



Guild President 2023 May Report

Dylan Botica

President's Representation Board Report

Covering Dates: 17/04/2023 – 15/05/2023

Submitted to: May Representation Board

Leave: Nil

1. University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/04/2023	President x DVC-G	
18/04/2023	National Recon Week Organising Group	
20/04/2023	Vice Chancellor	With MD for Clubs Incident
26/04/2023	University Health and Safety Committee	Issues included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Speeding on campus, pedestrian safety in Exchange- New Liquor store safety – no real response from Uni
27/04/2023	Curtin Academy Advisory Board	
27/04/2023	National Recon Week Organising Group	
27/04/2023	President x DVC-A	
1/05/2023	President x VC	Tuition free week update and notes of meeting have been circulated
2/05/2023	Meeting with Lead, Above and Beyond	To increase interest in Curtin Common
2/05/2023	Meeting Jacqueline Boaks	Curtin staff meeting students as partners global leaders
3/05/2023	Safer Community	
3/05/2023	Versent Demo – Evaluate Replacement Project	
4/05/2023	Explorance Demo – Evaluate Replacement Project	

4/05/2023	National Recon Week Organising Group	
9/05/2023	Global Positioning Committee	Including Annual Report

2. Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/04/2023	President x MD	
17/04/2023	President x Student Engagement	
20/04/2023	Higher Education	
20/04/2023	Representation Board	
24/04/2023	President x Student Engagement	
24/04/2023	Risk Review	With MD and Exec
27/04/2023	Higher Education	
27/04/2023	Guild Council	
28/04/2023	Executive Committee	
01/05/2023	President x MD	
04/05/2023	AGM Online Test	
04/05/2023	Higher Education	
08/05/2023	President x MD	
08/05/2023	President x Student Engagement	
08/05/2023	AGM Online Test	
08/05/2023	Executive Committee	Club renewals only
09/05/2023	Education Conference Subsidy Budget Meeting	To evaluate costs and capacity to subsidise
10/05/2023	General Meeting	Annual General Meeting
11/05/2023	Executive Committee	Annual General Meeting

11/05/2023	Health Sci Rep Check in	
12/05/2023	Humanities Rep Check in	

3. Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/04/2023	Meeting Minister for International Education	Provided some insight into the background of WA Unis review. Discussed housing issues, more responsibility is needed from Unis and State Government to improve the welfare of students.
30/04/2023	Students for Yes Meeting	
02/05/2023	Meeting with Minister for Education	Minister Buti was unable / unwilling to outline any plans for Universities or to respond to feedback.

4. Items of Significance

4.1. WA Government Universities Review

The State Government proposed review into a merger of Universities in WA. A review has commenced that has the hallmarks of a forgone conclusion. We have worked with the other Guilds to prepare a stance and response.

The primary response thus far has been that the State Government cannot progress with a review that could affect the governance and operations of the Student Guilds (as a separate entity) without any members having relevant expertise.

The Meeting with the Minister for International Education suggests that amalgamation is the intended review purpose.

A discussion paper was circulated to individuals who are able to provide a submission. Following the successful campaign to expand consultation scope, the Guild is now invited.

Curtin Guild's submission will be made this week.

4.2 Student Housing Crisis

The State Government has responded to our correspondence regarding the student housing crisis with the following commitments:

- Agreement to bring back the \$1500 student subsidy for International students to assist with the cost of housing.

- Review of the residential tenancy act / reform to not let UniLodge get away with exploiting students.

This is a significant win for the Guild but we must continue to put pressure on the University and Government to make structural change to the system.

4.3 NTEU Industrial Action

We have supported the NTEU when requested by providing a BBQ fundraiser for their first industrial action aiming to encourage more soft supporters to get involved and then we participated in the checkpoints.

Agreement on the terms of the EBA seems to be imminent. When agreement is made the Guild will inform our members.

4.4 Student Discipline Panels

Nominations reopened with the new online system that I developed. We have received over 60 valid nominations which massively expands the pool of students.

4.5 Parking Campaign

We have revived the Parking Campaign for Semester One. This included signs outside of campus which were removed. From there, we decided to attach them to a trailer that would traverse campus all day for two days.

The campaign has resulted in increased media and University attention.

An email has been sent to all students encouraging signatures, a final petition will be delivered in the next week.

The COO has been overseas which has delayed delivery.

4.6 Budget

The State and Federal Budgets have been released with differing impacts on students. I have appeared in various media to provide comments including talkback, the ABC, youth radio, Curtin media.

Given the level of mainstream media reporting of the budget's impacts on young people, this was the most appropriate media to put forward the Curtin student guild's position on improving the outcomes for young people and students alike.

