

REPORT FOR GUILD COUNCIL

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Period: 16/5/2025 – 19/6/2025

Travel

- Visited Singapore Campus whilst on Annual Leave – no cost to Guild

Leave

- Wed May 28 – Mon June 9 (Annual Leave)

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Summary

I've been on leave for a large chunk of this reporting period, but the work of the Guild has continued. We are making strong progress on developing a better food security framework for our students, have continued pushing for student housing and have seen the incredible news that Curtin has cut ties with Ben Gurion University.

On the academic front, our reps on Academic Board were able to push through significant amendments to the Assessment and Student Progression Manual and are pushing hard for universal submission times. We have also made amendments to the Academic Calander to bring the first tuition free week earlier in Semester 1 after what was a rough semester for many students this year.

In Solidarity,

Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/5/25	Vice Chancellor	Monthly meeting, food insecurity was discussed
19/5/25	Curtin Foreign Risk Team	Introductory meeting in light of the conflict in India and Pakistan
22/5/25	Academic Board Executive	
30/5/25	Academic Board	Called in from Singapore campus
10/6/25	University Council Strategy Day	
11/6/25	Coordinator, Students as Partners	Monthly meeting
12/6/25	Chief Student Services Officer w/ PSC President	Discussion on Commonwealth Paid Pracs
17/6/25	Curtin Volunteers	Discussion regarding how they managed the Curtin Community Pantry
18/6/25	Vice Chancellor	
18/6/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/5/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
20/5/25	Managing Director	Discussion around ECA negotiations
20/5/25	VPA, VPSW, Womens Officer & Queer Officer	Period product dispenser program check-in
20/5/25	Executive Meeting	
20/5/25	Secretary & Deputy Chair of GC	Discussion about regulation changes for an Ethnocultural Officer
21/5/25	Managing Director & David Price	Strategic Planning Pre-Meeting
22/5/25	Exec, Managing Director, David Price and Deputy Chair of GC	Strategic Planning Session
22/5/25	Guild Council	
23/5/25	Foodbank WA visit and tour w/ VPSW	
23/5/25	VPE, PSC President and Student Assist Officers	ASPM Draft discussion
26/5/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
26/5/25	Manager, Student Engagement	Weekly Meeting
12/6/25	Murdoch Guild President w/ VPSW	Discussion about the Murdoch Food Bank
16/6/25	David Price	Discussion on Strategic Plan consultations
16/6/25	Operations Committee	The committee resolved to move monthly meetings to the week after Guild Council
17/6/25	Executive Meeting	
19/6/25	Representation Board	

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
12/6/25	Launch of Curtin Centre for Applied Ethics	
12/6/25	VC All Staff Forum	

Matters of Representation

Curtin cuts ties with Ben Gurion University

I am pleased to report that Curtin University has cut ties with Ben Gurion University in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between Curtin University and the Student Guild, which was signed following the Curtin Gaza Solidarity Encampment.

Until recently, Curtin University had an exchange partnership with Ben Gurion University, a public Israeli institution.

Israeli universities operate under an illegal system widely recognised as apartheid and are currently under investigation by the International Court of Justice and United Nations for genocide and ethnic cleansing. These universities are deeply linked to the Israeli military and often contribute to human rights violations, with some even located on illegal settlements.

We believe continuing such partnerships risks Curtin's complicity in these violations and places exchange students in unsafe and unethical situations. The Curtin Student Guild believes strongly in upholding human rights and international law— especially where our students and education are involved. It is unjust for students to benefit from ties with institutions that play an active role in what has been described as scholasticide —the systematic destruction of education.

We commend Curtin University for ending this partnership and reaffirm our commitment to advocating for justice and accountability.

