

Murdoch University Guild of Students
Guild Council Minutes

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Details

Date: 29th November, 2023
Time: 13:00 AWST
Venue: Board room and Online via Teams

Duration: 22 minutes and 2 seconds

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ATTENDEES

Role	Member	Pronouns	Apology
Guild President	Heidee Austic	She/Her	
Education Vice President (EVP)	Jaztine Cusi	She/Her	
General Secretary	Christopher Nonis	He/Him	\
MUPSA President	Adelakun Odunyemi	He/Him	
MUPSA Vice President (Research)	Tina Phiri	She/Her	
MUPSA Vice President (Coursework)	Mojib Temuri	He/Him	\
MSA (Mandurah) President	Chloe Pech	She/Her	\
International Student Rep (MISA)	Rayyan Chowdhury	He/Him	
Queer Rep	Luke Morgan	They/Them	\
Sustainability Rep	Elizabeth Tan	She/Her	
Disability Rep	Kieran Leeson	He/Him	
Council Member	Ariff Julainie	He/Him	\
Council Member	Sami Rashid	He/Him	\
Council Member	Jesse Bellotti	He/Him	
Council Member	Sariah Eivers	She/Her	\
Council Member	Daisy Bond	She/Her	\
Council Member	Jamilla Day	She/Her	\

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AGENDA

1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2	Items for Discussion and Decision

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting commenced at 1:07pm. The Guild acknowledges the welcome and acknowledgement to country.

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2. Items for Discussion and Decision

Heidee Austic:

Review of Previous Minutes:

- October minutes not yet completed due to Chris's new job commitments. To be circulated soon.

Year in Review:

- Recognition of both active and less active members.
- Successful events and initiatives throughout the year.
- Mentioned that the MISA President is selected and welcomed Rayyan as the president.
- Individual reflections on the year's achievements and challenges.

Individuals to go around the room and reflect on what they have done this year.

Jesse Bellotti:

'The Pies won the premiership!'

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Adelakun Odunyemi:

It has been a great year for MUPSA, we have thankfully begun to revive the club. We had our first event which was a 'Meet and Greet', we had the GRO and postgraduate students mingle after some presentations. Thank you Jaztine for attending the event and bringing the catering.

We have another event coming up soon on the 8th of December, it would be great if you could all attend.

Tina Phiri Chanda:

Yeah, just wanted to add, you know we've not had MUPSA for some time because it's been quiet, and it was amazing the first meeting we had. We made a lot of contacts with most people and like he mentioned, I think the challenges for us are reaching the master's by coursework students as we haven't been able to. Today we just got a response from the International Office, and they helped us to communicate to international students about the event, so we're very optimistic that this one will be a super great.

We would like to invite you all to come, it will really be nice to have the Guild coming there as last time we only had Jaztine representing the entire, you know council. So it would be nice to see everyone coming through, I mean, this is a milestone for us and revamping the association and we look forward to the coming event which will be on the 8th of December. We have 4 speakers, one of them is a hydrogen president. And we will provide the feedback from the recruiter was supposed to be there, but we are waiting on that. And then we also have someone from the immigration department. So it would be a great event and networking, and they will just go to our budget approved by Guild.

Heidee Austic:

I have been looking into trying to get a list of the master's by coursework students as well, but it's going to be quite difficult. I've been making a list of like the academic chairs of the master's by coursework courses and just might have to be a bulk email to like 20 people and they can share it with their cohorts. Yeah, I think that might be the way to go.

And yes, also I've been speaking about the little MUPSA badges, so hopefully by before next semester we'll have something, but it is proving so difficult. But I think for that, it's good to have MUPSA back and then hopefully next year we'll keep it going strong.

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Adelakun Odunyemi:

Request to push the department for a room.

Heidee Austic:

I had a meeting yesterday with the people from the campus redevelopment plan. In case you weren't aware, the campus is being redeveloped, everything is just getting moved around and so they're trying to plan on how to best do that, what to add, what to take away, what to revamp, what to get rid of, all that kind of stuff. So, one thing that I did mention was for schools like disciplines and clubs to have their common rooms. I know like the MFS department need one, as well as MUPSA.

