

REPORT FOR GUILD COUNCIL

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Period: 11/4/2025 – 15/5/2025

Travel

- N/A

Leave

- N/A

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Summary

I am incredibly proud of all our Reps and the Guild Staff for the sheer amount of achievement that is being produced by the Guild this year. We're not taking anything lying down and I am very confident that we are leaving the Guild and the University in a better position than it was before we began. A lot of work has gone into our Commercial plan moving forward and I'm looking forward to having many constructive discussions with Council in the coming months about it.

We are developing a new strategic plan, reviewing our organisation structure, our IT infrastructure and how we best use the Guild's spaces. We're seeing Clubs Hub be developed, a new student kitchen being opened, and planning for an expansion of food relief and cost of living measures. We've rolled out free period products across campus, defended clubs funding, re-written the Student Charter and advocated for improved assessments.

When you're in the middle of it, it can be hard to have perspective and there is always more to do but I want to use this report to share my gratitude with everyone who is part of Team Guild for working tirelessly to keep getting it done for students and with students.

In Solidarity,

Dylan

P.S. I'll be taking nine days of Annual Leave from the 28th of June to the 9th of July, back in the office on July 10.

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
30/4/25	University Council Meeting	
2/5/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic	
8/5/25	Kelly Brooks – DVCA Promotions & Engagement Manager w/ VPE	Discussion about promotion and launch of new Student Charter
13/5/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Assessment 2030 Director w/ VPE	Discussion about how the Guild can participate in the Assessment 2030 process
14/5/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor International	Regular Meeting
15/5/25	Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic & Director of Accommodation and Community Services	Meeting to discuss housing concerns with safety, air-conditioning and conditions
15/5/25	Director of Accommodation and Community Services	Continuation of meeting above
15/5/25	Kim Gifkins – Secretariat Committee Services and Project Officer w/ Secretary, MD and Deputy Chair of Guild Council	Discussion about improving how members of Guild Council and committees access agendas and meeting papers.

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/4/25	Commercial Advisory Committee	First meeting of the new Commercial Advisory Committee to get out commercial portfolio on the path to sustainability
14/4/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
14/4/25	Manager - Student Engagement	Weekly Meeting - Communications
15/4/25	Planning Meeting for Guild AGM	
15/4/25	Executive Committee Meeting	
17/4/25	Hadiya Naeemi w/ Secretary	New Guild Councillor Induction
17/4/25	Guild Council	
23/4/25	Tony Buti – WA Minister for Tertiary & International Education	Meeting alongside counterparts from other WA Guilds
28/4/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
28/4/25	Manager - Student Engagement	Weekly Meeting - Communications
5/5/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
5/5/25	Manager - Student Engagement	Weekly Meeting - Communications
7/5/25	Guild Annual General Meeting	
8/5/25	Executive Committee Meeting	

12/5/25	Managing Director	Weekly Meeting
12/5/25	Meeting with three students to discuss housing concerns	
12/5/25	Manager – Student Assist	
14/5/25	Kalgoorlie Branch President and Postgraduate Officer w/ VPA	Discussion about bringing migration sessions to the Kalgoorlie campus
14/5/25	Finance & Risk Committee	
14/5/25	Commercial Advisory Committee	
15/5/25	Coordinator of Make Renting Fair WA	Discussions around collaborating on housing campaign
15/5/25	PSC President and VPE	Discussion regarding progress and wins for Postgraduate students
15/5/25	Representation Board	

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/4/25	Humanities Grill the Guild BBQ	
11/4/25	Speech at Pathway Migration Session	
11/4/25	BBQ at MENA World Cup Event	

Matters of Representation

Student Housing Concerns

I have met with several students over the past month regarding concerns with the safety of student accommodation on campus, particularly the older, pre-Exchange UniLodge properties. There is a report of an incident where a bike was stolen from accommodation from an assailant with an axe.

I've met with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and the Director of Accommodation and Community Services to discuss this with the position to increase security (fencing, gates, cameras and lighting) to prevent anyone being able to access the doors of accommodation. There is no commitment from the university to do this at this stage, which is unfortunate. I will write to the DVCA with the aim to get a formal response regarding this and the issue regarding air conditioning in accommodation.