Academic Reforms

Guild reps on Academic Board have secured several amendments to the now new Assessment and Student Progression Manual. These amendments are:

- Securing that students will receive feedback for centrally scheduled examinations no later than the result release date and to ensure that students doing any assessment (other than an exam) during exam period will get their feedback no later than 20 working days after the due date or individual submission date (whichever is the later).
- Ensuring that decisions on assessment extensions are consistent when someone asks for an extension across multiple units.
- Protecting the Guild's role in the Student Progress Appeals Committee. Student Assist, as part of the Guild, provides an independent perspective that helps ensure decisions are made in accordance with relevant academic policies and procedural fairness. Our presence supports transparency and helps build trust in the integrity of the process.

In addition to this, reps on Academic Board are working to secure an earlier tuition free week in Semester 1 after a rough semester this year. The tuition free weeks do vary more in Sem 1 thanks to Easter. This year the first TFW was in Week 8. In 2026 it'll be in Week 8, 2027 in Week 7 and 2028 in Week 5.

Thank you to Mitch and Ben for working hard to secure these significant wins.

Student Housing Concerns

I have met with several students over the past month regarding concerns with the safety of student accommodation on campus, particularly the older, pre-Exchange UniLodge properties. There is a report of an incident where a bike was stolen from accommodation from an assailant with an axe.

I've met with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and the Director of Accommodation and Community Services to discuss this with the position to increase security (fencing, gates, cameras and lighting) to prevent anyone being able to access the doors of accommodation. There is no commitment from the university to do this at this stage, which is unfortunate.

I have written to the DVCA with the aim to get a formal response regarding this and the issue regarding air conditioning in accommodation, but a response has not been received as of yet.

Food Security on Campus

The VPSW and I have met with Foodbank WA, the Murdoch Student Guild, the Vice Chancellor, DVCA and Curtin Volunteers throughout the design process of a model to improve food security on campus.

We are finalising a model which will involve Foodbank WA supplying a small emergency pantry on campus to be coupled with holistic support and referral to Foodbank through Student Assist. I'm looking forward to sharing more with Council once we work through the logistics.

Guild Operations**Strategic Plan Development**

The Executive, Managing Director, Chair and Deputy Chair of Guild Council and Consultant David Price held a strategic planning session on May 22. A draft plan has been circulated to all elected student reps on Guild Council and the Representation Board alongside a survey and I would encourage all councillors to complete and provide your thoughts.

If any member of Council wishes to have a longer discussion with me, please reach out and I'd be happy to chat.

Spaces Proposal

I have been working with the Managing Director on a plan to see the spaces proposal endorsed at the last meeting come to fruition. We intend on meeting with a designer to discuss options once I return from NUS Edcon.

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
26 th May	Student Conduct Rules Meeting	F2F
26 th May	ASPM Follow Up – Academic Registrar	F2F
30 th May	Academic Board	F2F
3 rd June	Courses Committee	F2F
9 th June	Learning & Student Experience Committee	F2F

Guild Meetings/Events (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
20 th May	Guild Executive Meeting	F2F
21 st May	Assessment Feedback Fac Reps Meeting	F2F
22 nd May	Strategic Planning Session	F2F
23 rd May	VPE x Sci Eng Rep Meeting	F2F
29 th May	VPE x FBL Rep Meeting	F2F
29 th May	VPE x Humanities Rep Meeting	F2F
3 rd June	Guild Executive Meeting	F2F

Further Notes:

I was on Annual Leave from the 5th of June onwards

Academic Board:

While reviewing the Academic Board agenda in preparation of the meeting as well as curiosity if our feedback had been considered, it became apparent that feedback provided by Student Assist, all Faculty Representatives, the Postgraduate President, and myself had not been considered or reflected in the documentation or recommendations presented. After confirming this omission, Dylan reached out directly to Dale Pinto, the Chair of the Academic Board, to request that we be allowed to bring up the issue during the meeting, speak to the feedback we had submitted, and ideally push for the necessary changes.

