

CURTIN STUDENT GUILD **Guild President Report**
May 2024
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Presidents Guild Council Report

Covering Dates: 18.04.2024 – 16.05.2024

Leave: Nil

Travel: Nil

1. Meetings Log

University Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
18.04.2024	Student Partnership Agreement	
	Curtin Student Conduct Feedback	
19.04.2024	DVCG X Guild President Check-in	
22.04.2024	ATN Podcast	
	Guild Accommodation Meeting	
23.04.2024	Curtin guild & SLAC Senior Leaders	
29.04.2024	University Advancement	
02.05.2024	Safer Communities Check in	
03.05.2024	COO Camp Check in	
06.05.2024	DVCA Check in	
07.05.2024	DVCA Check in	
Guild Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
18.04.2024	Guild Council	
19.04.2024	SSAF & WA Guilds Explanation	
22.04.2024	President x MD Check in	
23.04.2024	Guild Executive Committee	
25.04.2024	CPS Meeting	
29.04.2024	President X MD Check in	
	Encampment Planning	
30.04.2024	Encampment Planning	
06.05.2024	President x MD Check in	
08.05.2024	Guild AGM	

2. Projects Overview

2.1 Gaza Solidarity Encampment

On the 2nd of May the Curtin Student Guild and Curtin Palestinian Society launched the Curtin Gaza Solidarity Encampment. The Encampment has had over 200 visitors throughout the days and nights. Student speak outs and rallies have topped at 300 participants.

The Guild is calling on the university to:

- Divest from all weapons companies (Namely, Curtin's partnerships with Lockheed Martin, Babcock Australasia, and Huntington Ingalls Industries).
- Disclose - Transparency of all university investments and research connections to companies that support or have ties to Israel, the Australian Defence Force and weapons manufacturing.
- Divest from all Israeli companies, and adhere to BDS standards, including divesting away from HP tech.
- Cut ties to Israeli universities.
- Publicly denounce the ongoing genocide in Gaza – including the destruction of every university in Gaza and the horrific killing of Palestinian students, academics, and staff.

So far the Guild has been in negotiations with the Vice Chancellor in creating a memorandum of understanding to meet the encampments demands around disclosure and transparency.

At the Guild AGM the motion to support the encampments demands carried.

2.2 40% SSAF – Federal Budget Updates

With the release of the 2024-25 budget, it has been announced that Higher Education providers will be required to direct a minimum of 40 per cent of their Student Services and Amenities Fee revenue to student-led organisations from 1 January 2025.

This is concern for Western Australian Guilds due to the legislated 50 per cent minimum SSAF that Guilds receive. The WA Guilds will be working together in lobbying the government to ensure that federal legislation around SSAF will not negatively impact WA SSAF.

2.3 Paid Placements

The Federal Government has announced they will provide financial assistance for domestic students undertaking teaching, nursing, midwifery and social work placements. This new payment will be \$319.50 per week during clinical and professional placement periods. The Commonwealth Prac Payment will be means-tested and available from 1 July 2025 and will be in addition to any income support a student may also receive.

The Curtin Student Guild had been campaigning for paid placements since 2022. The Guild was the only student organisations to participate at all stages of the accords process where the Guild shed light on the placement poverty crisis Curtin students were experiencing and was asked by the panel to submit additional evidence. In the final recommendations, the Curtin Student Guild was referenced in recommending paid mandatory placements.

2.4 National Union of Student Education Conference

The Curtin Student Guild will be proudly hosting the EdCon this year! This will be the first time in 10 years that EdCon has been hosted in Perth, and its great to see the NUS finally be coming home.

The Guild working group and the NUS will be working closely together in planning the conference. WA Student priced tickets will be made available to encourage as many students as possible to attend the conference.

2.5 Managing Director Recruitment Panel

The Search for the new Managing Director has begun. The Panel has been formed and is in the process of selecting the recruitment agency that will be used during the search process. Previously a recruitment agency hasn't been used for selecting the Managing Director, so for this round the process will be more expensive with an expected budget of \$45,000. A more extensive update is provided in items for discussion.

Vice President – Education

May Guild Council

Reporting Period 13/04/2023 – 17/05/2024

Veronika Gobba (she/her)

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/4/24	Gender, Equity and Inclusion committee meeting	Attended on behalf of VP-SW. Next year, Curtin's VC salary will be calculated into their gender pay gap data. Concerning as the VC's exorbitant salary may offset the accuracy of the data. A proposal to SET to endorse the Darlington Statement is being drafted.
18/4/24	Student partnership Agreement meeting with Marc Phillips	
	Guild & Student Life and Community Senior Leaders	Support for Students policy/procedure discussion
24/4/24	ABC interview about student spending trends and HECS	
29/4/24	University Advancement	Discussion on sponsorship for Guild programs and events
1/5/24	Student Discipline Panels (FBL)	
6/5/24	Learning & Student Experience Committee	
7/5/24	Courses Committee	Confirmation that students who are in a tricky spot with 485 visa applications not able to get their results in time are able to be referred to Curtin Connect and can get a rushed letter with verification of results.
15/5/24	Student Housing issues interview w/ Grok	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/4/24	Higher Education	
18/4/24	VPE x FBL rep catch-up	
	VPE x HUM rep catch-up	
	Guild Council	
23/4/24	Exec Committee	
25/4/24	VPE x HUM rep catch-up	

