

**REPORT FOR
REPRESENTATION BOARD**

Guild President Dylan Storer (he/him)

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- WASM Guild (Kalgoorlie) | Mar 4 – Mar 7

Leave

- N/A

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Summary

I'm writing this report on the train back from Kalgoorlie! It's been a busy month - now ticking over 120 meetings, activities and engagements I've had as the Guild President. Every day that I have the opportunity to work alongside our amazing exec, reps and staff is something I don't take for granted.

We're doing an incredible job in advocating for students and that is something that will continue throughout the 56th Guild Council and beyond!

I have written at length in regard to academic freedom in this report so please to take the time to engage with this important subject. I'm very proud of the work that the Guild has done in light of the recent Universities Australia decision and hope that it provides some level of comfort for academic freedom at our institution. With that said, the concerted efforts to attack these freedoms is something that our Guild needs to stand against.

Looking forward to answering your questions!

In Solidarity,

Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/2/25	Janet Smith (Curtin Properties)	Tour of proposed locations of period product dispensers on campus
21/2/25	Academic Board	
26/2/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic	Monthly meeting. Discussed club funding matter, academic freedom and UA antisemitism definition (discussed further below).
27/2/25	Vice Chancellor & Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic w/ Guild Managing Director	Monthly meeting. Resolved club funding matter and discussed the need for Curtin to defend academic freedom in light of the UA decision on the definition of antisemitism (discussed further below).
28/2/25	Student Charter Working Sub-Group	A sub-group of the working group established to review the Student Charter. This sub-group will report to the main working group which will create something. ANYWAY, the Guild will write the first draft of the new Student Charter... should we set up a working group to do that?
6/3/25	Kalgoorlie Wellbeing Advisor	A great meeting discussing issues that students in Kalgoorlie are facing. Of particular note is a lack of accommodation leading to compounding issues. We also discussed how we can further promote and integrate Guild Student Assist into Kalgoorlie following Student Assist Officer Myles' visit to campus the week prior.
6/3/25	Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre	Meeting regarding the Youth in Focus event and report launch I will be MC'ing next week.
7/3/25	Curtin Kalgoorlie Campus Director	Wonderful to meet with Tanya and to go over a number of issues that she and her

		team has been working hard on in Kalgoorlie. Tanya is deeply committed to the Guild providing decent representation, support and community-building services to the Curtin Kalgoorlie community and I'm looking forward to working with her and our Kalgoorlie President, Nilmer, to see many of these great ideas become a reality.
11/3/25	Acting Director of Events w/ VPA	Discussion regarding how we can work with the uni events team.
12/3/25	University Council	
13/3/25	Curtin Careers & Curtin Volunteering w/ VPE	Discussion around how the Guild can facilitate increased career development opportunities with the Curtin Careers team. Also a discussion about opportunities with Curtin Volunteers along with a discussion about the Curtin Community Pantry (see below).
17/3/25	Student Charter Working Sub-Group w/ VPSW	Discussed below.
18/3/25	Student Services Amenities Fee Advisory Committee	I serve as Deputy Chair of this committee which oversees the SSAF allocations. This meeting was mostly related to learning from the reports from the 2024 year.
18/3/25	University Librarian	A great discussion with Kylie Percival about the library and the programs they are offering, particularly efforts to reduce reliance on expensive textbooks for courses.
20/3/25	Academic Board Executive	
20/3/24	Vice Chancellor	Monthly meeting. Discussed matters including academic freedom and food security on campus.

Guild Meetings

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26/2/25	Managing Director, Manager - Student Experience and Manager - Student Assist	Discussion around admin and reception requirements in the Guild
27/2/25	Manager - Student Assist	Discussion around Student Charter review working group
27/2/25	Coben Foster Guild Council Induction	
27/2/25	Guild Council	
4/3/25	Guild Kalgoorlie Branch President	
5/3/25	Managing Director	
5/3/25	Finance & Risk Committee	
5/3/25	WASM Social Club President	Very positive discussion regarding securing the future of the Social Club in Kalgoorlie and how the Guild can assist in facilitating that in light of Curtin's request for additional oversight.