Due to the timing of my Student Conduct Rules Meeting, I was able to easily catch up with Jon Yorke (Academic Registrar) face to face, to flag our concerns and ensure that he was aware of the value we

had placed on the feedback provided through several meetings spanning multiple weeks. Through a series of emails, Jon requested that Dylan, Mitch, and I outline the urgent changes we wanted prioritised, so that these issues could be addressed as a matter of priority.

At the Academic Board meeting itself, we were able to secure several key outcomes for students. Firstly, we successfully advocated for the protection of Final Assessment Feedback, ensuring that students will continue to have access to feedback on their performance in final assessments. We also ensured consistency in the granting of assessment extensions, seeking to ensure that all students are treated fairly and that extension processes are applied uniformly across faculties and units. Additionally, we were able to confirm that Student Assist will continue to play a role in Student Progress Appeals Panels, maintaining an important avenue for a different bipartisan independent view at these panels.

Mitch also raised the important issue of the approval timeline for future academic calendars, particularly in relation to the placement and timing of tuition-free weeks. He argued for the approval process to be pushed back by at least a month to allow for more thorough consultation and to address concerns around student and staff burnout caused by the current structure. This suggestion was well received by the Board, with one academic member explicitly acknowledging not only the impact on their own workload but also on the wellbeing of students, I look forward to updating everyone on that next meeting.

Learning and Student Experience Committee:

This LSEC had me presenting the Guild Update to Academics in a presentation that could be described as a watered down version of the Annual report, there was only a question raised on the new Student Kitchen, it's purpose, location and how many microwaves.

Faculty Rep Meetings:

I am often kept up to date more than just fortnightly from most representatives, where I am debriefed after meetings they have with the University and that keeps me across the board before any agenda items arrive in LSEC or Courses Committee. I want to just highlight the reps and how much I appreciate their constant open communication.



Vice President – Activities (Acting)

June – Guild Council Report (15/05/2025 – 26/06/2025)

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University/External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings)

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/05/25	VPA x Events Meeting	
	Period Product Program Check In	
	Exec Meeting	
	Comms Meeting	
21/05/25	Snack Cart Run	
22/05/25	Budget Review	
	Strategic Planning Session	
23/05/25	Inflatable World + The Cooldown	
26/05/25	Catch Up Meeting	W Maryanne, Dylan
27/05/25	Stress Less	Breakfast Run
	VPA X Events Meeting	
	Stress Less Week	Snack + Noodle Cart
	Ball Catch Up	
	VPA X Clubs Meeting	
28/05/25	Brinner Collection	
	Stress Less Week	Red Bull + Snacks + Fidgets
	Stress Less Schedule Meeting	W Adib, Caoimhe, Maryanne
	Stress Less Week	Brinner
29/05/25	Stress Less Week	Breakfast Run
	“”	Snacks + Stationary Cart
30/05/25	Stress Less Week	Breakfast Run
	“”	Self Care + Fidgets
03/06/25	VPA x Events Meeting	
	Exec Meeting	
	Stress Less Week	Noodle + Snack Cart
	Collect Brinner Stuff	
	VPA x Comms Meeting	
04/06/25	Inflatable World Debrief	

	Stress Less Week	Self Care + Fidget
	Stress Less Week	Breakfast Run
05/06/25	Stress Less Week	Breakfast Run
	Stress Less Week	Red Bull + Snack Run
06/06/25	Stress Less Week	Brekkie Run
	Stress Less Week	Snacks + Stationary Run
	Handover	
12/06/25	Catch Up Meeting	W Maryanne, Noor
	Applied Ethics Centre Launch	
16/06/2025	Operations Committee	
17/06/25	VPA x Events Meeting	
	Exec Meeting	
19/06/25	VPA x Clubs Meeting	W Shelley, Luke

