

# **Student Guild of Curtin University**

# Representation Board - Meeting #5

Thursday the 20th of April 2023

In Council Chambers 100.301 Open 5.30pm

#### Minutes

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to pay our respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the Bentley Campus is located, the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation; and on our Kalgoorlie Campus, the Wongutha people of the North-Eastern Goldfields. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this university, city and this region."

## 2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Hannah Northey, Dylan Botica, Veronika Gobba, Ryan Kirby, Max Zhang, Hiba Alsoeady, Jude Soussan, Mitch Craig, Imari Morris, Aleena Shaji, Athina Hilman, Danica Scott, Rey Nairn
- 2.2. Others Present; Jo- Ann Naidu, Jasmyne Tweed, Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary), Hartman Pizzeys
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Bhaarath Kathiravan
- 2.4. Absent; Veer Singh, James Cabrera, Elicia Lelliot
- 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
  - 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16/03/2023, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Hiba Alsoeady Seconded: Imari Morris

Carried

- 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Mitch Craig asked Dylan Botica about the outcome of the university meeting regarding the solution of reinstatement of the tuition free weeks. Dylan said that the Vice Chancellor was going to update the Guild but this had not happened. Dylan would progress this issue at his next meeting with the Vice Chancellor. As well Dylan said he was considering raising the issue with the Academic Board.
- 6. Items Not for Discussion. Nothing raised.

## 7. Reports

- 7.1 President Submitted. Dylan Botica said the notice of the AGM was due soon and that he was looking at how to increase participation including software to run a hybrid election. Dylan clarified the reference to the University Review in his report. Dylan clarified the discussion points of the meeting he had with the US Consulate noting that grants were available for cultural events
- 7.2 Vice President Education Submitted. Veronika Gobba met with the first year representatives team noting they were not elected this year. Veronika noted that Keen interest in many issues that align broadly with what the Guild was doing. Veronika spoke about the university's submission to the Accord with reference to the Job Ready package

- 7.3 Faculty of Business and Law Representative Submitted. Ryan Kirby noted the expanded discounts for students at the Perth campus. Mitch Craig asked about opportunity for engagement at the Grill the Guilds. It was noted that the representatives were preoccupied with logistical requirements and as a result there was not much opportunity for for engagement.
- 7.4 Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative Submitted. Max Zhang attended meeting with faculty clubs. Noted update to KPIs. Dylan asked about KPI about interconnection with sci and eng and computer science. Max said trying to engage clubs and faculty staff. Mitch asked had Max response from Faculty executive and PVC.

# 7.4.1 Key Performance Indicators

- 7.5 Faculty of Health Sciences Representative Verbal report. Hiba Alsoeady updated the committee about the meetings and committees that she had attended. Hiba noted her interaction with the Office of the Pro Vice Chancellor and weekly pop ups within schools. Hiba talked about organizing a CrossFit session. As well Hiba reported on inclusivity updates.
- 7.6 Faculty of Humanities Representative Submitted Jude Soussan noted that she had attended joined the first year committee meeting. No questions
- 7.7 Student Assist Submitted. No questions.
- 7.8 International Students Committee President Not submitted

- 7.9 Postgraduate Students Committee President Submitted. No questions.
- 7.10 Queer Officer Submitted. Imari Morris noted the working group in relation to the dead naming issue. Imari confirmed that someone from DTS was involved.
- 7.11 Women's Officer Submitted. No questions
- 7.12 First Nations Officer Submitted. No questions.7.12.1 Key Performance Indicators
- 7.13 Accessibility Officer Submitted. Rey Nairn noted that they had been approached by the ABC for assistance with the Better Date than Ever program.
- 7.14 Higher Education Developments Submitted. No questions
- 7.15 Chair of the Representation Board\* Verbal. Hannah Northey reported that she had attended the women's collective. As well Hannah reported on the TiK Tok videos report. Student discipline panel

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Mitch Craig

Seconded: Veronika Gobba

Carried

Motion that the representation board approves the submitted KPIs

Moved: Imari Morris Seconded Aleena Shaji

Carried

- 8. Items for Discussion and Resolution
  - 1. Stand with Palestine, rally to commemorate the Nakba

Motion: That the Guild publicly endorse the 13 May "Rally for Palestine" protest called by the Palestinian Community of WA, Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, and Friends of Palestine WA

Moved: Danica Scott (Ordinary Representation Board Member)

Seconded: Jude Soussan

Carried

Danica Scott clarified the history of Nakba and the current situation at this time.

2. Defend abortion rights, counter-protest the "March for Life"

Motion: That the Guild publicly endorse the counter-protest against the March for Life called by the Defend Abortion Action Group Perth

Moved: Danica Scott (Ordinary Representation Board Member)

Seconded: Aleena Shaji

Carried

Danica Scott spoke about the stripping of people's rights and the importance of counter protests.

9. Minutes of Committees reporting to the Representation Board

- 1. Postgraduate Student Committee- 20/03/23
- 2. International Student Committee- N/A

Motion: That the Representation Boards notes the minutes of the committees en bloc

Moved: Hannah Northey (Chair of the Representation Board)

Seconded: Max Zhang

Carried

#### 10. General Business

Mitch Craig congratulated Athina Hilman on her Vice President Activities role and Aleena Shaji chairing her Guild Council meeting. There was discussion about posters relating to abortion that had been distributed around campus that were removed by Properties. Dylan Botica said that while the Guild did not request the removal of the posters, he was concerned that the graphic content of the posters could become a duty of care for some students.

Members of the Representation Board were reminded that their mid-year KPIs were due at next Representation Board meeting.

#### 11. Meeting Evaluation

The evaluation was carried out by Ryan Kirby. He said that that there was good reporting, respectful behaviour, the meeting was chaired effectively and there was good involvement from participants. It was noted that at times the discussion was sometimes not productive.

## 12. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 5:30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5:00pm on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May to <a href="mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au">secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au</a> and <a href="mailto:chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au">chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au</a>

Meeting closed at 6.16pm