I have also met with Make Renting Fair WA and plans are now in development for a joint-branded survey and advocacy plan to roll out in the lead-up and during Semester Two. I have made it clear to Curtin that the Guild's advocacy on these issues will not stop and that is understood.

Student Charter Review

The Vice Chancellor initiated a review of the Student Charter, which was being led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic).

Initially, I was the only Guild representative set to be represented on the Working Group but, following engagement with the DVCA, was able to secure greater Guild representation (two Student Assist Officers as well as the VPE and VPSW) and an understanding that the university and Guild will work genuinely collaboratively, in the spirit of the Student Partnership Agreement, on this project.

The working group had formed a sub-group, which met several times. In the sub-group meeting it was decided that the Guild would work on the first draft of the new Student Charter and that it will be a charter that consists of student rights and responsibilities.

The Guild's draft, with some minor changes, will be going to the next meeting of the Academic Board and is seeking endorsement at this meeting.

The re-worked Student Charter, I believe, demonstrates a huge improvement to the student conduct apparatus at Curtin and was only possible thanks to the diligent and thoughtful feedback and initiative from the Guild reps and Student Assist. Through this process, the Guild has been able to secure:

- The removal of the Student Charter from Curtin's discipline processes and the end of Student Charter Breaches which will provide students with improved appeal abilities.
- The re-working of the Charter to being a document of rights and responsibilities.
 - The inclusion of new or expanded rights in the new Charter including:
 - The right to be represented by the Guild,
 - The right to timely, fair and constructive feedback,
 - The right to engage freely in academic discussion and critical thinking in all aspects of university life,
- The inclusion of support services in the document, including Guild support services and resources.

Disclosure, Divestment & Ethical Investment Agreement Working Group

Last month I reported that the Disclosure, Divestment & Ethical Investment Agreement Working Group met several times to discuss and work through the implementation of the MOU.

The Guild expressed that the existence of an exchange MOU between Curtin and Ben Gurion University runs counter to Curtin's values, and we are seeking the end of this agreement with Curtin.

I am buoyed that concern of this agreement has been taken up by Curtin and I am now awaiting written confirmation that this agreement is no longer in force.

Assessment 2030

The VPE and I recently met with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and the Director of Assessment 2030 to discuss the rollout and how the Guild can contribute.

Assessment 2030 is a project coming out of the DVCA portfolio that aims to improve assessments in the context of AI existing. There is discussion around two types of assessment going forward, essentially assessment that is designed to not allow for AI and assessment that is designed to leverage or accept that students may use generative AI.

Curtin is bringing on assessment designers for each faculty to begin the process of re-designing assessments where required and the Guild is exploring ways for Faculty Reps to convene student reference groups to enable the student voice in this process.

Federal Election Enrol to Vote Drive & Campaign

The Guild's campaign for enrolling to vote (emails, social media and posters) led to over 300 students enrolling or updating their enrolment ahead of the 2025 Federal Election.

The Guild's Representation Board resolved to endorse the NUS's "My Future, Our Voice" campaign and the ACTU/Unions WA "Don't Risk Dutton" campaigns ahead of the election and we contributed to these efforts via our social media channels.

Guild Operations

Commercial Committee

The Committee has met twice in the last month with a third meeting scheduled next week. I would like to thank our MD Vernon for preparing several documents and reports for the consideration of the committee outlining the work that has been done and the direction that will be required for the Guild to ensure that our commercial portfolio enters sustainability. I envisage that we will be having some important discussions at Council regarding this in the near future.

Strategic Plan Development

The Executive, Managing Director, Chair and Deputy Chair of Guild Council and Consultant David Price are scheduled to have a strategic planning session on May 22, prior to this Guild Council meeting as a starting point for the development of our new Guild Strategic Plan as endorsed at the last meeting.

Spaces Proposal

I have been working with the Managing Director on a plan to see the spaces proposal endorsed at the last meeting come to fruition. We intend on meeting with a designer to discuss options during the semester break.

Guild AGM

Thank you to all the Reps who attended and promoted the AGM. I am happy to report that the meeting was quorate and all business was transacted which demonstrates a healthy environment for the Guild to operate within with the backing of the student body.