5/3/25	NUS National Executive	
6/3/25	Kalgoorlie Branch President, Secretary & VPE	Branch planning for 2025
17/2/25	Managing Director	
17/2/25	Manager - Student Assist	
19/2/25	NUS President & NUS General Secretary	Visiting Perth as part of O-Week tour of country
20/2/25	Representation Board	
17/2/25	Managing Director	
17/2/25	Manager - Student Engagement	
17/2/25	NTEU Campus Committee	
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10/3/25	Managing Director	
10/3/25	Manager Student Engagement	
10/3/25	Managing Director	Discussion regarding our leases
10/3/25	Clubs Hub Promotional Campaign Discussion	
11/3/25	Dr Bret Hart & Amie Furlong	Discussion regarding Foundations for Tomorrow.
12/3/25	University Council Reception	
13/3/25	Representation Board	
14/3/25	Managing Director & Cr David Philips	Commercial financial reporting walkthrough
14/3/25	Ella Marchionda	Discussion around academic freedom and the Curtin Guild supporting the UWA campaign for freedom of speech.
17/3/25	Managing Director	
17/3/25	Manager Student Experience	
17/3/25	Manager Student Experience & Manager Student Assist	Higher Education news meeting
19/3/25	ALLY Training	Thank you to the Queer Officer, Morgan for organising.
19/3/25	Manager Student Assist	

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
28/2/25	UnionsWA International Women's Day Rally	
28/2/25	Guild Toga Party	
6/3/25	Student Networking Night	
13/3/25	Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Youth in Focus Report Launch	I was MC for this event
18/2/25	NUS State Branch Meeting	

Matters of Representation

Attacks on Academic Freedom

I'm very concerned of the concerted push from many universities in this country to implement rushed and blanket restrictions on the rights of students and staff. We have seen concerning recommendations coming out of the parliamentary inquiry into antisemitism at Australian universities which include political interference into research funding and the possibility of a judicial inquiry into these matters, we have seen the attacks on student announcements recently announced at GO8 universities such as UWA and we have seen the Universities Australia definition of antisemitism leave the door wide open for universities to discipline students for criticising Israel and Zionism.

It is important to note that much of this repression is being initiated by the Group of 8 universities but many other institutions are falling in line.

I can't stress enough how disturbing this situation is and how utterly disappointing - but not surprising - it is. Universities need to be bastions of academic freedom. Once we lose this, we will never get it back. It's concerning the speed of which many universities are prepared to throw all of this out of the window, it's not good enough and student unions need to stand up to defend our rights.

The week of the Universities Australia announcement consisted of a strong and concerted effort from myself and the Exec to seek clarification from Curtin University regarding Curtin's plans to implement this definition. On the day of the announcement, I wrote to the Vice Chancellor expressing that the Guild, as outlined in the MOU we signed after the encampment, does and will oppose any policy that silences criticism of Israel and Zionism and impacts on academic freedom. That day, I also expressed the Guild's concerns in-person to the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic.

The following day, I met with the Vice Chancellor and DVCA and expressed the same sentiments. I am pleased that, during that discussion, the Vice Chancellor confirmed that Curtin does not view criticism of Israel and Zionism as Antisemitic and that Curtin will not discipline any student who engages in criticism of Israel and Zionism along with an expression that students and staff need to be involved in the implementation of any definition. I expressed that it was important that this be placed on the record, for the peace of mind of students who felt under pressure from this announcement and, thus, the Guild published a statement stating our views on this matter and the Vice Chancellor's views and commitments.

I must say that this is very much still a live issue and the Guild must always defend academic freedom for students and staff at Curtin and in all campuses. I am concerned that, at the time of writing, that it appears the Curtin Guild is one of two student unions to make a statement on this issue (props to UTS!) and the NUS has also not made a statement on this. This is a time where freedom of political

communication is under sustained attack and I think it's important that all student unions put aside differences and work together to stand up and fight back.