Rayyan Chowdhury:

Mentioned that the exam pack giveaway was successful. It was joined project with MDA. The packs were all gone so fast. They will ask for more grant next time. Everyone discussed what was in the pack, appreciated the act and agreed to do it next time as well.

Jaztine Cusi:

Like just from external Rep to EVP, and I'm really happy that I stepped off and actually helped a lot. I'll say if you said this and yeah, and then talked a lot of education issues made a lot of connections with the university. I'm really happy about the workshops that we did, even though there were only two. But yeah, that was very successful with the business and nutrition workshops. Hopefully next year we'll do more. It's very important the work just like simple skills, still learn like it's just important. I said we won the Cheer and Dance University level. We won the 1st place, gold. We beat Curtin and UWA.

Elizabeth Tan:

I think this year has been quite successful for this sustainability side. I think we had that big clothes event that was really successful. So hopefully, maybe again, they'll do it next year. I've been having some meetings with the responsible futures, so hopefully next year they can get a kick start and hopefully the meetings will help and integrate into the education.

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Keiran Lesson:

Well, while of course I got in late, but this year I have been able to reach out and like meet with the Access and Diversity teams around campus. I am also sitting on an advisory group that will represent students with disabilities. So, it's a few, you know, positives there, and of course with like next year, I hope to sort of like reach out to more various groups and to have like you know collabs with a various area. There's a whole range of things to focus on in a relatively short time. I've noticed that there are gaps in EQAL plans for students and there are gaps like you mentioned the campus plan. Changing of the you know campus and you know common rooms and things like that, there's a whole bunch of things I hope to put forward for next year, but I'll talk about that then. It's been a positive year to see people back on campus again and hopefully more next year.

Heidee Austic:

There have been some new working groups made as Keiran said, so there's one that's called CALD, for culturally and linguistically diverse students, and Rayyan will sit on that as MISA Rep. There's one for the LGBTQIA+ community that Luke sits on as Queer Rep and the one that Keiran is sitting on as well.

OK, myself, I will just update you on the things I've done in the last month because there was a few. So, we went to the SENCON, which was last week. So, the student experience network conference, so that one was primarily aimed at staff. Last week at the SEN Conference the Café Kaj was nominated for an award, so it got an award of distinction in the best refurbishments. So, it's cool.

The guilt bookshop is currently closed, and it will not open again until February. But if students need our other services, they are still running, like student assist, Food Bank, and everything, they are still open and smart riders can be bought from Cafe Kadj and so can parking scratchies. So, if anyone asks you about that, they will still be able to get them. We will still be checking the emails; it's just we don't have the reception. If anyone asks, or if anyone here uses the services, the actual Guild will be closed from the 22nd of December, and it will reopen on the 2nd of January. I think it's about 10 days because 11 days something like that.

There is also a nationwide project happening now about wellbeing, so there's people from all universities that are kind of doing these surveys. One student Rep from each campus has done a survey and it's been successful, so they want to send us the survey to send to our council. So, I might send you guys the survey if you have time, please do the survey. It's just about how you found Murdoch and how the staff have treated you at Murdoch.

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If anyone has any comments, questions or queries, something I want to add, no, yes no. And what we were thinking we may do is probably maybe in December or January with the new council incoming, we'll have like a little party. So, we will invite everyone that was part of it this year as well as a send off and welcome kind of thing, just little mingling thing. So if you guys are not in the Council next year, we'll still invite you to that event, so feel free to come say Hi, chat with everyone and do your thing.

But yeah, if that's it, I might let you guys go for the year. I think it was a good year. Next year will be awesome, but this year was really good. Everyone did some awesome stuff. We got MISA and MUPSA back up and running. Thank you everyone.

Meeting Conclusion:

- The meeting was closed with a reminder for the next meeting and an encouragement for continued collaboration and support.
- **Meeting Closed at 13:29 AWST.**

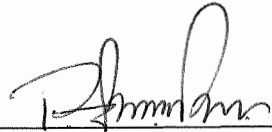
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