



Student Guild of Curtin University

55th Guild Council – Meeting #07

Thursday 25 July 2024

In Council Chambers 100.301

Minutes

Opened 5.32pm

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; Ben Burgess, Jasmyne Tweed (online), Jacquie Bicanic 5.34pm (online), Max Zhang, Aleena Shaji, Rey Nairn, Dylan Storer, Callum Baxter, Tahni Rowe, Noor Fella (5.43pm) online
- 2.2. Others Present; David Luketina, Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Ella Marchionda, Mitch Craig, Veronika Gobba, Serena
- 2.4. Absent; Texa Rose Robin

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. *None*

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 27/06/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Rey Nairn

Seconded: Callum Baxter

Carried

4.2. Circular Resolutions

Nil

5. Reports

- 5.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. Dylan Storer asked about the student charter. How fast was the process and what was the degree of consultation with the Guild and broader student community? Jasmyne Tweed said that the charter had not been updated since 2008. It was written in collaboration with the Guild. There was no documentation of the original consultation process. Jasmyne proposed to write a draft to be taken to the Representation Board and Guild Council. Jasmyne said the process should not take too long. Dylan Storer asked Jasmyne for her reflections and learnings from Edcon. Jasmyne said she would not recommend to tender for Edcon again. NUS planning was not good. Mitch Craig and Jasmyne did most of the work. Jasmyne said good for WA students to be exposed to the NUS. Jasmyne said that NUS was founded by Roger Cook. The workshops were valuable and well attended. Callum Baxter asked whether the embarrassment of Edcon would impact the relationship with the Guild. Jasmyne said that our relationship with NUS was a balancing act and she did not think Edcon would affect the Guild's relationship with the NUS. Unfortunately Edcon showcased the worst parts and worst behaviour of some in the NUS.
- 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Chair said that any queries should be directed to Veronika Gobba via email.
- 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted. As tabled. The chair asked about the succulent giveaway. Jacquie Bicanic said more than 400 plants were given away at O Day and there were 600 responses to containers for changes survey.
- 5.5. Secretary – Submitted.
- 5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. David Luketina said that he was still waiting for the university to respond to the WASM lease. Rey Nairn asked about the trial of

an alternative barbecue supplier. Rey said that feedback suggested that the quality was poor. David said that we would make a decision by the end of semester. He said that there was mixed feedback about the alternative supplier. David said that barbecue prices would not increase. Dylan Storer asked about why clubs were running unauthorised events off campus. David confirmed that the Guild had streamlined processes last year and the response time to clubs had improved. David said that the issue was more of an education process so that clubs understood that they needed to follow due process even for off campus events. Dylan Storer queried that the agenda came out quite late and that there were 5 policies on the agenda that were important. David Luketina said the timing was a matter for the Guild Secretary. David said that the Safety Plan was for noting and a committee looked at the plan. They had delegated the authority to do that. Safety Policy (2 pages) was very important. Risk Management Policy only has 5 changes outlined by dot points. Budget Policy changes were very minor and the cover paper outlined the changes. Dylan Storer asked David about his assessment of Commercial's performance. Dylan said that it appeared Commercial was performing poorly at the moment. David Luketina discussed broader issues in the hospitality industry. Expenditure in hospitality in Australia had gone down. Costs had gone up by 30%. Wages had increased by 15 per cent and there had been a 1.5% superannuation increase. Many businesses in Australia were closing down. At the university, two Aroma outlets had closed down. It was likely that the Exchange tenants were struggling. David said that the Guild was working on 30 action items. The Commercial operating model worked when there were more people on campus. Now we had a lot more competition. It was a perfect storm. We were streamlining the model. This included standardised offerings and a review of suppliers. Some hard choices would need to be made to ensure we were sustainable going forward. We were working to minimise costs. David suggested the Guild would have to outlive some of the outlets in the Exchange. Costs at Mallokup had come down.

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

Moved: Tahni Rowe

Seconded: Callum Baxter

Carried

6. Business on Notice

6.1.Safety Report

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

Moved: Callum

Seconded: Tahni

Carried

Rey Nairn asked if the incident at NUS factored into the Safety Report. David Luketina said that it was not included in the Safety Report. Dylan Storer asked whether it should be in the Safety Report. David Luketina said that upon reflection it probably should have been included in the Safety Report and an incident report should have been lodged. It may not have occurred to anyone. This was added to the action list. David Luketina discussed the Work Health and Safety Plan which had been be revamped to align with legislation introduced last year. There was more information about responsibilities. It was important for Guild councillors to read what was expected of them in terms of their responsibilities.