The speed of which the Curtin Guild was able to secure vital assurances from the Vice Chancellor is in large part thanks to the strength and professionalism of our Guild and was strengthened further by the MOU signed after the encampment which makes clear that the Guild is opposed to policy like this.

We must remain vigilant and we will.

Student Charter Review

The Vice Chancellor has initiated a review of the Student Charter, which is being led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic). Initially, I was the only Guild representative set to be represented on the Working Group but, following engagement with the DVCA, was able to secure greater Guild representation (two Student Assist Officers as well as the VPE and VPSW) and an understanding that the university and Guild will work genuinely collaboratively, in the spirit of the Student Partnership Agreement, on this project.

The working group has formed a new sub-group, which has met several times. The Guild wrote the first draft of the new Charter which is now being worked through this process.

Housing Campaign

The Turn Down the Heat petition has reached over 700 signatures, indicating this is an issue that is pertinent for students in accommodation. We are working on channels of communication with UniLodge to present this petition ahead of launching phase two of this larger campaign.

Reps are currently running BBQ and discussion sessions at accommodations so that students can express concerns or issues they're facing in accommodation which we'll compile and put into a report with recommendations we will advocate for.

Whilst I was in Kalgoorlie, I visited the Agricola student accommodation that Curtin directly operates (not UniLodge - thank god!) and I can't express how nice the facilities are for less than the price of accommodation in Perth (and every room has aircon!). The big issue for accommodation in Kalgoorlie is there simply isn't enough and I'm keen to work with the Kalgoorlie Branch on advocacy around this matter moving forward.

Inquiry into University Governance

The Guild made a submission into the Senate Inquiry into University Governance. I have attached it at the end of this report for your information.

Guild Operations

Kalgoorlie Branch in 2025

I and Science & Engineering Rep Cooper had a bloody brilliant time in Kalgoorlie working with our incredibly motivated Kalgoorlie Branch Committee. Observations and discussion below;

- **Guild Precinct** | The Guild consists of an office, some storage rooms, a gym, a currently unused kitchen and sub-leases out a bar area to the WASM Social Club. There is a desire from the branch committee to clean up the kitchen and open as a student kitchen and common room, to set up a room as a Women's Room, to consolidate storage, clean up and upgrade the gym (discussed further below) and set up an office space for Student Assist

(discussed further below). There is also a need for refreshed and updated signage to increase awareness of the Guild and update the logos. I'm very confident that these projects can be done in a very cost effective manner and that they will all benefit the students of Kalgoorlie.

- **Gym** | The Guild Gym in Kalgoorlie is a well utilised space that is included in a tier of membership that the branch promotes. Access is hyper affordable at \$15 a month. There are some issues with the age of the equipment and the general condition of the room. The committee will work with the university to attain a risk assessment, a maintenance plan and the implementation of a safety induction for users of the facility.
- **Student Assist** | There is a lack of knowledge of Student Assist in Kalgoorlie. The Guild used to have a Student Assist Officer based in Kalgoorlie and the campus is keen to explore ways for us to promote our services and programs to Kalgoorlie students. An option that has been canvased includes re-establishing the Student Assist office on campus in the Guild building for officers to use when visiting campus but also as a private space that students can use to videoconference Student Assist. I'm eager to discuss how we can establish this but the campus is happy to assist with this if we decide to go down this path.
- **Activities** | The committee is eager to explore smaller events they can run in conjunction with their larger events and we will set up a meeting to discuss ideas.
- **Representation** | The committee is setting up feedback sessions for students to discuss courses with staff. We would be eager to get any information gathered during that process. We also need to make a conscious effort to better engage with Kalgoorlie on academic matters and seek their input and expertise. Ultimately, academic policy is set in Perth so we are still the primary forum for academic advocacy and effective representation
- **Governance** | The Guild Council will need to decide if it wishes to initiate a review of changes to the committee constitution. Of particular concern is regarding the representation of non-WASM students on the Guild (and whether the name should remain the 'WASM Guild' as opposed to 'Curtin Kalgoorlie Guild' to better encompass all members) and also building in more continuity into the branch where there currently isn't.
- **Student Clubs** | We need to have more conversations around the governance of student clubs in Kalgoorlie. The university has made it clear that all student clubs need to be Guild affiliated if they are to operate on campus but we need to work through how this will logistically work and be as easy and simple for clubs as possible.
- **WASM Social Club** | I had a good meeting with the President of the WASM Social Club, Trent. The Guild is committed to backing the Social Club's future as it's an important element of the student experience in Kalgoorlie. With that said, the club is not affiliated with the Guild and the university would like it to be that way if it is to renew our lease over that part of the Guild building in Kalgoorlie. I am eager to work on a way forward that protects the Social Club's identity and its existence.

