

**Presidents Guild Council Report**

**Covering Dates:** 17.10.2024 – 18.11.2024

**Leave:** Nil

**Travel:** Nil

**1. Meetings Log**

<b>University Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
17.10.2024	Academic Board Executive	
	Special Meeting: Academic Board External Review	This was an opportunity for the Guild members of Academic Board to provide feedback and comments on AB as a part of the external review.
25.10.2024	Academic Board	
29.10.2024	DVCA x Guild President Check-in	Discussed phygital learning
05.11.2024	Student Experience Steering Committee	
12.11.2024	MOU working group meeting	Discussion to ensure the university is on track for the Nov 30 deadlines for disclosure
14.11.2024	Global Positioning Committee	
	President x VC Check in	
	SSAFEAC Committee	2025 projects approvals – all of the Guild projects using SSAF and ISAF were approved.
18.11.2024	DVCG x Guild President check-in	President-elect Dylan Storer attended.
<b>Guild Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
17.10.2024	Representation Board	
18.10.2024	Legal Committee	Minutes provided to Guild Council
21.10.2024	Circle Green Meeting	Discussing opportunities for Guild members to get education sessions and free legal services
21.10.2024	President x Maryanne check in	
24.10.2024	Guild Council	
28.10.2024	President x Maryanne Check in	
	Induction check-in	Going over the plans for induction for the 56 <sup>th</sup> Guild Council induction and handover
	Higher education	Content covered reported to Representation Board

29.10.2024	Block Party Debrief	
	Guild Executive Committee	Meeting minutes reported to Guild Council
04.11.2024	Maryanne Check-in	
	NUS Policy Meeting	
05.11.2024	Special Meeting of the Guild Council	Discussed the interim changes to the university academic misconduct rules and what the Guilds stance on the changes would be.
06.11.2024	WASM Social Club Discussion	
07.11.2024	NTEU Faculty of Humanities Discussion	
11.11.2024	Handover Dinner Menu Tav check-in	
	President x Maryanne check in	
	Operations Committee	
	Higher Education	
	NUS Policy Meeting	
12.11.2024	Executive Committee Meeting	Minutes reported to Guild Council
14.11.2024	Representation Board	
15.11.2024	Legal Committee Meeting	Finalised the recommendation for the Student Society By-Laws amendments.
18.11.2024	President x Managing Director Check in	President-elect Dylan Storer attended

## 2. Final Report

The Guild has been contacted to be a direct point of contact for consultation and advice in the implementation of the National Student Ombudsmen. This first meeting will take place on 27 November with a lot of work needed for the Ombudsman to be ready to start taking complaints 1 February 2025. The Guild made submissions during the consultation for the National Student Ombudsman in 2024 and should be committed to assisting in this process.

Paid pracs were officially secured this year to be rolled out in 2025. The fight for all students to be paid whilst on mandatory placements isn't over, and I hope to see further announcements made in the future that all students on prac will be paid for their work.

The Curtin Gaza Solidarity Encampment was one of the largest acts of on campus protest that Curtin has had in decades and I am proud that the Curtin Student Guild were key organisers of the encampment. The encampment lasted 23 days, and resulted in the university committing to full disclosure of any ties to weapons and defence that Curtin has with learning, teaching, and research.

A campaign that will need to continue includes the Student Housing Campaign to ensure that the Guild is active in the fight in achieving legislative reform that provides student renters and lodgers with tenancy rights. This is critical with delays that have been caused by the 2025 WA State Election.

I wish Dylan Storer, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Noor Fellah, Jacquie Bicanic and Ben Burgess all the best for next year as they continue to fight for Curtin students as the Executive Committee of the 56<sup>th</sup> Guild Council.

# Vice President – Education

## November Guild Council

Reporting Period 11/10/2024 – 8/11/2024

Veronika Gobba (she/her)

### University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/10/24	Mental Health Framework workshop	
	Guild meeting w/ HUM Dean Global Futures	
21/10/24	Guild & Library Textbook campaign check-in	Results of staff survey show that there is a gap in understanding between the library and academic staff around the procedure and realities of prescribing learning materials for unit. Library is actioning comms to address this.
23/10/24	Guild & Curtin Assessment Feedback project meeting	Academic Registrar is happy to take Guild feedback on Curtin policies that are often not complied with in relation to feedback, and will action it as a priority list for academics.
24/10/24	Academic Calendar working group	Feedback from last consultation shows that academics can work very easily with a quick change back to 2 tuition-free weeks, it will be other departments such as admissions, international, graduations that will be more impacted. Due to concerns around academics transitioning being eased, the proposal for the reintroduction of the tuition-free week now sits at 2026 Sem 1.
25/10/24	Academic Board	
29/10/24	Guild President & DVCA	Briefly discussed FBL's phygital project and the Curtin and Guild ethical dealings MOU-set in a date to meet as working group to catch up on progress.
4/11/24	Guild meeting w/ UniReady	Regarding results from assessment feedback surveys and consultation. UniReady is very keen to test using Turnitin Draft Submission portals and review their feedback processes.
5/11/24	Student Partnership Agreement Renewal & Students as Partners Leadership team meeting	
	University Courses Committee	