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
26/05/2025	University Health and Safety Committee	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
08/05/2025	Executive Meeting	
09/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Accessibility Officer	
13/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
14/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Womens Officer	
14/05/2025	Welfare week chat x Events Team	
15/05/2025	Reps Board #5	
16/05/2025	Meeting BDS Youth x Ethnocultural Collective	
20/05/2025	Period Program Check-in	
20/05/2025	Executive Meeting	
20/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
21/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Womens Officer	
22/05/2025	Meeting Australian Multicultural Foundation	
22/05/2025	Strategic Planning Session	
22/05/2025	Guild Council Board Meeting	
23/05/2025	Foodbank WA tour & meeting	
23/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Accessibility Officer	
27/05/2025	Weekly catch up: Queer Officer	
28/05/2025	Meeting Australian Human Rights Commission & Race Commissioner	
03/06/2025	Executive Meeting	
04/06/2025	Menstrual Mondays: Queer + Womens	
12/06/2025	Meeting with Murdoch Guild President	

Leave Taken:

None taken

Further Notes:

- Ethnocultural Collective has been established
- Lolly wall is being stocked – vegan + halal
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Business and Law Officer

May Representation Board (08/05/2025 - 12/06/2025)

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University/External Meetings and Events

Date	Meeting	Comments
13/05/25	FBL May FCC	Discussed the conclusion and closing of some units, introduction of new units, and issues within FBL regarding unit outlines and incorrect dates for units.
15/05/25	Monthly Meeting with FBL Engagements	Discussed Sem 2 Orientations and the relevant information, also discussed my plans and upcoming KPIs.
15/05/25	Representation Board Meeting	Discussed motions and presented my report for the month of May.
21/05/25	Sustainability in Business and Law: Steering Group 01	Learnt more about the steps FBL is taking to be sustainable. I also received an update regarding the Accessibility student project which was discussed in February.
26/05/25	Stress Less Week: Sausage Sizzle	Helped in serving students with free sausage sizzle to kick off stress less week.
28/05/25	LEAD: Student Voice Workshop	See more details in Notes
28/05/25	Assessment Feedback Meeting with CCG	See more details in Notes
28/05/25	Meeting with FBL Student Engagements	In the meeting I was able to secure giveaway items for O-Day and created plans to have a joint stall for the Law Campus.
03/06/25	Stress Less Week: Noodle Cart Run	Walked around buildings handing out free snacks and cup noodles to students studying for exam.

10/06/25	FBL June FCC	Discussed the conclusion and closing of some units, introduction of new units, and issues within FBL regarding unit outlines and incorrect dates for units.
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Guild Meetings -> all guild meetings planned during second half of March after Report Submission Deadline

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/05/25	Assessment Feedback Campaign Meeting with Faculty Reps and VPE	Discussed issues found within each faculty regarding assessments and assessment feedback. Decided on the focus for this year and for a call to action where we seek more feedback from staff and students regarding what they wish to change.
21/05/25	O-day and O-week Meeting with Faculty Reps and VPE	Discussed my plans for my O-Day stall and the survey and giveaway I would have running during O-Week.
21/05/25	VPE X FBL Catchup	Discussed how I was going and what I had been up to alongside upcoming plans I had for semester 2.

Notes

LEAD: Student Voice Workshop

Learnt about issues students had regarding units, lectures, tutorials and blackboard and solutions they wanted. It was a very insightful workshop which was extremely helpful to both my Assessment Feedback and Blackboard Investigation Campaigns. Overall students from accounting and finance, expressed that rubrics alone are too vague and called for exemplars to better understand expectations. They want all graded components, including quizzes and participation, clearly listed in the unit outline. While flexible on timing, students emphasized that feedback must be received at least 1.5 to 2 weeks before final exams or papers. Concerns were also raised about inconsistent marking across tutors, with suggestions for standardised feedback criteria. Many students found feedback too brief or unhelpful, preferring detailed, in-document comments over general summaries. Clearer assessment instructions and access to exam feedback were also strongly requested.

Assessment Feedback Meeting with CCG

I Discussed and compared my data with CCG regarding assessment feedback. This was great insight feedback for the school of Accounting and Finance as I learnt more about what students wanted to change. During this meeting we were also able to discuss about aiming to create a set structure for assessment feedback.