There are many exciting years ahead for the Curtin Kalgoorlie campus and I'm excited to work alongside the committee to represent them and get the best deal possible for students out there. The increased offering of courses that expand beyond mining is exciting for the region and the campus has the potential to grow into a leading multidisciplinary regional tertiary institution that will make Kalgoorlie a better and stronger place. It's important that students are represented in this process and that students have access to all the support that they need to thrive. The Guild will work to do just that.

Guild Win: Period Product Dispenser Program

We have secured 50/50 funding with the university for the provision of free period products to students on our campuses up to a maximum of \$15,000 for the year. We have also overcome the

hurdles of the property approvals process at Curtin and have approval for all dispensers to be placed which they will be ahead of this meeting.

It's fantastic that this is now in place and it is a service that will be utilised by many Curtin students for hopefully many years to come.

Guild Win: Clubs Funding

For several years, the university has approved a \$20,000 grant for the Guild to disseminate to student clubs for events. Unfortunately, the COO had indicated to the Guild that this funding will not be renewed for 2025.

After a concerted effort where I raised this concern at Academic Board and with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, I am pleased to say that the Vice Chancellor has agreed with the DVCA and COO that the funding will remain in place for 2025, which will be welcome news to many clubs and societies.

Food Security & Curtin Community Pantry

Curtin Volunteers, which has organised the Curtin Community Pantry for several years has indicated that it will be moving to a voucher model (5x \$50 supermarket vouchers a week). The Guild is concerned that this may not meet the demand for food security support at Curtin and I have expressed that the Guild may be interested in taking on the pantry as a student service moving forward. Any further discussion on this will come to Council but I will begin exploring options with Guild Staff and the university. The Vice Chancellor has been made aware of this and I am buoyed by preliminary support for the concept of increased food security programs on campus.



Dylan Storer

56th Guild President

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/02/25	Academic Board Induction	
21/02/25	Academic Board	
04/03/25	Courses Committee Meeting	
04/03/25	Students for Partners Catch Up	
10/03/25	Learning and Student Experience Committee	

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

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/02/25	O-Day	Stall dedicated to getting signatures for Turn Down the Heat Campaign.
20/02/25	Guild Council	
25/02/25	Exec Meeting	
26/02/25	Sausage Sizzle @ Vickery House	More to happen in coming weeks.
28/02/25	VPE x SciEng Rep Meeting	N/A
03/03/25	VPE x Humanities Rep Meeting	F2F
03/03/25	VPE x FBL Rep Meeting	Online
11/03/25	Exec Meeting	

Further Notes:

Topic

Details

Events

Reps

Meeting with Reps has now been locked in for fortnightly with the exception of Health Sciences not having chosen a date and time to work. Post Grad to be a report in when necessary system.

LSEC

I raised concerns about the latest Equity Report, which highlights a serious gap in course retention rates for First Nations students. The numbers are pretty alarming—First Nations students are

staying in their courses at a rate of just 58.18%, compared to the overall retention rate of 78.44%. ECU stands out as having the biggest gap, with a 7.74% difference (70.03% for First Nations students versus 77.77% overall). This issue isn't just about retention—it's also reflected in pass rates. First Nations students have a pass rate of only 62.97%, which is shockingly low compared to the overall student pass rate of 84.62%. No other university in WA shows such a drastic gap. The closest comparison is UWA, where the difference is much smaller (76% for First Nations students compared to 89.53% overall). These numbers suggest there's a deeper issue at play, and it's something that needs urgent attention.

