



Student Guild of Curtin University

Guild Council – Meeting #03

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 21st of March 2025

In Council Chambers Medical School 410.208

AGENDA

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;
- 2.2. Others Present;
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

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 meetings held on 23/04/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded:

5. Reports

- 5.1. President – Submitted
- 5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted
- 5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted
- 5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted
- 5.5. Secretary – Submitted
- 5.6. Managing Director - Submitted

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded:

6. Business on Notice

- 6.1. Safety Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded:

- 6.2. Finance Report

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

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded:

6.3. AGM University Merger Motion

Motion: That the Guild Council:

adopts the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting held on 06/05/2026 that:

The Curtin Student Guild unequivocally opposes any proposal to merge, amalgamate, or otherwise consolidate Western Australia's universities.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi (Vice President – Education)

6.4. Ratify Appointment of Acting PSC Representative

Motion: That the Guild Council:

ratify the appointment of Morgan Mills as Acting Postgraduate Student Committee President.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

6.5. Increase of Hours for Morgan Mills

Motion: That the Guild Council:

approve an increase of 3 hours to Morgan Mills' weekly hours allocation, bringing their total allocation to 29 hours per week.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board – 23/04/2026

7.2. Executive Committee – 05/05/2026

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee – N/A

7.4. Operations Committee – N/A

7.5. Legal Committee – NA

Motion: That the Guild Council:

Approves the minutes of the Committees Reporting to the Guild Council.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

8. General Business

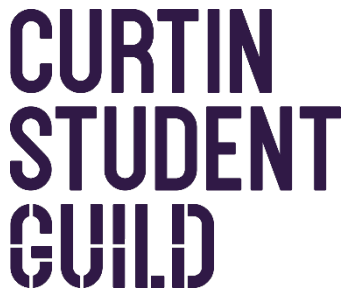
8.1. Ideas and Suggestions

8.2. Other Business

9. Meeting Evaluation

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 25th June 2026 at 5:30PM
in Council Chambers Medical School 410.208



Student Guild of Curtin University

57th Guild Council – Meeting #04

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 23rd of April 2026

In Council Chambers in Building 410 Medical School

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

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2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Dylan Storer, Hadiya Naeemi, Tahni Rowe, Morgan Mills, Max Zhang, Finn Gardoll, Joanna Kuo, Vivi Choi, Bridget Clifton, Emily Lassam, David Phillips, Hamide Kocer, Ebony Whitney, Suhaila Jaffna, Isobel Cubong
- 2.2. Others Present; Vernon Thompson, Natasha Morgan
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Noor Fellah
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Nil

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 meetings held on 19/03/2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: Ebony Whitney

Seconded: Tahni Rowe

Carried

5. Reports

5.1. President – Submitted

Dylan presented his report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

****University Merger****

Dylan advised that there had been increased media coverage and chatter from state government circles regarding the proposed university merger, including a television appearance on 9 News and a feature in WA Today. The Guild is working closely with the Murdoch Student Guild on joint public awareness campaigning ahead of the end of semester. Dylan outlined that the Guild is treating the matter as a serious threat and is operating on the assumption that the relevant minister has made his decision, noting his sustained pursuit of the merger across multiple terms of government. To date, letters have been sent to 94 state and federal MPs and at least seven meetings with MPs have been scheduled. Dylan noted that no announcement is expected before the state budget on 7 May, which may provide further clarity on the government's direction.

****Renting Reform****

Dylan reported that the Guild, as a principal partner of the Make Renting Fair WA campaign, attended a press conference at Parliament House where polling showing over 80% public support for banning no-fault evictions was promoted. WA remains the only state permitting no-fault evictions, and the state government is expected to announce its commitment to banning the practice in the near future. Dylan noted that subsequent campaign focus would shift to student-specific tenancy issues, including rights for those in boarding, lodging, and share house arrangements.

****Graduate Visa Fee Increase****

Dylan advised that the Guild has been actively advocating against the federal government's decision to double the temporary graduate visa fee from \$2,300 to \$4,600, effective 1 March. Advocacy efforts, led publicly by the ISC President, received prominent coverage across three suburban newspapers and the West Australian website. Dylan noted the inherent challenges in international students advocating publicly and emphasised the Guild's responsibility to lead on this issue in partnership with CAPA and the NUS.

****Discussion****

Members discussed the merger campaign strategy. Emma raised whether the assumption that the minister had made his decision was based on evidence, to which Dylan clarified it was an assessment of the minister's conduct and history rather than confirmed intelligence, and that campaign efforts should focus on broader government, cabinet, and the public rather than the minister directly.

A member raised that broader public mobilisation, drawing on precedent from the 2014 campaign against university fee deregulation, would be more effective than purely lobbying

ministers. Dylan agreed that public education was a necessary foundation for any such campaign and that the Guild was working to communicate the merger's impact on students, families, and the wider community, as well as to articulate a positive alternative vision for universities grounded in transparent, collaborative governance and adequate funding.

A member suggested that timely social media and email communications about the merger would help students absorb the issue gradually and be better prepared to respond if the merger proceeds. Dylan indicated this work was underway.

Finn queried the Guild's previous position on graduate and student visa fees. Dylan confirmed the Guild's longstanding position is to make life easier for international students and to avoid their treatment as commercial revenue sources. The current position, passed by the Representation Board, calls for the fee increases to be reversed at minimum. Dylan acknowledged that further advocacy beyond reversal, while philosophically supported, was not currently planned given the political difficulty of achieving even that outcome, and noted the importance of coordinated national advocacy through the NUS and CAPA.

There were no further questions.

5.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

Hadiya presented her report, noting the following matters:

****May Day****

Hadiya advised that May Day falls on the following Friday, with a march scheduled in Fremantle on the 3rd. She encouraged all members to attend and noted that the Guild would be running a social media awareness campaign around the occasion. She briefly explained May Day as International Workers Day for the benefit of any members unfamiliar with its significance.

****LMS Transition to Canvas****

Hadiya advised that the university's Learning Management System is transitioning to Canvas, which has since been publicly announced. She noted that she had been participating in meetings and support groups relating to this change and that it is expected to have a significant impact on students. She advised that a key priority is ensuring the Guild is sufficiently informed about the transition so that students experiencing difficulties can be appropriately supported and referred to the relevant resources. Hadiya invited members with specific concerns or flagged issues regarding the transition to speak with her following the meeting.

****Discussion****

A member queried the timeframe for the LMS transition. Hadiya indicated she would follow up with the member after the meeting rather than address it on the floor.

There were no further questions.

5.3. Vice President – Activities – Submitted

Tahni presented her report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the

following matters:

****World Week****

Tahni advised that the current period had been a particularly busy planning period owing to a number of significant upcoming events. She noted that World Week was currently underway, described as an evolution of the previous Sustainability Week with an expanded focus encompassing welfare and cultural inclusion. Activities during the week included a reusable coffee cup discount running across the full week, the return of the Thrift Market, a Welfare Wednesday event, and a free student community dinner scheduled for the following day. Tahni acknowledged contributions from the VP Education, David Phillips, the editing team, and Casey in particular for their work on associated content.

****Other Upcoming Events****

Tahni advised that one instalment of the Guild of Guild series had taken place, with three further instalments upcoming. She also noted that Stress Less Week and Roof Rumble were scheduled to round out the semester. Planning for O-Day for the following year had already commenced.

****Campaigns and Projects****

Tahni reported that she was working closely with the President on the university merger campaign. She also advised that preliminary planning had begun for a Guild Volunteers Program, following an initial brainstorming session.

****Discussion****

A member queried how the proposed Guild Volunteers Program would differ from existing volunteer arrangements. Tahni clarified that the program would be focused on supporting specific Guild projects and campaigns requiring additional assistance, such as restocking period product dispensers or supporting giveaways and campaigns. She noted that a rewards system for volunteers was intended to be incorporated into the program.

There were no further questions.

5.4. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

****Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare Report – Morgan [Surname]****

Morgan presented their report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

****Smart Bins – Circle 8 Contract****

Morgan advised that the long-running contract negotiations with Circle 8 regarding smart bins had been finalised and signed. The bins were launched at the Welfare Wednesday event and are now installed in four locations: Agora Courtyard (between the Tav and Café Central), Café Central, the Library, and the Basement. Morgan noted that scanning cans using the bins provides students with the opportunity to win a Red Bull, with a free Red Bull reward available upon collecting either five or ten cans. A promotional stall run in conjunction

with Red Bull at the Welfare Wednesday launch had generated a number of sign-ups, and early indications of usage were positive.

****Housing Campaign Report****

Morgan advised that the draft Housing Campaign report had been circulated to the Representation Board and had since been revised and was being formatted for release in the near future.

****Discussion****

Tahni confirmed that a demonstration of the smart bins had taken place at the Welfare Wednesday event.

A member raised the federal government's proposed cuts to the NDIS, noting that current participant numbers of approximately 760,000 were projected to be reduced to 600,000 by 2030, representing a reduction of around 160,000 people from the scheme. The member expressed strong concern about the impact on disabled people, including students, and commented on the broader structural issues with the privatised model of disability support. Morgan acknowledged the issue, describing the proposed cuts as deeply concerning, and advised that they would be working closely with the Guild's Accessibility Officer, Mia, to develop an advocacy campaign addressing the impact on students and the broader community.

****Ally Training****

In response to a question from a member, Morgan clarified that the reference to ally-based training in their report related to a proposal from First Nations Officer Bonnie to introduce a First Nations cultural awareness and safety training program, modelled on the existing LGBTQIA+ Ally training offered through the Curtin Ally Training Program. Morgan noted the program would focus on improving cultural awareness, identifying and addressing tokenism, and fostering a more culturally safe environment.

There were no further questions.

5.5. Secretary – Submitted

Not Present, report missing from agenda pack. We will revisit next meeting as it may be an error in the pack's creation.

5.6. Managing Director – Submitted

Vernon presented his report, welcoming Natasha Morgan, General Manager of Corporate Services, to her first meeting, and acknowledged Moira Aynsley, General Manager of Student Services, as a standing attendee. Vernon noted that the Managing Director's report draws on contributions from both areas. He advised that the report could largely be taken as read and highlighted the following matters:

****Guild Precinct Plan****

Vernon advised that several projects were progressing concurrently through their design phases. The new Student Equity Space was nearing finalisation of its design, with approval

from Curtin Properties anticipated shortly, after which the project would go to tender for a contractor in late April to early May. Following that, attention would turn to the Student Guild Officer ground floor level, intended to create and rejuvenate office and events planning spaces. Guild Tavern and Café Central plans continued to advance through the design phase, pending appropriate university approvals before a final investment decision is made.

Regarding the Angazi Café, Vernon advised that preliminary plans and drawings for the complex had been received and that the Guild was working with the university to finalise designs and kitchen setup. While the space remains approximately two to three years from activation, Vernon noted a significant positive development in that the Guild has been confirmed as having the first right of refusal on the space, which it intends to exercise in order to restore a much-needed service to that end of campus.

Vernon acknowledged the significant contribution of Tanya Della Santina to the ongoing management and progression of Guild Precinct projects.

****Commercial Strategic Plan****

Vernon advised that the commercial strategic plan had moved into a phase focused on reviewing internal processes and controls, with the first phase centring on procurement practices. A review of the risk management framework had also been conducted, with a proposed risk management plan to be presented to the Finance Risk Committee before coming to Council.

****Discussion****

A member commended the student engagement statistics included in the report, noting the value of website and social media analytics in understanding the Guild's digital footprint.

A member queried the approximately 89% decrease in social media advertising viewership. Vernon attributed this primarily to higher advertising spend in February around O-Day and O-Week compared to March, and noted that a restructured Engagement team would focus on more consistent and balanced content output going forward.

A broader discussion followed regarding the decline in social media engagement mid-semester. Vernon acknowledged that content is currently skewed heavily toward events, and indicated that conversations with the team about achieving a more balanced content strategy were already underway. Student members noted that engagement patterns among peers tend to decline mid-semester due to increased academic demands, with some students deleting or limiting social media use during assessment-heavy periods. It was observed that reduced flexibility in student schedules also leads to lower interaction with event-related content. Vernon noted the algorithmic factors at play, including the role of paid advertising in boosting post visibility, and the impact of broader network engagement on content reach.

A member queried the nature of the planned Guild Tavern and Café Central refurbishments. Vernon clarified that the Café Central works would involve a functional reconfiguration to create a multipurpose space suitable for clubs and student functions, with lighting and mechanical upgrades to support this use. The Tavern works would largely constitute a modernisation refresh while retaining its traditional character.

A member asked whether alternative event spaces had been planned for the construction period. Vernon advised that construction is intended to occur out of semester, with a target of breaking ground in mid-November, though he acknowledged this was an optimistic timeline given the complexity of the approvals process with Curtin Properties.

There were no further questions.

Motion: That the Guild Council approves the reports.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

It is requested that the minutes note that Council said the reports were good.

NOTE: Council said the reports were good.

6. Business on Notice

6.1. Safety Report

Tahni says the Safety report is the best part of Guild Council

****Discussion****

Dylan advised that he had taken on the role of Guild representative on the Health and Safety Committee, noting that while this responsibility has traditionally been delegated to the Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare, he had elected to attend personally. He noted that Morgan continues to attend in their capacity on the University Health and Safety Committee. Dylan expressed appreciation for the proactive nature of the committee's work.

****Concept Café – Workplace Safety Review****

Dylan noted that the Health and Safety Committee had held a substantive discussion regarding workplace safety concerns at Concept Café, particularly relating to the pressures of a busy service environment and the associated risk of workplace injuries. He advised that the Guild had engaged its coffee consultants, who also consult for the café's layout, to conduct a formal review of the current floor layout and provide recommendations. An initial walkthrough had suggested limited scope for significant reconfiguration given the size of the space, with training identified as a potential area for improvement. Dylan noted that one option under consideration was removing certain activities from the space, such as the preparation of toast and sandwiches, to reduce movement-related risks during coffee service. The consultants had also been asked to provide advice on converting the current coffee cart into a functional pop-up service point, subject to resolution of power source requirements. Dylan noted that timelines for the consultants' formal responses were not yet confirmed.

****Manual Handling Training****

Dylan raised the matter of manual handling training across Guild outlets, noting that while annual onboarding and retraining is conducted, much of this may be delivered online. He queried whether there was scope to expand or enhance this training to better support staff safety across all outlets.

There were no further questions.

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

Moved: Tahni Rowe

Seconded: Morgan Mills

Carried

6.2. 2025 Annual Report

Dylan expressed strong praise for the Annual Report, commending Moira and her team for their work in producing it. He noted that the report effectively demonstrates the Guild's achievements over the past year, reflects a strengthening financial position, and presents a forward-looking organisation increasingly capable of engaging with students and staff. Dylan acknowledged the contributions of Vernon and all elected representatives from the previous year, and noted that he looks forward to speaking to the report further at the upcoming AGM. He encouraged all Councillors to review the report carefully for any typographical or numerical errors and to submit any identified corrections to Noor, Moira, and himself by the following day to allow amendments to be made ahead of the AGM.

Members identified the following typographical errors during discussion:

- Under Dylan's section, within the Thriving Campus Life passage, "a well" should read "as well."
- On page 9 of the PDF, "focus" was noted to be misspelt, missing a second "s."

A member noted the mention of a free parking week in the report and queried when it was scheduled. Dylan advised that it is planned for study week, with the Guild currently advocating for it to be extended through the full examination period. He noted that while the positive reception had been somewhat surprising, the benefit of current parking initiatives tends to be weighted toward periods when students are not on campus, and that an extension would be more meaningful for the student cohort.

A member queried why the headshot photographs of officeholders were presented in black and white. Vernon advised this was a design decision made prior to his involvement, and offered to request that the images be changed to colour if Council preferred. Members expressed a range of views, with some appreciating the design aesthetic and others finding it unflattering. No formal resolution was reached on the matter.

There were no further questions

Motion: That the Guild Council:

- a) Approves the 2025 Annual Report.
- b) Recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it note the 2025 Annual Report.
- c) Recommends to the University Council that it note the 2025 Annual Report.
- d) Notes that typographical errors may be corrected prior to publishing or distributing.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

7. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Guild Council

7.1. Representation Board –

7.2. Executive Committee – 23/03/2026, 07/04/2026

7.3. Finance & Risk Committee –

7.4. Legal Committee – N/A

No comments or questions

Motion: That the Guild Council:

Approves the minutes of the Committees Reporting to the Guild Council.

Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

8. General Business

8.1. Ideas and Suggestions

Nil

8.2. Other Business

****\$5 Meals Program****

A member raised a query regarding the \$5 meal offering across Guild outlets. Vernon confirmed that a \$5 meal is available at every outlet, with each outlet providing a meal appropriate to its menu, with Café Central typically offering the most varied and elaborate option. It was noted that specific meal information for outlets such as Basement and Life was not immediately available on the floor.

In response to queries about public availability of meal information, Vernon advised that a relaunch of the scheme is currently in progress, including the development of outlet-specific flyers, improved website presentation, and promotion through the new weekly newsletter. He

noted that distinct and uniform branding for the \$5 meal offering across all outlets is being developed to improve visibility and awareness. Vernon acknowledged that current in-outlet signage exists but that improvements are underway.

A member queried whether the \$5 meal program is intended to be permanent. Vernon confirmed that it is intended as a permanent offering, guided by elected representatives and Council, and that while pricing may adjust over time, the principle of providing an affordable and sustainable meal option is a standing commitment.

A member queried whether the meals generate a profit margin. Vernon advised that margins, where they exist, are very marginal and vary by product, with the financial sustainability of the program being the primary consideration. A member noted that data from a previous Council meeting had indicated a positive trend of customers purchasing additional items alongside the \$5 meal, such as drinks or snacks, which partially offsets any margin pressure.

****Student Engagement Team and StudentAssist Expansion****

Vernon advised that the Student Engagement team is being expanded, with a number of interviews having recently taken place. He noted that additional capacity would assist with improving the currency and clarity of information on the Guild website. Vernon also advised that the StudentAssist team is being significantly expanded, with staffing levels set to increase from the current three to six staff members, which he noted would be the largest the team has ever been. He acknowledged the considerable workload carried by existing StudentAssist staff and expressed that the expansion would provide meaningful relief and flexibility for the team.

9. Meeting Evaluation

Isabel presented the meeting evaluation and noted the following:

Isabel advised that the meeting had progressed well overall, with good alignment to the agenda. Key topics including the university merger, international student visa fees, and upcoming events were all addressed, with meaningful progress evident across each area. She commended the quality of discussion between Councillors and Managers, noting positive exploration of collaborative approaches and student advocacy strategies. Isabel highlighted the discussion around the university merger as particularly valuable, acknowledging that while those present have access to greater detail on the matter, the Guild's role is to represent the broader student body, the majority of whom remain largely unaware of the merger. She noted that Dylan's engagement on the international student visa issue reflected the Guild's value of autonomy, and that the open discussions throughout the meeting promoted the Guild's value of diversity.

Isabel noted that there had been issues with the timely distribution of agendas and supporting documents, which had somewhat affected the flow of the meeting. She also observed that a number of technical issues had arisen, attributed in part to the absence of Noor, and suggested that systems should be put in place to manage such contingencies to avoid similar disruptions in future.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Guild Council will be held on the 21st May 2026 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Med Building

REPORT FOR GUILD COUNCIL

Guild President Dylan Storer (he/him)

Period: 17/4/2026 – 14/5/2026

Travel

- Kalgoorlie – April 28 – May 1

Leave

- N/A

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Summary

This has been another busy period for the Guild as we continue working across advocacy, student services, and campus life to improve the student experience at Curtin.

One of the most significant developments has been the escalation of the industrial dispute between Curtin University management and the NTEU Curtin Branch, with protected industrial action now underway, including full-day strikes. The Guild remains clear in its position of solidarity with staff, recognising that staff working conditions are student learning conditions. We will continue keeping students informed and ensuring they have access to support and accurate information as the situation develops.

At the same time, discussions around a potential university merger in Western Australia continue to progress without formal detail. The Guild is actively coordinating with other WA Guilds, engaging directly with MPs, and preparing a broader public campaign to ensure students, families and communities understand the risks. This work is about making sure student voices are front and centre in any decisions that could reshape the sector.

Cost of living pressures remain a major focus, particularly around parking and transport. With significant bay closures on campus, the Guild continues to push for long-term solutions including new parking infrastructure and expanded transport options, alongside immediate relief measures to reduce the financial burden on students.

We have also undertaken strong advocacy on behalf of international students following the Federal Government's decision to double the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) fee. This sudden increase places real financial pressure on graduating students, and the Guild has taken this issue directly to government while working with national student bodies and amplifying student voices through major media coverage.

Alongside this advocacy, there has been significant progress within Guild operations. Capital works across the precinct are advancing, including new equity spaces, expanded club storage and additional Student Assist facilities, as well as planning for major refurbishments of key student spaces.

We have also commenced a major hiring blitz to strengthen our service delivery and engagement. Student Assist is expanding to a team of six, our Student Engagement Team is growing to improve outreach and connection with students, and we are scaling up our Events and Clubs team to support a more active and vibrant campus life program.

It is great to see so much activity and momentum across both advocacy and campus life. I want to thank Guild staff, representatives and volunteers who continue to drive this work forward every day.

In solidarity,
Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/4/26	Vice Chancellor	
21/4/26	Coordinator of The Living Room	Visit to The Living Room Pop Up
4/5/26	Learning & Student Experience Committee	
8/5/26	Chair of Academic Board	Meeting with the new Chair of Academic Board
11/5/26	Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor Research	Meeting to discuss how we can enhance postgraduate representation at Curtin
12/5/26	Chief Operating Officer	Discussion on university measures on parking, transport & cost of living
13/5/26	University Council	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/4/26	WASM Guild President	Planning meeting for Kalgoorlie trip
23/4/26	Manager, Retail	Meeting on designs for new Equity Spaces
23/4/26	Guild Council	
29/4/26	Meeting with WASM Guild Committee	
29/4/26	Meeting with Sophic McNeill MLC	Meeting on university merger issue
29/4/26	Meeting with Kalgoorlie Campus Director	Good meeting to go over shared priorities and the future success of the WASM Guild

29/4/26	WASM Guild Committee Dinner	Opportunity to say thank you to the committee for their work representing and serving Kalgoorlie students
30/4/26	WASM Social Club Committee	Meeting to finalise arrangements for their affiliation with the Guild and to secure their ability to run out of the Guild Kalgoorlie lease
30/4/26	Murdoch Guild / Curtin Guild Exec	Merger Campaign Meeting
30/4/26	Kalgoorlie Wellbeing Officer	
4/5/26	Shane Love MLA, Rob Horstman MLC, Peter Rundle MLA	Meeting on university merger issue
5/5/26	Executive Committee	
5/5/26	Gelati Group	Meeting to discuss donations to the Guild Food Pantry and how Spudshed can support the student community
6/5/26	Guild AGM	
6/5/26	Jodie Hanns MLA, Divina D'Anna MLA	Meeting on university merger issue
6/5/26	Minister Tony Buti	Impromptu discussion on university merger
8/5/26	Minister Hannah Beazley	Meeting on university merger issue
12/5/26	Managing Director	Working lunch meeting to go over strategy and direction
13/5/26	Health & Safety Committee	
13/5/26	Finance & Risk Committee	

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
23/4/26	Press Conference	At Parliament with Make Renting Fair WA
23/4/26	Pathway Migration Session	
29/4/26	Interview – ABC Goldfields	Discussing university mergers and student housing in Kalgoorlie
29/4/26	WASM Guild BBQ & Student Forum	Good opportunity to update the WASM student community on the university mergers issue

Matters of Representation

University Merger Feasibility Study

The Curtin & Murdoch Student Guilds are collaborating on a 'Stop the Uni Merger' campaign which is being launched imminently. The immediate focus will be on public awareness building as to the negative impacts of a merger.

Guild Representatives have been meeting with members of parliament from across the political spectrum to raise our concerns and this work will continue alongside the broader public awareness campaign.

Parking, Transport & Cost of Living

The Guild launched a petition 'Running On Empty' calling for several measures across the university to ease the cost of transport pressures facing students. This includes:

- Free parking for carpooling and student residents
- Free parking during exam periods

- Convert yellow bays to cheaper green bays
- Food for Fines to become a permanent year round program
- Expansion of CurtinLink services to more suburbs
- More direct and express bus services to Curtin
- Fuel vouchers for students undertaking placements, fieldwork and research
- Support for students travelling to and from the Kalgoorlie campus
- A commitment to increasing parking capacity through a multi deck carpark

The support from the student body for these measures has been overwhelming and our engagement with the university to pressure them to take them up continues.

A significant win out of this campaign has been securing free parking for both exam weeks each semester, this will save students up to \$68 in yellow parking fees over the fortnight and lead to less students being sluggish with fines. This is a huge win for the Guild and demonstrates that we continue to do all we can to make uni better for our members.

Housing Advocacy

The Guild is finalising a report into the state of on campus student housing which will be published and pushed during the mid-year tuition break. The report will make the following findings:

- Curtin student housing is structurally unaffordable
- Much of Curtin's housing is unbearably hot in summer
- Many students feel unsafe in Curtin housing
- Curtin housing is governed against students

It will recommend immediate rent reductions and a rent freeze, cooling and infrastructure upgrades, security upgrades, improved accountability and improved student rights. This report will then form the basis of our continued fight to improve housing for on-campus Curtin students, alongside our work with Make Renting Fair WA.

The announcement that the WA Government is moving to ban no-fault evictions and implement minimum standards for WA rentals is long overdue and is the result of the Make Renting Fair WA Alliance, of which the Guild is a principal partner. This is the single most important improvement in renters rights in WA in decades and something that we can be very proud about. We'll continue to push and engage to ensure these reforms deliver for our members and our push to include all student accommodation and boarders and lodgers under the Residential Tenancy Act will continue.

State & Federal Budgets

There wasn't a whole lot in either the state or federal budgets for students or universities. The failed Job-ready Graduates package remains in place, despite the Universities Accord recommending it be dismantled, and there was no meaningful action on student debt, placement poverty or the cost pressures facing students. The federal budget also introduced an \$11.3 million annual levy on universities to fund the National Student Ombudsman from 2027, shifting the cost of a public-interest student protection body onto institutions already under financial pressure.

For research students, the budget was particularly disappointing. While the increase in Medical Research Future Fund disbursements is welcome, there was no movement on lifting PhD stipends, despite repeated calls for them to be brought up to at least minimum wage. Postgraduate researchers continue to underpin Australia's research workforce while being paid poverty-level stipends, and the

budget did little to address the structural underfunding of research training or the future research pipeline.

Guild Operations

Precinct Plan & Capital Works

Planning is progressing on the future redevelopment of the Tavern and the GC Central space, with work underway to shape how these areas can better support student life, events, services and community on campus.

The Guild is also moving closer to delivery on new equity spaces and additional Guild office space. The construction tender is now out, with works planned to commence in the months ahead.

New Committees of the Executive

The Executive Committee has established two new committees to replace the old Operations Committee. The Student Services Committee and Commercial & Corporate Services Committee better reflect the Guild's new organisational structure and will be organised in a way that facilitates more in depth discussion and deliberation which will enhance how the Guild serves our members.

Voting Membership of the committee's consist of the Executive and Chair and Deputy Chair of Guild Council, whilst all remaining Guild Councillors and the WASM Guild President are standing invites to the meetings alongside the Managing Director and the relevant General Manager.

The first Student Services Committee meeting is scheduled for next week with the first Commercial and Corporate Services meeting the week following. It will then be intended for the committee's to meet on an alternating monthly basis. I look forward to seeing Guild Councillors there.

New Projects

Significant project-based work is being undertaken across the Guild which, when combined, represents a lot of new or emerging improvements for students on campus.

- The Guild's HIV Self-Test Vending Machine is now installed and providing important sexual health services for students and the broader community.
- The Guild's food pantry and food security program has received an additional \$10,000 from the university which will go towards expanding the program in the weeks ahead.
- The Guild is facilitating a free flu vaccination pop-up on campus this week in partnership with Pharmacy 777.
- We're exploring ways to expand our free period product program.
- We've rolled out student saver meals across all of our outlets and are looking to expand cost of living initiatives in all our commercial outlets.
- I'm working with the Managing Director to ensure that our Tavern offering is keeping up with tastes.

**Guild Council May
Report by Vice President of education
May Representation Board (10/04/2026 – 14/05/2026)**

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/04/2026	Scheduling Governance Group	Discussed the significant issue of scheduling and space utilisation across campus. A major concern raised was the number of classes being booked but not attended or utilised, which has a direct impact on students who need spaces to study, meet and collaborate. This is an ongoing issue that requires structural solutions rather than one off fixes.
30/04/2026	University Merger Meeting	Held in collaboration with the Murdoch Student Guild and Curtin Guild Executive.
04/05/2026	LSEC	Went through student wellbeing outcomes in detail. A significant highlight was the concerning picture painted around the pressures students are currently facing and how they are interacting with wellbeing services. Cost of living was identified as the number one concern for students, which is consistent with what is being heard on the ground.
05/05/2026	Courses Committee	Reviewed a significant number of courses for approval and discontinuation including the major DBE curriculum transformation. An important concern raised was around the timing of Academic Board meetings where the current schedule places significant pressure on courses that require approval at the start of the year and limits the ability to make meaningful changes due to the meeting falling at the end of the annual cycle.

11/05/2026	Guild AGM	Moved a motion standing against mergers, seconded by Tahini and the motion was passed. Had a number of productive conversations with students following the vote regarding their concerns, including the specific impact a merger could have on Curtin College students and the broader student community. Also heard a range of different perspectives on the merger topic which will inform ongoing advocacy.
08/05/2026	Meeting with Hannah Beazley	Met with Hannah Beazley to discuss mergers and the current political landscape around the issue. Gained valuable insight into where various stakeholders sit on the political spectrum and had a useful discussion around Curtin's retention rates and what the data tells us about student outcomes.
12/05/2026	DVCA interviews	Grateful to have been included in the DVCA interview panels — an important opportunity for the Guild to ensure that academic leadership appointments reflect the needs and values of the student body.
12/05/2026	Catch up with chair of academic board	Had a productive conversation covering academic quality, the role of the Academic Board and how it is expanding beyond its current structure. Key discussion points included the disparity in academic quality and support across faculties, and the concerning degree to which faculties operate in silos with insufficient connection to one another. These are areas that will be followed up on as part of ongoing advocacy around academic standards and student experience.

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
05/05/2026	Executive Meeting	
04/05/2026	First Year Committee Meeting	Productive meeting focused on the first year experience and upcoming initiatives for semester 2. Discussed the fact that there should be concise one stop shop where everyone can find all support information looking into creating this. Looking into also increase initiatives and events for sem 2 that is interdisciplinary and first year friendly.

06/05/2026	Guild Reel Shooting	Filmed a reel with Faculty Representatives Astor and Ebony focused on informing students about what the Guild is, what we do, and highlighting that we are a union. Many students remain unaware of the Guild's role and purpose and this is an important step toward changing that.
11/05/2026	Faculty Representatives x Student Assist Catch Up	Representatives x Student Assist Catch UpStudent Assist presented their caseload data for the year. There has been a significant increase in cases since the same period last year with no clear indication yet as to the cause — this warrants further investigation. Discussion also covered key policy and academic quality concerns including when assessments are released to students, when rubrics are provided, and whether current practice aligns with university policy. These are areas being followed up.
11/05/2026	Catch up with Tom	Updates on teaching placement advocacy and progress on pushing the placement survey. Results are being compiled ahead of the presentation to Minister Toni Buti on 27 May.
11/05/2026	Catch up with Connie	Updates on KPI progress. Discussion covered the hiring of lab coats and steel cap boots for students, and importantly a conversation around creating coherence in assessment deadlines across units - ensuring students are not facing bunched assessments that place disproportionate pressure on them at peak periods. This is an area being actively pursued across faculties and we are figuring out how to present this.
11/05/2026	Catch up with Ebony	KPI updates discussed. Conversation included Ebony's meeting with Anna Bunn.
12/05/2026	Catch up with Zobia	KPI updates discussed and areas of ongoing work reviewed aswell as the various student emails being received, what concerns students have and the lab coat hiring initiative. Discussion of a potential allied helath joint event.
12/05/2026	Merger meeting	Working with the Secretary on a social media merger campaign timeline. Anti-merger stickers have arrived

As Curtin moves through its Learning Management System transition there has been significant and ongoing discussion across multiple meetings to stay across the project and its progression. Key concerns have been raised in forums including LSEC around the challenges students may face during this transition period - including disruption to how they access learning materials, assessments and communication from teaching staff. This is being monitored closely I sit on one of the groups that discuss the effects on students and staff. I'm also in regular contact with the staff related to this transition.