Update on KPIs

KPI	Update
Update the FBL Facebook page at least monthly with Guild news, events and workforce/ internship/ networking opportunities for students	I have developed a system when reposting events and opportunities onto stories whereby I attach a sticker indicating whether it is an event or opportunity to make it easier for students.
Host a Guild stall on the law school city campus	Plans are underway for me and the FBL Student Engagement team to have a joint stall at the city campus for the law students.
Advocating for greater feedback for student assignments – continuing the Assessment Feedback Campaign	Ongoing meetings have been occurring between faculty reps and the VPE. We have solidified our focus for this year. I have received more feedback from staff and students to consider, and more information regarding the campaign can be found on the VPE report.
Overlook a survey project to find issues within the faculty	I am currently setting up a survey which will be released during Orientation Week to receive feedback from students regarding issues.
Investigate Blackboard content and reviewing outdated content	From meetings with Anna Bunn and FBL Student Engagements I have found that they are currently in the process of re-designing blackboard to be better as a part of the 'Transformation' campaign. I have also been noting down feedback from students regarding what they wish to change and what aspects they enjoy.

Science and Engineering Faculty Report

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Representation Board – 19th June 2025

Date	Meeting/Event	Comments
12/05/2025	Faculty Executive Team Meeting	Mark Buntine stepping down from Dean of Science, Sarina Claassens appointed as the new Dean of Science
12/05/2025	Faculty DoLT and Director of Student Engagement Meeting	<p>There is an external review of CAP underway. Unit being investigated to pinpoint issues: MATH1020, COMP1005, MCEN2000.</p> <p>Mechanical Eng. Vs Students: Old course, new age of students not afraid to voice complaints about Units and UCs. Low satisfaction.</p> <p>Mechatronic Eng is very good in this regard, likely due to being newer field.</p> <p>Student Experience Survey data shows Curtin SAE trending up, although Engineers have the lowest satisfaction – which is on par with historic trends. EPS found to be top in Australia for student satisfaction.</p> <p>Faculty wished to know numbers for students coming to the Guild and Student Assist – which I was able to provide thanks to Student Assist collating the data.</p>
14/05/2025	Engineering Interclub Meeting	<p>Recap and reflection of the joint logbook presentation night.</p> <p>I brought up the faculty's plan around the new logbook.</p> <p>Discussion around the engineering clubs' business card.</p> <p>Recap of Sem 1.</p> <p>Jacquie (VP-A) discussed her plan for a similar Guild inter-club townhalls and asked for input and advice on her ideas.</p> <p>Shelley (Clubs Support) discussed clubs information.</p>
14/05/2025	Finance and Risk	

	Committee Meeting	
14/05/2025	Faculty Courses Committee Meeting	<p>Discussion about Science + Engineering Double Degrees – Structure Vs Freedom.</p> <p>Work has been done to create a template for future Sci + Eng Doubles.</p> <p>New BSc first year pre-majors and introduction of pathway planning tool. Students make incorrect unit choices when units are full, by substituting units that may cause issues down the line.</p> <p>Students also get confused with what a study planner is, thinking it is their weekly timetable not how their course will progress.</p> <p>Changes to course names and structures.</p> <p>Student Experience Survey shows the course students are studying has a significant effect on their performance and experience. Resources are a strength, while delivery is a weakness.</p>
15/05/2025	SDP	General Misconduct Panel – 5 Cases
20/05/2025	Faculty Health and Safety Committee Meeting	HazMat Presentation
21/05/2025	Assessment Feedback Campaign Planning	
21/05/2025	O-Day Planning Meeting	
26/05/2025	Stress Less BBQ at the library	
27/05/2025	Stress Less Breakfast drop at the library	
29/05/2025	Campaign Brainstorm Session	Put forward an idea for a campaign, got some feedback from around the office

