

## Minutes

6:02pm meeting opened

### 1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

*The Curtin Student Guild pays our respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the Bentley Campus is located, the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation; and on our Kalgoorlie Campus, the Wongutha people of the North-Eastern Goldfields. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this university, city and this region.”*

### 2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Dylan Storer, Ben Burgess , Sarina Pun ,  
Callum Baxter, Ryan Kirby, Hamide Kocer, Bridget Clifton, David Phillips, Noor Fellah,  
Ebony Whitney, Emily Lassam, Coben Foster, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Max Zhang
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Ella Marchionda, Saygan Khan
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Jacquie Bicanic, Shiura Yoosuf
- 2.4. Absent;

### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Mitchell Craig declared a conflict of interest regarding item 6.4 concerning the appointment of Mitch Craig as Acting PSC President.

Dylan Storer declared a conflict of interest with item 6.2 due to his position as President of the W.A National Union of Students.

## Motion Regarding Voting Exclusion

A motion was proposed to ensure that members remain present in the chamber while excluding Mitch Craig from voting for the PSC President.

Motion carried.

## **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Circular Resolutions**

### 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21/11/2024, 02/12/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

### 4.2. Circular Resolution

#### 4.2.1 Resolved CGC#01/2025

## **5. Reports**

5.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

5.1.1. Key Performance Indicators - Submitted.

5.2. Vice President – Education –Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

5.2.1. Key Performance Indicators- Submitted

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Member not present. Item postponed to next guild council.

5.3.1. Key Performance Indicators- Submitted

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Razanne Al-Abdeli commended Bridget Clifton's strong and fast response to an incident online. Bridget commented on the threats on social media and said that the man was arrested and released. Razanne warned of the online implications of harassment , gender based violence.

5.4.1. Key Performance Indicators -submitted

5.5. Secretary – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

5.5.1. Key Performance Indicators- Submitted.

5.6. Managing Director- Submitted

5.6.1. Managing Director Business Plan -Submitted. As tabled.

David Phillips asked Vernon Thompson to define the measures of success relating to the business strategy. Vernon said he would take the question on notice and report back at a later date.

There was discussion about the launch of the new club's hub initiative. Vernon Thompson confirmed that Student Experience was working on the launch of the club's hub, and Phase One was now available.

Mitch Craig raised a concern regarding GC library sales, which he said were currently half of what they were in January 2024. Vernon Thompson said would provide a sales update.

Mitch Craig inquired about the 2024 financial situation, noting a \$79k overspend, with \$25k from the representation budget and asked if this included the Block Party delivery. Vernon Thompson said he would take this on notice.

There was discussion about Grok and Dylan Storer said that he and Maryanne are overseeing the publication, with plans to release a print student edition of GROK this year.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Motion carried.

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the submitted KPIs

Moved: Noor Fellah

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Motion Carried.

## **6. Business on Notice**

### **6.1. Safety Report**

**Motion:** That the Guild Council **notes** the Safety Report.

Noor Fellah raised a query about measures implemented to protect employees in Guild outlets during the recent heatwaves. Vernon Thompson explained that the Guild was taking steps to mitigate the effects of extreme heat by providing necessary infrastructure, such as fans and other cooling systems, to support staff.

Ben Burgess asked if there has been an improvement in the state of the student kitchen.

Mitch Craig pointed out that only 90% of the inspections scheduled for January were completed.

Vernon acknowledged that inspections for the Guild Cafe were not completed due to the absence of a team leader and ongoing staffing issues. He also mentioned technical problems with an app affected the process, and that inspections in the admin building were also incomplete. Vernon stated he would take these concerns on notice for further discussion internally.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Motion carried.

## 6.2. NUS Affiliation

**Motion:** That the Guild Council **approve** the 2025 National Union of Students Key Performance Indicators and initial affiliation fee of \$40,000 as recommended by the Representation Board.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Ben Burgess (Vice President Education)

Motion Carried.

Dylan Storer explained that the \$40,000 affiliation fee is based on a proportional amount set by the NUS national executive, calculated per full-time equivalent student. There was discussion about the importance of the NUS, with Hamide highlighting the importance of unionism.

Despite acknowledging some faults within the NUS, Hamide Kocer emphasizing the potential for positive change through student unions.

It was noted that the meeting faced a temporary power cut, causing a brief disruption.

Ebony Whitney raised a question regarding the \$10,000 difference from the previous budget, asking how the Guild planned to allocate the additional funds.

Dylan Storer responded that an additional \$50,000 was set aside for affiliations to external bodies aside from the NUS, including The Council of Australian Postgraduate Association and the Student Experience Network.

## 6.3. Dietary options in the Gmart Lolly Wall

**Motion:** That the Guild Council recommends that the Curtin Student Guild expands the dietary options featured at the Gmart Lolly Wall to contain a sufficient amount of halal and vegan options, with clear labelling of such, and takes measures to prevent cross-contamination of tools such as tongs and scoops

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli (Vice President - Sustainability & Welfare)

Seconded: Max Zhang

There was discussion about having a percentage of lollies being vegan or halal. Razanne spoke about the challenges of understanding the ingredients of the lollies and the benefits of the changes which included making the lolly wall more diverse.

Mitch Craig recommended that the motion be amended. Razaane agreed to the amendment.

**Motion:**

That the Curtin Student Guild expands the dietary options featured at the Gmart Lolly Wall to contain a sufficient amount of halal and vegan options, with clear labelling of such, and takes measures to prevent cross-contamination of tools such as tongs and scoops, in collaboration with the Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

#### 6.4. Appointment of Mitch Craig as Acting PSC President

**Motion:** That the Guild Council **ratify** the appointment of Mitch Craig as Acting Postgraduate Student Committee President, commencing 6/2/2025.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Motion Carried.

### 7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 14/11/2024, 02/12/2024

7.2. Executive Committee – 29/11/2024, 02/12/2024, 04/12/2024, 23/12/2024, 14/01/2025, 20/01/2025, 05/02/2025, 11/02/2025

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 05/02/2025

7.4. Operations Committee – 10/02/2025

7.5. Legal Committee - Nil

Moved: Dylan Storrer

Seconded: Razaane Al-Abdeli

Motion Carried.

## **8. General Bussiness**

Dylan Storer announced that the university had reinstated the \$20,000 funding cut to the Guild allowing for continued support of clubs.

### **Condemnation of Comments made by Coben Foster on Social Media**

Razaane Al-Abdeli condemned Coben Foster's comment made on a Guild social media post dated January 20th, where he mocked the statement that January 26th was not a date to celebrate in solidarity with Indigenous people. Razaane emphasized that this comment contradicted the Guild's objectives and values, as set by a circular resolution passed by an absolute majority regarding Australia Day.

Razaane encouraged all members to act professionally and considerately.

Dylan Storer supported Razaane's condemnation, stating that Coben's comment did not reflect the values of the Guild and must be addressed firmly.

Callum Balter echoed this sentiment, stating that the Guild should maintain unity on such critical issues, especially regarding Aboriginal rights and the protection of Indigenous students.

Coben defended his comment by emphasizing the importance of presenting diverse viewpoints. He clarified that his reference to the celebration of Australia was not intended to necessary harm discussions regarding the treatment of Aboriginal people.

David Storer voiced his disagreement with Coben's explanation regarding his comment.

The discussion highlighted the need for the Guild to reflect on its stance regarding Aboriginal rights and to ensure that it acted in support of Indigenous students.

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be at 6:00 pm on the 20th of March 2025, to be held in the University Council Chambers.

Meeting ended at 7:22pm