Additionally, a data breach has occurred on canvas and Dylan and I are actively working with university professionals to understand the full extent of the impact this has had on students and what it may mean for them going forward. This is a matter being taken seriously and we are committed to keeping students informed as more information becomes available. You can see the official statement released on the guild website.

Mergers

Working closely with Noor to increase the visibility of the anti-merger campaign across campus and through Guild channels. Successfully moved a motion at the Guild AGM standing against mergers - the motion was passed, which is a significant step in making the Guild's position clear and on record.

Continuing to work collaboratively with the Murdoch Student Guild to ensure both institutions are aligned in their advocacy and that the student voice is heard at every level of this conversation.

Placements

This issue has recently gained significant momentum and is an area of growing importance for students across multiple faculties. Working closely with Rama, State Branch NUS President, to create a poster and Instagram post regarding teaching placements and the issues facing students currently on practicum. Rama developed a survey to capture student experiences and I am looking forward to presenting the results directly to Minister Toni Buti on 27 May - an important opportunity to bring the student voice into a ministerial conversation.

Also working with the Health Sciences Faculty Representative on a post regarding a petition backed by the Allied Health Union to expand Commonwealth prac payments to allied health and medical students. This is a significant equity issue - students on placement are often unable to work and yet receive no financial support, which disproportionately impacts those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

First Year Representatives

Met with the First Year Representatives for the first time this semester - they come from a range of different faculties and it was an incredibly productive and energising meeting. They arrived with so many ideas and a genuine passion for improving the first year experience, which is exactly what this initiative is about.

Key themes that emerged from the conversation included the overwhelming and confusing nature of starting university, the scattered availability of information across multiple platforms and channels, and the real difficulty many first year students face in making connections and meeting people - something that has a direct impact on retention and student wellbeing.

Ideas raised by the representatives included a dedicated First Years tab on OASIS, a Guild subpage or infographic specifically for first year students covering things like where to find study spots, how to access support services and key things to know in the first weeks of university. There were also great ideas around having a Guild stall on campus during the first week of study and running orientation sessions during that period to help students find their feet earlier. All of these ideas are being taken forward and will be developed further in the coming weeks with a view to implementation in semester 2.

Guild Visibility

Filmed a reel with Faculty Representatives Astor and Ebony focused on informing students about what the Guild is, what we do, and importantly highlighting that we are a union. It is easy to assume students know what the Guild does, the reality is that many do not, and that lack of awareness means students are missing out on the support, representation and resources available to them. This reel is one part of a broader effort to close that gap and make the Guild more visible and accessible to the wider student body.



Vice President Sustainability and Welfare

May Guild Council (24/04/2026 – 21/05/2026)

Morgan Mills (they/them)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
29/04/2026	Meeting with Tanya Chambers	Campus director at WASM
30/04/2026	WASM Social Club meeting	
	Uni Merger meeting	With Rama and Murdoch Guild
04/05/2026	Dietetics Placement	With Dr Megan Rollo
05/05/2026	Curtin Guild x Spudshed	
08/05/2026	Respectful relationship modules	
	Hannah Beazley MP meeting	Regarding the merger
11/05/2026	University Health and Safety	
12/05/2026	Plastic Disposal at the Guild	
15/05/2026	HIV machines	With Sheldon, Astor and Dean

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/04/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
29/04/2026	WASM Guild Committee meeting	
30/04/2026	Housing Report	
	Meeting with Roberto	
05/05/2026	Executive meeting	
	Housing shoot	

06/05/2026	Dietetics student placements	
07/05/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	
08/05/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
12/05/2026	Merger launch planning meeting	
13/05/2026	Guild Health and Safety	
14/05/2026	Period Product initiative planning	
19/05/2026	Executive meeting	
20/05/2026	Student Services Committee	
	VPSW x ISC President	
21/05/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	

Updates

NDIS cuts

As discussed last meeting, I have been actively working with our Accessibility Officer, Mia, to advocate and support students involving the cuts to the NDIS. This has included a motion to condemn the cut, sign the Greens Australia petition against the cut and attend and promote the rally that occurred on the 09/05.

Along with this, the Guild also actively condemns the Federal Government for the cuts and call for required registration of NDIS providers.

Food Charter

The food charter is currently under review as a simpler version of the document, along with an implementation plan is developed.

With this being said, further progress towards the Guild's food security support has been made. During World Week, myself, Moira and Andrew met with Foodbank to discuss potential options for collaboration. This includes Foodbank bringing their mobile van to campus for students to use as an alternative to the pantry.

Work is also underway to begin the launch of the weekly community dinners. These dinners will cater to approximately 100 students on a first come, first served basis. There will be both a meat and vegetarian dish offered, with students being given the opportunity to sit in the courtyard and socialise while they enjoy their meal.

University Merger

We are currently working with the Murdoch Guild to launch a large campaign against the university merger being pushed by the government. This includes the development of a website, an Instagram and a survey which will look into people's understandings and viewpoints on what the merger is.

This campaign was launched at the beginning of this week, on the 18th. The focus of our campaign and marketing is based on the outcomes of a painted dog survey that asked the Perth about the merger, targeting demographics such as students and parents of future students.

The main launched included the activation of the Instagram and website, as well as large posters and flyers being handed out. There are also stickers for students to take. This launch expands across the entire week, with a BBQ specifically around discussing and spreading awareness about the merger and its negative implications. This will expand into next week, with Murdoch also launching their version of the campaign using the same promotional material.

Respectful relations and the GBV code

At the beginning of the month Sarah, our Women's Officer, and myself met with Jack Geraghty and Eleanor Reid-Brabon to discuss the new GBV code and the updates to the respectful relationships module required by first year students to complete.

In this meeting, we discussed changing the timing of when students sit the modules in relation to their degree. This led to a preliminary decision of students sitting a refresher quiz every three years, which they need to get an 80% pass rate on. If they fail, they must complete the training again.

Other areas discussed for improving the modules included making them more accessible to students, as currently they are using a comic format which is not suitable for screen readers. It has been indicated that fixing this issue is on the list of amendments that needs to be made, but due to a lack of transparency around the timeline for this, I will be actively pushing for this issue to be a priority.

Housing campaign

The official housing report will be published during the semester break. This report will be available digitally, as well as a few physical copies and highlights the flaws of Curtin accommodation. The date chosen for this publication is based on most housing students still being on campus, and the new influx of students starting their studies in semester 2.

The report covers issues relating to the Unilodge accommodation, as well as the Curtin accommodation, Agricola, out in Kalgoorlie. The issues involving these two accommodation options are polar opposites of each other, but both provide serious hardship for the students needing to live on or near campus.

The sections for Unilodge cover the lack of safety for students, poor maintenance, unaffordable rent and hidden fees, lack of air conditioning, and the link between academic progression and their ability to rent. Meanwhile, in Kalgoorlie, there is no where near enough housing for the number of students studying at WASM. The university is also targeting undergraduates instead of postgraduates, of which the predominant make up is domestic students. This leaves international students without anywhere to live and often sleeping in their vehicles or at train stations for up to weeks at a time.

The report calls out the University for their lack of support, understanding and advocacy for students when it comes to where they live, their safety, and any financial hardships they may be experiencing, especially in this cost-of-living crisis.

Kalgoorlie

In late April I had the pleasure of visiting the Kalgoorlie WASM campus with Dylan, Connie, and Tahsin. During this trip, I investigated a variety of equity-based issues around the campus as per the request of the equity officers.

I inspected the state of the bathrooms, as well as the accessibility of the campus. I also looked into the quality of lighting on the campus and whether or not period products were available to students. I also promoted the First Nations Collective for Bonnie. I met with the Guild Committee and discussed how the Guild and Equity Reps here in Bentley can support them and students should they require it.

As part of this trip, I looked into the housing available to students studying at WASM and how this differs to the housing available via Unilodge in Bentley. This information is available in the Housing Report.

Smart Bins

The Guild has entered a 6-month demonstration period with Circle 8 for the use of 3 indoor smart bins. These Smart Bins provide students with an opportunity to earn free Red Bull for donating their 10c containers, along with other prizes. The cans will be collected by an external organisation, with the Guild receiving the full 10c for each can.

The smart bins were launched during world week, where Circle 8, Red Bull, and the Guild having a joint activation promoting the bins, their locations, and how students can win from using them.

The smart bins are located in GC Concept, the GC Library, and GC Basement. This 6-month period will determine the success of the bins on our campus, with final data and overall results

will determine if a longer-term contract will be signed. These bins diminish the main current issue associated with the general Containers for Change bins on campus – students, staff, and members of the community throw general waste into the bins. This removes all value of the cans, as they will not be recycled if there is general waste in amongst them. This is done by having people scan the barcode of the container. If the container is eligible for 10c refund, a hatch is opened and the container can be deposited. In order to take part in gaining free Red Bull and larger prizes, students must create an account using the app.

Recycling Hub

The final logistical components of the recycling hub have been organised. These components involve how the items in the hub will be collected and recycled. Cleanaway are collecting the batteries and bottle caps on a fortnightly basis. Pharmacycle are collecting the blister packs, and we are using Terracycle to collect the empty beauty products and stationery items.

57th Guild Council

Vice President- Activities May Report

Tahni Rowe - Date Submitted: 15/05/2026

**CURTIN
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Date	Event/Meeting	Comment
21/04	Pre event check in	Cat C event Accessibility Rep
21/04	VPAX events catch up	
21/04	Clubs x VPA	
21/04-24/04	Pop up thrift market	
22/04	World Week Sustainability and WelFAIR	
23/04	VPA x Events x Engagement	Battle of the bands decisions meeting
28/04	Ally Training	
28/04	VPA x Events Catchup	
28/04	VPA x GMSS Monthly Catchup	
29/04	Universities Disabilities Collaboration.	
30/04	Clubs and Events part timer interviews	
30/04	VPA x Events x Engagement	Stress less
30/04	Events team roles and responsibilities	
01/05	Barnyard Bash	
04/05 – 07/04	Leave	
06/05	Guild AGM	
13/04	Interclubs meeting	
14/05	VPA x Events Catchup	
14/05	Introduction chat with	

A Little Note From Your VPA.....

Hi Y'all!

So great to see all you beautiful people again. A very busy month for myself. World week, barnyard bash and planning for all the amazing upcoming end of semester events. I know this is an extremely busy time for everyone with a rapidly approaching end of semester and wish all the best on your final assessments.



Good Vibes Always,

Tahni Rowe

Events

World Week

World week! World week!

Previously sustainability week we had a few upgrades this year. We saw some classics return such as thrift market and with coffee cup discount running all week.

Newley brought in WelFAIR (hheheheh get it) that was a stall day event centred around student wellbeing and wider community initiatives. Circle8 Smart bins, Food Bank, Redbull, Curtin sustainability collective, National Union of students and are fabulous reps. Big shoutout to Morgan (VPSW), Sarah (Womens Department) and Astor (Queer Department).

World Week community dinner. A new event with the simple aim of brining people together. Turnout was not as high as we expected, considering our online form for attendees had reached capacity. However thanks to some quick thinking from our reps we ended up taking left over meals around the library to fuel up some students late night studying. For those that did attend it was an incredibly wholesome event, with many laughs, good food and community vibes.

I would like to say a hugggeeeeeeeeeee thank you and shoutout to the one and only Morgan Mills, our Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare. They worked endlessly with the team on top of all their usual duties to make this World week come together and be of great benefit to our students. Also our amazing events team and engagement who are always the true mitochondria (power house).





Barnyard Bash

YEEEEEEEEHAAWWWWWWWWW!

This event saw the introduction of a mid-semester party and a trial of a all ages 'Tav' event. With a mechanical bull (I got 42 seconds not to brag), line dancing, high value giveaways and a DJ.

A good dress up theme always goes hard and our attendees definitely got the brief.

Definitely a few learnings and things to improve upon but I think a classic that should definitely be added into the rotation.



Disability Collaboration Lunch

Our first category C event. This was headed up by our Accessibility Rep Mia, who aimed to bring together students with disabilities to discuss accessibility and inequity facing those in tertiary education. The event was extremely well received and huge props to Mia for putting forward such an incredible platform for those who to often then not are not heard.

Coming up.....

Riff Rumble

Yall I'm excited for this one. A showcase of talent at the Tav to round out our semester. The vibe is good music and big sigh of relief that teaching weeks are doneeeeeee..... Before exam season. Audience members will have the chance to

vote for our winners and all the bands will have the opportunity to enter the tertiary music competition to put their names on the map nationally.

Stress Less

Ahhhhh a classic. The return of Brinner and snack cart! Also adding in a few new activities such as a giant paint by numbers to help refresh our beautiful courtyard and therapy dogs to help us all stress less!!!

Campaigns and Projects

Anti Uni Merger Campaign

Our exec is working hard to make sure we keep pressure and spread the word of protecting our university. A motion was passed at the AGM, uniting students to stand against and reject a merger or amalgamation of any kind. Big props to our Vice President of Education who spoke to this motion with so much grace and power.



University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
31/03/2026	SSAFEAC Meeting	
31/03/2026	Update on National Code	Re: Gender Based Violence
14/04/2026	Merger Campaign Meeting	At Murdoch University with both executives
06/05/2026	National Executive NUS	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/03/2026	Executive Meeting	
24/03/2026	Rep check in meeting	w/ PSC Rep & President
02/04/2026	AGM Test run check in	With George
07/04/2026	Executive Planning dat	10-5pm planning day for campaigns/direction
09/04/2026	Representation Board Meeting	
15/04/2026	AGM Webinar Setup	With George
15/04/2026	Strategic Plan set up meeting	With MD and GM
16/04/2026	Secretary x Governance Officer catch up	
21/4/2026	Executive Meeting	
29/04/2026	Finance Interview	
29/04/2026	Finance Interview	
30/04/2026	University Merger Check in meeting	
30/04/2026	Laptop tech set up	With George
04/05/2026	Finance Interview	
04/05/2026	Governance catch up	
04/05/2026	PSC ISC Constitution updates	
04/05/2026	Financial Review	
04/05/2026	Finance Interview	
04/05/2026	Finance Interview	

05/05/2026	Executive Meeting	
05/05/2026	Finance Interview	
06/05/2026	Guild Annual General Meeting	
07/05/2026	Coffee Catch up with MD	
12/05/2026	Merger planning meeting	With executive
12/05/2026	Clubs Catch up	With Luke
12/05/2026	Secretary x Pres catch up	
13/05/2026	Finance and Risk	
14/05/2026	Representation Board Meeting	

Leave Taken:

None.

Further Notes:

The Guild's financial documents were officially signed following a detailed review by the Finance and Risk Committee during its meeting. During this process, the Committee thoroughly examined the financial statements, acknowledged the auditor's report and opinion, and expressed confidence in the integrity and accuracy of the Guild's financial reporting and financial position. This was subsequently brought to Guild Council as a formal motion and was successfully carried. Planning for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was also underway throughout this reporting period and has since concluded successfully. The AGM saw the approval of both the Audit Report and the Annual Report. Thank you to Vernon, George, Tanya, and all others involved in finalising the necessary arrangements and preparations.

Meetings have also been ongoing between the Curtin Student Guild, Murdoch University Student Guild, and the NUS State Branch regarding planning for the university merger campaign currently being developed. As many are aware, there have been discussions surrounding a proposed merger between Curtin University, The University of Western Australia, and Murdoch University. The Guild remains strongly opposed to this proposal. A motion regarding this matter was also raised at the AGM and therefore appears before this May Guild Council meeting, as motions carried at the AGM must proceed to Guild Council for approval.

Additionally, work to review and rewrite constitutions is currently underway, with consultation occurring alongside relevant representatives to ensure feedback is incorporated throughout the process. In particular, the PSC and ISC constitutions are under review and are being amended prior to proceeding to Legal Committee and subsequently Guild Council for final approval. It was determined that vacancies for these committees would remain unfilled until the amendments are finalised in order to avoid governance overlap and role confusion. In the interim, Morgan will continue acting as PSC Officer to ensure the portfolio remains appropriately supported and maintained.

Throughout this reporting period, I was also involved in several interviews relating to the recruitment of a Finance Officer to support the Finance Team with its workload. I am pleased to report that a suitable candidate was identified and has since been offered the position. Participating in recruitment processes continues to reinforce the importance of appointing staff who possess a well-rounded understanding of the Guild's purpose and operations. I also look forward to participating in the upcoming Governance Officer interview process later this week (again).