Further on LSEC another issue is the concerning yet not as egregious drops for Regional, Rural and Remote Students for both retention and passing rate.

When queried about this issue the general consensus was this is bad, but we are unsure as to why, I have requested this to be followed up on and should have an answer after next LSEC meeting.

I also queried the Deadnaming Report where the new LGBTQIA+ Working Group is as it is less than 20 days until the proposed window to create the working group closes, this will also be followed up on.

Post-Grad Rep

As of the most recent Guild Council. Mitchell Craig is now the acting Post Graduate President Representative.

Was Sick 17th to 19th of March

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
03/02/25	Guild Rep for Graduation Stage Party	
04/03/25	FBL Dean International Interview	
05/03/25	FBL Dean International Interview	
11/03/25	University Events	Claudia Rayne
13/03/25	Place Activation Events	
18/03/25	RespectFest meeting with Tahni	
20/03/25	Sustainable Development Week – VPSW Stall set up	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
13/02/25	Clubs & VPA Meeting	
17/02/25	Interviews x 5	
19/02/25	O-Day	
20/02/25	Friends Speed Dating – O-Week	
25/02/25	WAAC - Condoms	
25/02/25	Exec Meeting	
25/02/25	Recycling Hub meeting with Colin Sinclair - Library	
05/03/25	Budgeting with Noor	
06/03/25	VPA / Clubs meeting	
10/03/25	Mind Mojo	Doughnut giveaway
11/03/25	Mind Mojo	Aussie Animals
11/03/25	Student Meeting	
11/03/25	Events / VPA Meeting	
11/03/25	Exec Meeting	
11/03/25	Toga Debrief	
11/03/25	Café Connect	
11/03/25	VPA / Student Engagement	

12/03/25	Global Village	
13/03/25	Mind Mojo	Craft – Bag Charm
13/03/25	O-Day debrief	
13/03/25	VPSW / VPA catch up	
14/03/25	Mind Mojo	Doughnut giveaway
18/03/25	VPA / Events Catch up	
18/03/25	VPA / Clubs Meeting	
19/03/25	Student Meeting	
19/03/25	Queer Officer – Pride	
19/03/25	All Fac Reps – Inter-Faculty event	Scavenger Hunt

Leave Taken:

26/02/2025 – 28/02/2025 – Leave / TOIL

Further Notes:

Topic	Details
	Events
O-Day	All reps delivered fantastic stalls at O-Day. There was a high level of engagement. The President’s dunk tank was particularly popular amongst students.
Guild Events	Guild events calendar has been finalised.
International Women’s Day	Bridget (Women’s Officer) worked hard and saw the delivery of a successful stall day for International Women’s Day. Morgan (Queer Officer) and Lorien (Accessibility Officer) had stall next to Bridget’s. Clubs were involved, Women in Business and Women in Mining clubs came and Women in Engineering hosted a sausage sizzle. There was also small businesses and sexual health information as well. The event saw a high level of engagement.
Mind Mojo	Mind Mojo was delivered in week 3. 2 doughnut giveaways were popular on the Monday and Friday. The Aussie animals were very popular with a significant line and lots of student engagement. The craft session was more low key and we saw over 150 students come and make charms.

At Curtin's *Global Village* event the Guild hosted 2 stalls.

Huzaifa the ISC President held a stall with committee members where they had interactive games and prizes.

Global Village

There was a generic Guild stall where we gave out student diaries, planners, Student Assist flyers, Health Services on campus flyers and SA/SH reporting and support options flyers the Guild made.

We pushed for there to be a sun safety education piece at the event – with no responses from Cancer Council we were able to get a Cetaphil rep to step in. There was strong engagement and interest on this topic and I will endeavour to get a stronger sun safety education piece delivered in other Guild events this semester and next semester.

ISC / PSC Sundowner

The ISC and PSC Presidents are delivering a joint Sundowner event on Friday the 21st of March.

In light of Ramadan we have ensured that half of the food is delivered after 6.30pm and is Halal and/or vegetarian.

