



2022/23 GUILD COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Acknowledgement of Country

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Details

Date The 27th of July 2023, Thursday

Time 1300 AWST

Location Board Room or Online via Teams

If any member of this meeting would like to submit an addition, modification, or strike an item from the agenda, please contact Christopher Nonis, Guild General Secretary.

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	Mojib Temuri	He/ Him	/
MUPSA Vice President	Tina Phiri	She/Her	
MSA (Mandurah) President	Chloe Pech	She/Her	
Women's Rep	Elaine Dessie	She/Her	/
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	

Agenda

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

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of the Country

The meeting commenced at 1.07 p.m. The Guild acknowledges the welcome and acknowledgement of the country.

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2. Items for Discussion and Decision

Heidee Austic:

We did not have minutes from the last meeting because we did not have enough people to make an official meeting. It will be a super quick meeting today so that everyone can go and enjoy the rest of your tiny holidays. We're currently talking to someone about the MISA position.

He has great ideas and has great ideas for collaborations with external companies, which would be great. He is also keen for the role. He hasn't returned yet from his home country, but he will be back next week. We will have a chat with him after he is back in Perth. Jaztine has also been speaking to a lady about the Indigenous Rep position. Hopefully, we will be speaking with her on Monday. She seems super interested in the role, which will be great to fill that position. Another thing that we are doing is if any of you have been here for a few years. It is called the METIOR, a newsletter. With Belicia's help, we have turned that into a

blog now. We are going to open it in a blog form. I put a call out to some students and got a few responses. I've met with one already, meeting with a few more, and then hopefully, we'll be able to get them writing some articles just about university stuff like study tips, resume writing tips, and the best food on campus like that. We have some girls that have much experience, which is good, and then other students that don't have much experience, which is also good because I guess that's what we do, we help people get experience, and then a few people from the Science department, a few friends of mine, also have some articles that I would like to contribute to the blog, which will be good. Also, if you guys know of anyone who writes articles and wants just to get their words out there voluntarily without being paid, do inform me as well. As we all know, the Murdoch Bookshop is closing down, and School Locker is going to be taking over next semester. The Murdoch bookshop reached out to us last week because all the textbooks that they haven't sold they want to give to us for free so that we can sell them at our bookshop. We also started selling lab coats, which only officially went on the shelves yesterday, but we've already sold them, I think 7. I was also approached by a girl from that, and she was asking if the Guild would like to just donate a bit of money to sponsor their final year events. I'm happy to put in around 100 to 200 dollars. If anyone has any issues, please let me know.

The WA Accord which talks about the University merge topic, we have not heard anything back from that. They have finished their interim report but have not released it to the public. They've only released it to the Education Minister. Some people think that with the new change of Premier, Mr Roger Cook, it probably won't go ahead with the merge, as he is not interested in that. I will keep you updated as soon as I hear anything about if we get a copy of the report. We have also started a Bhutanese club, with the overwhelming numbers, the Bhutanese students that we had last semester, and this upcoming semester. For O-day tomorrow, if any of you guys are around, they're going to be giving away deep-fried butter cookies and buttered tea. If anyone is at today off festival day, I would recommend going to the Bhutanese store because that looks awesome.

Martin from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVP) of Sustainability, reached out to Elizabeth and me about this project. It is called SOS Responsible People. It is a trial project that they are running in the UK. They are getting students to audit sustainability and environmental courses that the universities run. Then, the students can have a say in what they have been learning, and whether the learning is relevant to the course. On behalf of the Guild, we are happy about that project, and it would be a great project within the University as Sustainability is one of the key points of the University's objectives. I will get more information on that, once it has been approved. We do have a new Chancellor as you guys

probably know, Gail McGowen. I had a meeting with her last week, and I think she's going to be really good for the university and she's very funny as well. We are also hiring a volunteer position person. We have made an advertisement for the job. We will be putting that as soon as possible so that we can have the volunteering aspect back of the Guild. From what I understand about the role, the volunteering role also partners with a bunch of non-profit organisations, and students can come to us. We can set them up with the company's organisation and also get the 40 hours recognised on their transcript.

Also, I was at the Education Conference in Queensland. Murdoch is actually a good university. There were a lot of workshops at the conference. I also noted that some of the universities do not have access to student support like we do such as the 24/7 library access and the EQAL plan. There were also Guilds that do events at their campus, and some do not host any events at all. It was kind of shocking to me to see these universities' student's support, and I'm blessed to see Murdoch is actually doing really well in terms of supporting the students. And there were some very intense people at the conference as well. And if you're familiar with politics, you might probably know what a socialist is, and I spotted some of them during the conference. We usually do not go to conferences, but it was a good experience, and hopefully, we can go next conference. I think a lot of people are actually kind of looking at Murdoch differently as Murdoch is a good university. I also presented at the conference about the University's merger topic. That was interesting and it was very relevant because there is a merger currently happening in South Australia between two universities. I also put some memes because I did not want the workshop to be dry and some of the socialists were not happy with that. I do apologise if I hurt any relevant party. The last thing for me is the university has a Senior Leadership Team (SLT), and they would be going to a conference to learn how to be an efficient and cohesive team and do well for the university. They have invited me to go for this year's conference and I will be going for it. It will be super interesting to learn insight and knowledge for this conference. That is all from me. I will pass to Chris to give his updates and Jaztine's update.