4.7 Evaluate

The replacement project for Evaluate is currently in tendering, the academic component has closed. I am very hopeful that this long-standing effort by the Guild will result in better evaluation for students and our staff.

4.8 Other Items

- The Guilds objection to the Liquor Store on campus is progressing with a further submissions window open and awaiting legal advice.
- Issue of Artificial Intelligence with Student Discipline is ongoing, the first lot of cases are being processed and I will be keeping interested in the outcome/handling. I'm meeting with Erin from the AR's office.
- There is a cult recruiting at Curtin (a commonplace group at Universities) I am dealing with Safer Communities on this.

4 Travel

Nil

Vice President – Education

Representation Board Report – 15/04/2023 – 12/05/2023

Veronika Gobba – She/Her

Meetings

Date	Meetings	Comments
17/4/23	VPE X PSC Check-in	
	Respect at Curtin Specialist Advisory Committee	
18/4/23	Queer Collective Meeting	
	First Years Reps Team Meeting	
	Operations Committee	
19/4/23	DVCA SaP Consultative Group	
20/4/23	Health Sciences Grill the Guild	
	VPE X Health Sci Rep Check-in	
	Higher Ed	
	Representation Board	
21/4/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
24/4/23	FBL Student Discipline Panel	
	Student Assist Video Filming	
	VPE – FBL Rep Check-in	
	MD & Exec Risk Review	
27/4/23	VPE x Health Sci Rep Check-in	
	Higher Ed	
28/4/23	VPE x QO Check-in	
	VPE x HUM Rep Check-in	
	First Nations Collective First Meeting	
	Exec Committee	
1/5/23	VPE x PSC Pres Check-in	
2/5/23	Courses Committee	
4/5/23	Higher Ed	
	Grok Interview – Paid WIL	
5/5/23	VPE x QO Check-in	

	Meeting with NUS WA branch Education VP	Topics surrounded were Voice to Parliament, Climate action & WA universities review.
	VPE x VPA x ISC Pres Check-in	
8/5/23	LSEC	Noted that Curtin Counselling has hired 1 extra counsellor and has requested extra funding to accommodate students' un-met needs for counselling.
10/5/23	Guild AGM	
	SAP Lead Meeting	
11/5/23	Meeting with CORB & LITEC	Meeting with Julie Brunner to discuss the feasibility of having required textbook information released earlier than the unit outline & having wider availability of required readings though the library.
	Exec Committee	
	Higher Ed	
12/5/23	VPE x QO Check-in	

Projects

1. Student Partnership Agreement

First stage of consultation is complete, in the process of second stage consultation.

2. Unit Outline Review

The decision was made to review 2022 outlines instead of 2023 due to the industrial action this year. Sampling of the outlines has been done. Further consultation with some Guild staff and double-checking if there are any updates in Curtin's ASPM since the last review is still required. Once that is complete the faculty reps and I can move onto the actual review process.

BUSINESS & LAW - Representative Board Report #5

For the Representation Board held on Thursday the 18th of May

Summary Of Meetings

Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
SDP Panel	14/04/2023	Committee	Consider cases of academic misconduct pertinent to FBL. - 7 cases
Fist Years Meeting	18/04/2023	Guild	I got to meet our First year representatives, once again the rep for FBL showed why FBL is the best faculty to be in.
Health Sciences Grill The Guild	20/04/2023	Guild	Helped our wonderful Health Sciences Rep. Hiba grill some dogs and feed some peeps.
Farewell Luncheon for Therese Jefferson	20/04/2023	Faculty	Thanked the outgoing HoS for Accounting, Economics and Finance for her service to the school and continuing to meet with me on a regular basis. I asked if it is pronounced The-rees or The-rez, I can confirm it was the latter.
Reps Board	20/04/2023	Guild	Standard Reps Board.
Strategic Review Board	21/04/2023	Faculty	Discussion of the strategic plan for FBL over the coming semester and into the future. The PVC delivered a few updates for the Faculty including the following: Creation of two new positions at the Faculty level: - Stan Perron Dean of Applied Ethics - Dean Indigenous