Clubs Carnival

Clubs Carnival is set to be delivered on Wednesday the 26th March. We expect to see a high level of student turnout and engagement.

Projects

Accessibility Matrix

I worked with Carla last year as VPSW in conjunction with the 2024 Accessibility Officer and Queer Officer on the Accessibility Matrix. This has been delivered this year and we are applying the matrix to Guild events to empower students to make an informed decision on their attendance to events. Giving them the information on sensory experiences, physical accessibility of the event etc.

Sustainability Matrix

I plan on developing a *Sustainability Matrix* for Guild events – sort of like a checklist of ways we can reduce the environmental impact of events & activities. From this I also want to develop a 'watered down' version for clubs to be able to use for their events. This will be a collaborated project between the VPA and VPSW.

Sustainability Grant

Following on from the *Sustainability Matrix for Clubs* I intend to propose a *Sustainability Grant* that clubs can apply for if they show what steps they are taking to reduce the environmental impact of their events or how the event benefits the environment (e.g. Beach Clean Up, opting to use alternatives from single use items, etc). This grant would assist clubs to pay for more sustainable options, which sometimes come at an increased cost. This will be a collaborated project between the VPA and VPSW.

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/02	Mental Health & Resilience in Students Reference Group (1/25)	
28/02	Student Charter Working Sub-Group	Attended with Dylan Storer
17/03	Student Charter Working Sub-Group	Draft was proposed, written by CSG
17/03	With Properties Rep for Sustainable Development Week	RE Guild representation at Sustainable Development Week
18/03	Universal Design Sub Committee Meeting 1	Attended on behalf of Accessibility Officer – inaugural meeting for 2025

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/02	Representation Board Meeting #2	
25/02	Guild Executive Meeting	
27/02	Student Charter Discussion	RE: approaching the student charter
27/02	Meeting with student RE multifaith concerns – drop-in sessions	
27/02	Guild Council #2	
28/02	Meeting with student RE multifaith concerns – drop-in sessions	
11/03	Executive Meeting	
12/03	Attending UWA Meeting RE ban on lecture announcements	Attendance was important despite this being at UWA, as these crackdowns are happening nationwide and the assumption cannot be that this would not happen at Curtin
12/03	RE FBL student concerns	I could not attend this meeting as my previous meeting (at UWA) ran over time. I organised the meeting with the VPE, FBL Rep and Accessibility Rep. VPE chaired meeting.
13/03	Representation Board Meeting #3	
14/03	Meeting with Clubs Support team RE club matter	Details are confidential as they are yet to be resolved, and involve specifics
17/03	Circle 8 meeting RE smart bins	With Mark from Circle 8. Discussed possible third partner for project
18/03	Queer Officer x VPSW Meeting	Vatch-up meeting with Queer Officer

Leave Taken:

None Taken

Further Notes:

Item	Details
Safe Space for students observing Ramadan	Curtin's Multifaith Officer alerted me that students were approaching her asking her to book spaces so they could eat/take their medications. These students either were breastfeeding, pregnant, menstruating or had medical conditions that religiously exempted them from fasting. They were uncomfortable with doing this in the open however as it made personal business public. The Guild has booked a space for the month of Ramadan for this purpose. I blacked out the windows using gift wrapping, and cleaned the old STA space which now sits for this purpose.
Lolly wall – dietary requirements	Since the motion was passed at the last Guild Council, an audit is being made of the dietary information of the lolly's in Gmart's lolly wall. The percentage was set to at least 30% of lollies being either vegan and halal. Currently we may have to find a supplier different to the current supplier for the lollies by the looks of it, however we are still confirming. I would like to thank Vernon for assisting with this too.
Smart bins – Circle 8	Containers for Change are no longer going to be a partner on the project, however Red Bull have been identified as the sole beverage partner for the next 6 months after it is launched. An app is also being developed. Meetings RE this project are not clearly marked, as they have involved lengthy calls or emails based on need.
Curtin Sustainable Development Week	The VPSW has been strongly involved with Curtin's action plan for sustainability, and therefore was invited to display representation of some sort at Curtin's Sustainable Development Week. The VPA has been helping me with this. This will take place on the 20 th of March, with a soft launch of our smart bins and recycling hub.
Multifaith drop-ins	I have begun meeting with students RE multifaith concerns as there is a big lack with regards to this area. This is to firstly resolve issues students are experiencing, but also in the lead up to creating the two multifaith spaces, will help me understand student needs best. These drop-in sessions will be publicly launched soon, however at the moment involves me meeting with students I know have experienced issues. Guild's Club Support has been very helpful with this.

