

Guild Minutes

Murdoch University Guild of Students

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APRIL – 2022 COUNCIL

Details:
Date:
Time:
Venue: Murdoch Guild Board Room

2022 Council

- David Ugrinov (he/him) Guild president
- Chewe Chisanga (he/him) General Secretary
- Luke Morgan (they/him) Queer Rep
- Alliria Scott (she/they) Indigenous Rep
- Kevin Kurian (he/him) OGC
- Ryan Garvey (he/him) OGC
- Andre Hoogenboezem (he/him) OGC
- Devin Kos (he/him) Disability Rep
- Zoe Brenan (she/her) Sustainability Rep
- Chloe Pech (She/her) Mandurah Rep

2021 Council Apologies

- Gisele Pang (she/her) Misa President
- Tarek Mohammed (he/him) MUPSA President
- Jaztine (she/her) OGC
- Shaanan Suthesh (he/him) Education Vice-President
- Vishwa Hewage (she/her) Women’s Rep
- Christopher Nonis (She/they) OGC

Agenda

Content:

Part A: Items for discussion and decision

GENERAL UPDATE:

David: Pay respect to the elder's past, present and emerging.

Thanks for coming today. We have a few to go through, it should not be a big one today.

Had a few meetings around the Kadji renovations, so that's scheduled to start and what a good time that we locked it in because I mean look at fuel prices now that's going to drive up the prices for everything so it's really good we locked it in. Evan and I managed to negotiate a price reduction in the in the total construction cost, so I think it was about \$22,000 I just put \$20,000. I was put onto the chancellors honour awards committee so this is basically a committee where they award honorary doctorates and things like that one thing that was important because over the last couple years I have seen some doctorates given, I don't want to mention any names but just to give an example one person was given a doctorate for their work in an environmental work place, however, they worked at Chevron so you know things like that just it ends up being a bit silly so hopefully I guess a student point of view on there will be able to dodge those kind

I went to the international women's day event that was organised by Vishwa. She said she will pass us her women's rep report.

Had a last chat with them interim VC for Professor Jane before she left, as she is now gone so we just planning for the arrival and Andrew Deeks. He has officially started, though he is not in Australia yet, but he is. I have got my first official meeting with him on Friday so if anyone has any points that they want me to put across just let me know I am going to put that in the chat as well just to remind everyone also for those who are not in the meeting today.

Also went to Janes Farewell part that was at Sir Walters and in her speech, she said she appreciates the Guild as they work very close with the university so that was good to hear.

Had a catch up with Allira and we discussed 3 key projects that we will be working across which intertwine with the indigenous portfolio and Murdoch as a whole.

We had the National Student Safety survey results go out, so I am sure everyone has had a look at those results. so, we have got a lot of things happening with the university and that one of the biggest issues we have seen is awareness people not knowing how to report.

We had over 50% of people not knowing how to report. So, the Exec has been looking at things that we suggested to the university is that we get like the QR codes for the reporting thing but also a statistic, so you know how many go people affected by domestic violence in week which gender these things are happening and put it on our coffee cup. We might have let us say 10 to 20 of those kind of statistics in a coffee cup because people have a coffee cup at least once a day. Having the Kadji, being the number one seller of coffee on campus it puts us in a really good position to sort of disseminate that information. People sitting there having a meeting with that on their coffee cup will have a conversation somewhat related to what is written on

the coffee cup. it is really important we build a subtle cultural thing at Murdoch.

Also putting QR codes on the tables at the tavern, in the toilets and all accessible places on campus. However, we need to take it step by step and try to do it right all the way through.

One thing we have been doing as well is trying to hire a student assist manager. So basically as I said at the last meeting that we are looking to have an area manager for student assist so at the moment all three positions report to the general manager Evan. An area manager will be able to tie up that area and better distribute the workload amongst the staff so it will not be any more domestic, international, and postgraduate it would just be three general student assist officers which is what I'm told happens at the other Guilds. This will help in the spreading out of the job and the manager will be able to do that.

Shaanan and I met with the art curators so that was on regarding shaanan's project in doing the artist programme so they're really on board are they really keen and excited. They look at starting with just the visual arts and then go into the performing arts

I had the idea of doing is Murdoch Guild Art collection so essentially the university had an art gallery with good looking art. The plan is that we commission artwork throughout the year from students, around topics so let us say we go, let's say we want an artwork around the for-pride month or for international Women's Day. This helps our work narrate its own stories and shows its own language. This will get those people involved too and we know that across all the arts over the last couple years ago but hasn't been kind to the arts student.