Meetings were also held with Dylan, Moira, and Vernon regarding the Guild Strategic Plan and the development of actionable implementation planning to ensure strategic goals are translated into tangible outcomes over the coming years. I believe Council will begin seeing progress in this area in the near future.

Ongoing Secretary Duties:

Continued general operations of the Secretary role, including:

- Processing reimbursements and payment requests.
- Reviewing and approving budgets and timesheet submissions.
- Providing support with governance matters including agenda prep, minute review, and action tracking.
- Payroll and assisting with payroll-related queries

Attendance Tracking:

An attendance log has been developed and implemented for Guild Council and Representation Board meetings. This will be updated following each council meeting for greater accountability and ensuring active attendance from representatives.

Conflict of Interest Register:

Maintained and regularly updated the Conflict of Interest Register to ensure transparency across Council and committee members.

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April Overview

Reporting Period 1 -30 April 2026

This report aims to provide Council with an overview of the Curtin Student Guild's key operational performance, and key activities for the month of April. The period was characterised by continued strong engagement across front line services, continued facility development progress, event activation and substantive staff recruitment activities.

Operationally as set out below, April saw continued strong activity across commercial operations, student services, and corporate service activities.

Strategic projects

Guild Precinct Update

B106B Project Update - Student Equity Spaces

With full design approval received from the Curtin Commercial Properties team we have now commenced the tender process for the construction contracting services which will close on Wednesday 13 May. Subject to the timing of university approval of the construction project plan the project is estimated to commence in June.

Guild Tavern and Central Café

Two architectural design consultants will be presenting their conceptual designs to the Guild on the week commencing 25 May 2026. The designers who have accepted the invitation to present include Urbani Design and Seven Willow Designs, both of which have extensive similar commercial design experience.

Angazi Café

Curtin University has confirmed the return of a Guild run commercial outlet at the location previously housing our Angazi Café. Whilst completion of the works on the complex and our ability to occupy remains at least two years off, we have already commenced working with the Architects to settle the final design and fit out of the kitchen and will soon meet to discuss the interior design and furniture component of the service and dining area of the cafe.

Commercial

Retail

The Guilds retail outlets continue to perform strongly on a year-to-date business. It is evident that increased on site attendance is continuing which is reflected in our sales and overall financial performance.

Student Saver Meals.

Student Saver Meals continue to be offered across all Guild cafés, with utilisation levels consistent with the data reported below.

While student uptake remains positive, an opportunity has been identified to improve the visibility of these offerings. To address this, it has been agreed to introduce consistent and more prominent Guild-branded signage across all outlets to clearly identify Student Saver Meal options. Implementation of the updated signage was installed in May.

Student Saver Meals sold at each outlet for April 2026 reported below.

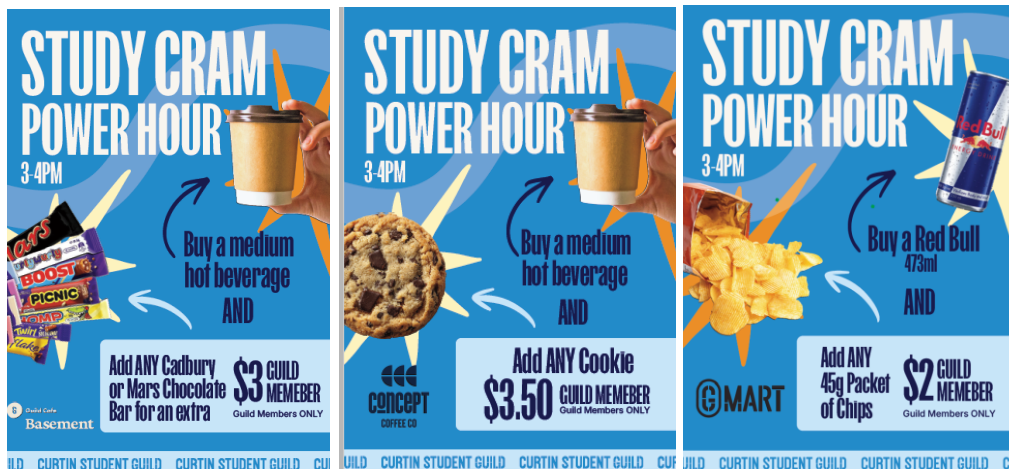
Outlet	Product	Price	Quantity
GC Central	Various – Dahl & Rice, Dumplings, Byriani, Stuffed Potatoes	\$5.00	230
GC Central	“Loaded Gringo” Stuffed Potato	\$6.00	78
GC Central	Various – Asian Chicken and Rice, Chicken Byriani, Peri Peri Chicken & Chips...	\$7.50	181
GC Basement	Cheese Wrap & Chips	\$5.00	56
GC Basement	Chicken Parmi Wrap & Chips	\$7.00	146
GC Library	Cheese Wrap and Gems	\$5.00	23
GC Library	Ham and Cheese Wrap with Potato	\$7.00	14
Concept Café	Cheese Toastie	\$5.00	15
Mallokup	Cheese Toastie	\$5.00	0
Tav	Chip Butty	\$5.00	9
Tav	Crumbed Sausages	\$8.00	28
Total			780

Promotions

A Brekky Hour Promotion (7.30-8.30am) across our early morning coffee outlets has now been introduced until the end of Semester as set out below.



Study Cram Hour introduced to beat the afternoon slump



Service Developments

The Guild is currently in the final testing phase of an online ordering solution for trial at the Library Café. The “order ahead” functionality will enable customers to place and pay for orders remotely, allowing for convenient collection of coffees and other standard menu items.

This initiative is aimed at improving service efficiency, reducing wait times, and enhancing the overall customer experience. Further updates will be provided following the completion of the trial phase.

Catering / Kitchens

A new Head Chef, Christopher Hellyer, has been appointed at the Tavern. Christopher brings extensive experience and knowledge which will strengthen our capabilities and leadership within the Tav kitchen.

O-Day, originally scheduled during the reporting period, was postponed. Guild Catering is confirmed to support the rescheduled event taking place next Sunday.

The Tav & Functions Kirribilli

The Tav

The Tavern has continued to perform steadily during the reporting period, with solid patronage across both food and beverage offerings. Trade levels have remained consistent throughout the month, supported by positive customer feedback regarding service, atmosphere, and food quality.

A key development this period has been the appointment of Christopher Hellyer as Head Chef. Chris has integrated well into the role and is working closely with the kitchen team to enhance operational consistency and overall performance. Early customer feedback has been encouraging, and there is positive momentum within the kitchen team.

The “Live @ The Tav” Friday program continues to attract strong attendance, contributing to a vibrant venue atmosphere. In addition, the regular Tuesday quiz nights are performing well, effectively activating what would otherwise be a quieter trading period.

There has also been a noticeable improvement in the presentation and cleanliness of the venue, reflecting a strong focus from the team on maintaining high standards. Recognition is extended to Vanessa, Anna, and the broader Tavern team for their continued effort and commitment to delivering a quality customer experience.

In addition, so far this year the Tav:

- ◊ Has introduced a new food menu
- ◊ Is developing a Cocktail Menu for launch in Sem 2 as a trial
- ◊ Is planning a trial lunch time opening during semester break

Kirribilli Catering

Kirribilli catering is performing well on a year-to-date basis and slightly ahead of budget.

The Catering team has successfully delivered its first live cooking station activation, featuring Birria tacos. The offering was well received and has already generated additional business, with a similar activation secured for an upcoming function.

Corporate Services

The newly established Corporate Services division is led by Natasha Morgan, General Manager Corporate Services (GMCS). The division brings together a number of core administrative and enabling functions that support all areas of Guild operations.

The Corporate Services division comprises four key areas of operational focus, which collectively underpin the effective delivery, governance, and administrative services. These areas of administration include:

- ∂ Finance
- ∂ Information Technology
- ∂ Governance and
- ∂ Human Resources

Please note that monthly Finance and Safety Reports are provided separately.

Finance

During the reporting period, the Finance team experienced several staffing disruptions, including the resignation of the Accounts Payable (AP) Officer in early April and extended leave taken by key personnel, with the Management Accountant absent for approximately 2.5 weeks and the Senior Finance Officer for three weeks.

Despite these challenges, finance operations have remained stable, with minimal disruption reported. A temporary AP resource was engaged to maintain continuity, and payroll processing continued uninterrupted throughout the period.

Recruitment for the AP role has progressed successfully, with a preferred candidate verbally accepting an offer on 8 May. The successful applicant is expected to commence in late May, which will further stabilise the function.

Human Resources

Following the 2025 corporate restructure, work is ongoing to ensure the changes are clearly embedded and consistently understood across all operational and commercial areas of the Guild.

A key focus area is the continued strengthening of Human Resources (HR) governance. This includes a structured mapping exercise to confirm the organisational framework, ensuring all roles are clearly defined and supported by current and accessible position descriptions.

Initial insights from this process indicate there are opportunities to further align foundational employment documentation, including employment contracts, Fair Work award application, and role classifications. These areas are being reviewed with our external IR consultants to confirm consistency and identify any updates that may be required and appropriate.

During the reporting period, a number of employee matters have also been raised and managed through established processes, with outcomes generally resolved constructively.

IT

The transformation of IT support, operations, and governance continues in partnership with Catalytic IT. Key initiatives progressed during the year to date include:

- ◊ Implementation of a ticketing system to support the management and tracking of day-to-day IT requests
- ◊ Establishment of a regular weekly onsite presence (Fridays) by a Catalytic IT team member
- ◊ Strengthening of security through the implementation of policies, system patches, and updates
- ◊ Development of an action plan in response to the IT audit conducted in late 2025
- ◊ Drafting of a Disaster Recovery Plan
- ◊ Introduction of cyber awareness training and testing across the organisation

As these security enhancements have been implemented, there have been some minor operational impacts, including email filtering through firewall protections and restricted overseas access for some users. These measures are consistent with a strengthened security posture.

To support continuity of access, a communication will be issued ahead of the upcoming university break requesting staff and Guild representatives to advise of any planned overseas travel. This will enable appropriate arrangements to be made with Catalytic IT to minimise disruption.

Overall, the focus remains on balancing improved security with operational usability, recognising that proactive measures are critical in mitigating cyber risk.

Governance

The establishment of Governance as a discrete administrative function, supported by a dedicated and appropriately qualified officer, is a key initiative arising from the organisational review. The role was briefly occupied by Simon Barry, who resigned in March due to unforeseen personal reasons, and has remained vacant since that time.

Recruitment for the Governance Officer position is a current priority, recognising its importance in supporting the Secretary and strengthening governance capability across the Guild. Interviews are scheduled to commence in the week beginning 18 May 2026. In the interim, Mitch Craig has provided valuable support in fulfilling aspects of the role in recent weeks, and his contribution is appreciated and acknowledged.

Following the completion and formalisation of the 2026 Annual General Meeting, focus is shifting to key upcoming governance activities. These include preparation for the

student elections later in the year, as well as progressing a number of foundational governance improvements such as the establishment of a policy and corporate register.

A broader program of work is also being scoped to review the Guild's operational policies and procedures to ensure they remain contemporary and fit for purpose. This is expected to be a staged, multi-year initiative.

Management recently developed a draft Risk Management Framework aimed at strengthening the Guild's overall risk management approach. The framework includes a risk policy, appetite statement, procedures, plan, and risk register, and was presented to the Finance and Risk Committee (FRC) on 13 May 2026.

The FRC provided constructive feedback and guidance on the draft, which management is currently incorporating into a revised version of the framework. The updated document is intended for resubmission to the FRC at its next meeting in July.

Student Services

The Student Services division is led by Moira Ainsley, General Manager Student Services (GMSS). The division brings together a number of core service areas focused on enhancing the student experience and supporting student life across the Guild.

The Student Services division comprises four key areas of operational focus, which include:

- Student Assist
- Student Engagement
- Events
- Clubs and Associations

April was characterised by a strong recruitment focus across Student Services, with recruitment activity undertaken for six positions: Digital Engagement Lead and Marketing and Communications Lead, two Student Assist Officers, a Club Support Assistant and an Events Support Assistant.

Vivian Hung commenced during the month as a Student Assist Officer, and the appointment of the two additional Student Assist Officers will bring the team to six staff, strengthening capacity to meet current and anticipated service demand.

Five of the recruited roles are scheduled to commence in May, with one role commencing in July. The operational focus for May will be on onboarding and training new team members, progressing project planning for strategic and SSAF-funded initiatives and identifying opportunities to streamline internal processes.

Student Assist

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Academic Sessions	260	323	264	211								
Non-academic sessions	78	97	103	50								
Total	329	397	360									
2025 Total	201	284	297	222								

Programs

Program	No. students accessing
Food Pantry	57
Loan Laptop	8
Training / Workshops (First Aid & CPR)	77

Events

April Events

Clubs Carnival (1 April)

Clubs Carnival delivered a positive start to the term, with steady engagement and strong visibility for clubs and societies. The event supported student connection and campus activation.

World Week (20-24 April)

World Week was delivered across multiple days, celebrating campus diversity and inclusion. Student engagement and feedback were highly positive, with approximately \$911.00 raised in donations for the Guild's chosen charity, CARAD.

Universities Disability Lunch (29 April)

The Universities Disability Lunch was well delivered and aligned strongly with accessibility and inclusion objectives. Feedback from attendees was positive, with meaningful discussion and engagement achieved.

May/June events

Barnyard Bash (1 May)

Barnyard Bash delivered a themed social experience; however, attendance was lower than anticipated. Key learnings include the need for improved event timing, clearer communications, and a more cohesive program structure. A small number of Health and Safety issues were identified and will inform future planning.

AGM (6 May)

The AGM commenced with strong attendance but did not maintain quorum throughout. Learnings include improved entry and exit monitoring and clearer communication on the value and importance of attending the AGM for its full duration. Opportunities to strengthen attendance and retention are being explored.

Riff Rumble (22 May)

Planning for Riff Rumble is progressing well, with logistics and production on track. The event is expected to deliver strong engagement.

Stress Less Week (2-5 June)

Planning for Stress Less Week is underway, with a focus on wellbeing, accessibility, and student support during a high-pressure academic period.

Clubs & Societies

Key focus area

Operational activity remained elevated, with continued demand for event approvals, venue bookings, and one-to-one support, including support for clubs finalising annual renewals and governance transitions. Clubs Carnival was delivered alongside the Events team, and grant applications and club vouchers were processed.

April 2026 included two Tuition-Free Weeks (one additional compared to 2025), during which club activity and function pack usage is typically minimal, despite this, event volumes still increased year-on-year, indicating strong underlying demand.

Club Registration

As of 30 April	
Registered	82 (4 new)
New clubs onboarding	7
Renewals pending	10
Lapsed	24

Club Events

		Apr-26	Apr-25	YoY Change	YTD Total
Events	Total club events	343	307	↑ 11.7%	998
	- On-campus events	317	300	↑ 5.7%	923
	- Off-campus events	26	7	↑ 271.4%	75
	Clubs Hub bookings	54	18	↑ 200.0%	90
Function Packs	Total Function Packs	24	20	↑ 20.0%	72
	BBQs	6	2	↑ 200.0%	22
	Tav (total)	12	11	↑ 9.1%	40
	- Takeaway	2	6	↓ 66.7%	14
	- In-Tav event	10	5	↑ 100.0%	26
	Kirribilli packs	6	7	↓ 14.3%	10

Student Engagement

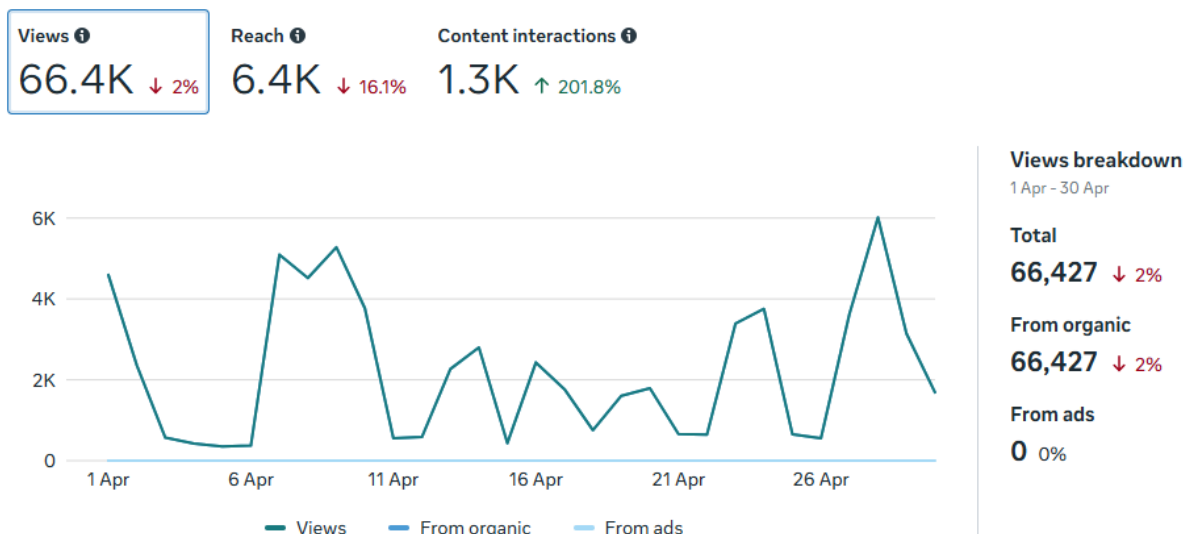
Key focus area

The focus in April was on planning and foundational work. This included the development of a marketing and communications strategy and plan for Kirribilli Catering, with other outlets to follow, and the commencement of a marketing plan for Student Saver Meals, incorporating a consistent design approach across all outlets. A weekly newsletter was introduced, transitioning away from ad-hoc, event-based communications.