29/4/24	Higher Education	
	Encampment planning meeting exec & Curtin Palestinian Society	
2/5/24	VPE x HUM rep catch-up	
8/5/24	Guild AGM	
9/5/24	VPE x FBL rep catch-up	
14/5/24	Digital catch-up w/ Student Engagement	
16/5/24	VPE x HUM Rep catch-up	
	Representation Board	

Significant Current Developments:

Curtin Student Gaza Solidarity Encampment

- In response to the Global movement currently happening whereby students at universities are encamping in solidarity with Palestine and to protest their university's ties to weapons, war and the Israeli governments' actions on Gaza, the Guild along with other student clubs/groups within the university decided to organise our own encampment on the Bentley campus.
- The Guild has been working closely with the elected committee of the Curtin Palestinian Society and other pro-Palestine groups to create our demands, the open letter to the university and other activities happening at the camp and around the university.
- We have seen broad support from many clubs at Curtin and UWA, students from all universities in WA, the NTEU, FOPWA, Jews for Palestine, Mums for Palestine, Nuclear Free WA, The Greens, Senator Fatima Payman, the ASU, and numerous academics across all faculties at Curtin including Deans and Heads of Schools.
- The encampment has been facilitated and is being closely monitored by the Guild for the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and broader community who is taking part in the encampment activities and activism.
- We are providing camping equipment, food and organising the mass amount of community contributions/donations that we have been overwhelmed by.
- A staff member within the Gender Research network attempted to put through a joint item with the Guild through an upcoming Diversity, inclusion and Belonging committee meeting (reports to VC) that recommends the SET consider the encampment demands and asks committee members to sign the Guild's open letter. The item was rejected on the basis that the agenda was 'already extremely tight' and that 'discussions between relevant SET members and the Guild...are being scheduled'.
- The Guild President, Secretary and myself have met with the Vice Chancellor about our encampment and demands, currently there are negotiations ongoing.

Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare

May Guild Council Report (11/04/2024 – 17/05/2024)

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University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/04/24	WABSI (WA Biodiversity Science Institute) and Curtin University event	Urban biodiversity research projects
15/04/24	St Catherine's Sustainability Dinner	Formal dinner
17/04/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	
17/04/24	Student Energy Network meeting	
22/04/24	RACSAC (Respect at Curtin event) meeting	Feedback on the event – met with Tahni and Kyla.
03/05/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	
15/05/24	Curtin Reporting Meeting	Met with Richard Blythe re reporting of SA/SH at Curtin
17/05/24	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/04/24	Juicebox Presentation	
11/04/24	Representation Board	
18/04/24	Collected wastage from Lush	
18/04/24	Meet the VPSW shoot with Ben	
18/04/24	Guild Council	
23/04/24	Off sick	
24/04/24	Off sick	
25/04/24	Off sick (and ANZAC Day PH)	
26/04/24	Off sick	
29/04/24	Off sick	
30/04/24	Encampment Meeting	
30/04/24	ISC President Meeting with Secretary	
02/05/24	Events team catch-up (very brief)	
08/05/24	Guild AGM	
08/05/24	Events Team & VPA catch-up	
10/05/24	Accessibility & Queer Officer Meeting	Discussed events accessibility matrix
15/05/24	Events Team & VPA catch-up	
16/05/24	Representation Board	

Leave Taken:

Sick Leave: 23/04/2024 – 27/04/2024

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Further Notes:

Topic	Details
Pop Up Thrift Market	<p>We raised over \$1,000 at this event, with all funding going to the UNICEF Emergency Appeal for the Children of Gaza Appeal. We had several new stalls at the event.</p> <p>Feedback from stallholders on Wednesday and students at the event over the three days was positive. I look forward to working on this event in semester 2 and rolling this out as "Sustainability Week" with the event spanning the entire week with additional items on Monday and Friday.</p>
Containers For Change	<p>I am in the process of putting together a proposal for the reverse cycle 10c vending machines on campus. I have spoken to several Curtin staff members who seem interested in this project. Resultingly I am hopeful that once the proposal is created and approved from the Guild end, there will be support from Curtin for the project to go ahead.</p>
Recycling Hub on Campus	<p>I have arranged a meeting with the Library to discuss the potential to deliver a recycling hub (similar to those seen at the entrance of <i>Officeworks</i>) in the library. They seem interested in the idea and I am hopeful this can be delivered with their support.</p>
Mug Library	<p>I have received positive feedback - the mug library initiative is taking well in Mallokup and I have received positive feedback from staff at other outlets.</p>
Gaza Encampment	<p>I have been continually impressed by the generosity and willingness to help from members of the community at this encampment. We have had several community dinners and meals provided by community groups. It's been great to see so many students come together to stand in solidarity with Gaza and stand up for what they believe in.</p> <p>Seeing how the encampment has come together gives me hope that we will be able to achieve our goals and have Curtin University hear our demands, and follow in the footsteps of the movement that is building across Australian universities such as the Sydney University staff where 93% of NTEU members voted in favour of calling on the university to "cut ties with all organisations that enable the current Gaza violence" including "all Israeli universities" as well as "with the weapons industry and militaries in general".</p>