Further Notes

Topic	Details
Accessibility Matrix	I'm very happy to announce that the Accessibility Matrix is ready to be rolled out by O-Week. The Events Team, Accessibility Officers Lorien and Feliz, and Jacquie working hard to make Guild Events more accessible to students. This matrix works to provide information to people on how accessible an event is and allows people have an informed decision on whether an event is right for them.
Events	
Inflatable World + The Cooldown	Inflatable World was a success despite the weather. Lots of people came down from the library from the library for a much-needed study break. All obstacle courses and activities were busy with queues forming for both the photo booth and the free fairy floss. The success of this event shows us that there is a hunger for more large-scale non-alcoholic events on campus so that more students can participate in Guild events.
Stress Less	Stress Less ran across the first week of exams and during study week with the Guild offering food give aways up to 3 times a day. These giveaways ranged from breakfast to sausage sizzles and pancakes and reintroducing the self-care cart.

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
26/05/2025	University Health and Safety Committee	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
08/05/2025	Executive Meeting	
09/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Accessibility Officer	
13/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
14/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Womens Officer	
14/05/2025	Welfare week chat x Events Team	
15/05/2025	Reps Board #5	
16/05/2025	Meeting BDS Youth x Ethnocultural Collective	
20/05/2025	Period Program Check-in	
20/05/2025	Executive Meeting	
20/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
21/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Womens Officer	
22/05/2025	Meeting Australian Multicultural Foundation	
22/05/2025	Strategic Planning Session	
22/05/2025	Guild Council Board Meeting	
23/05/2025	Foodbank WA tour & meeting	
23/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Accessibility Officer	
27/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
28/05/2025	Meeting Australian Human Rights Commission & Race Commissioner	
03/06/2025	Executive Meeting	
04/06/2025	Menstrual Mondays: Queer + Womens	
12/06/2025	Meeting with Murdoch Guild President	

Leave Taken:

None taken

Further Notes:

- Ethnocultural Collective has been established
- Lolly wall is being stocked – vegan + halal
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Guild Meetings/Events (Or Guild-Related Meetings/Events):

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/05	Finance & Risk Committee Meeting	
14/05	Commercial Advisory Committee Meeting	
15/05	Representation Board Meeting #5	
15/05	Guild x Secretariat Meeting	
20/05	Executive Meeting	
22/05	Budget Review	With VP-A
22/05	Strategic Planning Session	with David Price, Vernon, Exec and Chair & Deputy Chair of Guild Council.
22/05	Guild Council Meeting #5	
03/06	Executive Meeting	
06/04	Guild Executive Meeting	
12/06	Launch of the Curtin Centre for Applied Ethic	
12/06	Student Engagement x VPA meeting	With Maryanne and Bridget
16/06	Operations Committee	
19/06	Representation Board Meeting #6	

Leave Taken:

None

Further Notes:

Over the past few weeks, I've continued with the day-to-day responsibilities of the Secretary role. Processing reimbursements and payment requests, reviewing timesheets and budgets, and assisting with payroll and governance matters such as preparing agendas, reviewing minutes, and tracking actions. I've also maintained the Conflict of Interest Register and kept attendance records for Guild Council and Representation Board meetings.

Alongside these ongoing duties, I've been working closely with Jacquie, the outgoing Vice President - Activities, to finalise representative and event budgets for the coming semester. As Jacquie stepped down, we supported the incoming VP-A to get up to speed with where things were at and what still needed to be done.

It's also been a busy period for the Executive more broadly, with several club-related matters requiring attention. Including pending approvals, appeals, and registrations that the Clubs team have helped us with.

Much of this has taken place during the exam period, which added to the intensity of the workload. Despite that, I've begun making progress on some of the larger, more time-consuming tasks that I hadn't had capacity to tackle earlier in the semester, including reviewing remuneration decisions ahead of the upcoming tribunal submission deadline, rewriting committee constitutions, and reviewing Guild regulations and by-laws to identify necessary changes to support the introduction of a new equity role.

With the semester break now underway, I'm aiming to bring some of this work to Council soon.