			<p>Student enrollments are up 47% compared to last semester</p> <p>The dollar value of Research Grants received is greater year on year this year compared to last.</p> <p>The Faculty expects a budget deficit of around \$3 million.</p>
VPE x FBL Rep. catch up	24/04/2023	Guild	<p>Discussion of emerging topics within the Faculty as it relates to Education, discussion of the strategic review board and claims made.</p>
Iris Filming Tips Video	24/04/2023	Guild Quick Assist	<p>Filmed a fun little video to help students navigate IRIS in assessment.</p>
Business and Law: Student Engagement Meeting.	27/04/2023	Guild x Student Engagement	<p>Discussion pertaining to the redesign of the SCC, asking for greater student incentive structures.</p>
SDP Panel	28/04/2023	Committee	<p>Consider cases of academic misconduct pertinent to FBL.</p> <p>- 7 cases</p>
Student Consultation	2/05/2023	Student	<p>Discussion of individual student concerns relating to specific classes within the Faculty. Concerns relating to workload in a given unit.</p>
Monthly PVC Meeting	2/5/2023	Meeting x PVC Faculty.	<p>Discussion of the statistics provided in the strategic review board,</p> <p>Confirmation that the faculty will not deliver greater resources to staff given the increase to students and the expectation is for staff to give up more of their research time to compensate for greater student numbers with the goal of squeezing staff for every bit of time not owed to teaching to reduce the deficit.</p> <p>I pointed out that research grant receipt may be unsustainable for a faculty that is increasingly cutting the time owed to research.</p> <p>Vanessa championed a hybrid work place in which staff productivity in research was to be monitored so as to ask those staff who are less productive in producing research, to pick up a</p>

			<p>greater share of the teaching.</p> <p>All of these measures are aimed at getting the faculty budget back to neutral. These measures will result in greater stress on staff which are underpaid and overworked and quite frankly put, deplorable.</p>
Teaching Staff - Consultation Follow Up	2/5/2023	Faculty	<p>Follow up with the unit coordinator regarding student concerns in the given unit. Pledge from the UC to increase the visibility of mentoring help and break up lectures into concepts. Revision of teaching objectives to analyze the concentration of content within the unit.</p>
Curtin Entrepreneurs Club meeting	3/5/2023	Club	<p>Discussion of areas where the Entrepreneurs club can expand, confirmation of industry backing through sponsorship, plans to coordinate with other clubs to share networks both inside and outside of the faculty.</p> <p>I was able to leverage connections within the faculty to provide key figures in academia that may help the club prosper.</p>
SDP Panel	3/5/2023	Committee	<p>Consider cases of academic misconduct pertinent to FBL.</p> <p>- 6 cases</p>
FBL Clubs Meeting	3/5/23	Guild x Student Engagement Team x Clubs	<p>Discussion of club updates, commitment and expression of interest for a clubs survival guide and produced by the clubs as a delivered product of this meeting.</p>
FFP Meeting	3/5/2023	Clubs	<p>General catch up, Discussion of plans for the rest of the semester in terms of events + plans for orientation for next semester.</p>
Student Consultation	3/5/2023	Student	<p>Student consultation relating to the Crim2000.</p>
SCC redesign roundtable	3/5/2023	Faculty	<p>Discussion with the dPVC and Dean of Learning and Teaching, as well as the</p>

			<p>student engagement team as to the revised structure of the SCC in a basic form.</p> <p>Further amendments are likely to be made to the prevailing structure.</p>
WIB Meeting	4/5/2023	Clubs	<p>Discussion of WIB's plan for the rest of the semester, and upcoming orientation.</p> <p>Plans relating to club tips and tricks to University.</p>
Meeting x Deputy HoS	4/5/2023	Faculty	<p>Discussion as to the concerns raised on behalf of students with the Unit Crim2000, asking for written submission apology and open forum of discussion</p> <p>Narrelle stated that these opportunities had been open to students and had transpired and that Robert may be more open to the suggestion of a written apology.</p>
SDP Panel	5/5/2023	Committee	<p>Consider cases of academic misconduct pertinent to FBL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 cases
Dean's Forum	8/5/2023	Club	<p>Attendance of 6 for the Law Dean's forum, discussed upcoming plans for the CSLS and Dean respectively.</p>
Hos Meeting - Law	9/5/2023	Faculty	<p>Discussion of a unit wide apology to be emailed on behalf of the law school for Crim2000, Robert justified not apologizing by claiming that 6 people attended the Deans forum the previous night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 staff - 2 CSLS execs - 1 student not from the law school (me) <p>Discussion of the Dean's recent travel to India to growingly immerse Indian law schools with the hope of leveraging Curtin's international schools by creating a masters of</p>

			international law, opening up opportunities for domestic students to gain an international perspective on law.
Curtin Tax Society Meeting	9/5/2023	Clubs	Discussion of CTS's plan for the rest of the semester, and upcoming orientation. Feilding feedback regarding the Mailchimp being non-recognised by curtin and sending mail received from the CTS to junk automatically.
Guild AGM	10/5/2023	Guild	The Guild AGM was good, quorum was held, free food and free drinks.