Vice President – Activities

Max Zhang

Guild Council Report May 2024

19/04/2024 – 20/05/2024

Meetings

Date	Meeting
22/04	Respect at Uni Feedback
23/04	Executive Committee
24/04	Guild Ball Promotion Meeting
	Events X VPA Meeting
25/04	ANZAC Day
29/04	Gaza Solidarity Encampment Planning and Actions Meeting
02/05	Events X VPA Meeting
06/05	Clubs X VPA Meeting
	Executive Committee
08/05	Guild AGM
	Events X VPA Meeting
14/05	Digital Catch Up Meeting
15/05	Events X VPA Meeting
16/05	Representation Board
20/05	Executive Committee

Events

Date	Event
24/04	Faculty of Health Sciences Grill the Guild
30/04 – 02/05	Pop Up Thrift Market
02/05 – Ongoing	Curtin Students Gaza Solidarity Encampment
08/05	Guild AGM
15/05	Science and Engineering Grill the Guild

Upcoming Events

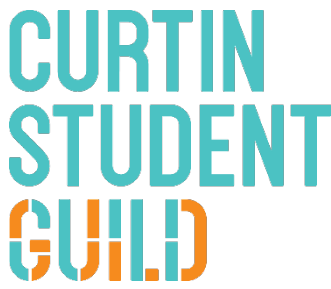
Date	Event
24/05	End of Semester Bash
27/05 – 07/06	Stress Less Weeks

Event Notes

Pop up thrift market: Big success overall, with proceeds going to UNICEF's Children of Gaza. Especially positive feedback on the sustainability focused vendors from students, and well as having the area be expanded to the courtyard itself rather than constrained within the Retreat, which improved the flow of the event overall.

Gaza Solidarity Encampment: Well in our third week, a lot of my work on the camp has been on the physical end, purchasing and cooking for people, putting up banners, cleaning up the camp, running the information marquee and helping campers find and set up tents. We have had very strong turnout to the rally at the chancellery, and very strong community support for our movement.

With the nature of the encampment, most of my projects have been put on hold, so there is less to report on than usual this month.



Secretary's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 16/05/2024
FOR MEETING DATE: 23/05/2024

NAME: Mitch Craig
POSITION: Guild Secretary

GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/04/2024	Reps Board	
11/04/2024	Juicebox	Presentation on new branding
12/04/2024	Exec	
15/04/2024	Higher ed	
16/04/2024	Pre-GC chair Meeting	Met w/ Ryan and Ben
18/04/2024	Guild Council	
23/04/2024	AGM Technical Meeting	Met with Student engagement and IT to go through technical set-up for the AGM including the online option
23/04/2024	Exec	
29/04/2024	University Health and Safety	Pretty standard, introducing a new safety initiative called "3 checks for safety" where you do a 5 minute check to make sure following your approved procedure is still safe.
29/04/2024	Encampment planning meeting	Met with Guild exec to work out what we would need to organise to start the encampment
30/04/2024	Meeting w/rep	Confidential
1/05/2024	Meeting w/Management Accountant	Met w/ Karen to go through the representation financials to date and discuss things like a guild donations portal
2/05/2024	GC Induction	Induction session for new Guild Councillor Dylan Storer
5/05/2024	May Day	Attended May Day in Fremantle and Marched with the NTEU
6/05/2024	New payroll Workflow	Met with the Portfolio Managers and Senior Finance Officer to go through the new workflow process for Payroll
6/05/2024	AGM Dress rehearsal	Did a tech test at the tav for the AGM
6/05/2024	Exec	
8/05/2024	Annual General Meeting	
14/05/2024	Brand Rollout/Guild App meeting	Met with the engagement team to discuss the Guild app and the branding rollout for our renewed brand and colours.
16/05/2024	Reps Board	

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Nil

Projects

- AGM, was very successful, we were able to achieve and maintain quorum throughout the meeting
- Gaza Solidarity Encampment, I have spent a very high amount of time at or working on the encampment including logistics, protests, rallies, dinners, purchasing supplies, etc.
- Guild Donations, we now have the technology and a process for accepting donations. A charitable collections license application has been submitted to DMIRS.

KPIs

- Attended all required meetings
- All payments submitted on time
- I have been responding to/actioning all appropriate emails
- Policies have been getting updated
- This report was submitted
- Constitution review has been progressing
- Most of my hours have been from the office or the encampment

tl;dr

AGM happened, Encampment is happening, donations will happen. Any meetings