

## **Presidents Guild Council Report**

**Covering Dates:** 15.08.2024 – 05.09.2024

**Leave:** Nil

**Travel:** Nil

- 1. Meetings Log**
- 2. Projects Overview**
  - 2.1 Period Product Vending Machines**

Through the Libra Period Positivity Program I was able to secure the Guild receiving 6 free period product dispensers and the stands required for them. They will be delivered on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September and will be rolled out very shortly once the products for the machines has also arrived. This is a great win for the Guild with period poverty on the rise during the cost of living crisis.

### **2.2 Phygital Learning – Faculty of Business and Law**

The faculty of Business and Law have been given permission from the universities senior executive team to trial units with digital lectures. Veronika attended the staff and student workshops that were seeking feedback on this project and it was made clear from an overwhelming amount of participants that this is not a project that staff and students want. During the workshop that I attended there were only four students and approximately 30 staff and when questioned on this ratio, the staff hosting the session informed me that very few students had been attending the session for feedback.

In response to the faculty failing to properly consult with students on this project, the Guild informed business and law students about what was going on and mobilised students to come to the student only sessions organised by the Guild to give feedback. All of the feedback during these sessions was negative and all students voiced that they did not want their choice to access a fully in person education away from them.

The Curtin Student Law Society also conducted a survey to law students after we informed them about this project where they received 100+ responses from students highly concerned about in person lectured being taken away from them.

All of this feedback has been relayed to the faculty and to Deputy Vice Chancellor – Professor Paul Brunton. The project has since been slowed down and the Guild informed that in person lectured will not be taken away. The Guild is still in discussion with the faculty about the concerns of students and this is an ongoing campaign the Guild will be working on.

### **2.3 Student Accommodation**

The issue of students receiving academic sanctions for UniLodge debt, including debt for as low as \$5 has had some changes favourable to students. Students experiencing hardship and who

have gone into debt/failed to pay rent are now able to access the \$1.5 million in bursaries that the Guild secured, anytime. A minimum has also been set in place for the amount of debt a student has to go into before receiving a sanctions, with the minimum being \$300.

The 2025 price setting of student accommodation has not been released to the Guild or students in accommodations at the time of submitting this report.

#### **2.4 Managing Director Recruitment**

The recruitment process is well underway with interviews taking place mid September. Myself and the other panel members are confident that we will be able to find a successful candidate and will not need to go back out to market to fill the position. We are aiming for appointment to be made at the October Guild Council.

#### **2.5 Solidarity With Gaza During Graduations**

The Curtin Student Guild and the Curtin Palestinian Society worked together to provide graduates with flags to have for the semester 2 gradations to show solidarity to their peers in Gaza whop right to access education has been stripped away from them with no universities left in Gaza.

# Vice President – Education

## September Representation Board

Reporting Period 9/08/2024 – 5/09/2024

Veronika Gobba (she/her)

### University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
9/8/24	Guild X Library catch-up re: textbook survey	
	ISC X VPE X Curtin language exchange staff	
12/8/24	Student Success Principles w/ Linda Adnyana	
14/8/24	AI Taskforce group	Exploring Curtin graduates start-up 'Camplus' collaboration
19/8/24	Academic Calendar Review Group	Review Group is satisfied with placement of tuition-free weeks being put back in extending the start week and end week of the academic year by 1 week. A further consultation will be pushed out regarding this placement and the reintroduction to start sem 2 2026. The Guild is advocating for this to be brought back sooner. It is to be noted that it was very disappointing to hear university members on this group suggest the ideas of reducing the teaching weeks by 1 or exam period by 1 week to accommodate the reintroduction of the tuition-free week. It seems the university is quick to forget the headache which students and staff were loudly displaying at the removal of the second tuition-free week.
21/8/24	Public Sector Unionists Rally	
23/8/24	FBL 'Phyigital' Co-design session	
28/8/24	Dean L&T FBL catch-up w/ VPE X President x FBL Rep	
3/9/24	Courses Committee	
4/9/24	Phyigital Student focus group #1	
5/9/24	Phyigital Student focus group #2	

### Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
12/8/24	Digital catch-up w/ student engagement	

	Operations Committee	
14/8/24	Catch-up w/ student assist regarding teach-out courses in HS	
15/8/24	VPE x HUM Rep catch-up	
	Reps Board	
22/8/24	VPE x HUM Rep catch-up	
27/8/24	Love, Sex & Consent stall	
28/8/24	Executive Committee	
29/8/24	VPE x HUM Rep catch-up	
4/9/24	Guild Graduations Palestine Solidarity stall	
5/9/24	VPE x HUM Rep catch-up	

### **FBL 'Phygital' Project**

The Faculty of Business and Law plans to trial a flipped learning model (noting, that there are some units in FBL that already follow this model (with, from feedback from students, varying levels of success). The Guild expressed that we do not support flipped learning at Curtin. FBL said they would do student focus groups on this change, and the design of it. Upon attending one of these sessions, it was 4 students and 20+ staff in that group, the session was poorly done. It seems the faculty already has a plan for how they want to run flipped learning, which means reducing total contact time of students learning, and replacing lectures with pre-recorded online content. In these sessions, all students and lots of staff were against this. Myself, Jasmyne and Hannah then met with the Dean of L&T to express further concern and request that proper focus groups just for students be conducted, with the Guild responsible for collecting RSVPs. We were able to get at least 15 FBL students to each of two sessions ran by the FBL team, the comments said by all students reflected our stance. Students agree that the quality of lectures need to improve to increase attendance and shifting them online will not do that. We are awaiting further communication from FBL regarding their next steps after this feedback.

# Vice President – Activities

Max Zhang

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16/08 – 05/09

## Meetings

Date	Meeting
21/08	Events X VPA Meeting
22/08	Executive Committee
28/08	Events X VPA Meeting

## Events

Date	Event
19/08	FBL Grill the Guild
22/08	Humanities Grill the Guild
16/08 – 30/08	Love, Sex and Consent Week
27/08	LSC Week Stall Day

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
07/10 – 11/10	Mental Health Week
18/10	End of Year Block Party

## Event Notes

Both Grill the Guilds went smoothly, with a strong showing of guild reps and volunteers. The Love Sex and Consent Week stalls went well, with high engagement despite being hidden away in the undercover courtyard. The lollipop drops were very well received by all the students and the staff, and the lube, condoms and dental dams were all big hits with students.

Note: I am taking leave between the dates of 09/09 to 22/09, totalling 10 business days.

# Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare

August Representation Board Report (15/08/2024 – 09/09/2024)

Jacque Bicanic (she/they)

## University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
12/08/24	Student Success Principles	
22/08/24	CAP Discussions	Humanities rep and Debbie discussed to prospect of having CAPs released earlier for those students with physical accessibility requirements to give staff enough time to relocate classes.
27/08/24	Jessie Parish catch up	Discussed ongoing sustainability projects
03/09/24	Online meeting with Tinder	Discussed how students received the <i>Dating Dictionary</i> and how we could work together on consent education in future
05/09/24	<del>Universal Design Sub-Committee Meeting</del>	Unable to attend last minute
10/09/24	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	
11/09/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	

## Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/08/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
15/08/24	Queer Officer Check In	
15/08/24	Reps Board	
19/08/24	MD David Luketina Meeting	Discussed Plastics Free Program
21/08/24	Events/VPA Catch up	
22/08/24	Queer Formal Meeting	
22/08/24	Guild Council	
26/08/24	Love, Sex & Consent Week	
27/08/24	Love, Sex & Consent Week stall day	Stalls by VPSW and Women's Officer provided students with information and flyers about sexual health and consent. WAAC had a stall and were also conducting free STI checks.
28/08/24	Exec Meeting	
28/08/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
11/09/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	