Final Notes:

- The past month has broadly consisted of meetings with academics and Guild members. These meetings continue to be warm and productive. The end of the month has seen me spend an increasing amount of time focussing on clubs given second semester orientation is just around the corner.
- The SCC re-design process continues to be underway and staff have been warm and receptive to meeting me, offering student inclusion where possible and enabling a Guild student perspective at the table.
- The strategic review panel provides the basis for criticism on the actions of the faculty which continues to favor efficiencies in every dollar spent as a function of productivity as opposed to providing greater student amenities and teaching standards.
- Building foundational support in this realm is key to enabling me to leverage linkages and help complete aspects of my Agenda.
- I have liaised with students and voiced individual concerns regarding workload, content and on emergent issues.
- The push for greater assessment feedback within the Faculty progressed slightly, raising the work done with Christina Do with the Dean. Next month I will endeavor to spread the work done and present a case study to Subra on the basis of the amendments made to assessment rubrics.

TLDR:

- Lots of work done, lots of work still to be done. My key Agenda items are underway, with the completion of securing discounts for students on the Perth Campuses, with more to be added throughout the year.
- It has been a busy month of actioning some quality representation on behalf of students to improve the overall tertiary experience for students studying within the Faculty of Business and Law.
- The agenda for '23 looks good with all KPIs underway.
- Assessment feedback is a slow moving juggernaut and will likely be time consuming to achieve meaningful action.
- For more specifics read above.

Science and Engineering faculty Report

Zhongzheng (Max) Zhang (He/Him)

Representation Board – May 2023

Date	Event type	Event to note	Comments
01/05/2023	Meeting	Meeting with Guild Secretary	Discussed duties and responsibilities regarding my role as Faculty Representative.
03/05/2023	Faculty Meeting	Learning and Teaching Council Meeting	Bachelor of Science seeing challenges with enrolment system, mostly on the structure of the course regarding specialisations, minors or second majors. An enrolment guide will be distributed to assist with this, as well as a workshop set up for Semester 2 to help with course building. Library noted that Studiosity usage among SciEng students is quite low, contemplated about whether a different tool would help with the nature of assessments in this faculty. Also noted that the library supported units were mostly science units, and encourages more engineering units be added, specifically from first year.
04/05/2023	Faculty Meeting	Graduates Studies Committee Meeting	Noted that most of the funding assigned to HDR students could not be claimed, due to there being more scholarships allocated to international students than there were students to claim them, with the opposite being true for domestic students.
08/05/2023	Faculty Meeting	Faculty Executive Team Meeting	Nothing to note.
10/05/2023	Guild Meeting	Guild AGM	Nothing to note.

Overall, this has been quite a quiet month so far, although I did miss a couple of meetings due to clashing with Mid-Sem exams, including 1 session of the Faculty Exec Meeting.

The monthly meetings with Dean Learning and Teaching also did not occur this month due to conflicting schedules but another session is scheduled towards the end of May/beginning of June.

Faculty of Health Sciences Report
Hiba Alsoeady (she/her)
Representation Board – March 2022

Guild and University meetings, progress and planning

April		
	Event	Description
20/04	Health Sciences SDP	I had seven SDP cases.
20/04	Grill the Guild	It was great! Many people were in attendance, most likely for the free snag..but, I did have a few discussions with students!
20/04	Meeting with VPA	Planned out events for end of Semester 1; namely the meet and greet and fitness class
May		
01/05	Meeting with VPA	Follow up meeting - finalised all the details of the upcoming events
02/05	DIB Working Partners	I attended my first ever meeting with this working group.
04/05	Health Sciences SDP	I had four SDP cases.
05/05	CSDP	I had three CSDP cases. Interestingly, legal practitioners now attend these.
10/05	Update from the Dean, Gender Equity, Inclusion and Diversity	Each school is delivering a project for staff by the end of the year specific to Gender, Equity, Inclusion and Diversity.
10/05	Guild AGM	My first ever Guild AGM! It was very insightful and was well planned and executed. Great work to everyone involved!
11/05	Meet a Rep: Health Science Edition	It was a worthwhile event. I had very informative discussions with many students.
11/05	Meeting with the President - Mr Dylan Botica	Accountability check-in. Follow up tasks include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacting Heads and Deputy Heads of Schools - Meeting more regularly with Head of Learning and Student Engagement

