

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 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; Dylan Storer, Mitch Craig, Ryan Kirby, Jasmyne Tweed, Veronika Gobba, Jacquie Bicanic, Shiura Yoosuf, Max Zhang (online), Tahni Rowe, Ben Burgess (online), Aleena Shaji (5.33pm), Noor Fella (5.37pm), Sarina Pun (online 5.38pm), Ella Marchionda (online 5.38pm), Callum Baxter (4.48pm)
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick (Minute Taker), David Luketina (Managing Director), Julie Parollo
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Rey Nairn
- 2.4. Absent; None

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

GC#63/24

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26/09/2024, as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer

Carried

4.2. Circular Resolutions

CGC#04/2024

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed (President)

Seconded: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Motion:

Motion: That the Guild Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee:

- a) **appoints** Mr Vernon Thompson as Managing Director of the Student Guild of Curtin University effective from the 2nd of December 2024 (Resume at Confidential Attachment A)
- b) **approves** the proposed terms and conditions of employment (Confidential Attachment B) and position description of the Managing Director as at Attachment C;
- c) **approves** the Managing Director transition plan as outlined in the body of the motion;
- d) **notes** that as part of the finalisation of the Managing Director contract the Guild will require certain forms and checks to be completed as outlined in the body of the motion;
- e) **authorises** the use of the Common Seal as required for sealing of documents due to this resolution.

Carried by Absolute Majority

5. Reports

- 5.1. President – Submitted. Jasmyne Tweed updated the committee about the progress of the Accord legislation including an update about how placement payments could be managed and that the definition of student organisations had changed. WA guilds would be ringfenced. There was uncertainty about the reporting requirements of student led organisations. Jasmyne advised the council members about the delivery schedule for the free period products.
- 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Veronika Gobba updated the council about the review into changes to the academic calendar to reinstate the second tuition free week. The reintroduction was expected in semester one, 2026. There was concern about visas if the change was made in semester two, in 2025. There was discussion about courtesy emails if classes were scheduled in common free time. There was discussion about campus accommodation activity fees and accommodation fees. Ella Marchionda asked about the Guild's month of action. She felt more could be done. Veronika noted the protest the day before

was a national event and reported that a special exhibition had experienced delays.

- 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. There was discussion about the Pride event and how it would develop in the future. It was noted that the event depended on the vision of the Queer Officer. Max Zhang said feedback was positive and noted that Xavier made this year's event low sensory after consulting with the collective.
- 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted. Jacquie Bicanic noted that the recycling hub was under construction. There were no questions.
- 5.5. Secretary - Submitted. Mitch Craig thanked Tahni Rowe and the Engineers Club being the Guinea pig for new bank account trial.
- 5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. David Luketina met with Curtin Properties to try and get work pushed along for new kitchenette and relocation of Tavern. No questions.

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Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Tahni Rowe

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

Jasmyne Tweed asked about follow-up about issues with a contractor. David Luketina noted that Curtin and the Guild had reviewed the response, and the incident was recorded in the Curtin system. David said that if there were any repeated instances it will be picked up. Mitch

Craig asked what the response had been from the university about the cracking in Cafe Central. David said that the university was investigating the whole building and monitoring the crack. Some remedial work would be required at some point. There was discussion about the air-conditioning in building 106F. David spoke about the temperature variations which had been an ongoing issue for years. The Guild had recently collected temperature measurements. He noted that if parts needed to be replaced it could take months. David said that he was disappointed by low safety inspections.

6.2. Budget Policy and Expenditure and Assets Policy

GC#66/24

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: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

Mitch Craig noted that this came to the July meeting and was referred to a later meeting.

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

- 7.1. Representation Board – 11/09/2024
- 7.2. Executive Committee – 28/08/2024, 02/10/2024
- 7.3. Finance and Risk Committee – Nil
- 7.4. Legal Committee – 02/09/2024, 06/09/2024

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

Moved: Mitchell Craig (Secretary)

Seconded: Aleena Shaji

Carried

8. General Business

Julie Parollo requested that the Guild call on the university to rescind all student suspensions. Mitch Craig advised that students who had an issue with the university should contact the Guild's Student Assist service

Jasmyne Tweed had a procedural motion to suspend standing order 10.4 to add her report to the agenda formally and to address the motion circulated earlier for accreditation of observers for the NUS to replace delegates who were unable to attend NatCon.

Motion to suspend standing order 10.4.

Moved Jasmyne Tweed

Second Mitch Craig

Carried

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

appoint the following as observers of the upcoming National Union of Students National Conference:

- Veronika Gobba
- Callum Baxter
- Huzaifa Nawaz

Jasmyne Tweed said that some members of the Executive might not be able to attend. There was discussion about who would and who would not be attending and what the Guild was paying for.

Ella Marchionda talked about the student general meeting at Curtin. She said it was successful, and it was a shame that the Guild did not support it. Veronika Gobba noted that Ella approached the Guild and that she was told that the SGM did not adhere to Guild requirements. As well, the Guild suggested that we could run a protest together. Dylan Storer said that the Guild was governed by the Curtin Act and had requirements under that legislation. Ella said that she sought the advice of Guild executive members.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Callum Baxter carried out the meeting evaluation saying it was efficient and displayed integrity and diversity.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council is Thursday 21st November 2024 5:30PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5PM on Thursday 14th November 2024 to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed at 6.17pm.