I have been doing strategic planning program. I just wrapped up doing an online course from Harvard Business School. We essentially are taught to look at different control systems and different strategies for the business that you're in and in the end we had to do like a capstone project a proposal for one area but essentially for the moment we're looking at diagnostic control systems implementing some of those so for example you go to student assist and then after your appointment with student assist an email for an anonymous sort of feedback server you know like a customer server how did we do today.

Another HR thing is that we are going to be looking for a maternity leave cover for Sarah our club's officer and acting projects manager so that will be only for about six months until the original person comes back so we also had Sam our market days coordinator resigns she's gone to another job, so we gave her a farewell. We will be looking to have someone cover that position.

David Gives Shaanan's Report:

Shannan has been swamped with weekly student appeals cases.

He also met with curators, as he will have a few meeting with them.

Chewe:

I have been working with the Business School on something called the Planning which will Shape the Future of the Murdoch Business School 2030. so it was something that the head of discipline had organise and I was invited to participate in the discussion we discussed ways in which the Business School has been suffering through the pandemic so that's from 2020 to late last year 2021. We then discussed ways in which they can improve the Business School and make the Business School something that's very glamorous and something that every student would want to come and study business at Murdoch.

We also had discussions with the African Professionals of Australia and there event will be on Friday this week which will be first week of the month of April at around 6:30 to 8:30 PM. They will be having different people from different sectors of the industry, so they will have people from BHP, Rio Tinto and others from big mining companies. They will also have a few people from other industries like the law sector and I think 2 from Ey and PwC so that is also something that's very exciting and if you guys are interested you can let me know I can send you the link as it was put up on the Murdoch Facebook Guild page.

I had a meeting with Kylie, it was a very interesting one and very long one, so we discussed issues that international students that were considered to be enrolled but were still studying from outside of Australia. The reason for that discussion was because we want to listen and learn from these students in ways, they had challenges of what was going on with them having to study online especially considering the fact of the time zone difference. all those little things that might have a played a factor. We suggested that we can have something like a town hall where we invite all students that were faced with such a challenge and how they felt and how best we can help students that are currently studying online as at now. We also talked about jobs for students both international and domestic how can we make Murdoch students job ready when it comes to job recruiters looking for students that want to join their industries. How we can make recruiters come to Murdoch, however, she said they have been having this wonderful programme where they are trying to get to people in top industries bring them to Murdoch, mentor students and then they can go and give feedback to their companies to say, Murdoch is the best place to go to when looking for graduates.

So, we talked about that and also I think one of the main issues raised from Kylie was that she really wants to hear from the students point of view, especially from council; what is our say on the National Safety Survey that was released out, and David wrote about that in his presidential email. She really wants to just here on an individual perspective especially from the Queer representative, Disability representative and from the Women's Representative how best we can help students in that aspect and how students really are feeling when it comes to such things especially of issues concerning sexual awareness. how we can have discussions about that with council. So, I told her to say we can have a special meeting were we can further tabulate the discussion.

Dave:

Well, I agree that we should probably tackle it for a special meeting where that's the only focus since it is such a heavy and very quiet complex one I think that needs the time that we probably can't look in as a now.

Andre:

I have got nothing to report but, I did help Christopher with some stuff about sourcing some law firms and giving him some contacts regarding accounting firm as well.

David:

Fantastic, next

Ryan:

Same as Andrea no report. Same odd club stuff pretty

Christophers Report Given by David:

So, he's got 16 firms so far interested in participating and yeah, he was looking to add more interested ones. He will further articulate this as we closely approach the day.

Chloe:

At the moment the cafe we have is not the very best as it is not advance. So, I have been lesioning with David to see how we can improve the café. I am not sure if you would know this, but the TAFE next door actually closed their cafe and most of the students used to go over their t but now that there is a shutdown people are relying on that cafe more than ever.

David:

to be honest we can capitalise on that yeah.