HUMANITIES FACULTY REPORT – MAY

JUDE SOUSSAN

DATE	WHAT	NOTES
14/04/2023	Student Disciplinary Panel meeting	
14/04/2023	Created SCC Theatre Survey and sent to Athina	Athina and I crafted a student consultative committee survey to reach out to more theatre students and get their feedback. We have 10 responses so far.
18/04/2023	Meeting with first year reps	During the meeting I asked the first-year humanities student to reach out to me and keep me in the loop amongst her peers.
26/04/2023	Confirmed with Ben about the GF video	The making of this video will be put on hold until better gluten free options are implemented around campus.
26/04/2023	Emailed Humanities Guild clubs	Curtin Animation Club and CASA responded to me. Animation club were asking me how I could be of support for them to which I informed them how. I am still waiting to hear from other clubs however I think this is a great start in connecting with the students and introducing myself.
28/04/2023	VPE catch up	We spoke about progress I have been making and who I need to reach out to have a better connection with the faculty.
28/04/2023	Reached out to Heads of school	I emailed the three heads, to which I heard back from DBE and MCASI. I am yet to schedule in a time with Umberto (MCASI) however, Michele (DBE) has connected me to the acting head of school (Natalie) and have sent me the invitations to their scheduled meetings with their students. I am yet to hear from SOE.
02/05/2023	Helped with the advertisement of the India Study Tour	Kevin Naden emailed me asking if I could help assist with putting up posters on north side of campus. I did that and also asked Ben to include the notice in our Guild newsletter.
02/05/2023	Reached out to the Theatre Coordinator about putting in our Theatre SCC into the Hayman newsletter	They have included it.
05/05/2023	Meeting with Nicole and Athina	Nicole discussed with us on how we could connect with the project management students due to issues

		with plagiarism and language barriers. We are looking into creating a feedback session with them either with our surveys or ask their tutor to let us into one of their classes so we can communicate with them face-to-face.
05/05/2023	Emailed Brandon Cheong about the Guild report	As the courses committee and LSEC meetings clash with my current classes, I have informed Brandon that Athina and I have meetings with Humira thus keeping the Curtin Humanities staff in the loop.
09/05/2023	Meeting with Athina and Humira	Humira informed us of complaints by students about the lack of campus tours, and if we are able to provide workshops for Adobe for students struggling to use it. We also discussed how to best market the support organisations we have on campus, specifically to international students.
09/05/2023	Meeting with VPA and President	Discussed why we do not do anymore Guild tours during orientation, and how we could assist the humanities faculty better.
10/05/2023	Guild Annual General Meeting	
10/05/2023	Meeting with CASA execs	I planned to meet with them at the AGM (which they came to!). VPA joined our meeting and we basically discussed ways in which the Guild could help support their club as well as Architecture students since they seem to have many people reach out to them. They told us about issues they had with accessing a bank account and requesting a prayer room on north side of campus. They asked for assistance with their upcoming events as well. I also asked for their advice on some questions they would like to see on their SCC survey and if they would be able to help us email it to their peers. They were very receptive. We also discussed the idea of holding an Adobe workshop at the makerspace and if they would be able to help assist us to which they were keen on.

Student Assist Representation Board Report – May 2023

Case statistics for Student Assist is as follows:

	Feb	Mar	Apr
Academic sessions	236	193	220
Financial Counselling sessions	45	58	21
LifeHacks	156	153	140

Academic sessions in the month of March were mainly in relation to complaints, various appeals, and academic misconducts.

Financial sessions were mainly focused on supporting students struggling with fees and cost of living while on Centrelink payments.

Welfare

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 4 students. Breakdown below:

Foodbank/Food vouchers – 2 students

Child Care Grants – 1 student

Hardship Grants – 1 student

18 Loan Laptops were loaned out.

ISC president Report
Representation board
May 2023 Submission date may 11th, 2023

COMMITTEE AND INTERNAL MEETINGS

- Meeting with VPA and VPE to get the updates and also to discuss the events happening in the future
- Meeting with ISC secretary to discuss the possibilities of committee meeting
- Met with some new possible candidates to fill in the roles of Reps

Events

- event: pathway migration agency combined with ISC conducted a seminar on 28 of April to provide visa related knowledge to students and it was attended by approx.100 students and the feedback we got were very positive
- ISC worked closely with curtin connect to deliver a program called Café connect wich was very informative session to International students

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PSC President's Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 11/05/2023

FOR MEETING DATE: 18/05/2023

NAME: Mitch Craig

POSITION: PSC President

GUILD MEETINGS/EVENTS

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/04/2023	Fortnightly Catchup w/ Veronika	Updated on current PSC happenings.
18/04/2023	Grok Interview	Spoke about stipends, article available on the Grok website 😊
19/04/2023	PSC x Student Assist	Regular catchup with Andrew
19/04/2023	M-Files Discussion	With George, Jasmyne and Dylan
19/04/2023	Membership Advisory	Making progress
20/04/2023	Higher Ed	Attended
20/04/2023	Reps Board	See Minutes
27/04/2023	Higher Ed	Attended
28/04/2023	Exec	Attended
01/05/2023	Fortnightly Catchup w/ Veronika	Updated on current PSC happenings.
02/05/2023	Member Advisory	Almost done
03/05/2023	Research Committee Pre-Meeting	With VP - Research
04/05/2023	Higher Ed	Attended, Happy Star Wars Day!
05/05/2023	LSEC Pre-Meeting	With Bhaarath and Veronika
10/05/2023	*Guild Annual General Meeting*	We were quorate, YAY! 🎉
11/05/2023	Exec	Attended
11/05/2023	Higher Ed	Attended