05/06/2025	Engineering Forum	<p>New format for Engineering Board. Presentations and Discussions (More Strategic)</p> <p>Vishnu Pareek: Grad Job Trends Data seems to show number of Grad Job advertisements is decreasing. Discussion was had on whether this is reflective of the student experience or if industry is publicly advertising less but getting students through other means. I was unable to provide information about current students' grad job search experience and will be following up and asking around. Industry saying they can't get enough engineers, demand is higher than domestic supply.</p> <p>Natalie Lloyd: Course Lead Update Engineers Australia Accreditation Overview</p> <p>Tejas Bhatelia: Course Lead Discussion (Chem Eng)</p> <p>Vishnu Pareek: Circular Economy Presentation about Sustainability and the Circular Economy. Discussion around the distinction between the two and incorporating both into the curriculum.</p>
09/06/2025	Faculty DoLT and Director of Student Engagement Meeting	<p>Brought forward an issue regarding MC-FOODST Faculty is seeing what semester 1 results look like to determine best plan to deal with high fail rate units (COMP1005 and MATH1020 in particular)</p>
11/06/2025	Faculty Graduate Studies Committee Meeting	<p>Challenges and Opportunities Presentation – EPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of Domestic HDR students – Common across schools due to high employability of undergrads, particularly engineering. <p>Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Find Your Tribe” workshops providing connection and skills for HDR students - Upcoming Thesis Fest for HDR students
11/06/2025	Faculty Courses Committee Meeting	<p>Changes to course entry requirements. Changes to double degree (eng + sci) structure. Discussion around SPUC specialisations</p>
12/06/2025	Faculty Research Committee Meeting	

The following meetings and events will occur between the submission of this report and representation board. I will cover them in next month's report, or verbally if anything time sensitive is brought up:

- Science and Engineering Faculty Executive Team Meeting – 16/06/25

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES REPORT

REPRESENTATION BOARD 19/06/25

GUILD MEETINGS:

Date	Meeting	Notes
21/05/25	Assessment Feedback Planning	
29/05/25	VP-E/Humanities meeting	

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS:

Date	Meeting	Notes
05/06/25	Humanities Health & Safety Committee	
10/06/25	Students as Partners A2030 Group	
12/06/25	Courses Committee	
12/06/25	SoE Catch-up	

PROJECTS:

School of Education:

My focus in discussions with the SoE lately has been on ensuring the smooth transition to paid placements for teaching students. Starting in July, students on placement will be paid, however I am concerned that certain wordings in unit outlines may be used to avoid payments. It seems that the school is happy to address these concerns and has assured me that these issues are being sorted. I'll continue to watch the rollout of paid placements closely. I've also been in contact with the relevant people in the professional experience team to find out how the rollout will function.

OTHER:

With final assessments & exams, the past month has been relatively quiet. As part of stress less week, I've run a few red bull/snack carts throughout the library, which were incredibly popular. The assessment feedback campaign remains a slow process, but as final assessments wrap up and reps come back from leave, pace should pick up.

Tom Harrowing (He/Him)

Faculty of Humanities Representative

June 2025 Representation Board Report – Student Assist

May Overview

Academic support sessions primarily addressed responses to Academic Misconduct allegations and guidance on Assessment/ Exam appeals.

Non-academic support sessions were largely centred on students seeking financial assistance. Student Assist provided emergency relief to three students through our Hardship and Childcare grants.

	March	April	May
Academic sessions	252	192	297
Non – academic sessions	41	32	25
Total	286	220	320

Total may not tally as case management system calculates sessions with both case areas as a single session.

A total of 13 laptops were issued through the Loan Laptop Program during the reporting period.

There were 148 participants in our Frist Aid/CPR program. We have also engaged with a vendor to present a Mental Health First Aid for tertiary students course schedule for 15th July. Course has been heavily subsidised by vendor for Curtin students and will be further subsidised by Student Assist. Expression of interests are open till 13th June.

Postgraduate Students Committee (PSC) Report

Guild Meetings/Events

Date	Meeting/ Event	Comments
15/05/2025	Meeting with the President	General Postgraduate Update
15/05/2025	Reps Board	See Minutes
23/05/2025	ASPM Meeting	Met with President, VPE, and 2 student assist officers on the ASPM changes.

University Meetings

Date	Meeting/ Event	Comments
30/05/2025	Academic Board	Discussed ASPM and Academic Calendar
04/06/2025	University Research Committee	Discussed work opportunities for HDRs and supervisor training and feedback
09/06/2025	Learning & Student Experience Committee	Discussed the University's use of AI marking and the new strict requirements to be able to use AI to mark. Also discussed the 2025 Academic Integrity Report
12/06/2025	Prac Payments Meeting	Met with chief student services officer and manager of the scholarships office and Guild President on the commonwealth prac payment rollout

Projects/General

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

IP Factsheet

The PSC has been developing a factsheet in collaboration with GRS and ROC so that students may better understand their rights and ownership when it comes to any IP created from their research. It is now finalised and ready to be disseminated. This is a direct outcome from the Encampment MoU.

