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QUT Student Guild

Board of Directors
Public Board Update – August 2026

Attendance: Alastair Wilson, Caleb McGiffin, Nicholas Woollard (Chair), Carla Tromans, Logan Hickey (online), David Sims (non-voting to maintain student majority)
Observer: James Karami (Head of Finance)
Apologies: Emily Jones
Absent: Archer Skinner

This document provides a public summary of the key decisions and discussions from the August 2026 meeting of the QUT Student Guild Board of Directors.

Meeting Overview

The Board met in August 2026 to consider governance reforms ahead of the Guild elections, the Guild's end-of-year financial position, future space requirements and opportunities to strengthen long-term financial sustainability.

SRC Governance and Election Reforms

The Board approved a series of SRC governance changes ahead of the 2026 Guild elections, including additional reading time for motions moved without notice, SRC approval of mandatory training proposed by the Guild, and greater flexibility for Clubs and Societies Committee representation.

The Board also reviewed the current approach to term limits. Following consideration of practices across other Australian student guilds and unions, the Board agreed to retain an aggregate three-year term limit for senior Top 3 positions (President, Treasurer, Secretary) while removing term limits for other SRC positions.

Why this matters:
The changes aim to balance student choice with leadership renewal and strong governance ahead of the 2026 elections.

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Guild Space Planning

The Board considered immediate and longer-term responses to increasing pressure on Guild office and service space. Immediate office improvements will proceed, while discussions with QUT will continue regarding opportunities to improve student-facing services and the Guild's physical presence at Kelvin Grove.

Why this matters:
Appropriate space is essential to support growing Guild services, staff capacity and future SSAF-funded expansion.

Financial Sustainability

The Board received the Guild's end-of-year financial report. The Guild recorded an operational deficit of approximately $295,000, representing an improvement of approximately $500,000 over the past two years.

The Board noted that the improved result reflected increased revenue, strong cost controls, improving commercial performance and investment returns. Further opportunities to strengthen commercial performance through venue improvements, marketing and increased student utilisation were also discussed.

Why this matters:
Improving financial performance strengthens the Guild's capacity to invest in student services while building long-term organisational sustainability.

Future Investment and Revenue Diversification

The Board considered analysis of the Guild's investment portfolio and how its financial position could support future revenue diversification while protecting long-term portfolio sustainability.

The Board also considered a potential external investment opportunity and agreed in principle to progress the proposal to further due diligence, legal review and satisfactory commercial terms before any final commitment is made.

Why this matters:
Diversifying income can reduce reliance on a single funding source and create additional resources for future student services and initiatives.

Looking Ahead

The Board reflected positively on the Guild's improving financial position and the strategic opportunities considered during the meeting. Work will continue on election governance, space planning, commercial performance and longer-term revenue diversification.

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