



Student Guild of Curtin University  
Guild Council – Meeting #07  
24 July 2025  
In Council Chambers 100.301/305  
Meeting opened 6.14pm

## Minutes

### 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; Mitch Craig, Dylan Storer, Noor Fella, Ben Burgess, Emily Lassam, Ebony Whitney, Bridget Clifton, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Callum Baxter, David Phillips, Max Zhang, Hamide Kocer, Hadiya Naeemi
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Julie Parolo, Ella Marchionda, Priscilla (TBC) and Edward (TBC) as per attendance list
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Coben Foster
- 2.4. Absent;

It was noted that Ryan Kirby had resigned as Chair and was replaced by Mitch Craig

### 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 26/06/2025 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

## 5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer noted the contribution of Ryan Kirby to the Guild. Dylan reported on his attendance at the NUS Education conference where he presented on the NW Shelf and climate change. He was quoted in Honi Soit . Dylan noted that the Guild was working with Making Renting Fair and he reported a lack of commitment from the university regarding Unilodge accommodation issues. The Guild Food Pantry would soon be launched. The Guild had lobbied the university to open up overflow parking. The new Student Kitchen had opened. Stage 2 of Clubs Hub had commenced. Guinness was now on tap at the Tavern. Club events were at an all-time high. There was discussion about when a report would be delivered with data from the student housing temperature monitors. There was a question about Dylan Storer's personal political opinions. The pricing of barbecue packs under the Guild's new provider was discussed.

### 5.1.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Ben Burgess reported on the Guild's advocacy for a universal submission time for electronic submissions. He said that his stall at O Day was dedicated to that issue and that a survey about it had received more than 300 submissions. There was a query about communications and meetings with faculty representatives. Ben noted that not all meetings with faculty representatives were reflected in his report. Mitch Craig noted his communication process with Ben.

### 5.2.1.

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted. As read. Bridget Clifton reported on a very successful O Day and the launch of the Accessibility Matrix.

### 5.3.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. Razanne Al-Abdeli said that she had completed 80% of her KPIs. These included the introduction of halal and gluten free lollies in G Mart, the introduction of the ethnocultural collective, the Welfare Week initiative and advocacy for better mental health on campus. As well, Razanne reported that she had been working with unions and NGOs on a study about racism at universities noting she was working to mitigate some concerns. Razanne noted the new student charter had been emailed to students, and she responded to a query about multi faith spaces and meetings with ISC President.

### 5.4.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.5. Secretary – Submitted. As tabled. Noor Fellah noted that her KPIs were on track.

#### 5.5.1. KPIs - Submitted

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted. Vernon Thompson discussed a Guinness promotion at the Tavern. Mitch Craig commented on social media for O Day. Vernon Thompson discussed resourcing in Student Engagement and that the portfolio structure, delivery and resources were being looked at by the consultant. Ebony Whitney noted that some reports had a lack of information.

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

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

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

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

## 6. Business on Notice

### 6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Seconded: Ben Burgess

Carried

Noor Fella reported on the key points of the report. It was noted that there were two injuries and that the June inspections had not been completed.

### 6.2. Guild Strategic Plan Consultation Draft

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

**discusses and notes** the Curtin Student Guild 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Consultation Draft.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fella (Secretary)

Carried

Dylan Storer explained the Strategic Plan to council members and noted a lot of work had gone into it by representatives and the Executive Committee. Noor Fellah noted it would come back to the Guild Council for adoption in August. There was feedback that Strategic Plan did not discuss that the Guild was a student union fighting for student rights and concerns were raised about the section on engagement with the university.

### 6.3. Commercial Strategy Plan Phase One

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

That the Guild Council notes and supports the implementation of the Commercial Strategy Plan Phase One.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

Dylan Storer moved that this be discussed in camera,

Seconded Ben Burgess

Carried

Moved in camera at 7.28pm

Moved out of camera 7.48pm

### 6.4. Approval of Lease Variation – Clubs Hub Stage One

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

**approves** the Deed of Variation, Guild Precinct, Addition of Guild Clubs Hub (Rooms 101 and 112, Building 106A) with Curtin University.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

Dylan Storer explained the variation to the lease arrangement with the Guild. It was noted that the university was not charging rent. It was noted that Georges Kebabs was a tenant of the Guild.

## 6.5. Budget Policy and Expenditure and Assets Policy

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

That the Guild Council notes and supports the implementation of the Commercial Strategy Plan Phase One.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Carried

## 6.6. Guild Regulation and By-Law Amendments - Ethnocultural Officer

**Motion:** That the Guild Council:

**approve** a proposal to amend the Student Guild (Guild Council) Regulations 2018 and the Student Guild By-Laws 2022 for the following purposes:

- Establish an officer for Ethnocultural Officer (or similar)
- Clarify the eligibility for officers
- Spelling, grammatical and other administrative corrections.
- Addressing matters, if any, recommended from Legal advice the Guild has received or other areas that have caused issues for Council.

the Guild Council also authorises the amendment of other Regulations where required for related purposes.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Razanne Al-Abdeli (Vice President – Sustainability and Welfare)

Carried

Noor Fellah said that this was important to strengthen student representation. Mitch Craig explained the Guild Statute Book.

## 6.7. Election Format

That the Guild Council provides feedback on the election format for 2025.

Dylan Storer said a returning officer from the WAEC has been appointed and that a MOU with the university had been signed. There was a discussion about minor changes to the election format, the 2024 WAEC recommendations including posters, the intention of having an information session and the time that vote counting should finish on Thursday. Julie Parolo recommended UniReady representatives be eligible to run as a candidate, Mitch Craig said that was a matter for the university.

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

- 7.1. Representation Board – 19/06/2025
- 7.2. Executive Committee – Nil
- 7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – 14/05/2025
- 7.4. Operations Committee – Nil
- 7.5. Legal Committee – Nil

Motion: Guild Council notes the minutes of the committees en bloc

Moved: Noor Fellah

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

## **8. General Business**

- 8.1. Ideas and Suggestions
- 8.2. Other Business

Mitch Craig noted a change to how General Business would work.

Motion to suspend standing orders 12 (4) to consider an item of business not on the agenda

Moved: Emily Lassam

Seconded: Hamide Kocer

Carried

Motion:

That the Guild Council

Stand in solidarity with Mehreen Faruqi against the censor in parliament by Penny Wong about her sign "Gaza is starving words won't feed them sanction Israel now". The Labor party should sanction Israel and it's genocide not those that oppose it.

Moved: Emily Lassam

Seconded: Hamide Kocer

Emily spoke to the motion highlighting the plight of people in Gaza and that The Government was not taking adequate action.

Razanne Al-Abdeli proposed an amendment. This was amenable to Emily Lassam and Hamide Kocer.

Motion: That the Guild Council

Stand in solidarity with Mehreen Faruqi against the censor initiated by Penny Wong in parliament after her sign "Gaza is starving words won't feed them sanction Israel now" was displayed. The Labor party, including the government should sanction Israel and its genocide not those that oppose it.

The Guild commends the politicians that left to join the Convergence on Canberra for Gaza outside, including Mehreen Faruqi, Ed Husic and David Shoebridge.

Moved: Emily Lassam

Seconded: Hamide Kocer

Carried

Julie Parolo requested that her boyfriend be allowed on campus. Dylan Storer recommended that she seek assistance from Student Assist.

## **9. Meeting Evaluation**

Max Zhang carried out the meeting evaluation.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be at 5.30pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2025, to be held in the University Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm