

## AGENDA

Chair Ryan Kirby began with a notification in accordance with section 27 (1)(c) of the Student (Guild Council) Regulations 2018, the Guild councillor position held by Shiuara Yoosuf is being declared vacant for missing two meetings in a row. The vacant Guild Council position will be filled in accordance with the Guild Statute Book.

### 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, Ryan Kirby, Noor Fella, Mitch Craig, David Phillips, Ben Burgess, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Ebony Whitney, Bridget Clifton, Hamide Kocer, Max Zhang (online), Emily Lassam (online), David Phillips, Callum Baxter, Jacquie Bicanic
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Ella Marchionda
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 2.4. Absent; Coben Foster

### 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

27/02/2025 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Correction noted that a comment attributed to David Storer should have been David Phillips.

Jacquie Bicanic noted that she was absent from the last Council meeting

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

Carried

## 5. Reports

- 5.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. Dylan Storer reported he had attended 126 meetings and activities since 1 December. He spoke about attacks on academic freedom. Dylan noted the speed at which the Guild negotiated with Chancellery about this issue. He talked about the Unilodge campaign and the work on finalizing the Kalgoorlie lease. Dylan noted the need for updated signage and upgraded facilities at Kalgoorlie. Dylan reported a 50/50 funding split with regard to the period products program up to \$15k a year. The President indicated the Guild was willing to take over the Student Pantry. There was discussion about how to get Curtin senior staff to tour the accommodation and see for themselves the standard of the older Unilodge accommodation.
- 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As tabled. Ben Burgess reported on a meeting about assessment feedback campaign. He noted that the Guild now had temperature data from some Unilodge accommodation which recorded a sitting temperature of 35 degrees and up to 40 degrees during the day. There was a query about whether the Guild could obtain lease documents pertaining to Curtin's agreement with Unilodge.
- 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As tabled Jacquie Bicanic noted that there had been one free food giveaway a week from the Guild to date.
- 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. As tabled. Razanne Al-Abdeli noted that there was a meeting with the UWA Guild regarding freedom of speech. There had been an audit of lollies at the G Mart lolly wall. Razanne noted that smart bins were on the way. Razanne was conducting student drop-in sessions for multi-faith issues with a view to expanding meditation and multi-faith facilities. Razanne reported on the Sister Safe Space coordinated in STA for Muslim students to have privacy during Ramadan.
- 5.5. Secretary – Submitted. Noor reported that there was a full PSC committee. Noor updated the progress of filling the ISC committee.
- 5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. As tabled. Vernon Thompson noted the ongoing negotiations with the university to finalise the Kalgoorlie lease. Vernon noted the outstanding issue of social club arrangements. Vernon confirmed that the refurbishment of Bubble Lab to a student kitchen was on track to be completed in April. Vernon updated the Council about the refurbishment of The Retreat and upgrading of the storage facilities. Vernon spoke about the commercial and organizational review. The Guild had engaged an independent consultant. As well as the commercial review there will be a review of the organizational structure, staff capacity and capabilities, policies and procedures and governance. Vernon commented on the financial report. Vernon said that he was buoyed by improvement in the deficit as compared to same time last year. There was discussion about the scope to promote Guild outlets at Guild O-Day and O Week. There was about paid advertising results, changes to club banking and Commercial wages. Jacquie Bicanic noted that the promotion of the number of cups that had been refilled was a good one and should continue

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

## 6. Business on Notice

## 6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Callum Baxter

Carried

Jacquie Bicanic requested microwaves in equity spaces be part of the Safety Report.

## 6.2. 2024 Financial Statements and Audit

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

Notes the audit report and opinion;

a) Authorises the President and 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 2024;
  - 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 2024;
  - 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.
- b) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2024.
- c) Recommends to the University Council that it note the Audited Financial Statements of the Student Guild for the year ending 31 December 2024.

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

Carried

Noor Fella reported that the Finance and Risk Committee carefully examined the financial statements and met with the auditors. Dylan Storer noted that the auditors did some operational analysis on the commercial outlets. Vernon Thompson said the Finance and Risk Committee conducted a robust and thorough review and picked up a number of items for consideration of auditors.

### 6.3. 2024 Annual Report

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

- a) Approves the 2024 Annual Report.
- b) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it note the 2024 Annual Report.
- c) Recommends to the University Council that it note the 2024 Annual Report.
- d) Notes that typographical errors may be corrected prior to publishing or distributing.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)  
Seconded: Noor Fella (Secretary)  
Carried

Dylan Storer noted it was a good year in terms of representation. He said that he was confident that the necessary steps would be taken to ensure the ongoing sustainability of Commercial activities. Dylan noted that the final graphic design would be circulated. There was a query about smart riders and request for images of the encampment.

### 6.4. Liquor Commission Decision Regarding Exchange Cellars Motion: That the Guild Council: Note the Decision of the Liquor Commission of Western Australia (LC 04-2025, Curtin Student Guild v Fleximix Pty Ltd).

Dylan Storer noted the Guild's ongoing opposition to the plan to open a bottle shop in the Exchange Precinct on health and safety grounds. The Guild lodged a formal application to the Liquor Commission to review the granting of a liquor licence. This resulted in additional restrictions to the liquor licence. Noor Fella asked how the restrictions would be enforced. Mitch Craig said that specific requirements from the Liquor Commission had been communicated. There was a discussion about whether the restrictions were adequate.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)  
Seconded: Noor Fella (Secretary)  
Carried

### 6.5. Clubs and Societies Update

Dylan Storer moved that the Guild Council move to in camera for items 6.5 and 6.6 and that the standing invites are to remain.

Seconded Noor Fellah

Carried

#### 6.6. Deputy Managing Director Role

Council moves in camera at 7:21pm

Council moves out of camera at 8:03pm

### **7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council**

7.1. Representation Board – 20/02/2025

7.2. Executive Committee – Nil

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 05/03/2025

7.4. Operations Committee – Nil

7.5. Legal Committee – Nil

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved

Seconded

Carried

Mitch Craig spoke on the Finance and Risk Committee minutes with regard to the risk management plan and specifically a risk item for student sexual assault. The risk was pertaining to risk within clubs.

### **8. General Business**

Hamide Kocer requested a motion to support Trans Day of Visibility.

Mitch Craig advised the process of moving a motion. He advised that Council get a copy of Hamide's motion and if Dylan Storer and Ben Burgess were happy, we could do a circular resolution through the Representation Board.

Ella Marchionda raised a query about an event booking which did not go ahead supposedly because of new guidelines from TEQSA. Dylan Storer said he had been in contact with the university regarding changes to room bookings and whether it was tied to changes to TEQSA guidelines. Dylan said the Guild was working to bring the movie in question to campus.

### **9. Meeting Evaluation**

David Phillips carried out the evaluation noting that it would be advantageous to receive material in a timely manner, to have a statement about the role and purpose of Guild council and timeline for action items.

### **10. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be at 6:00 pm on the 17th of April 2025, to be held in the University Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 8.27pm