The focus for May will be the development of a quarterly social media content plan to ensure balanced coverage across content pillars, providing support to the Housing and University Merger campaigns and undertaking an audit of the current website.

Statistics

Instagram



Top content by views

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BARNYARD BASH 2026 🌵 This ain't o...
8 April 09:00
👁 38.2K ❤️ 231
🗳 28 📌 350

Yeehaw 🤠 Before you hit the rodeo, here's...
30 April 09:01
👁 16.7K ❤️ 125
🗳 1 📌 44

Barnyard Bash Lineup is here 🤠 🌵 ...
28 April 09:30
👁 12.7K ❤️ 89
🗳 1 📌 70

YOUR STAGE AWAITS 🎸 Riff...
17 April 10:30
👁 11.3K ❤️ 35
🗳 0 📌 34

This isn't your average Friday 🤠 ...
24 April 10:30
👁 9.8K ❤️ 57
🗳 2 📌 54

Facebook

[All](#)
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[Stories](#)
[Reels](#)
[Live](#)

Views ⓘ

2.3K ↓ 4.1%

3-second views ⓘ

24 ↑ 14.3%

1-minute views ⓘ

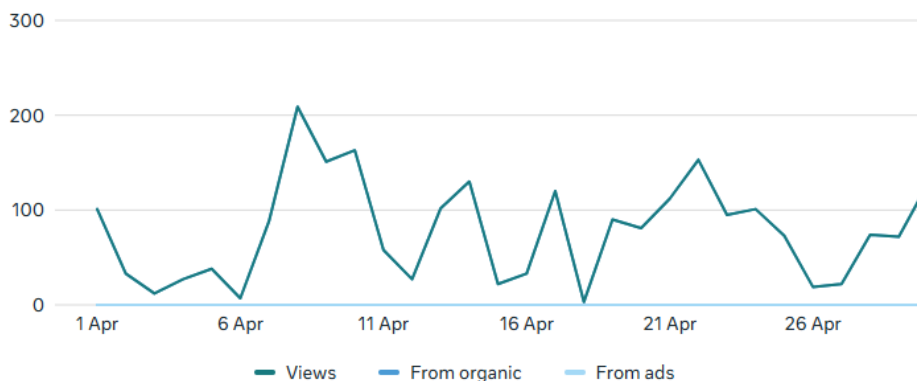
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Content interactions ⓘ

0 ↓ 100%

Watch time ⓘ

6m 30s ↑ 32.9%



Views breakdown

1 Apr - 30 Apr

Total

2,343 ↓ 4.1%

From organic

2,343 ↓ 4.1%

From ads

0 0%

Viewers ⓘ

794 ↓ 1.9%

Top content by views

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Got a lot at steak this week? We've got you...
9 April 11:30
👁 190 ❤️ 0
🗳 0 📌 0

Your story
1 May 11:32
👁 362 ❤️ 0
🗳 0 📌 0

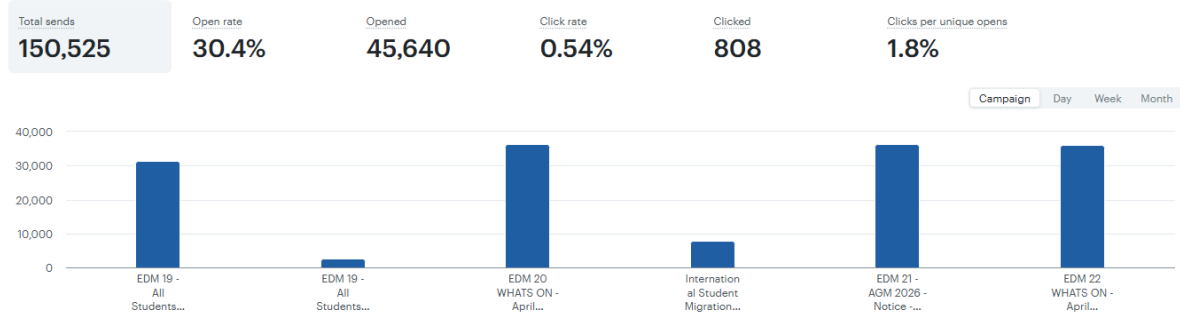
If comfort food had a headquarters, it'd be...
20 April 11:30
👁 160 ❤️ 0
🗳 0 📌 0

A slice of comfort with a side of freshness...
23 April 11:45
👁 145 ❤️ 0
🗳 0 📌 0

Delicious food, drinks and live music. What..
10 April 12:30
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Emails

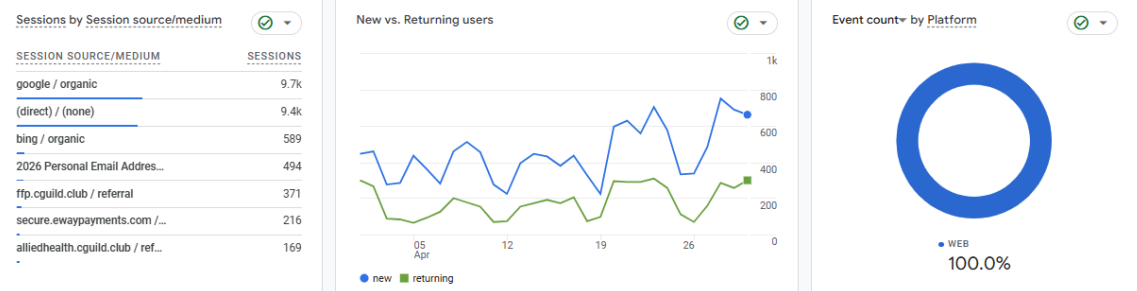
Marketing engagement



Website

Active users	New users	Average engagement time per active user	Event count
16k	13k	54s	132k

Top pages/screens				
PAGE TITLE AND SCREEN CLASS	VIEWS	ACTIVE USERS	EVENT COUNT	BOUNCE RATE
Home	2.9k	1.9k	7.9k	28.3%
Member & Guest Login	2.4k	1.4k	5.3k	17.7%
G Mart	2.2k	1.2k	5.4k	17.5%
Event Application Form	2.2k	103	4.4k	15.2%
Find a Club	2.1k	894	5.4k	23.5%
Printing	1.8k	962	4.7k	53.0%
Clubs	1.3k	891	3.2k	23.6%



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57th Guild Council

GUILD COUNCIL

SAFETY REPORT – MAY 2026

Prepared By: Nika Velios (HR & Safety Officer)
Reviewed By: Natasha Morgan (General Manager - Corporate Services)
Submitted: Vernon Thompson (Managing Director)

Moved:
Seconded:

Preamble:

The Guild to discuss and note the Safety Report and determine any actions arising.

Motion:

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

Safety Performance:

- Safety inspections conducted on time (as % of planned inspections): **100%** April
- Workers' compensation claims (as hours of paid compensation over the past 12 months):
1929.42 Hours for the 12 months rolling to April 2026

Incidents and Hazards to note:

New items of concern from the Workplace Inspections:

- Nil

Other items reported during the month:

- Nil

Ongoing items:

- Nil

Guild injuries, near misses or hazards reported:

- **01/04/2026, Rear of B106C (Tavern)** – Guild supplier attended site to complete an oil change. At approximately 12:04 pm, Tavern staff were notified of an oil spill in the loading dock area. Initial containment actions were undertaken immediately using the onsite spill kit, and the affected area was isolated to minimise risk. The Guild supplier was notified of the incident, and photographic evidence of the spill was provided. Guild supplier proposed cleaning the spill using degreaser and water; however, this was placed on hold pending advice from Curtin to ensure any clean-up process complied with Curtin requirements and

environmental obligations. Multiple Curtin contacts within Compliance, Health & Safety, Sustainability, and Properties were consulted throughout the afternoon to determine an appropriate response and clean-up method. Following discussions between all parties, it was agreed that the spill would remain contained over the Easter break and that Curtin Parks & Gardens would undertake the final clean-up works afterwards. Additional absorbent material was applied to further contain the spill area, and the road remained closed off to maintain safety. The site has since been cleaned, and the spill kit has been replenished. – **Closed**

- **23/04/2026, Stairs between B204 and B210** - Curtin Safer Community Team (SCT) responded to an incident involving a non-community delivery driver who sustained an ankle injury after falling at the base of the stairs on the west side of B204. CCTV footage reviewed confirmed the driver was carrying delivery cartons when he lost balance after striking the toe of his shoe on the paving at the bottom of the stairs, causing him to fall and drop the delivery items. Nearby persons assisted the injured individual to a safe seated location while awaiting assistance. Curtin SCT officers attended immediately, assessed the situation, and provided transport assistance to B109 (Health Services) for medical assessment. Health Services were notified prior to arrival to ensure the injured person could be attended to promptly. The incident was forwarded to the Guild via Curtin's RISE reporting system for further response and follow-up. The Guild is currently in discussions with the supplier to obtain the required details relating to the injured contractor and incident circumstances. - **Open**

Ongoing items:

- *Nil*

General Safety Update for the Month:

Health and Safety Committee met on 13 May 2026.

Financial Report Variance Analysis – April 2026

Figure 1 – Guild Dashboard

Curtin Student Guild - Financial Dashboard - Overview				
CURTIN STUDENT GUILD	YTD April 2026			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance %
Net Sales	2,404,132	2,323,739	80,394	3%
Gross Profit	1,405,372	1,302,692	102,681	8%
Wages Expense	2,102,476	2,282,702	(180,225)	-8%
Other Expenses Total	945,016	949,923	(4,907)	-1%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	524,561	182,369	342,193	188%
Net Assets	5,076,051	4,733,858	342,193	7%
Cash Position	6,029,978	6,006,042	23,936	0%

Curtin Student Guild - Financial Dashboard - Commercial					
CURTIN STUDENT GUILD	YTD April 2026				
	Prior YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance to Budget	Variance %
Net Sales	2,243,107	2,404,132	2,323,739	80,394	3%
Gross Profit	1,290,699	1,405,372	1,302,692	102,681	8%
Wages Expense	1,081,369	1,151,851	1,088,784	63,067	6%
Other Expenses Total	352,825	418,357	406,121	12,237	3%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(105,506)	173,748	96,659	77,089	80%

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30th April 2026, the Guild reported **Net Assets of \$5.08M**, confirming that the Guild continues to maintain a strong and solvent financial position. Net assets represent the difference between the value of assets owned by the Guild and the liabilities owed.

Assets

- **Cash** at the end of April totalled **\$6.03M**, an **increase of \$1.74M YTD**, reflecting the timing of SSAF receipts and normal seasonal trading patterns.
- **Inventory** increased by **\$96k YTD**, consistent with restocking of food and beverage lines and uniform purchases at G Mart.
- **Prepayments** decreased by **\$101k YTD**, due mostly to the timing of yearly payments.

Liabilities

- **Creditors & Borrowings** increased by **\$251k YTD**, reflecting the timing of the BAS payment.
- **Accrued Wages Payable** increased by **\$153k YTD**, driven by payroll timing differences depending on where the pay cycle fell at month-end.

Net Assets increased by \$525k YTD, consistent with the Guild's strong operating surplus reported in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Figure 2 – Statement of Financial Position

Curtin Student Guild				CURTIN STUDENT GUILD
Statement of Financial Position				
As at:	April	2026		
	Current Month	December 2025	Movement this Year	
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Cash	6,029,978	4,289,570	1,740,408	
Receivables	170,118	206,157	(36,039)	
Inventory	367,557	271,519	96,038	
Prepayments	58,590	159,162	(100,572)	
Current Assets	6,626,243	4,926,408	1,699,835	
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>				
Property, Plant & Equipment	891,607	917,138	(25,531)	
Right-Of-Use Assets	256,669	256,669	0	
Non-Current Assets	1,148,276	1,173,807	(25,531)	
Total Assets	7,774,519	6,100,215	1,674,304	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Creditors & Borrowings	806,928	555,942	250,986	
Lease Liability	110,523	165,784	(55,262)	
Accrued Wages Payable	261,536	108,301	153,235	
Provisions	562,808	565,400	(2,591)	
Current Liabilities	2,548,574	1,395,427	1,153,147	
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>				
Long Term Provisions	0	3,405	(3,405)	
Non-Current Liabilities	149,894	153,298	(3,405)	
Total Liabilities	2,698,468	1,548,725	1,149,742	
<u>Net Assets</u>	5,076,051	4,551,490	524,562	
<u>Guild Equity</u>				
Retained Earnings	4,551,490	4,551,490	0	
YTD Profit/(Loss)	524,562	0	524,562	
Guild Equity	5,076,051	4,551,490	524,562	

Statement of Financial Performance

Month to Date (MTD) Result:

For April 2026, the Guild reported an **operating surplus of \$113k**, compared to a budgeted surplus of **\$80k**, representing a **favourable variance of \$33k**.

This result comprises:

- Non-Commercial operating **surplus: \$133k** (budget surplus: **\$51k**)
- Commercial operating **loss: \$20k** (budget surplus: **\$29k**)

Year to Date (YTD) Result:

YTD to April 2026, the Guild reported an **operating surplus of \$525k**, compared to a budgeted surplus of **\$182k**, representing a **favourable variance of \$342k**.

This result comprises:

- Non-Commercial operating **surplus: \$351k** (budget surplus: **\$85k**)
- Commercial operating **surplus: \$174k** (budget surplus: **\$97k**)

Key drivers of the April and YTD result are set out below.

Figure 3 – Statement of Financial Performance CSG Overview

Curtin Student Guild								CURTIN STUDENT GUILD								
Statement of Financial Performance - Summary																
Month:				April		Year:		2026		Period: Apr-26						
Group/Department:				CSG Overview						1002		end		7999		
	04-2025		YTD				Month				2026					
	Prior YTD		Actual		Budget		Variance		Actual		Budget		Variance		Budget	
Sales Total	2,406,206		2,570,991		2,498,489		72,502		551,073		599,758		(48,685)		7,663,091	
Discounts Total	(163,099) 7%		(166,858) 6%		(174,750) 7%		7,892		(39,285) 7%		(43,147) 7%		3,862		(533,159) 7%	
Net Sales	2,243,107		2,404,132		2,323,739		80,394		511,788		556,611		(44,822)		7,129,933	
Cost of Sales Total	952,408 42%		998,760 42%		1,021,047 44%		(22,287)		194,683 38%		227,356 41%		(32,673)		2,941,926 41%	
Gross Surplus	1,290,699		1,405,372		1,302,692		102,681		317,106		329,255		(12,149)		4,188,006	
Total Wages	2,046,818 91%		2,102,476 87%		2,282,702 98%		(180,225)		565,526 110%		561,542 101%		3,984		7,168,601 101%	
Total Other Revenue	144,300		160,320		124,005		36,315		63,667		27,213		36,454		418,597	
Administrative Expences	176,191		259,492		247,856		11,636		49,263		43,602		5,661		652,419	
Consumables	59,707		54,533		59,896		(5,363)		10,960		19,449		(8,489)		171,973	
Repairs & Maintenance	27,216		50,030		32,817		17,213		20,255		8,413		11,841		102,894	
Events	72,060		102,431		106,313		(3,881)		13,103		10,734		2,369		450,226	
Finance Costs	16,163		22,186		16,194		5,992		9,342		8,495		847		58,216	
General Expenses	32,841		73,463		109,137		(35,673)		8,754		20,275		(11,521)		328,194	
Grants	37,955		46,859		51,784		(4,925)		13,693		19,667		(5,974)		193,888	
Occupancy Expenses	233,439		268,095		266,784		1,311		71,287		70,415		872		807,751	
Promotional Expenses	46,181		49,459		50,233		(774)		6,459		11,564		(5,105)		144,798	
Travel and Conferences	4,117		18,467		8,910		9,557		0		165		(165)		48,217	
Other Expenses Total	705,869		945,016		949,923		(4,908)		203,114		212,779		(9,664)		2,958,576	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before ADS	(1,317,688)		(1,481,800)		(1,805,929)		324,129		(387,867)		(417,852)		29,986		(5,520,574)	
SSAF & Grant Total	1,974,525		2,109,592		2,109,576		16		527,398		527,398		0		6,328,760	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before A&I	656,838		627,792		303,647		324,145		139,531		109,546		29,986		808,186	
Amortisation & Depn Total	193,357		161,010		135,177		25,833		40,928		32,982		7,947		393,332	
Underlying Net Surplus/(Deficit)	463,480		466,782		168,471		298,311		98,603		76,564		22,039		414,855	
Reverse Rental Adjustments	(39,786)		(57,780)		(55,534)		(2,246)		(14,445)		(13,883)		(562)		(166,600)	
Depreciation Right of use Asset	41,636		0		41,636		(41,636)		0		10,409		(10,409)		124,907	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	461,631		524,562		182,369		342,193		113,048		80,038		33,009		456,548	

Non- Commercial Operations

Non-commercial **wages** are **\$243k under budget YTD**, This is starting to and will continue to trend down on a month-by-month basis with the onboarding of new staff and recruitment activity being undertaken.

