

Minutes

Meeting opened 5.30pm

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

“The Curtin Student Guild would like to pay 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; Jasmyne Tweed, Mitch Craig, Veronika Gobba (online), Ryan Kirby (Chair), Ben Burgess, Jacquie Bicanic, Rey Nairn (online), Dylan Storer, Tahni Rowe, Callum Baxter, Sarina Pun (online), Ella Marchionda
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick, Zoe Stevens, Emily Lassam, Rob Vusak, Hamide Kocer
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; David Luketina, Noor Fellah,
- 2.4. Absent; Aleena Shaji, Texa Robin

Jasmyne out of chamber 5.48pm

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Sarina Pun declared a conflict of interest on relation to item 6.2 and Veronika Gobba for item 6.3.

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

023/05/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

A minor correction was noted that Jasmyne Tweed was the chair of the meeting. As well, Ella Marchionda said some minutes were not accurate with regard to the encampment.

4.2. Circular Resolutions

Nil

5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. Ella Marchionda asked if she could give her speaking rights to Hamide Kocer. Ella asked about any updates about the MOU with the university. Jasmyne Tweed said a working group would be established in semester Two. The Guild would be working with academics to review different areas of the university with ties to weapons manufacturing or Israel - especially in the post graduate space. Jasmyne said the Guild had been in talks with the Palestinian Society about semester 2 campaign events. Hamide said that we needed more transparency around the negotiations. Jasmyne said the Guild would update students after each month's Guild Council and Representation Board meetings. Information would be sent to students interested in representation. It was noted that the working group included the Guild President, Vice President Education, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Deputy Vice Chancellor Research. Jasmyne Tweed said that the most appropriate and senior people from the university were on the committee and that the Guild President was the most senior person at the Guild and the Vice President Education was the Chair of the Representation Board and could impart the views of students.

5.1.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As tabled. Ella Marchionda asked about how we would maintain the momentum around the encampment and mobilise students. Veronika Gobba said that work on communications for the defence conference protest was underway and that the Guild was happy to work with Ella.

5.2.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

5.3.1. KPIs Submitted

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

5.4.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.5. Secretary – Submitted. Mitch Craig highlighted communications to clubs about new tax requirements. No questions.

5.5.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.

Motion: That the Guild Council **approves** the May reports.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

Carried

Motion: That the Guild Council **approves** the June reports.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

Motion: That the Guild Council **approves** the submitted KPI mid-year reviews.

Moved: Mitch Craig

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed

Carried

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

Motion: That the Guild Council **note** the Safety Report. Mitch Craig asked a question about

the expanding walls in the Commercial area.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.2.Appointment of Acting Officer

Motion: That the Guild Council **ratify** the appointment of Sarina Pun as Acting International Student Committee President.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.3.NUS Affiliation

Motion: That the Guild Council **approve** a National Union of Students Inc. Affiliation fee of \$38,700 as recommended by the Representation Board.

Moved: Veronika Gobba

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed

Carried

Veronika Gobba said that members of Representation Board were comfortable with the recommendation. Jasmyne Tweed said that while the Guild was affiliating for less we were hosting the NUS conference which required a financial commitment. Rey Nairn asked a question about the matrix. Jasmyne Tweed said the full affiliation fee for the NUS was calculated for a member organisation based on a full-time equivalent student. The Guild applied for a reduction each year.

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1.Representation Board – 16/05/2024

7.2.Executive Committee – 20/05/2024, 30/05/2024

7.3.Finance and Risk Committee – Nil

7.4.Legal Committee – Nil

Motion: That the Guild Council notes the minutes of the boards and committees en bloc.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded:Jacquie Bicanic

Carried

8. General Business

Ella Marchionda spoke about the motion submitted to reinstate ordinary Representation Board members. Ella said that Representation Board discussion was a platform for students. Left action won 30% of votes and yet was not able to have positions on the Representation Board membership. The Chair agreed to allow discussion about the changes to the Representation Board. Jasmyne Tweed spoke about the changes saying that previously Left Action had only one member on the board. Jasmyne said that Left Action and other students could put forward motions now. The Chair reminded people to behave in an orderly manner. Rey Nairn agreed with concerns around the abolition of ordinary Representation Board members saying it was not well thought out or communicated to stakeholders. Hamide Kocer said that these meetings were not democratic as it was difficult for students to raise concerns to the student union. Mitch Craig said there were a couple of ways to raise concerns including emails to Guild representatives and public question time. Ella said there was concern the changes were made to lock out the socialists. Ella requested the decision be reconsidered. Sarina Pun asked why ordinary member positions were abolished. Mitch Craig said there was no job description for ordinary Representation Board members. He said it was better to allow any student to submit motions rather than just the ordinary board members. Rob Vusak recommended opening up the board to all students and keeping the ordinary members. Rey Nairn asked why ordinary Representation Board members did not have clear job roles. Rey said in their opinion the best questions came from ordinary members particularly Left Action. There was discussion about a complaint that public gallery concerns were shut down in last week's Representation Board general business. There was discussion about tactics to support the defence conference protest. Rey Nairn asked for more information about 30 May report regarding accessibility. Rey said we are losing about 20 acrod bays. It was noted that this issue would be added to the action list.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Not carried out

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday 25th July 2024 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5PM on Thursday 18th July 2024 to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed 6.36pm.