	Student Assist x Academic Registrar	Clarity regarding the proposed Poor Academic Practice definition changes.
	Special Guild Council Meeting	Re: Poor Academic Practice Changes. GC endorsed a definition change, not a complete removal of the 20% ceiling for grade penalty reduction.
7/11/24	VPSW x VPE consultation on Curtin Student Friendly Sustainability Portal idea	

### Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/10/24	Assessment Feedback report meeting w/ fac reps	
14/10/24	SPA signing & Leadership group meeting	
24/10/24	Guild Council	
25/10/24	Guild Excellence in Teaching Awards	
28/10/24	Higher Ed	
29/10/24	Exec Committee	
31/10/24	Meeting with Student Assist Team	To discuss Curtin's proposed changed to definition of Poor Academic Practice
	VPE X HUM Rep Catch-up	
	VPE x HUM Rep x Student Assist	Discuss & Action issues with Education GradDip information on Curtin website
1/11/24	Assessment Feedback project handover with current & incoming reps	
4/11/24	Assessment Feedback project handover with current & incoming reps (Pt 2)	
7/11/24	VPE x HUM Rep Catch-up	

**Leave taken:** 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October

### Guild Excellence in Teaching Awards

Congratulations to

Faculty of Humanities:

Winner - Madeleine Dobson, Commendation - Glynn Greensmith, Research Supervisor Award: Roberto Minunno

Faculty of Health Sciences:

Winner - Matt Moroney, Commendation - Adrian Paxman, Research Supervisor Award: Danielle Dye

Faculty of Business and Law:

Winner - Christina Do, Commendation - Andrew Brennan, Research Supervisor Award: Mingming Cheng

Faculty of Science and Engineering:

Winner - Antoni Liang, Commendation - Simon Warwick, Research Supervisor Award: Nicholas George

Centre of Aboriginal Studies:

Winner - Carol Dowling

And thank you to incoming Guild President Dylan Storer for serving as MC for the ETA Event; he did a fantastic job. While it is not yet finalised, before the end of my term, I will compile the feedback provided by students regarding their nominated teachers and present this information to the winners and their relevant leadership. It is always crucial to highlight the unfortunate reality that a significant portion of the feedback from students commending their favourite academics often relates to the additional, unpaid efforts and work these teaching staff members dedicate for the benefit of their students. We must recognise that this situation is highly unsustainable and unfair for academics at Curtin.

#### **Guild & NTEU survey in the School of Education**

The Guild and the NTEU will be concurrently distributing a survey to students and staff (separately) in the School of Education in light of systematic concerns and issues that are being brought to us.

#### **'Phygital' or FBL's digital transformation strategy**

The faculty of Business and Law has approved despite so much push-back and concern from their staff and students to pursue a strategy of "high quality" flipped learning, prioritising transforming already flipped units and fully online courses as a trial. The plan and information surrounding this initiative have been unclear and constantly changing.

# Vice President – Activities

Max Zhang

Guild Council Report October 2024

18/10 – 14/11

## Meetings

Date	Meeting
24/10	Humanities Inclusion and Belongings Committee
29/10	Block Party Debrief
	VPA X Events Team Meeting
06/11	VPA X Events Team Meeting
11/11	Operations Committee
12/11	Pasar Malam Volunteer Briefing
	Executive Committee

## Events

Date	Event
18/10	End of Year Block Party
21/10 – 01/11	Stress Less Weeks
23/10	2024 Guild Club Awards

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
15/11	Pasar Malam

### **Event Notes**

The End of Year Block Party saw very high attendance, peaking at around 900 at its highest, as people came and went. Satisfaction with the DJs and the bar service was high, and the dance floor was packed shoulder to shoulder as DJ Jamilla capped off the night with Taylor Swift's Love Story.

Stress less week was a major success. Students very much appreciated getting daily freebies, fidget toys, snacks, redbull and pancakes to fuel their exam studies, and hundreds of students expressed to me their appreciation of the Guild and what we do.