Key staffing activities include:

- **Student Services:** Staggered recruitment of Student Assist Officers, Clubs Officer and Events Officer and Student Engagement officers.
- **Corporate Services:**
 - IT support continues to be supplemented by an external consultant.
 - Governance Officer role remains unfilled, with a temporary staff member working once a week.
 - The Finance department is recruiting for a Finance Officer to be filled by the end of May 26, and this role is currently being filled by a temp.

Other revenue is **\$30k above budget YTD**, reflecting funding received from the university for Student assist grants and for the foodbank program, as well as funds received from old clubs no longer operating.

Other expenses are **\$17k under budget YTD**, with favourable variances across administrative, events and general expenditure lines.

Non-commercial portfolios continue to deliver a **stronger-than-planned surplus**, driven by wage underspends and modest favourable variances in revenue and expenditure.

Figure 4 – Statement of Financial Performance – Non-Commercial

Curtin Student Guild									
Statement of Financial Performance - Summary									
Month:		April	Year:	2026	Period: Apr-26				
Group/Department:		Non Commercial			1002		end	5999	
	04-2025	YTD			Month			2026	
	Prior YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	
Total Wages	965,449	950,625	1,193,917	(243,292)	243,194	294,234	(51,040)	3,627,591	
Total Other Revenue	78,489	72,139	41,660	30,478	31,105	8,516	22,589	178,094	
Administrative Expenses	151,013	235,196	216,885	18,311	45,945	39,777	6,168	577,464	
Consumables	500	296	2,150	(1,854)	207	500	(293)	6,300	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,934	2,104	3,333	(1,229)	811	833	(23)	10,000	
Events	71,606	97,295	112,527	(15,232)	12,193	13,023	(830)	466,949	
Finance Costs	725	690	820	(130)	309	230	79	2,350	
General Expenses	19,435	47,621	79,130	(31,509)	6,244	17,365	(11,121)	264,692	
Grants	37,955	46,859	51,784	(4,925)	13,693	19,667	(5,974)	193,888	
Occupancy Expenses	20,130	31,842	29,340	2,502	7,931	7,285	646	87,620	
Promotional Expenses	44,629	46,287	38,922	7,364	5,340	9,881	(4,540)	116,567	
Travel and Conferences	4,117	18,467	8,910	9,557	0	165	(165)	48,217	
Other Expenses Total	353,044	526,659	543,803	(17,144)	92,674	108,726	(16,053)	1,774,048	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before ADS	(1,240,003)	(1,405,145)	(1,696,060)	290,914	(304,763)	(394,445)	89,682	(5,223,545)	
SSAF & Grant Total	1,855,635	1,845,112	1,845,098	14	461,278	461,278	0	5,535,322	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before A&D	615,632	439,967	149,038	290,928	156,515	66,833	89,682	311,777	
Amortisation & Depn Total	48,495	89,154	63,329	25,825	23,483	15,832	7,651	187,674	
Underlying Net Surplus/(Deficit)	567,137	350,813	85,710	265,104	133,032	51,001	82,032	124,103	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	567,137	350,813	85,710	265,104	133,032	51,001	82,032	124,103	

Commercial Operations

Commercial Operations

Commercial Sales

April trading remained solid, with **YTD Net Sales of \$2.24M**, compared to a budget of \$2.30M, an increase of \$80k.

Key outlet performance YTD includes:

- Kirribilli Catering – strong corporate and university event demand
- Concept Coffee Co, Mallokup, Tav, GC Central, CG Library – steady performance YTD compared to budget.
- GC Library, G Mart and GC Basement – slightly below budget YTD

Commercial Pressures Emerging

Whilst April Net sales present ahead of budget our Gross surplus is below budget for the month for the first time this year which is an indicator that the price increases on raw materials and transport against our fixed pricing philosophy are starting to dilute our gross profit margin.

We will continue to monitor this closely of the coming months to ensure that it is not a timing matter relating to bulk purchases (unlikely). We will also commence looking at our operations for potential efficiencies to offset this challenge including product range, alternate suppliers and opening hours.

Figure 5: Graph 2026 Monthly Net Sales Comparison

Illustrates April 2026 actual net sales by outlet against budget and prior year.

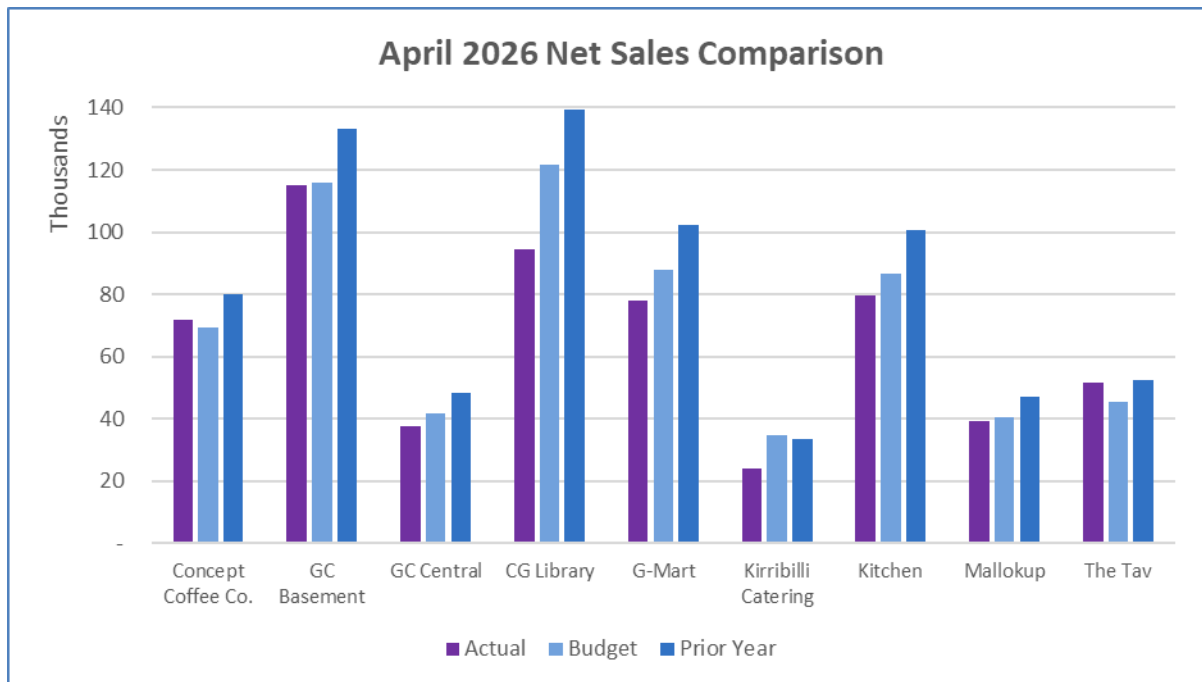
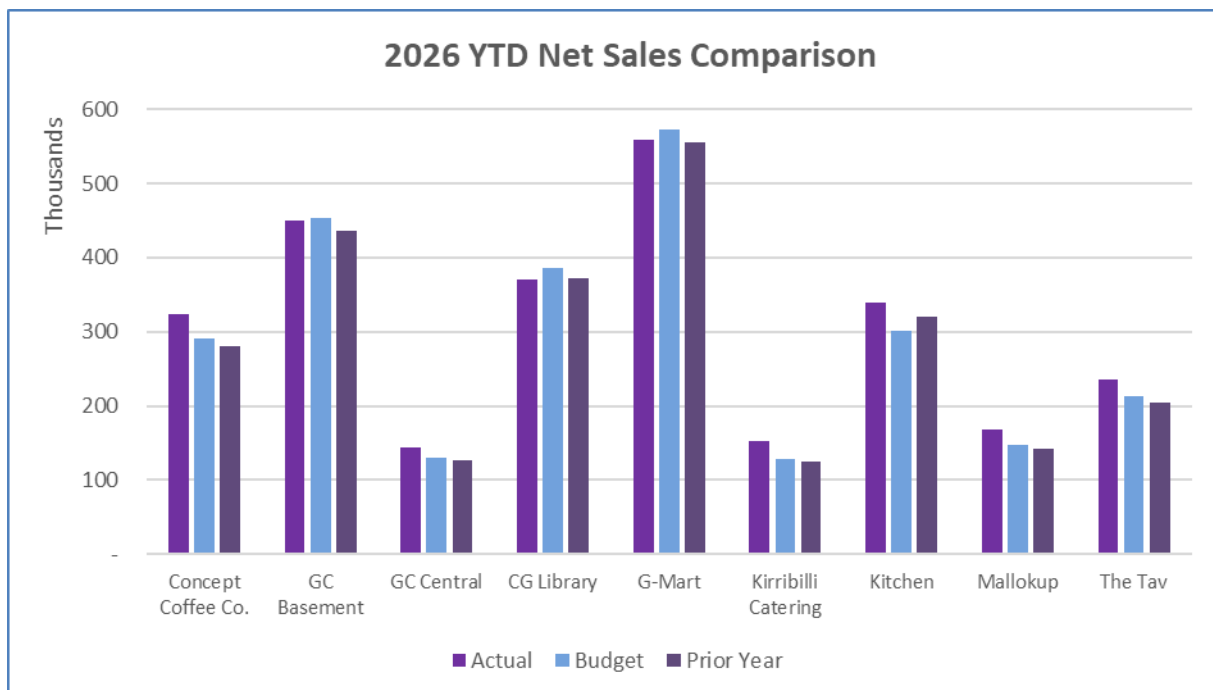


Figure 6: Graph 2026 YTD Net Sales Comparison

Illustrates YTD actual net sales by outlet against budget and prior year.



Commercial Expenses and Other Revenue:

Member discounts represent **6% of sales YTD**, slightly below budgeted levels but consistent with prior year patterns.

Cost of Sales represents **42% of net sales YTD**, slightly above budget, with gross margin remaining healthy.

Gross Surplus is **\$102k below budget YTD**, reflecting softer sales relative to budget.

Commercial **wages** are **\$63k under budget YTD**, with variances primarily volume-driven in high-traffic outlets.

Other expenses remain broadly in line with budget, with modest variances across repairs & maintenance, events and promotional expenses.

ISAF/SSAF funding of **\$264k YTD** has been allocated to commercial operations, supporting operations during lower-margin trading periods.

Overall

Commercial operations reported a **YTD surplus of \$178k**, compared to a budgeted surplus of **\$97k**. While sales remain strong, the April result reflects:

Commercial performance remains operationally sound, with strong gross margins and disciplined cost control.

Figure 7 – Statement of Financial Performance - Commercial

Curtin Student Guild									
Statement of Financial Performance - Summary									
Month:		April	Year:	2026	Period: Apr-26				
Group/Department:		Commercial				7000		end	7999
	04-2025		YTD			Month			2026
	Prior YTD		Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
Sales Total	2,406,206		2,570,991	2,498,489	72,502	551,073	599,758	(48,685)	7,663,091
Discounts Total	(163,099)	7%	(166,858)	(174,750)	7,892	(39,285)	(43,147)	3,862	(533,159)
Net Sales	2,243,107		2,404,132	2,323,739	80,394	511,788	556,611	(44,822)	7,129,933
Cost of Sales Total	952,408	42%	998,760	1,021,047	(22,287)	194,683	227,356	(32,673)	2,941,926
Gross Surplus	1,290,699		1,405,372	1,302,692	102,681	317,106	329,255	(12,149)	4,188,006
Total Wages	1,081,369	48%	1,151,851	1,088,784	63,067	322,332	267,308	55,024	3,541,011
Total Other Revenue	65,811		88,181	82,344	5,837	32,562	18,698	13,865	240,504
Administrative Expenses	25,178		24,295	30,971	(6,675)	3,317	3,825	(507)	74,955
Consumables	59,207		54,237	57,746	(3,509)	10,753	18,949	(8,196)	165,673
Repairs & Maintenance	24,282		47,926	29,484	18,442	19,444	7,580	11,864	92,894
Events	454		5,136	(6,215)	11,350	910	(2,289)	3,199	(16,724)
Finance Costs	15,438		21,496	15,374	6,122	9,032	8,265	768	55,866
General Expenses	13,406		25,842	30,007	(4,165)	2,509	2,910	(400)	63,502
Occupancy Expenses	213,309		236,254	237,444	(1,190)	63,356	63,130	226	720,131
Promotional Expenses	1,552		3,172	11,310	(8,138)	1,119	1,684	(565)	28,231
Other Expenses Total	352,825		418,357	406,121	12,237	110,441	104,052	6,389	1,184,528
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before ADS	(77,684)		(76,655)	(109,869)	33,214	(83,104)	(23,407)	(59,697)	(297,029)
SSAF & Grant Total	118,890		264,480	264,478	2	66,120	66,120	0	793,438
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before A&D	41,205		187,825	154,609	33,216	(16,984)	42,713	(59,697)	496,409
Amortisation & Depn Total	144,862		71,857	71,848	9	17,446	17,149	296	205,657
Underlying Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(103,657)		115,968	82,761	33,208	(34,430)	25,563	(59,993)	290,752
Reverse Rental Adjustments	(39,786)		(57,780)	(55,534)	(2,246)	(14,445)	(13,883)	(562)	(166,600)
Depreciation Right of use Asset	41,636		0	41,636	(41,636)	0	10,409	(10,409)	124,907
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(105,506)		173,748	96,659	77,089	(19,985)	29,038	(49,022)	332,445

Cash Flow Statement

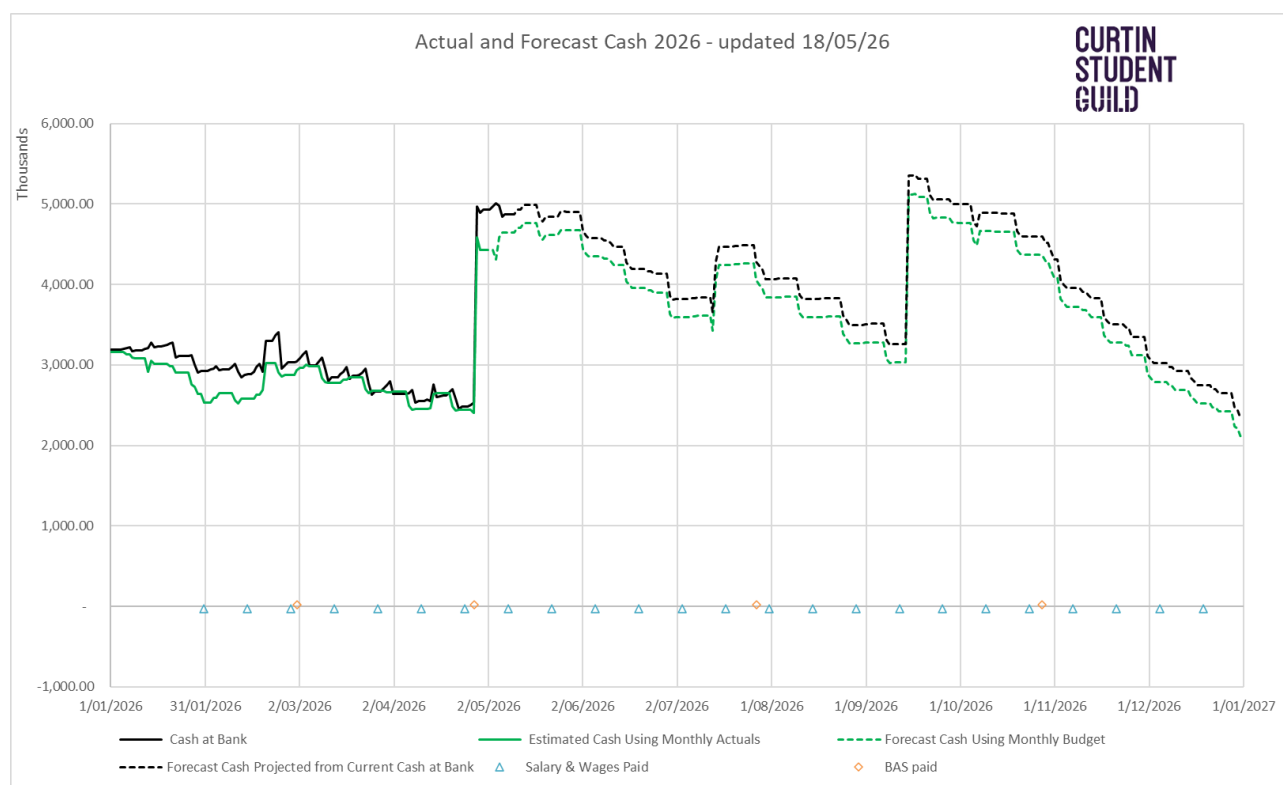
Cash Flow Graph

The Cash Flow Graph below reflects:

- January and April 2026 actual trading results;
- Actual capital expenditure incurred YTD to April;
- Remaining capital budgeted distributed evenly across future months.