6.2.Work Health and Safety Policy

Motion: That, on the recommendation of the Health and Safety Committee, the Guild Council approves the revised Work Health and Safety Policy.

Moved: Rey Nairn

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Carried

Rey Nairn agreed with Dylan Storer that this should be suspended to another meeting. Chair discussed whether to adjourn the motion. David Luketina said it was important that the Safety Policy (2 pages) be read and dealt with now.

Chair adjourned meeting for 10 minutes so councillors could read the policy.

Meeting back 6.08pm.

Rey Nairn asked David Luketina whether Guild Councillors were considered to be office bearers. David said yes that a Guild Councillor was defined as an office bearer and a worker. David said the policy was standard and it was tested against Curtin policy. It was similar to the Curtin policy.

6.3.Risk Management Policy

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the revised Risk Management Policy as recommended by the Finance and Risk Committee.

Moved: Aleena

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.4.Risk Management Plan

Motion: That, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Risk Committee, the Guild Council approves the updated Risk Management Plan.

Moved: Max Zhang

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

6.5.Budget Policy and Expenditure and Assets Policy

Motion: That upon the recommendation of the Finance and Risk Committee, the Guild Council approves:

- a) The revised Budget Policy; and
- b) The revised Expenditure and Assets Policy

Moved: Aleena Shaji

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Dylan Storer said that he would like to defer this item until next month. Rey Nairn and Callum Baxter agreed. Mitch Craig noted that the Finance and Risk committee had interrogated these policies. These policies were on the recommendation of the committee. The Chair asked if item 6.6 should be discussed at a later date too. David Luketina said that item 6.6 was flagging an issue that currently existed and was proposing that we investigate an approach. Nothing was binding. The issue was that ATO was requiring clubs to report even if they did not have to pay tax. We were looking at a strategy. This was advice to the Guild Council and we would come back to Guild Council if we thought the approach being investigated was the best one. We would trial with a few clubs who wanted to take part. Max Zhang said this was an opt in trial. Nothing in day to day operation of clubs was changing. Worth passing now. Dylan Storer said that he was happy to pass now. David Luketina said

that because of number of clubs under the Guild we wanted Guild Council to be fully informed. David reinforced that this was an opt in trial.

Chair asked if item 6.5 should be deferred until next meeting.

Motion to defer item 6.5 to next Guild council meeting held on 22 August 2024.

Moved Dylan Storer

Seconded Rey Nairn

Carried

6.6.Clubs and Tax Reporting

Motion: That the Guild Council approves development and testing of an approach to:

- a) remove the need for clubs to report annually to the Australian Tax Office (ATO);
- b) be exempt from paying income tax; and
- c) improve club financial governance

Moved: Max Zhang

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1.Representation Board – 20/06/2024

7.2.Executive Committee – 01/07/2024

7.3.Finance and Risk Committee – 13/03/2024

7.4.Legal Committee – Nil

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

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Rey Nairn

Carried

8. General Business

Callum Baxter said Edcon was an embarrassment for what we paid for it. Appalling behavior from NUS officers. Guild should reconsider its relationship with NUS. Rey Nairn agreed. Money could have been better spent. Dylan Storer said Edcon was an embarrassment for the NUS. It was a difficult situation for us. Solidarity among student unions was important. Student unions should be united. However, it was hard to defend such a broken institution. Sending delegates was a safety issue. How should we engage with the NUS? Was there something we could do more locally with Guilds in WA? NUS was not achieving its objectives. Callum said he had spoken to UWA councillors and they are open to work together.

Mitch Craig asked if Guild Council would prefer if he sent out documents that were ready straight away. Policies were ready over a week ago. Mitch was waiting for office bearer reports. Callum Baxter was happy for items to be sent out separately. Chair noted how busy this week was for representatives during Orientation. Chair said sentiment was to send documents separately if need be. Discussion noted that weekend prior to the Guild Council meeting would be ideal for distributing the agenda and reports. This would make for better discussions. Mitch Craig said that he was happy to send bigger documents earlier.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Dylan Storer said he did not know why we did this evaluation. Dylan said that the meeting was productive, respectful, relatively accessible (particularly in the volume department), it would be good to get old versions of documents to compare. Councillors worked collaboratively, good governance, can freely share ideas.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday 22nd August 2024 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5PM on Thursday 18th August 2024 to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au
Meeting closed 6.44pm.