### **Club Notes**

Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups at the 2024 Guild Club Awards, with ComSSA taking home the big prize of Club of the Year 2024! It was great to see clubs and societies that uplift the student experience get the recognition and reward they deserve, and I hope more clubs can follow in their footsteps and positively engage with the student community in the future.

**University / External Meetings:**

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/10/24	Carbon Literacy Project	Facilitated module 3 of the CLP
21/10/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	
24/10/24	Mental Health & Resilience in Students Reference Group	
29/10/24	FBL Dean International Shortlist Meeting	FBL Rep Hannah was unavailable, I sat in for her for this meeting.
04/11/24	University Health & Safety Committee	
05/11/24	Sustainable Development Working Group	
05/11/24	Gender-Based Violence Working Group	
13/11/24	Conservation Council of WA 30 <sup>th</sup> Community Conservation Award Ceremony	
27/11/24	<b>Scheduled</b> - Sustainable Development Working Group	

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

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/10/24	Reps Board	
18/10/24	<del>Block Party</del>	<del>Unable to attend</del>
21/10/24	First Self-Care-Cart for <i>Stress Less Week</i>	Very well received by students
23/10/24	<del>Events &amp; VPA catch-up</del>	<del>Unable to attend</del>
23/10/24	<del>Club Awards</del>	<del>Unable to attend</del>
24/10/24	Humanities, Inclusion & Belonging Committee meeting	Max (VPA) and I sat in on this meeting as HIBC was discussing their events planned for 2025
29/10/24	Exec	



30/10/24	Second Self-Care-Cart for <i>Stress Less Week</i>	Very well received by students
30/10/24	Events & VPA catch up	
05/11/24	Queer Officer Check-in	Final one for the year/our terms
05/11/24	Special Meeting of Guild Council	
06/11/24	CBA Phone conference	Sorting out login and verification issues
06/11/24	Women's Officer Check-in	Final one for the year/our terms
06/11/24	Events, VPA & ISCP Meeting	Discussed Pasar Malam
07/11/24	Incoming VPSW & Jessie Parish	Introduce Razanne (incoming VPSW) to Jessie Parish as she is a key contact within Curtin regarding sustainability.
07/11/24	Circle8 – Smart Bins	Maryanne and I met with Mark, the co-founder of Circle8 to discuss the possibility of a pilot program of smart bins across the Bentley campus.
07/11/24	Mitch (Secretary) Payments	Learnt how to approve payments
07/11/24	Sustainability Portal	Veronika (VPE) and I met with Jessie Parish to discuss the proposed idea of a sustainability portal for Curtin. This is at the 'general ideas' stage and is very early on in the process of the idea being developed, however thought it best for Jessie to hear Veronika's insights before the end of her term and VPE as she has been in the role for 2 years and could offer valuable insights and suggestions.
11/11/24	Operations Committee	
12/11/24	Pasar Malam – Volunteer Briefing	VPSW, VPA & Events Team met with the majority of volunteers for Pasar Malam (not all could attend) and went over the event brief.
13/11/24	Events & VPA catch up	ISC was also in attendance. Discussed upcoming Pasar Malam event.
14/11/24	Reps Board	
15/11/24	Condom Collection – WAAC	
15/11/24	Pasar Malam event	
20/11/24	Health & Safety Meeting	
20/11/24	Events & VPA catch up	
21/11/24	Guild Council	Final Guild Council meeting as VPSW

26/11/24	<b>Scheduled</b> - Handover with Razanne (incoming VPSW)	
27/11/24	<b>Scheduled</b> - Events & VPA catch up	
29/11/24	<b>Scheduled</b> – Handover with Razanne (incoming VPSW)	
29/11/24	<b>Scheduled</b> – Final Exec Meeting (TBC)	

**Leave Taken:**

31/10/2024 – 01/11/2024      Sick Leave

## 2024 Wrapped:

Topic	Details
Containers For Change (ongoing)	<p data-bbox="687 302 903 336"><b>Sustainability</b></p> <p data-bbox="604 387 1391 770">Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) seem to have reached a roadblock, so I pivoted to look at the Smart Bin system with Circle8. This is in the early stages; we have met with Mark (co-founder of Circle8) to discuss what the system could look like and see what questions we have for each other. Maryanne and I are compiling our notes and questions from today's meeting before we share them with David (Managing Director) and Jasmyne (current President) for their thoughts, feedback and questions. We will then collate these and send them to Mark who can come back to us with answers and a proposal that the incoming VPSW (Razanne) and President (Dylan) and work on during their term.</p>
Recycling Hub (set to be delivered)	<p data-bbox="604 853 1391 949">The <i>Mens Shed (Fremantle)</i> is building the hub, and it's set to be delivered by the end of the month. We then just need to purchase the TerraCycle boxes and it's ready to go!</p>
Op-Shop on campus	<p data-bbox="604 1010 1391 1361">I have received feedback that Op Shops (e.g. Good Sammies, Salvation Army, Save the Children and St Vinnies) do not want to have a permanent tenancy on a university campus due to the significant downturn of foot traffic outside of teaching weeks, and it is expected that after a peak during the first few weeks of semester, the demand will taper off over the semester then peak again with the start of the new semester. As this is not a feasible business decision for them, I instead switched to looking into pop-up style events (e.g. continuation of the pop-up thrift market event, local councils etc).</p> <p data-bbox="604 1368 1391 1541">The pop-up thrift markets continue to be a popular event with students, and they are planned to be delivered in 2025. I was unable to continue this goal further during this year but will provide the incoming VPSW with my notes should they decide to continue this project.</p>
Plastic Free Riverpark Grant	<p data-bbox="604 1597 1391 1809">We were successful in our grant application! We used these funds to help cover the cost of re-useable pint glasses at the EOS Block Party, and we are looking into stocking collapsible clip-on keep cups and investigating the feasibility of wash stations in the library and student kitchens (the taps that blast a cup with clean soapy water when pushed down)</p>
Mug Library	<p data-bbox="604 1883 1391 1980">The Mug libraries have been re-stocked and continue to have a good level of uptake by staff and students who forgot their keep cups.</p>

Sustainability Grant	I have begun the process of seeing if we can create a Sustainability Grant for clubs to help them run their events more sustainably.
Guild Greenhouse	I have started work on a project I've nicknamed <i>Guild Greenhouse</i> . Basically, I'm seeing if the Guild can restart the veggie garden, and through that, we could see if we can have composting on campus using organic waste from Guild outlets. The fruit/vegetables/herbs etc grown could then be distributed to those who have volunteered to work in this area and leftovers donated to the student pantry so it goes to students in need.
Internal Bin Audit	I was able to start an internal bin audit within the Guild Outlets. This led to an investigation about best practise regarding organic waste and the implementation of a Containers for Change pilot project, where I got the Guild to sign up for a CFC account and implemented CFC collection at the Tav, in the staff room in 106F and in the reps area (this last one was already established prior to my term). The containers were manually brought to depos and deposited by myself and other Guild reps who had the capacity and time to do so. Through this, we were able to return almost 1,000 containers within 5 months. I am proposing that we expand/streamline the project, so the containers are collected rather than manually dropped off. Funds gathered through the CFC scheme will be used to further sustainability within the Guild (e.g. I am proposing we use the funds collected so far to purchase a 240L CFC wheelie bin)

## **Welfare**

Stress Less Week (Delivered)	<p>This year I expanded on the snack carts to include fidgets in semester 1, and in semester 2 we expanded further to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snack Carts</li> <li>Brunch Carts</li> <li>Redbull Carts</li> <li>Lunch Carts</li> <li>Self-Care Carts (with fidgets)</li> <li>Sweet Treat Carts</li> </ul> <p>The early morning brunch carts were very popular with those students hustling in the library in the early hours of the day. The Self-Care carts were extremely popular - students were messaging the main Instagram page asking when we were coming around, if they could pick something up as they missed out etc. There was an overall high level of interest, interaction and appreciation.</p>
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Mental Health Week

This year the Guild delivered a fidget cart during Mental Health Week as they were quite popular during the previous semester's Stress Less Week. Curtin delivered an extensive amount of events and activities during this week so it was decided the Guild would instead focus on the delivery of the *Pride* event.

Condoms & Sexual Health

I brought back free condoms to the Guild through WAAC (WA Aids Council). I also delivered free dental dams, pregnancy tests, and sexual health information, and worked closely with the equity reps to have relevant sexual health information available in the corresponding equity rooms.

I delivered free STI testing during *Love, Sex & Consent Week* (see below) and have plans to ensure this is delivered in semester 1 and 2 of next year.

Love, Sex & Consent Week

My focus for this event was to do a deep dive into consent. I worked with Tinder and was able to get students access to their resources (e.g. *Dating Dictionary*) and we later collaborated again to promote Tinder's consent course through our social media. This event had a high level of student interaction and the VPW, Women's Officer and I were able to engage in meaningful conversations with students. There was also a significant online campaign for this event, with daily posts sharing content from *Teach Us Consent* and the opportunity to anonymously ask a sexologist questions. We have continued to share consent related content on our social media and through physical signage across campus.