Chloe:

I was talking to Sarah about what we could do in Mandurah, and she told me that there is allocated funding for students in Mandurah. Well now with the whole Covid situation it's a little bit tuff. Sarah suggested something like a well-being package for students, especially during upcoming exams, we could work together on that, and I thought that was such a cool idea so definitely I will explore that further and see what kind of budget will be looking at.

Dave:

I have been working with the accessibility collective as going to be having launch pad event on April 1st, so this Friday that I'm just essentially opening up to members of the student body who are already part of another collective so like the women's collective or the queer collective and then at a later date the accessibility collective will have a proper launch where all announcement will be made via the Guild and gaining channels and

essentially open it up to the whole student body to potentially have access I have also been working on the ausland resources. I have started personal developing or the ausland for Business, IT, nursing, and Law. I'm still currently in communicate with more engineering and chiropractic sciences on what exactly they would want but then I have like another 15 or 20 different areas of the school that I have not yet gotten to yet while I deal with these first six.

Zeo:

Helping with a few events for bike month which was a pretty good successful thing to help with. Helped with the climate change event which is pretty small turn out but pretty engaging. I have been liaising with Dakota from Notre Dame whose same position as me the environment officer. I guess I wanted to ask, I am a bit confused as to what I can actually do because it seems difficult to implement physical things like solar panels and actual structures, but it also seems like ongoing things such as maintenance of the green bin or containers for change being also seems not allowed. I am actually wondering what apart from like events in awareness what I am able to do in this space in this role place thanks.

David:

So basically, with what I have seen in the past they have had a lot of barriers with a particular line manager no longer around at Murdoch. They do not ever have freedom, but it is part of the process. Now with the new VC a lot of things will have to wait for the new VC to settle in and this and that. I am looking at how can we put in some money possibly. It is difficult to understand, as a lot of roadblocks that come in place, they've got a lot of policies to follow through in order for something to be done. At the Guild we have free your think, with the university a lot of barriers and sometimes they have so many sorts of boxes after take-off for their messaging so basically what we can catch up and further discuss about that. We can catch up with you and will go through or make a make a plan of attack because now the new VC is here and my first meeting with him is on Friday as I mentioned so there's stuff there that we can mention to him and tell him we have been struggling to get it done for so many years.

Daven:

I will link up with you so that we can have further discussion on that Zeo

Luke:

So quite a bit for me I'll keep it as quick as I can pretty much first, I want to say hi Chloe welcome to Guild council I'm also nursing students so I understand how busy we can be. We have had changed our leadership so there has been a lot of delegating tasks relating to the queer collective and developing a good relationship with about 7 to 9 who are passed reps and also relatively new members as well- at least everyone's been there for about 16 months now I think so we all know each other really well and that's working really well.

We have quite a few people working together, and we are getting a lot of stuff done. I have not spoken to Allira, but we are planning on having a monthly event taking place over for our queer's collective every Wednesday at the Tavern at four o'clock onwards but we're thinking the last week of the month having one specialised event where it's a big one that has a theme. This upcoming month theme we are thinking about having a cultural day so looking at having it on the 27th of April probably at the Tavern and just looking at like maybe a potluck kind of thing just having an easy simple date where people can just have conversations. People should just be able to share and talk about their people's culture. This led me to speaking to Larry about possibly doing it this month unfortunately we had to push it back and she was really on board so yeah, we're going to be getting into contact with all the different culture clubs on campus and seeing what we can do to make everyone involved. I had a meeting with Danny McKellar who is part of the mental counselling group at Murdoch, we discussed on how the LGBTQ could be supported. We also want to increase the training and awareness of queer problems and culture; this will make sure that they are really well versed in queer problems and stuff like that cause currently it is only Danny that is able to assist specifically such students. I have a full list if you would like to see it later. I was planning on going ahead with an event this semester unfortunately it has been postponed cause they gave the reasoning of omicron being quite prevalent so it's being pushed to second semester hopefully I will be introduced then if not starting next year. The next thing I had and myself had a meeting with Simon Walters about the possibility of getting a larger room for the queer collectives that went well. We are hoping to get a space triple the size which we can talk about in the next meeting. I am further going to speak to the person that runs the webpage just about getting the mental queer collective back on the club's page because we are not there currently there. I had a LGBTQ plus advisory group meeting that went well everyone in there is sort of kind and amazing I am not sure if everybody is aware, but we are actually getting the Murdoch university stuff over going to be covered for gender affirming. The last thing is so like I said before I am a nursing student, so the majority of my education occurs around buildings 100 so last Wednesday I had one of my classes and one of the lectures was talking about how the coffee cart that exists in building 126 which is the nursing student hub. So currently right now we have like a small little cafe style area there which just consists of like a coffee machine and like a small fridge for like a couple cakes and that are usually in there that's currently open from 8 till 12. It was flagged to me that this isn't good for the nursing staff and student. I was meant to have a meeting with David earlier and discuss on how best we can help students in this coffee aspect.