Sundowner

The PSC hosted a sundowner with the International Students Committee. Approximately 250 students attended and students gave positive feedback about the event.

HDR Viva/Oral Defense

The PSC has provided feedback for the proposed guidelines for the introduction of an Oral Defence for PhD candidates from 2029.

Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA)

The PSC has been working with CAPA on a number of campaigns. After a period of turmoil CAPA has returned strong and is actively campaigning on issues affecting postgrads on a national level.

Laptops for all HDR Students

The PSC is proud to announce that at a minimum every HDR Student will be provided a Curtin Laptop for the duration of their studies. Previously the provision of a laptop or PC varied by school or research group/centre. This will be rolled out this year.

Assessment and Student Progression Manual

The Guild has worked hard to ensure that assessment and progression procedures in the ASPM are fairer to students. Securing some great wins.

2027 and 2028 Academic Calendar

The Guild has successfully lobbied for an earlier than week 8/9 tuition free week in both 2027 and 2028. This involved splitting the mid semester break into 2 single tuition free weeks instead of a 2 week long break. One of the weeks in each semester in each of those years also aligns with school holidays which is beneficial for students with children and families.

4. POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Teaching Opportunity for HDR Students

Teaching experience is very important for HDR students because many HDR students want to work as academics or lecturers in the future. Therefore, teaching opportunities at the university during their study will be very valuable and important to give them experiences and knowledge on how to deal with students in the classroom and to deliver materials to the class. The PSC wants the faculty or school leaders to allow their HDR students to get one or two classes during their studies to get teaching experiences. This will give our students space to bring and deliver their research experience and information to the students in the class.

Supporting Clubs for Postgraduate/ HDR Students

Student clubs play significant roles at Curtin University where our students can explore and develop their potential, networks, and skills through club activities. Most student clubs are dominated by undergraduate students and there are very few postgraduate or HDR clubs at our campus. The PSC wants to promote and campaign more on postgraduate/ HDR student clubs at Curtin

University. The expectation is to increase the number of postgraduate/ HDR clubs as well as to develop more HDR student interaction through club activities. This priority will be useful to develop and support our Postgraduate/ HDR students at Curtin and also to promote Curtin University student activities.

Career Counselling for HDRs

PSC believes some level of career advice/planning should be embedded within higher degrees to provide clarity and guidance for HDRs and their futures beyond the end of their degrees. The PSC will explore ways to make this workable.

Space for HDRs / Research Hub Space

The number of HDR students from overseas is increasing and this makes the number of HDR students that need the space for their study also increases. The PSC has identified that the provision of appropriate space for HDRs to work on their research is an issue that is important to many candidates and will continue to engage on this. Some schools can provide permanent space or desks for their HDR students, however, most schools use graduate research hub spaces for their HDR students to study their research, and whoever first comes gets the first desk and those who come late sometimes cannot get a desk in the research hub. This condition is not happening every day, but it happens when many students are coming to the campus at the same time. It will be very useful and significant if the university can provide additional spaces for some schools that have a higher number of HDR students.

Supervisor Feedback

The opportunity to give feedback on the quality of supervision HDRs receive is important and since the discontinuation of the APR process this has stopped occurring. The PSC supports a feedback mechanism returning.

Supervisor Training

HDR Supervisors will now receive increased training and refreshers on how to supervise. We hope that this will increase the quality and consistency of supervision across Curtin.

Stipend Rates

The PSC supports CAPA's campaign to increase HDR stipend rates and extend the tax free status of stipends to part time students. Curtin continues to provide a stipend that is higher than the federal minimum.

Paid Placements

The Guild and CAPA both have ongoing campaigns around expanding student placement payments to more fields and increasing the value of the payments. The currently proposed payments are also taxable which reduces their value to students and whilst some money is better than none we believe it can and should be better.