This has led to another project where I am advocating for signage on the back of cubicle doors across the library (and hopefully across campus) specifically relating to sexual health, consent, red flags in relationships and support services that are available on and off campus. This is in the early stages and is something I will have to pass on to the incoming VPSW to continue to work on.

Flyers

I created two flyers during my term as VPSW. The first was delivered in time for O-Day semester 1 which provided information on the health services available on campus. The second was to provide a consolidated informational flyer advising what reporting and support options are available for sexual harassment and/or assault on and off campus.

Free Period Products

We saw the delivery of free period product vending machines! These are going to be rolled out as soon as stock has been delivered (TBC)

# CURTIN STUDENT GUILD

## Secretary's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 15/11/2024  
FOR MEETING DATE: 21/11/2024

NAME: Mitch Craig  
POSITION: Guild Secretary

### GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/10/2024	Legal Committee	
18/10/2024	Block Party	Attended the end of year guild party. It was a fantastic event and was well attended
22/10/2024	Farewell event meeting	Meeting about a farewell event for a long serving guild staff member.
22/10/2024	Brinner	Free pancake dinner for students
23/10/2024	Club Awards	An excellent Event to recognise the work of club committee members.
24/10/2024	Guild Council	
28/10/2024	Induction Day Check-In	Went over some induction day details with Jasmyne
28/10/2024	Finance Review	Went Over Representation Division Spending with the Management Accountant
28/10/2024	Higher Ed	
29/10/2024	Exec	
29/10/2024	Brinner	Free pancake dinner for students
04/11/2024	Health Science Handover	
04/11/2024	Business and Law Handover	
05/11/2024	Farewell event meeting	
05/11/2024	Special Guild Council	
06/11/2024	WASM Social Club Sub-Lease	Met with David and Jasmyne to discuss the WAS Social Club Sub-Lease
07/11/2024	Science and Engineering Handover	
11/07/2024	Handover Dinner Menu	Met with the Tavern Chef to discuss the menu for handover dinner
11/07/2024	Operations Committee	
12/11/2024	Exec	
13/11/2024	International Student Committee President Handover	
13/11/2024	Finance and Risk Committee	
14/11/2024	Humanities Handover	
14/11/2024	SSAFEAC	
14/11/2024	Representation Board	
15/11/2024	WASM President Handover	
15/11/2024	Legal Committee	
15/11/2024	Pasar Malam	Multicultural Night Markets, this is the Guild biggest event each year

## UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
	Nil	

## Projects

- Website rebrand has occurred, still working out a few issues that have popped up as a result of the changes.
- Working on rewriting the clubs by-laws, this is now complete and has been checked by Legal Committee. Legal advice was received.
- Committee Constitutions update the review is complete.
- Handover Supervision – most reps have completed their handovers with others coming up soon
- Handover report – My handover report is complete.
- 2025 Budget – the budget has been through finance and risk and is coming to GC for approval today.
- Officer Onboarding – Most incoming officers have completed their deeds, police checks will be sent out before the end of my term.
- 2025 Meeting Calendar – A draft meetings calendar has been prepared for the incoming Secretary.

## The Year in Review

2024 has been a busy year with difficulties at times. We had the only Gaza Solidarity Event in Western Australia. There have been a litany of changes and developments in the higher education sector. The Guild is looking to be making another loss for 2024 with commercial being a major driver for this, although we have had a better financial performance than last year. Additional funding has been secured for 2025 that should ensure the Guild's financial sustainability into the future. The ATO decided it would start taxing university clubs and changes were required to protect them from this at Curtin. We have rewritten the Clubs and Societies by-laws and default constitution.

These are just few of the things that happened this year at the Guild and all the staff and officers should be congratulated with how well they handled everything this year.

The Guild's long-serving Managing Director, David, has chosen to retire. A search was conducted for a new Managing Director and ultimately Guild Council approved the appointment of Vernon, who starts 2<sup>nd</sup> December. David is a valuable part of the Guild and his advice, expertise, experience, and hard work will certainly be missed. I wish him all the best.

To the 55<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, it has been a pleasure serving with everyone on the Guild Council! Despite the many screw ups and delays with the agenda we managed to achieve so much and have a little bit of fun along the way.

To the incoming exec team, good luck. Being an exec is hard work but so rewarding. I know you will do the best you can for Curtin Students and have successes and failures like any other year.

To the outgoing exec team. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and it has been wonderful to see everything we have achieved and failed at together. **WE FUCKING MADE IT!** ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ 🙌