## Leave Taken:

02/09/2024 – 06/09/2024 – Carers Leave

## Further Notes:

Topic	Details
SA/SH Flyer	<p>The flyer was successfully made in time for <i>Love, Sex &amp; Consent Week</i>. It's a two-sided flyer with one side focusing on reporting within Curtin (Curtin Counselling, Wellbeing &amp; Safer Communities) with the other side outlining reporting options outside of Curtin University (SARC, Student Assist and the Police). I will present these to the RACSAC and GBVWG committees for their reference as well.</p>
Containers For Change	<p>The current roadblock is with the State Government (WARRYL). I need to update my proposal and send it to them for consideration. I will continue to provide updates through my reports on the progress of this project.</p>
Recycling Hub	<p>We are waiting to hear back from the <i>Mens Shed (Fremantle)</i> to see if they can commission this project.</p>
Love, Sex & Consent Week	<p>This event was well received by students. Chloë (Women's Officer) and I were able to engage in meaningful conversations with students about sexual health and consent. We were able to inform students where they can pick up free condoms on campus (Guild Reception and Curtin Health Services reception), hand out large volumes of informational flyers about sexual health and consent and almost my entire stock of SA/SH Flyers (see above). The mystery wall was popular with students able to collect prizes for answering questions about sexual health and consent. I also walked around campus in an inflatable costume handing out condoms, lube, dental dams and flyers.</p> <p>Max (VPA) also organised daily lollipop &amp; condom drops where we were able to distribute a large quantity of flyers and information directly to students.</p> <p>The Free STI Testing through WAAC was especially well received. WAAC volunteers stayed past the event end time to clear through students in line. We are in discussions with WAAC about delivering a second free STI testing in semester 1 as well as bringing this back for next years event in semester 2.</p>



## Secretary's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 19/09/2024  
FOR MEETING DATE: 26/09/2024

NAME: Mitch Craig  
POSITION: Guild Secretary

### GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/08/2024	Legal Committee	
21/08/2024	GC Charing Meeting	
22/08/2024	Guild Council	
27/08/2024	Meeting with the Research Office	Met with the PSC President and the research office about the HDR factsheet and disclosure rules and process for research student and their source of funding
28/08/2024	SSAFFEAC	
02/09/2024	Legal Committee	
02/09/2024	Higher Ed	
06/09/2024	Legal Committee	
06/09/2024	Assessment Feedback Staff consultation group	Attended with the faculty representatives, received some good feedback
11/09/2024	Finance and Risk	
18/09/2024	2025 Operations Committee Workplan	Met with David to create a workplan for the Operations Committee
18/09/2024	Club AGM	Attended a club AGM and assisted with their elections
08/08/2024	Love, sex and Consent meeting	
08/08/2024	Kalgoorlie Clubs Meeting	Met with the clubs team to give information on clubs in Kalgoorlie
12/08/2024	Digital Catch up	
12/08/2024	Operations Committee	
13/08/2024	Budget 2025	Met with the Management accountant to go through the 2025 Guild Budget, focussing mainly on the Representation Division
14/08/2024	Club Constitution Meeting	Met with a club to assist them with rewriting their custom constitution

### UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
	Nil	



## Projects

- Have been working on new branding rollout and replacement of branded assets ready for Semester 2, nearly complete, mainly waiting for website updates.
- Working on Club tax requirements with the Club Support Team. By-Law drafting is progressing well.
- Committee Constitutions update, work is nearing completion
- Charge Card Facility – The Bankwest facility is closed
- Kalgoorlie payments – Kalgoorlie now has an eftpos reader.
- 2025 Budget – the first draft of the budget was presented to finance and risk.
- Chair of the Discipline Tribunal – we have had the new chair approved and they have been appointed.
- Kalgoorlie election is in progress, nominations close soon.

## KPIs

- Attended all required meetings
- All payments submitted on time
- Policies have been getting updated
- This report was submitted
- Constitution review has been progressing
- Most of my hours have been from the office

## **tl;dr**

Been doing budget stuff and governance stuff. Been working on the student society By-Laws. Helped some clubs with AGMs and Constitutions.