A National Body for International Students

The Guild has endorsed a CAPA campaign to restart a national body for International students. Roundtables will be occurring at the state level in the next two months. International students have been blamed for the housing crisis and are faced with increasing visa restrictions with no unified voice to speak up for them on a national level.

tl;dr

Things are going well, have had some good wins.

Queer Officer

May/June Representation Board (16/05/2025 – 19/06/2025)

Morgan Mills (they/them)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
26/05/25	DVCA monthly	
13/06/25	Queer Event Planning	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
20/05/25	Period Product Program	
	VPSW x QO	
11/06/25	VPSW x QO	

Extended notes

- Period product program:

There are new plans to increase awareness of the period products on campus and expand their impact. This includes the creation of Menstrual Mondays – a podcast by the Queer Department and Women’s Department. This podcast is scheduled to be released for the start of Semester 2.

- Queer event planning:

There has been feedback from university staff that having a joint Guild and University Queer event for both staff and students would be beneficial. Based on this feedback, I have organised meetings with DVCA Paul Brunton’s Events team to see how, and to what capacity, they would like the Guild to participate.

Updates

- HIV vending machines

I have had approval from staff for the HIV vending machines to be solely a Guild project with no affiliation to Curtin University. I am yet to hear back from Properties regarding the addition of the vending machines as a Guild project.

- We All Need to Pee

Further work on this project has been made and a Townhall to discuss the future of the campaign is being held on June 23. The sign change proposal is due to be submitted to Curtin Properties by the time of this Townhall. This will allow for a sole focus on the larger campaign carried on from last year’s Queer Officer, Xavier Wileman.

- Deadnaming campaign

I have been in contact with members of the Deadnaming working group to determine any impacts, changes and feedback from the system implemented. Based off the outcome of the meetings in the upcoming month for this project, I will develop new and improved ways to benefit the livelihoods of trans and gender-diverse students on campus.

Events

This month I hosted a study session and participated the two-week Guild event, Stress Less. While the study session was not well received with a poor turnout, this does provide insight into what events the Queer students on campus would like to see happen.

Stress Less was a resounding success, with positive feedback and results from the snack carts and BBQs. Students were a massive fan of the Red Bull cart as well.

Guild Meetings

20/05	Period product catch up	W Jacquie, Dylan, Morgan, Razanne
21/05	Snack cart run	
27/05	Buggy training	W Luke
29/05	Ads on Pads meeting	
13/06	Menstrual Monday brainstorm	W Morgan

Events

26/05 – 06/06	Stress Less Week	

Extended notes

Ads on Pads

Talked to Aditi, founder and owner of Ads on Pads, a New Zealand-owned company who subsidises menstrual products by putting ads on them. As she plans on launching in Australia, I think this is an excellent opportunity to expand how many period product dispensers there are on campus, making period products more accessible. I would like to thank my friend, and Guild Councillor, Ebony Whitney for introducing me to Ads on Pads.

WiSTEM Room

The Women in STEM room has now officially launched as of the 21st of May. This is a fantastic initiative ran by Allira Sinclair, a staffer that saw the need for a women's space within the SciEng faculty. This is a multi-use space, with it being able to be booked out for clubs and events, and as a study space. I'm happy and honoured to have worked with Faculty of Science and Engineering to help deliver another safe space for women, and especially one south of campus.



Menstrual Mondays

Morgan and I are proud to introduce a new social media miniseries called 'Menstrual Monday' aiming to promote the period product dispensers around campus and talk about various issues surrounding menstruation. This will include a podcast, and shorts coming from it, along with various other videos.

University and Committee Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
20/5/2025	Universal Design Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from the Faculty of Science and Engineering about accessibility within their faculty • Discussed the CAP review report • Discussed Assessment 2030

Guild Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
9/5/2025	VPSW	Check-in
23/5/2025	Collective meeting	Planned for Sem 2 O Day and disability pride month
30/5/2025	VPSW	Check-in

Events		
Date	Event	Comments
9/5/2025 16/5/2025 23/5/2025	Creative Connections	Finished for the semester

Projects		
Date	Project	Comments
29/5/2025	Hidden Disability Sunflower Program	Meeting with contact person, discussed options to implement training
NA	Disability Pride Month (July)	<p>The University is coordinating some events and actions, such as raising the disability pride flag and circulating resources to staff.</p> <p>I will be looking to do a social media campaign as well as running an event</p>

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