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
14/04/2023	Regular Meeting w/ DVCR, ADVCR, VP-Research	Met with Chris and Lindy to discuss postgrad issues and follow up on things previously being raised
03/05/2023	Research Committee	Was fun, new DoR in Health Sciences seems really good
08/05/2023	LSEC	Some good discussion

PROJECTS/General

- The Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research, Chris Moran, has accepted a Vice Chancellor position over east.
- HDR Student Experience plan went to Research Committee and was approved. It contained the feedback that was compiled by the PSC and Student Assist.

KPIs

- See the review

tl;dr

Many meetings, making progress on things, DVCR leaving in a couple months.

QUEER OFFICER'S Report
Representation Board Meeting 6/2023 – 18.05.23
11.05.2023



GUILD MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Notes
Weekly	VPE x QO	Weekly catch up to discuss ideas, plans and progress
14.04	VPA x QO	Going over and planning the next lot of QD Events
14.04	Secretary x QO	Productive catch up to go over outstanding projects
18.04	Queer Collective Meeting #1	Very productive, and good ideas put forward with a decent turn out for the numbers
27.04	VPA x QO	Planning the finer details for the next three events

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Notes
21.04	Introductory Meeting w/ Bri McKenzie	Good to get to know her more and what she covers
21.04	Meeting w/ Sheldon Smith	Going over Deadnaming, We All Need to Pee and Curtin Ally
27.04	Deadnaming Issue Working Group Meeting	Productive for how short it was. Roadmap established and testing what is viable before implementing it. Next meeting set for end of May
05.05	Meeting w/ Sheldon Smith	Discussing our thoughts from the deadnaming working group meeting and our plans for the updated transioing at curtin guide

Other Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
06.05	Notre Dame Stripes Meeting	Discussing their situation and giving them advice on how to get off the ground

PROJECTS

Deadnaming: The working group met for the first time and went through everyone's position on the issue. Immediately after that first meeting we had the change made

allowing for students to have their preferred name used at graduation ceremonies. Outside of that testing is currently being done to see how well the system will take the changes we have proposed to have preferred name be used in all systems over formal name and hopefully at the next meeting that will be ready to be rolled out.

Curtin Ally: Sheldon and his team are currently working to update the Transitioning at Curtin guide and are working with a few members of the Queer Collective to ensure that it is applicable to students as well as staff. In the meantime until the new guide is out we are planning on putting information out that will allow staff and students who are transitioning know where they can go for support during their transition.

We All Need to Pee: This has stalled a bit, however we are currently planning on getting the committee that was working on this last year together again to figure out where exactly things were left and what the next steps are going to be.

OTHER

Collective: The collective had it's first meeting that was very productive with a lot of ideas and questions. There has been a lot of interest from individual members on specific projects or events which was good to see where peoples interests and ideals best align.

Pronoun Pin Making Event: We had a smaller turn out than the initial interest suggested however those who did show up all said that they had enjoyed it and the vibes and atmosphere of the event was relaxed and happy which is a win. Everyone mentioned being interested in doing it again which is good to hear.

IMARI MORRIS (They/She/He)
QUEER OFFICER

Women's Officer Report - Representation Board

18/05/2023

Date	Meeting	Comments
19/04/2023	Meeting with VPA * First Nation's Officer.	Discussion of possible events that could be run in collaboration with the First Nation's Department.
20/04/2023	Grill the Guild Health Sciences	Went great!
26/04/2023	First FBL SDP	It went really well!
02/05/2023	FBL SDP	
05/05/2023	Meeting with Vida; Soroptimist International	
09/05/2023	Soroptimist International of WA Public Speaking Competition.	Notes down below.
10/05/2023	Guild AGM!!	Lots of good food and great discussion. Though, it was a shame it rained.
11/05/2023	FBL SDP	

Soroptimist International of WA - Public Speaking Competition

On the 9th of May, the Soroptimist International of WA ran their public speaking competition. There were a few technical issues, along with issues with access, as the sensor kept on beeping, but we were able to sort it all out before the event started. There was a turnout of three contestants, but the event went smoothly otherwise.