UWA restrictions	The new restrictions UWA has informed its staff and students has been severely concerning. This is part of the international shift seeing freedom of speech stifled in response to foreign policy which Australia shares interest in. This observation is in response to the nature of the restrictions. The meeting at UWA was attended by myself and the Humanities Representative.
Universities Australia: Response	This was covered in depth during the last Representation Board Meeting. In light of the difficult times, I am happy with how the Chancellory has reponded and am pleased they understand the weight of what this means.
Containers for Change deposit	A deposit was made to Containers for Change which saw 400-500 cans/bottles deposited, and around \$40 returned to the Guild.
Student Charter	The Chancellory has determined the Student Charter should be reviewed. A sub-working group with myself and the president has seen us ensure student concerns come first, such as the concern it will be used for disciplinary measures which we have made clear is not something we would stand for. I am happy with how the meetings/drafts have progressed and believe student representation is especially important on this.
Meetings with Equity Reps	I have moved from meeting with equity reps based on need/request, to setting weekly meetings. This has helped with efficiency.



Secretary

December/January/February – Guild Council Report (20/02/2024 – 20/03/2025)

Noor Fellah (she/her)

Leave

February	20/02/2025-24/02/2025
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18/03/2025	SSAFEAC Meeting 1	

Other Meetings/ Activities

Date	Meeting/Activity	Comments
05/03/2025-18/03/2025	PSC/ISC Election	Was the RO
19/03/2025	Ally Training	Level 3 Ally training organised by Queer Officer

Administration:

PSC/ISC Elections: Successfully ran the Postgraduate Students' Committee (PSC) and International Students' Committee (ISC) (by)elections. We now have a fully constituted PSC committee and a new ISC Health Sciences Representative. Oversaw the election process as Returning Officer, ensuring it ran smoothly and aligned with Guild by-laws and procedures.

Events Budget Collaboration: Began working closely with the Vice President - Activities (Jacquie) to develop and review the events budget. This includes early planning for upcoming Guild events and ensuring appropriate allocations for campaigns and student initiatives.

Ongoing Secretary Duties:

Continued general operations of the Secretary role, including:

- Processing reimbursements and payment requests.
- Reviewing and approving budgets and timesheet submissions.
- Providing support with governance matters including agenda prep, minute review, and action tracking.
- Payroll and assisting with payroll-related queries

Attendance Tracking:

Continued the development of an attendance log for Guild Council and Representation Board meetings to encourage greater accountability and track engagement.

Conflict of Interest Register:

Maintained and regularly updated the Conflict of Interest Register to ensure transparency across Council and committee members.

Policy Documentation:

Progressed with compiling a Guild policy book, which consolidates motions passed by the Representation Board, to support institutional knowledge and smoother handovers for future representatives.

Further Notes:

This reporting period has involved a mix of operational consistency and strategic collaboration. Running the PSC and ISC elections was a rewarding process, and I'm happy that we now have a full PSC and new ISC representation for Health Sciences. Collaborating with the Vice President - Activities on the events budget has been productive, despite a few technical setbacks (the document failed to save multiple times). We're now close to finalising it.

Day-to-day responsibilities like reimbursements, governance support, and ongoing administrative tasks have continued steadily.

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GUILD COUNCIL – 27/03/25

SAFETY REPORT

Submitted: Vernon Thompson (Managing Director)
Moved:
Seconded:

Preamble:

The Guild to discuss and note the Safety Report and determine any actions arising.