Please Note: The Capital Saver Account, with a balance of \$1.07M remains untouched and is not included in the Cash Flow Graph. These funds were set aside following the Guild's payroll tax exemption and refund in 2018.

Figure 8 – Yearly Cash flow Graph



SSAF and Grant Acquittal

Figure 9 –SSAF and Grant Acquittal Report

SSAF and ISAF Funding Acquittal 2026	Actual to April 2026	SSAF Budget	% Acquitted	% of Project Complete
CURTIN STUDENT GUILD				
SSAF:				
26-1 Representing & Supporting Students	319,334	934,331	34%	33%
26-2 Student Assist	333,127	1,252,501	27%	33%
25-3 Student Societies (Clubs) and Events	598,261	2,066,108	29%	33%
26-4 Guild Precinct Plan	0	110,000	0%	0%
	1,250,721	4,362,940	29%	
ISAF:				
26-5 Extended Access to Food & Beverage	129,063	387,188	33%	33%
26-6 Student Affordable Food on Campus	118,043	406,250	29%	29%
26-7 Improving Outlet Amenity - Tavern & Central Upgrade	0	542,382	0%	0%
	247,105	1,335,820	18%	
Total 2026 SSAF/ISAF	1,497,827	5,698,759	26%	
Underspend Brought forward:				
2025 underspend - Outlet improvement - ISAF	0	602,656	0%	
2025 Underspend Guild Precinct - SSAF	106,388	492,694	22%	
2024 underspend - Capital (Cent/Tav/Basem) - SSAF	0	46,849	0%	
Total Underspend	106,388	1,142,199	9%	
Guild Grant Acquittal - 2026	Actual to April 2026	Grant Budget	% Acquitted	% of Project Complete
Student Representation (NUS & Elections)	16,665	99,460	17%	33%
Student Engagement	72,131	186,130	39%	33%
SSAF Fees	40,000	120,000	33%	33%
Administration	121,204	344,410	35%	33%
	250,000	750,000	33%	33%

Capital Expenditure

Building 106F Level 2 project is now completed. Moving the equity offices to the Clubs HQ space is in the design phase and quote phase. Elsewhere the ICT equipment has been purchased. Microwaves in the student kitchen were not of a commercial standard, so these needed to be replaced, and 3 iPads have been purchased.

Figure 10 –Capital Expenditure

CURTIN STUDENT GUILD Curtin Student Guild Capital Expenditure 2026			
Description of Capital Works	Budget	Spent to Date	Remaining Budget
Contingency	50,000	-	50,000
Replace Microwaves in Student Kitchenette (SSAF)		6,425	
3 Ipad, Secretary & GM's (SSAF)		4,260	
Admin Building			
Precinct Plan - Equity to Clubs HQ (ISAF)	250,000	82,307	167,693
Office Furniture & Equipment (SSAF)	20,000	16,102	3,898
Replacement of ICT equipment (SSAF)	25,000	26,385	- 1,385
Signage on side of Admin Building 106F, with new branding (SSAF)	40,000		40,000
Commercial Services			
Replace Swiftpos Tillis as they reach end of life/support in 2026	35,000		35,000
Replacement of refrigerated van (rolled forward 2024)	60,000		60,000
Central Café upgrade (SSAF)	1,350,000		1,350,000
Gmart Refurbishment - TLC to cold Fridges (SSAF)	50,000		50,000
Tavern upgrade (SSAF)	400,000		400,000
			-
Total 2026 Capital Budget	2,280,000	135,479	2,155,206
Funding Streams			
Funding from 2024 SSAF - Brought forward (Tav/Central project)	46,849		46,849
Funding from 2025 SSAF/ISAF - Brought forward - (Precinct Plan & Tav/Central)	1,142,201	82,307	1,059,894
Funding from 2026 SSAF/ISAF	652,387	53,172	599,215
Internally Funded projects	438,563	-	438,563
	2,280,000	135,479	2,144,521

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57th Guild Council - 05 / GC

GUILD COUNCIL – 21/05/26

AGM University Merger Motion

Submitted: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Moved: Dylan Storer (President)
Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi (Vice President Education)

Preamble:

That Guild Council considers the recommendation passed at the General Meeting held on 06/05/2026 regarding opposition to proposed university mergers in Western Australia.

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

adopts the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting held on 06/05/2026 that:

The Curtin Student Guild unequivocally opposes any proposal to merge, amalgamate, or otherwise consolidate Western Australia's universities.

Actions:

1. That the Guild publicly communicates its opposition to proposed university mergers in Western Australia.
2. That the Guild advocates to relevant stakeholders, including the Western Australian Government, university leadership, and sector bodies, against any proposal to merge Western Australian universities.
3. That the Guild supports and participates in campaigns, consultations, and sector discussions relating to the protection of independent and accessible higher education in Western Australia.

Background:

At the General Meeting held on 06 May 2026, students supported the following motion:

“That the Curtin Student Guild unequivocally opposes any proposal to merge, amalgamate, or otherwise consolidate Western Australia's universities.”

Under the Guild Statute Book, resolutions passed at a General Meeting are recommendations to Guild Council unless contrary to Guild regulations or rejected by absolute majority.

The Curtin Student Guild has consistently maintained that any merger, amalgamation, or consolidation involving Curtin University would not be in the best interests of students or the broader Western Australian higher education sector. The Guild has actively participated in the WA University Review process and related consultations, making formal submissions and engaging directly with review panels and sector stakeholders.

The Guild's position is grounded in concerns regarding the impact mergers would have on students, staff, course diversity, campus culture, and institutional identity. Evidence from previous university mergers demonstrates that amalgamations frequently result in job losses, increased casualisation, larger class sizes, reduced support services, diminished student satisfaction, and the erosion of distinct institutional strengths.

Curtin students chose Curtin because of its strong identity, employment outcomes, accessibility, community culture, and academic strengths. Students do not support being absorbed into a large amalgamated institution that would dilute these qualities and weaken the diversity of Western Australia's university sector.

The Guild further recognises that while reform within the higher education sector is necessary, the key challenges facing universities, including underfunding, governance issues, workforce insecurity, student support pressures, and accessibility, cannot be solved through mergers alone. The Guild maintains that there are safer, more effective, and less disruptive alternatives available to government and universities

Attachment/s:

NA

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57th Guild Council - 05 / GC

GUILD COUNCIL – 21/05/26

Appointment of an Acting Officer

Submitted: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Preamble:

The President has the power to appoint an acting officer, and following the resignation of Jael Wafula from the role of President – Postgraduate Student Committee, has appointed Morgan Mills as Acting President – Postgraduate Student Committee. Morgan is the Vice President Sustainability & Welfare, as well as a postgraduate student, and brings valuable experience to the position. They are well-placed to take on this role and are expected to do an excellent job in the interim of filling the position.

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

ratify the appointment of Morgan Mills as Acting Postgraduate Student Committee President.

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57th Guild Council - 05 / GC

GUILD COUNCIL – 21/05/26

Increase of Hours for Morgan Mills

Submitted: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Moved: Noor Fellah (Secretary)
Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Preamble:

Following the resignation of Jael Wafula from the role of President – Postgraduate Student Committee, Morgan Mills was appointed as Acting President – Postgraduate Student Committee. In addition to their existing responsibilities as Vice President Sustainability & Welfare, Morgan has taken on the additional duties and workload associated with the acting appointment.

To support Morgan in undertaking both roles effectively, it is proposed that their hours be increased by 3 hours per week, bringing their total allocation to 29 hours per week instead of the standard VPSW allocation of 26 hours per week.

Motion:

That the Guild Council:

approve an increase of 3 hours to Morgan Mills' weekly hours allocation, bringing their total allocation to 29 hours per week.



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #04

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 09th of April 2026

In Council Chambers 100.301/305

MINUTES

Meeting Opened at 1735

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, Hadiya Naeemi, Morgan Mills, Ebony Whitney, Connie Butcher, Zobia Laarayb, Tom Harrowing, Tahsin Anowar, Astor Luk, Sarah Abed, Bonnie Walley, Mia Antenucci
- 2.2. Others Present; Noor Fellah, Tahni Rowe, Andrew Cameron, Mitchell Craig
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Nil

4. Minutes of the Previous

5.

- 5.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous minutes not provided, deferred to next meeting.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Nil

7. Public Question Time

Nil

8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted

Dylan presented his report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

****University Merger****

Dylan advised that letters had been sent to over 100 MPs from the Guild regarding the merger, with approximately 20 further personalised letters to follow within the coming week. He noted that the Guild would be travelling to Kalgoorlie in the coming weeks to engage with the WASM community, with WASM Guild President Roberto having expressed strong willingness to collaborate on the campaign. Dylan also noted ongoing collaboration with Serin at the Murdoch Student Guild and continued engagement with the National Union of Students and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, each of which brings different bases of support and leverage to the campaign. Dylan advised that the current focus is on ensuring political officers across the state are aware of the Guild's position ahead of the state budget, with the aim of preventing any announcement of a merger. He noted that groundwork for a broader public campaign is also being laid in the event that an announcement is made and needs to be challenged.

****Rental Reform****

Dylan advised that the WA government had moved over the weekend toward banning no-fault evictions as part of the state budget, representing a significant development for the Make Renting Fair WA campaign of which the Guild is a principal partner. He noted that an upcoming meeting with Make Renting Fair WA would focus on ensuring the reform is secured and made as strong as possible. Dylan highlighted that the anticipated reform is likely to apply only to renters under the Residential Tenancy Act, which currently excludes students in student housing and boarders and lodgers. He advised that once no-fault evictions are addressed, the campaign's key priority will shift to improving rights for students in student housing and for boarders and lodgers. Dylan noted that removing the threat of retaliatory eviction would encourage more students to speak up about housing conditions, creating momentum for further reform in this area.

****Cost of Living and Transport****

Dylan advised that he had written to the Vice Chancellor and acting Vice Chancellor with a series of proposals aimed at addressing cost of living and transport pressures on students. These proposals include expanding Curtin Link services to the Cities of Canning and Belmont, introducing express bus services to Canning Bridge and Oak Street, implementing a free carpooling scheme, making the Food for Fines program available year-round, providing free parking during exam periods, supporting students who must travel for placements or fieldwork, and providing financial support for students travelling between Perth and Kalgoorlie. Dylan advised that the Guild had set a deadline of the end of the tuition-free week period for the university to respond with tangible commitments, after which the Guild intends to move toward public engagement on these issues if satisfactory progress is not made. He noted he was also seeking a meeting with the acting Vice Chancellor in the near future.

****Media Coverage – International Student Visa Advocacy****

Dylan acknowledged and commended ISC President Tahsin for securing prominent media coverage on the international student visa fee issue, including front page coverage across three suburban newspapers in Perth and a feature article in the Western Suburbs Weekly. He noted that the coverage was beginning to generate further media interest from outlets on the east coast.

There were no further questions.

8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

As tabled, no questions.

8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Morgan presented their report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matter:

****Smart Bins – Circle 8 Contract****

Morgan advised that after approximately two and a half to three years, the smart bins contract had been signed. The bins are expected to be installed within two weeks and will be launched at the Welfare Wednesday event during World Week, subject to the completion of outstanding paperwork. The bins will be in place across campus for a six-month period. Morgan outlined that students can scan a barcode on the bins to deposit cans, with increased donations providing the opportunity to win Red Bull prizes, and the Guild receiving the 10 cent container deposit refund.

There were no further questions.

8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative – Submitted Late

****Murray Street Campus – Equity and Club Space****

Ebony advised that during a meeting on 18 March, the Dean of Law had indicated that a space was available at the Murray Street campus. She advised that she had since visited the campus to measure the space and was developing concept ideas for its use as a general equity space and potential club space. Ebony noted the space is approximately three by three metres, is located within a heritage building which limits the scope of modifications, and is smaller than the President's Office. She advised that the adjacent deck space is being considered for event use. Ebony noted she had begun preliminary planning using an online floor planner and invited members of Council and the Guild broadly to put forward any ideas for how the space could be utilised.

In response to a query from Tahni regarding the dimensions of the space, Ebony confirmed the approximate measurements and acknowledged that while the space is modest, she remains optimistic about its potential.

There were no further questions.

8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted

Connie presented their report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

****Grill the Guild Event****

The representative advised that a Grill the Guild event is scheduled for 4 May, to which all members were welcomed. The event will be used to launch a campaign developed on the basis of student feedback gathered at O-Day, and will also feature a number of giveaways.

****Science Clubs Social Media****

The representative noted that science clubs have been particularly active on social media, which was acknowledged as a positive development.

There were no further questions.

8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted

Zobia presented her report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

O-Day Survey

Zobia advised that she had collated the responses from her O-Day survey, which captures information on the types of students in the faculty, the issues they face, and their preferences regarding Guild events and priorities. She noted that while the formatting of the collated responses was not finalised, the data was available for members to review. Key themes emerging from the survey included accommodation, cost of living, and parking, which Zobia noted broadly aligned with the areas the Guild has already been focusing on. The survey also included Guild-specific questions regarding desired events and areas of focus.

Zobia noted a minor typographical error in her report regarding an incorrect meeting date, which she advised was not significant.

There were no further questions.

8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted

Tom presented his report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matter:

****Curtin Graduate Diploma of Education – South Australian Students****

Tom advised that he had been in correspondence with Jeff Brooks, Head of the School of Education, regarding the South Australian Teachers Registration Board's decision to no longer register the Curtin Graduate Diploma of Education. Tom noted that this decision will significantly impact a number of online students based in South Australia who are enrolled in the course. He advised that a meeting is scheduled for the coming week to explore options for supporting affected students who may choose to withdraw from the course as a result.

There were no further questions.

8.8. Student Assist – Submitted

Andrew presented their report, noting it could be taken as read, and highlighted the following matter:

****Staffing and Caseload Management****

The representative advised that the StudentAssist team is currently operating with only two staff members, and requested that student representatives and Councillors exercise patience with response times during this period. They noted that in cases where students can be appropriately referred to other services with confidence that those services can resolve the matter, referrals will be made. Direct casework will be prioritised for advocacy cases where StudentAssist is the sole service able to assist.

The representative advised that a new staff member is due to commence within the fortnight, which will require a period of training, and that recruitment is also underway for two additional staff members who will similarly require training upon commencement. The representative acknowledged that this would represent a challenging few months for the service and thanked Council in advance for their patience and understanding.

There were no further questions.