Women's Room

With one of my recent visits to the Women's Room, I was enlightened on quite a few things I could do to improve the space and create a stronger sense of community and fellowship. I will be looking into implementing these things soon, and I am excited about the outcomes.

We are Womxn

There have been a few concerns regarding the links embedded in the poster brought up by quite a few people. As a result, the links about reporting will now directly go to the university website rather than the breakdown provided by We Are Womxn.

TLDR;

Soroptimist Event went well; new plans regarding the Women's room and concerns regarding inaccurate info being put up on the We Are Womxn poster which has been rectified.

Aleena Shaji
Women's Officer 2023
Submitted 12/05/2023.

Accessibility Department

Representation Board Report: May 2023



University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
13/04	AO x Gender Equity & Inclusion Meeting	
17/04	AC@C Meeting	Notes Below
21/04	LAWG	
11/05	DIBC Meeting 2	Notes below

Guild/Student Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
12/04	VPE Check-in	
26/04	VPE Check-in	
10/05	Guild AGM	

Additional Information

DIBC Meeting 2

This is the new Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Committee in the DVCA portfolio. Once again we were rushed through the majority of the items on the agenda, and discussion was stifled at every opportunity. Of note is that the chair was reluctant to receive any suggestions of groups that we as the DIBC should be highlighting, as "We're not yet clear on our particular role and power at this stage" – a very concerning statement given that this groups is meant to be the highest authority on diversity, inclusion, and belonging initiatives in the university.

Abilities Collective @ Curtin Meeting

Here we discussed the struggles of the LAWG to make change in the chemistry precinct. The AC@C offered to put me in contact with external and internal risk-assessment professionals to be passed on to the LAWG and add more weight to our arguments. They also suggested that we consider legal action and/or media coverage to make the urgency of the situation clear to the University. The reality of this situation is that Curtin is currently not meeting its legal or moral obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act and the Equal Opportunity Act.

ADHD Senate Inquiry Submission Writing Workshop

I attended this workshop run by Greens Senator Jordon Steele-John to get information about writing a submission to the senate inquiry so I can pass it on to students as a campaign. [Here's a link to](#)

[Document title]

[some information that will help explain what's going on](#). The closing date for submissions is **Friday June 9th**, so get writing!

Other Stuff Happening

- I've been doing my best to balance study and Guild, and am working with Student Assist and the VPE to delegate some of my current responsibilities.
- NUS HyFlex Campaign seems to be dead in the water.
- **A WIN!** The New [Disability Inclusion Policy](#) is now LIVE! This includes a section on imputing disability for those unable to access diagnosis or medical documentation. This was a campaign promise that I can now check off as being ACHIEVED
- **ANOTHER WIN!** An Accessibility Audit of all general teaching spaces will be beginning on June 19th, with a report on the results due for mid-July. This was another campaign promise that can also be checked off.
- Autism Acceptance Meet & Greet Event: This event was pretty well attended, particularly by my collective members. All up, it was pleasant.

Ongoing Projects

- ~~Students/Staff with Disability Procedures Review~~
 - ~~CAP De-Medicalisation~~
- ACROD Parking Review
- ~~Accessibility Audit~~
- Chemistry Laboratory Accessibility
 - B316 Consultation
- CSMP/CSG Stability
- DIBC
- NUS HyFlex Campaign
- ADHD Senate Inquiry Submissions

Events

AD x QD PowerPoint Party – Has been rescheduled to Semester 2

TL;DR – Only a couple of meetings this month, but managed to tick off a couple of my term goals. The university is digging in its heels, as per usual, so progress on the big issues is slow.

Glossary:

- **AAS:** AccessAbility Services – the university body that organises and coordinates CAPs
- **AC@C:** Accessibility Collective @ Curtin. This is the University body for staff with disabilities to find social and advocacy support.
- **CAP:** Curtin Access Plan. A personalised document entitling students to reasonable adjustments to their studies enabling equitable access to education for those with specific access

requirements.

- **CMS DIB:** Curtin Medical School Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Working Party.
- **CoP:** Community of Practice
- **COMPAS-S:** Checking On Mental health and Providing Alternatives to Suicide - for Students
- **CSG:** Curtin Social Group – A social group run during common free time on Wednesdays for Autistic and ADHD students who are involved in the CSMP.
- **CSMP:** Curtin Specialist Mentoring Program. This program allows Autistic students to engage in a weekly social group (CSG), as well as access to an Honours or Postgraduate Psychology student as a mentor. The mentor is there to help their Autistic mentee to navigate University and develop skills in self-advocacy, confidence, and other areas.
- **DIBC:** Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Committee
- **DVCA:** Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic.
- **DTS:** Curtin University Digital and Technology Solutions.
- **GPG:** Gender Pay Gap
- **LAWG:** Laboratory Accessibility Working Group
- **NUS:** National Union of Students
- **UDWG:** Universal Design Working Group. The University committee tasked with improving disability access across Curtin.
- **VP-E:** Vice President – Education

Higher education week of 8 May 2023

Federal and WA Budgets

- \$3.7bn over five years for 300,000 fee-free TAFE places from 2024 to 2026 for critical and emerging industries, subject to agreement with state and territories.