Motion:

That the Guild Council **notes** the Safety Report

Safety Performance:

- Safety inspections conducted on time (as % of planned inspections): 100% for February
- Workers' compensation claims (as hours of paid compensation over the past 12 months): 2,142.75 Hours for February

Incidents and Hazards to note:

New items of concern from the Workplace Inspections:

- B104 (GC – Central and Commercial Kitchen), in the larder and wash areas within the kitchen (following the PCB installations undertaken by Curtin), the surface area where of the new lights is not fully re-patched and therefore welcomes entry point for vermin, and a health department issue with exposed ceiling holes from old fittings.
- B104 (GC – Central and Commercial Kitchen), kitchen needs a dust down for food safety requirements.
- B104 (GC – Central and Commercial Kitchen), downstairs reported to be messy and needing a tidy up.
- B106G Southern (Concept Coffee Co.), general dust required around preparation areas for food safety requirements.

Other items reported during the month:

- B104 room 113 (Meeting Room @ Central), there was some wall / roof damage and insect presence within the space, unsure whether an infestation or a structural issue. Reported to Curtin. Determined there were fallen timber slates, the previous adhesive was removed and then glued and fix back onto wall.
- B104 (GC – Central and Commercial Kitchen), drain and ramp outside B104 (bottom of loading ramp) was surrounds and filled with excess debris causing hazard as well as full drain (which causes the grills to pop out when trucks turn in and out of the area). Reported to Curtin, resolved.

- Guild Kitchens, potential hazard reported, there is an open blade on Glad wrap / baking paper boxes (i.e. the ripping / cutting tool on the box). Baking paper boxes were previously plastic, this only changes at the end of last year. After touching based with suppliers, it is thought that potentially suppliers have been required to change due to the plastic ban. This item is currently being investigated

Ongoing items:

- *B104 (GC – Central and Kitchen), cracking in the wall is now appearing in the upper level directly above the location of the lower-level. This has reported to Curtin. – Ongoing*
- *B104 (GC – Central and Kitchen), the render on the chemical storage room walls is bubbling and/or coming loose. This has been reported to Curtin. – Ongoing*
- *B104 (GC – Central and Kitchen), health inspector noted that if the refurbishment of the building next year doesn't go ahead the fridge floors need to be resealed – Returned due to delay in project, item in progress*
- *B104 (GC – Central and Kitchen), downstairs freezer door requires internal glow in the dark sticker / push release or similar. Currently when the door closes the light goes out and cannot identify exactly where the exit door is – Returned due to delay in project, item in progress*
- *B106D (The Retreat), use of space and storage. Planning is underway to consolidate storage and improve ergonomics. – Ongoing*
- *B106G (GMart), storeroom upgrades, intention is to increase width to provide additional storage. – Ongoing*
- *B106F (Guild Admin), air conditioning temperature fluctuations are continuing (an ongoing issue within the building), Curtin has advised that the reason is due to multiple heating pipes failing and leaking underground but that the cooling system is working fine. – Ongoing*

Guild injuries, near misses or hazards reported:

- No new items for February

Ongoing items:

- *B104 (GC – Central and Kitchen) functions fridge, two staff members were putting crates in the fridge, this was done by one individual walking forwards and the other walking backwards. The staff member that was walking backwards did not see a metal railing and tripped. This incident is still under investigation. – Ongoing*
 - Update: Different options are being trialled in location to determine a workable solution, and acquiring a new purpose-built ramp to replace current
- *B106G Southern (Concept Coffee Co.), on the recent 42 degrees temperature day, a staff member got a blood-nose. Noting that for this individual, having a blood-nose occurs often, was not concerned and was happy to continue working once the bleeding ceased. Ice was placed on the staff members neck, and they sat in the air-conditioned office until the bleeding stopped and they felt normal again. The incident report noted that the nosebleed was due to the heat and that the entire team felt ill due to the heat. This incident report is currently still being investigated. – Ongoing*
 - Update: underway is an intended review air-con type and whether additional duct can be installed in kitchen area.

General Safety Update for the Month:

After the February Guild portable fire equipment service, some defects were found, and a few fire extinguishers need to be replaced. For reference, fire extinguishers typically have a 5-year pressure life.