8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted

Tahsin presented their report, noting it could be taken as read, and highlighted the following matter:

****Student Visa Rejections****

The representative advised that they had become aware, through the Global Positioning Committee meeting and subsequent research including community Facebook groups and news sources, of a significant increase in Australian student visa rejection rates. They noted that in Bangladesh alone, more than 50% of visa applications were rejected in the February session of the current year, with a rejection rate of approximately 55% recorded in the same session the previous year. The representative advised that similarly high rejection rates are being observed across other Southeast Asian countries, with the exception of Sri Lanka. The representative noted that this situation, compounded by the federal government's decision to double visa application fees, represents a particularly difficult period for international students.

There were no further questions.

8.10. Queer Officer – Submitted

Astor presented their report, noting it could largely be taken as read, and highlighted the following matter:

Period Products

Astor advised that period and hand pads are expected to be delivered to the office the following Friday, noting that there have been a number of ongoing issues with the Coles business account and delivery process. The timeline was qualified as tentative pending resolution of those issues.

There were no further questions.

8.11. Women's Officer – Submitted

Sarah took their report as read, there were no questions.

8.12. Accessibility Officer – Submitted

Mia presented her report, noting it could be taken as read, and highlighted the following matters:

****Murray Street Campus Visit****

Mia advised that she had visited the Murray Street campus with Ebony and noted that the space was more promising than anticipated given its heritage listing status. She also noted that progress is being made on scheduling a date for further planning.

****Student Equity Network****

Mia advised that she had attended the Student Equity Network meeting.

****Hidden Disability Sunflower Program****

Mia reported that the Hidden Disability Sunflower Program, run by Equity and Inclusion, is progressing well. Sunflower lanyards are now available free of charge to students at various locations across campus beyond the Guild, including Curtin Connect and the Library. As part of the program, staff are required to complete training through the Hidden Disability Program, which Curtin has paired with three disability awareness modules. Mia advised that 500 staff members have completed these modules to date, with the initial focus having been on Curtin Connect, the Library, and Accessibility Services, the majority of whose staff have now completed the required training. Sunflower symbols are also now displayed on doors at

Curtin Connect.

****Equity Report – Disability Statistics****

Mia drew Council's attention to several items of note from the equity report circulated earlier that day. She advised that there has been a 94% increase in students with disabilities over the past five years, though this cohort still represents only 11% of the student population, compared to a general population disability rate of 20%. Mia noted that many of these students have come through alternative pathways. She highlighted that Curtin is ranked second last among WA universities for retention rates for students with disabilities and has the lowest pass rate, lowest six-year completion rate, and lowest nine-year completion rate for this cohort in the state. The six-year completion rate for students with disabilities is 40%, compared to 58% for other students, and the nine-year completion rate remains below 50% for students with disabilities compared to approximately 65% for the broader student population.

****Discussion****

A member queried what major factors might be contributing to the low retention rates for students with disabilities. Mia identified several contributing factors, including the large size of the university, the relative inaccessibility of course materials, inconsistency in support depending on individual unit coordinators, and the absence of mandatory equity, First Nations, and disability training modules for staff. Another member noted that a general lack of support was also a significant factor.

There were no further questions.

8.13. Higher Education Developments – NA

Nil

8.14. Ethnocultural Officer – Submitted Late

****Ethnocultural Officer Report – Max [Surname]****

Max presented their report, noting it had been submitted late, and highlighted the following matters:

****Cultural Awareness Training Framework****

Max advised that their primary project for the year is the development of a framework for cultural awareness training within the Guild, noting that no such framework currently exists and that existing Curtin University modules are largely ineffective. Max advised that the intention is for the training to be delivered in a similar format to Ally Training, with input from a knowledgeable person within the university. Max acknowledged this is a long-term project and that the realistic goal for the end of the current term is to produce a skeleton framework that can be handed over to the next representative for further development and ongoing refinement.

****Raising Awareness of the Ethnocultural Officer Role****

Max advised that as the Ethnocultural Officer is a newly established position, many students remain unaware of its existence, including how to make contact for complaints or information. Max outlined plans to conduct a poster run across campus over the coming two to three weeks to raise awareness of the role, including details of their email and Instagram contact channels.

****Discussion****

Tahni queried whether the cultural awareness training framework was expected to be deliverable by the end of the year. Max acknowledged the scale of the project and advised that while delivering sessions by year's end would be unlikely, producing a basic skeleton framework to hand over to the next representative was the primary goal.

A member raised the point that the term "cultural awareness training" is commonly associated specifically with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and suggested that a different name may be more appropriate to avoid confusion given the intended broader scope of the program. The member also suggested that rather than writing the training from scratch, Max consider developing a proposal outlining the desired content and engaging an external provider to deliver it. Max welcomed this suggestion, acknowledging it would likely result in a more deliverable outcome in a shorter timeframe, and advised they would look into external providers.

A member suggested that additional exposure activities such as a Grill the Guild event or a dedicated stall could assist in raising awareness of the Ethnocultural Officer role among students.

8.15. First Nations Officer – Submitted

Bonnie presented their report, noting it could be taken as read. They advised that there had been no sign-ups to the collective to date and that none were anticipated for the remainder of the semester.

There were no further questions.

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Ebony Whitney

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Carried

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Collectives Procedure

A member explains the review process and that the document hadn't been updated since 2022. It has been updated to reflect the current needs and for clarity.

Motion: That the Representation Board:

revokes the Guild Collectives Procedure and approves the Guild Collectives Policy.

Moved: Morgan Mills

Seconded: Dylan Storer

Carried

9.2. Guild Food Charter

Morgan advised that work on a Food Charter, in line with a KPI from the Guild's strategic plan, had been underway since approximately January, with the first draft now complete.

Morgan invited feedback from all Councillors on clarity, logistics, and operational considerations.

The following feedback was provided by members:

****Pricing****

A member noted that while the \$5 meal offering is well regarded, snack items such as crisps, cookies, and cakes are overpriced relative to meals and should be cheaper. Coffee pricing was considered acceptable. A member also noted that prices across Guild outlets had increased over summer, and flagged that Red Bull prices had risen from \$3.75 to over \$4.00. Dylan acknowledged the pricing concerns and expressed support for implementing a price-first model, similar to that used by IKEA, where a target price point is set and the product is designed around it. He noted the complexity of serving a diverse customer base ranging from students to senior academic staff, but affirmed that students should be able to access affordable food options. Dylan highlighted the Tavern menu as an example of recent positive progress in this area.

****Food Pantry and Cultural Food Inclusion****

A member suggested that the food pantry stock be expanded to include culturally appropriate staples such as lentils and canned chickpeas, noting their versatility, affordability, and importance to many international students. In relation to the charter's reference to the inclusion of Indigenous Australian bush foods, the First Nations Officer advised that care must be taken to avoid cultural appropriation and suggested incorporating First Nations food guide signage to encourage two-way learning.

****Operating Hours****

Members raised concerns about inconsistent and limited operating hours across outlets, particularly for students based in the south of campus. Concern was expressed about the reduced hours at Malacca, which was noted as a key food option for south campus students. Dylan acknowledged the financial rationale behind the reduced hours at Malacca, noting the outlet had historically not been profitable. He advised that a project to install a meal vending machine in the library, providing affordable meal access around the clock, is currently underway, and noted that further solutions for south campus are also being explored. A member also noted that Basement Café would benefit from a greater range of quick and easy food options.

****Dietary Labelling****

A member queried the standard of dietary requirement signage across Guild outlets. Morgan advised that labelling of gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options is generally in place across outlets, though standards of presentation vary, with some labels handwritten and others more formally displayed. It was noted that GMart uses prominent labelling for vegan and halal products. Members indicated that this area could be further improved and standardised.

****GMart Product Range****

A member suggested that the GMart product range be reviewed, noting that certain items such as microwave meals and long-life products appear not to sell well and that the outlet would benefit from shifting toward a convenience store model focused on snacks, cups of noodles, and similarly accessible items at competitive prices.

****Outlet Differentiation****

A member suggested that each outlet could be made somewhat more distinct in its offering, with GMart focusing on convenience items and snacks and the cafés focusing on meals, to avoid unnecessary overlap and competition.

****Authentic Cultural Food****

A member commended the Guild for removing fusion dishes from its café menus and replacing them with more authentic food options from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Dylan commended Morgan for the significant work undertaken on the charter and noted that further refinement and broader consultation would continue. He emphasised the importance of the food charter to the Guild's strategic plan and noted that food and café services represent the primary point of interaction between most students and the Guild, making it critical that these services reflect well on the organisation and support its broader advocacy work.

There were no further questions.

9.3. Housing Report and Campaign Demands

Morgan presented the student housing report, advising that it draws on survey data collected in partnership with Make Renting Fair WA, with the data representing a snapshot from the first month of the survey during which significant engagement was conducted through barbecues and events at student accommodation. Morgan noted that the report intentionally focuses on the key issues most widely experienced by students rather than attempting to cover every problem, with the aim of achieving tangible outcomes on the highest-impact issues first. Morgan advised that the report will be used to leverage advocacy with the university, government, Unilodge, and other parties involved in the student accommodation arrangement at Curtin, and that a communications and launch plan is being developed in collaboration with the Manager of Student Services, the Student Engagement team, and Make Renting Fair WA partners. Morgan noted that the report would also be further refined in terms of presentation before launch, which is anticipated within the next month to month and a half.

****Discussion****

A member raised concern that some of the statistics in the report, particularly comfort ratings for Guild House and sense of belonging ratings for Kurrajong Village, did not align with anecdotal feedback commonly heard from students in those accommodations. A member suggested this may be attributable to a disproportionately high number of survey responses from Vickery House, and recommended that additional data collection be undertaken for Guild House, Erica, and Kurrajong Village to ensure a more balanced dataset before publication. Morgan noted the complexity of the issue and agreed to take the discussion offline, noting the sensitivity of discussing campaign strategy in a public forum. Morgan also acknowledged the ethical consideration of ensuring data integrity and not seeking to alter findings to reflect a predetermined outcome.

A member commended the visual scorecard element of the report and suggested strengthening the final product by incorporating direct student quotes throughout, and pairing the report with a targeted social media and poster campaign drawing on key statistics and imagery from the accommodations. Morgan agreed with this approach.

A member noted that the key demands outlined at the end of the report are realistic and achievable, and that the document usefully leaves flexibility in terms of the approach to be taken in pursuing them.

Tahni queried whether the Guild anticipates significant backlash from the university or accommodation contractors as a result of the report. Morgan acknowledged that pushback is likely and advised that the campaign strategy is focused primarily on Curtin University as the key decision maker, given that the university retains leverage over the accommodation arrangement despite having outsourced management to external contractors. Morgan noted that the university's reputation is ultimately at stake when issues arise in student accommodation and that public campaign efforts should be directed accordingly.

A member suggested that the use of medians rather than averages would provide a more robust and representative presentation of the survey data.

A member sought confirmation that the data was collected solely through surveys of students residing in the relevant accommodations, which was confirmed.

Procedural Motion: That the Representation Board moves in camera and standing invites remain.

Moved: Ebony Whitney

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Carried

The meeting moved in camera

The meeting moved out of camera

There were no further questions.

Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. Discusses the draft Guild Report into Student Housing and endorses the campaign demands of the Fix Curtin Housing Now! Campaign, noting that the report remains in draft form and that wording, formatting, and presentation may be subject to further refinement prior to finalisation and publication.
 - a. Immediate rent reductions and a rent freeze
 - b. Immediate cooling and infrastructure upgrades
 - c. Immediate security upgrades and accountability
 - d. Rebalance power and restore student rights

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Morgan Mills

Carried

9.4. Endorsement of May Day 2026

Tom spoke in support of the motion, noting that as a student union, the Curtin Student Guild has an obligation to show solidarity with the labour movement and the broader progressive movement. He advised that May Day has been the principal celebration of the international workers movement for more than a century and a half, and noted that this year's march is themed around the anniversary of the Pilbara Strike, a significant three-year strike by Indigenous pastoral workers. Tom encouraged members to attend and to read up on the history of the Pilbara Strike.

Ebony noted a correction, advising that this year marks the 80th anniversary of the Pilbara Strike, not the 70th as initially stated. Ebony further advised that the march is scheduled for 3

May and encouraged members who belong to other unions, such as the NTEU, ASU, AMWU, or SDA, to attend with their respective union rather than in a Guild capacity, noting that the Guild will not have a formal presence at the event. Members who are not affiliated with another union were encouraged to attend in their Guild shirts.

It was confirmed that the march will take place in the city. A member advised that an email outlining the various May Day events had been circulated earlier that day, and noted that further information would be promoted to students to help them understand what unions are, which unions they may belong to, and what events are taking place.

There were no further questions.

Motion: That the Representation Board

support the celebration May Day.

Moved: Tom Harrowing

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

10. General Business

The Meeting moved in camera

The Meeting moved out of camera

11. Meeting Evaluation

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Notice of the next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will held on the 14th of May at 5:30PM in Council Chambers Med Building

Meeting Closed at 1910



Student Guild of Curtin University

57th GC Executive Committee

Meeting #08

To be held at 10 00 on Tuesday the 5th of May 2026

Location: Online/ Presidents Office

Meeting opened at 10:18am

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild 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. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this university, city and this region."

2. Attendance

- a. Members Present; [Morgan, Dylan, Noor, Hadiya \(online\)](#)
- b. Others Present;
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence; [Tahni \(on leave\)](#)
- d. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Other items

EC#19/26

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 07/05/2026 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings at those meetings.

Moved: [Morgan Mills](#)

Seconded: [Noor Fellah](#)

EC#20/26

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee approves the new club application of the Curtin Dance Society.

Moved: [Noor Fellah](#)

Seconded: [Morgan Mills](#)

EC#21/26

Motion: That the Guild Executive Committee approves the renewal for the following

- Curtin Game Development Club
- Curtin International Relations Society
- Curtin Musicians Club
- Curtin Society of Mechatronic Engineers (CSME)
- Curtin Writers Club
- Nutrition and Dietetics Student Association Curtin
- Women in Mining and Resources Curtin
- Curtin Society of Eastern Europe
- Curtin Computer Science Student Association

Moved: [Noor Fellah](#)

Seconded: [Morgan Mills](#)

5. Significant Items

5.1 Guild Executive Verbal Reports

I. Secretary

- [Build in undergrad role into WASM guild](#)
- [Finance interviews underway](#)

II. President

- [Went to Kalgoorlie](#)
- [Merger university meetings with the Nationals that went well.](#)
- [No grounds evictions was](#)

III. Vice President – Education

- [Merger instagram set up](#)
- [Placement petition with HS rep, working on socials campaign](#)
- [Survey with teaching](#)
- [DVCA Interviews next week](#)
- [Filming with Catia](#)
- [First year committee established, had initial meeting](#)
- [Setting up First year X Fac rep meeting](#)

IV. Vice President – Activities

V. Vice President – Sustainability and Welfare

- [Went to Kalgoorlie](#)
- [Working on housing campaign, doing section on Kalgoorlie and photoshoot this afternoon at the accommodation](#)
- [Waiting to hear back from Mark about the numbers, how many are studying out there](#)
- [Kalgoorlie page on the report is nearly done](#)
- [Meeting with Spudshed marketing people, looking for partnership with the Guild](#)
- [Met with tutor from school of population health, wondering if students can do their public health 5 week internship with the Guild, they could run pantry program, run social media campaign etc. To be planned.](#)
 - o [Brainstorming other things the students could help with. Potentially drawing ideas from the charter. Running surveys.](#)

6. General Business

- General Motor Vehicle Policy

For discussion only

Few things that make it unworkable from representative pov:

- "This policy applies to all eligible Employees or Executive Officer Bearer who operate vehicles for business purposes, whether the vehicle is company-owned, leased, or personally owned by the Employee when carrying out work-related duties"
- "To operate a company motor vehicle, the Driver must:
be an Employee or Executive Officer Bearer."
- Office bearer means only executives in this case
- Section 3.1 Driver Eligibility and Training is generally unrealistic to achieve
- "Vehicles may only be used for official Guild business unless prior written authorisation has been granted."
 - o Granted by who?
- In general only reasonably applicable if there was a Guild car that we operate regularly, otherwise unrealistic to impose on personal vehicle use.

Move in camera 10:46am

Move: Noor

Seconded: Hadiya

Move out of camera 10:59am

Move: Noor

Seconded: Hadiya

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, 19th May 2026, at 10:00am in the President's Office.

Meeting closed at 11:00am