David:

In 2020 well up until 2020 the guild was running a cafe down there before that nursing student hub was there. The chief operating officer of that time told the general manager to have to vacate our equipment and our operation

out of there because they are going to be doing the renovations and will go in back after renovation. Evan went down there to go check it out and he sees Bang Bang there. We got screwed on that one basically as there was a tender process that we did not get notified of. So, we did not even ever have a chance since then we have been actively just hounding them about it. We have one here at the library and they got the one down there and by midday they shut down. it was sad when we had to shut down our cool cafe triage. We had to let go five students and we could not place them around the Kadj and Tavern. if I was allowed to put a coffee cart right out the front and just beat them out of business because Kadj's coffee is way better anyway. I have spoken to Evan on how we can get it back. Thank you very much for your report, Luke.

Allira:

Hi guys I'm sorry my Internet is fairly not good at the moment, but I had a meeting with David last week about some projects that we want to get sorted with kubardi. One I'm most excited about is getting some sort of indigenous focused education in the prisons which would be so cool because as we know most the present population are indigenous people in the prisons. There are some early-stage talks going around with kubardi and getting a programme put in prisons. I think the biggest issue is going to be finding staff that are willing to teach the programmes. We also were talking about having an indigenous exchange programme, where we will have indigenous students from Murdoch cross to like Alaska or Canada and integrate with the indigenous people there and learn their culture and they come back to us and learn about our culture and our history. Now it would work because we can travel a bit more. We also talked a bit about getting more programmes in like high schools because this will help so many pupils learn about the culture before they go to university, and it looks good for Murdoch if they are the ones offering that through Kulbardi.

David:

Like the prison idea its very nice and would be good to do that for the indigenous people. We can put some knowledge capital in this. Thanks, Allira, for Report

Kevin:

Getting ready for the uni-games and make sure that they are well organised.

Vishwas report Given by David:

She is working on giving feedback on the Student Survey.

Worked with the launch pad and worked on having a clothes library. Where people can come in and take clothes for free. Next meeting, she will give a report on the international Women's Day.

Gisele:

She has been in contact with the team that works with the international students still stuck abroad. She has already had two events in the past month so an international welcome party and the migration information session so

both had good outcomes. The welcome party total cost of that was \$200 with about 70 to 80 attendees and the migration session was a little bit smaller but there was no cost to that, and it was actually sponsored by chai time She also says there are new sponsorships coming but she will confirm that in the next meeting also she's going to reach out to Allira and Luke concerning international students who come to Australia and may come from a country where you know people don't have the same rights as People in Australia have. For example, the queer people have legalised same sex marriage whilst in other countries that is a problem. Educate all sort of students from other countries will help them in appreciating the way things are done here and understand the environment that we have here. So, there's no excuses people know how to treat people when they come here. From growing up here and going to you know high school here you learn about indigenous past, but as an international student the only thing one might know about indigenous culture is what they learn at the welcome to country on orientation day. Gisele is looking forward to working in collaborate with Allira and Luke to basically put out some sort of message to international students who come here possibly even before they actually get into the country, they know our traditional land owners.

Jaztine:

Apology from her today. She put a pole in the group organising training for all guild council members and she was working with Veronica to have that as a mandatory set thing for all councils. This training might be part of the guild induction.

David:

So, a departure from council in the last month. Minh has contacted me and the Guild executive and has departed from council. It is sad, as everyone who knows Minh knows you're going to have a laugh and you got to have a smile on your face as you talk with Minh and we we've you know On behalf of the Guild Executive I just want to formally extending a thank you for his time on council and his involvement and the and the passion he had for the Murdoch students that he brought to the role.

Luke:

I will be going on clinical placement just letting the council know in case I will not be able to attend meetings.

David:

No problems, Thanks for letting us know.

Meeting ends at 4:58pm

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