanted to understand what other guilds thought as we needed to be aligned. Bridget Clifton asked about meeting with Jason Clare in 2025. Dylan noted it was important to engage with education ministers. Dylan updated the council on the housing campaign noting Make Renting Fair had reported that WA Government was going to make changes to legislation. The Guild was distributing fridge magnets to students in accommodation with support contacts. David Phillips offered his assistance with the housing campaign. Dylan noted that he was working with Andrew Cameron, the Student Assist manager. There was a query about parking particularly regarding residents in accommodation. Dylan said Curtin should build more car parking and introduce an express bus from Canning Bridge. It was noted that Hadiya Naeemi would be in charge of the parking campaign. Dylan reported that the Curtinlink launch was successful. Ebony Whitney suggested permits for students in accommodation.

5.1.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Hadiya Naeemi reported on parking, making the Universal Submission Time trial permanent, student engagement with the union movement and the role of the First Year Committee

5.2.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. Tahni Rowe reported on O Week activities, O-Day and Toga. Tahni noted that she wanted to inject more life in the Tav. She reported the success of Speed Friending and said that the numbers at O-Day were higher than expected. Tahni discussed Curtin's response to the Gender Based Violence Code. As well, Tahni noted new activities running at The Tav. Max Zhang noted that a lot of first year students were still 17 years of age. Dylan Storer said the refurbishment of Café Central would be an alternative facility for non-alcohol events. Ebony Whitney commented on club events at the Tav and the process of communication with the Tav. Tahni said that a policy review would make responses faster. Bridget Clifton asked about the behaviour of patrons at Toga. Tahni said that she was not aware of any incidents.

5.3.1. KPIs – Submitted

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. As read.

5.4.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.5. Secretary – Submitted. Noor Fella noted that she would be updating constitutions and policies this year. Noor provided information about the role of governance

officer.

5.5.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. Vernon Thompson discussed recent staff appointments, commercial updates and precinct planning including the refurbishment of Café Central and the Tav. These projects would commence this year. He noted that a request for proposal was distributed to designers. He discussed the scope of cases that Student Assist supported and information for students.

The Chair said that the Council would break and reconvene at 7.06pm.

Vernon Thompson said he would investigate any inconsistencies across different outlets. Ebony Whitney noted the improvement in Tav food. There was a query about promotion and sales, and Vernon noted the increased student foot traffic to Library Café and new staff.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the KPIs.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi

Carried

Motion Guild Council approves the MD report.

Moved Noor Fella

Seconded Ebony Whitney

Carried.

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report. Vernon Thompson discussed the reasons why some safety inspections were not completed in December. Dylan Storer noted an issue with placement of microwaves in the student kitchen. Curtin was having another look at the cracking in Café Central. Vernon said that he has asked Safety Officer and Outlet Manager whether staff required face to face as well as online training. Dylan requested more information be provided about the dates of incidents in future reports.

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

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

6.2. Finance Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

Vernon Thompson said he would find out why the December result for commercial was less than expected. Vernon noted that some positions were budgeted for, however, not filled in December.

6.3. National Union of Students KPIs 2026

Motion: That the Guild Council:

approve the 2026 National Union of Students Key Performance Indicators and initial affiliation fee of \$45,000 as recommended by the Representation Board. Dylan explained the role NUS and its relationship to the Guild as well as the KPIs and rationale for affiliation amount. Dylan Storer discussed recent history of affiliation fees.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 13/11/2025, 01/12/2026

7.2. Executive Committee – 02/12/2025, 06/01/2026, 20/01/2026

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – NA

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.

There was a discussion about communication and notification if a meeting was unlikely to reach quorum following the recent Finance and Risk meeting.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

8. General Business

8.1. Ideas and Suggestions. None

8.2. Other Business

Motion that meeting moves in camera and that Maryanne Shaddick and Vernon Thompson could be present.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded Tahni Rowe

Carried

Moved in camera 7.37pm

Motion to move out of camera.

Moved Dylan Storer

Seconded Ebony Whitney.

Meeting moved out of camera 7.52pm

9. Meeting Evaluation

Meeting closed 7.57pm

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 19th March 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers 100.301/305