Christopher Nonis:

Hello everyone, this is from Jaztine's update. Jaztine had a meeting with Jamie about continuing the futsal socials for Semester 2, but still waiting for more updates. She has also been in contact with BDO for Financial Literacy Workshop and she's just waiting for them to send her the final information and pricing. SBDC – Small Business Development Corporation

run by the government, and it is free for students. She is also having meeting with them next week. It is a business-type workshop and see how thing's going. She has also been working on a few appeal cases. Also, the Student Appeals policies and procedure are been reviewed and planning for an update.

Heidee Austic:

Jaztine has been doing well so far in her role. Hopefully, the workshops will come in effect soon, and she also has some great ideas.

Christopher Nonis:

This is for my updates. On the 6th of July, the Guild Ball committee had a meeting. Daisy and Jaztine will create a PowerPoint slide for the decoration design for the Ball. We also talked about doing raffle draws which include prizes such as gift cards, PS5 and other stuff. We have already paid for the Photobooth, DJ, Security Fees and the Hotel's initial deposit. Elizabeth is in charge of the flowers and the awards. It is something not urgent. We are trying our best to get the registration out by the third week of August. At the moment, we are currently doing the poster and the Q-pay registration. We would not want to rush it as we got to focus on O-week and Winter Festival.

The next one is Gila Liga. The preparation and planning are going smoothly. The registration is already up. Hope you guys can join and participate as well.

Ariff Julainie:

What numbers are in for now?

Christopher Nonis:

The registration is currently only 10 participants. We are trying to promote the event during the O-day and Festival Day. The event is on 26th of August, from 9 am to 5 pm. Do inform your friends and families to join this event. I also attended an event hosted by the Indian Society of Western Australia (ISWA) on the 15th of July. There was also a Murdoch University's booth set up during their event. I will be meeting with the Chairperson of ISWA next week for a coffee catch-up at Café Kadj to discuss any potential collaboration between ISWA, Murdoch Guild and Murdoch Desi Association (MDA). Some of the Guild

representatives and I had a meeting with the Access, Equity and Wellbeing (AWE) team two days ago. It was a casual and introductory meeting to discuss the between the Guild and AWE team about future event collaborations. Lastly, Jaztine and I attended the International Orientation on Monday. It was a full house. I think there were about 250-300 students in ECL 1. Both of us gave a short speech on behalf of the Guild.

Heidee Austic:

Thank you, Chris. Did anyone have anything to say? Also, Elizabeth did have a great idea. We are going to be ordering a recycling box for pen waste. I have also emailed Matthew Evans about putting that in the library. It is basically to recycle their pens. He is away at the moment. He will inform me about the updates as soon as he gets back. Again, any sustainability ideas are always welcomed. I forgot to add, we had to give an update at the University's Audit and Risk Committee the other week. Evan, Vanessa and I were present during the meeting and it went really well. The university was really happy with the way that we're running, the way that we're handling our finances. The Vice-Chancellor even made a comment that he was very, very pleased that their Guild actually focused on students rather than activism.

Just a couple of items for discussion. The university is undergoing a campus-free development plan, and we want to have our bookshop back on Bush Court. So, if there are any thoughts you have about where things should be on campus, please do let me know, and I can take that back to them. They are trying to reshuffle the whole campus so that it works fine with everything and gels properly with academics, facilities and others. Also, if you have any ideas for Semester 2, please let me know. At the moment, we have Jaztine doing the workshops and Chris doing the Gila Liga.

Jesse Bellotti:

Can we do another one of those cool nights that we did at the Tavern with all the Guild people? That was really cool.

Heidee Austic:

Yes, the Council Team Building Dinner. We can do something like that again.

Ariff Julainie:

Is there anything new about the International Café?

Heidee Austic:

Yes, the Den International's Café will be running four days a week now, rather than two. This is due to the high interest in it. So, I believe the International cafe hours are also being extended to be more on one day or over 2 days. So, I think that would be really good. Once we get up the MISA rep, hopefully, we can contribute more to those kinds of things because we love working with the AWE team. The AWE team is super enjoyable and easy to work with. It is our job to work with them as well. He is not officially yet because we have not actually met with him to discuss this role. His name is Rayyan Chowdhury, and he is currently part of the Murdoch Desi Association (MDA) committee. We also have Festival Day next Thursday, so, if any of you guys are free, please come down. Unfortunately, I have a class during that time, so I will not be around very much on Festival Day, which makes me extremely sad.


Another thing was the Mandurah campus is looking at doing something for Women's Health Week, so if anyone has any ideas on things they could do or any thoughts around that, please let me know. They are looking for something for International Women's Day. Please either let me know or Chloe. Another thing I would like to add is the Student Assist which I think will start this week or next week. We are having a tax consultant come to the Guild. So, if you know any students or even yourself that needs help with the tax, please come to the Guild. It is also free of charge. Thank you so much and that is all from me.

The meeting concluded at 1.31 p.m.

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