New five year national skills agreement from January.
- Students on Youth Allowance, Abstudy and Austudy will benefit from a **\$40 per fortnight** increase in their support payments.
- Some student to benefit from the lift to the rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance, which will **average at \$24 more a fortnight** for those paying over the maximum threshold.
- About 350,000 households on concession cards will receive a \$350 Federal government electricity rebate and in WA another \$150 rebate from the State Government as well as a \$326 Energy Assistance Payment.
- In WA, Hardship Utility Grant Scheme payments for those who are in financial hardship and require assistance to pay their utility bills will be increased by 10 per cent to \$640 per household,
- A \$400 power bill credit for all WA households is the centrepiece of a \$715 million cost-of-living package. Electricity charges will go up 2.5 per cent in 2023-24, meaning power has gone up nearly 27 per cent since WA Labor won office in 2017
- WA water will also go up 2.5 per cent in 2023-24, while the emergency services levy will go up 5 per cent.
- In WA there will be no increases for driver's licences or student fares next financial year.
- Transperth fares frozen by State Government for students
- WA will spend \$60 million trying to entice migrants to study and work in WA by subsidising visa costs, occupational licensing, and study as well as helping in-demand tradies with the cost of their tools.
- Indexation on university HECS loans will **rise to 7.1 per cent** in June.
- \$8.6 million to ensure one in 10 workers on a major federally-funded project is a trainee or apprentice.
- \$127.3m to be spent across the next four years for an extra 4000 students (800 of which were already allocated to South Australia) to get degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and management fields to boost the skilled workforce Australia needs to build, maintain and operate the AUKUS nuclear

submarines. The first students are likely to begin studying next year, with \$11.5m budgeted in 2023-24 for the new student places, an amount which steadily rises each year to an extra \$50.7m in 2026-27. Funding is likely to continue beyond that date because students will need to be funded through to the end of their degrees and the need for technical and management skills to support the submarine project will continue to grow as construction begins in the 2030s.

- \$50.2m across four years to provide 1850 graduate scholarships for registered nurses and midwives.
- An extra 6,000 nursing clinical placements (\$4.2m)
- \$30m for a new pre-fellowship program will be established to support international medical graduates to work in primary care and remain in rural communities.
- \$51 million for 600 employed women to “pursue an industry-relevant pre-bachelor higher education STEM qualification, part-time.
- \$56 million for universities to create 500 additional postgraduate psychology places (not sure if this applies to students there is in addition there is \$27.7 million for 500 one-year internships for provisional psychologists and \$5.9 million for 2,000 fully subsidised supervisor training sessions)
- Universities will benefit from \$101m being spent over five years by the Industry, Science and Resources Department for “earmarked critical technologies” (AI and quantum) and \$15m being spent on developing technology and skills for batteries. Noted that Australia currently spends 1.8 per cent of GDP on research and development, compared with an OECD average of 2.7 per cent. And Australia’s R&D spending is in decline. In 2008 it stood at 2.25 per cent of GDP.
- \$17.7 million over 4 years from 2023–24 (and \$4.7 million per year ongoing) in additional funding for the Higher Education Disability Support Program to enable providers to better support students with disability to access and succeed in higher education, including by helping to purchase equipment and modify teaching materials and delivery methods
- \$1.0 million in 2023–24 to maintain the national Microcredentials Marketplace, which enables users to find and compare registered microcredential courses offered by tertiary education provider

Other

\$0.9m to develop a 10-year national action plan for the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ people, and establish an LGBTIQ+ Health Advisory Group.

Expansion of mental health and suicide prevention supports for people with severe mental illness not in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) who need psychosocial support

WA budget climate

The government unveiled its \$2.8 billion plan to decarbonise the South West Interconnected System just hours before Thursday's budget lockup through the replacement of coal-fired power stations with 700 megawatt batteries in Collie, the network's heart, and Kwinana.

It was touted as a 'major clean energy investment', but it was an issue the government was going to have to tackle regardless. Outside of a new wind farm, the construction of Perth's third desalination plant, and the purchase of 148 electric buses, there isn't much of a plan to address our warming climate.

The government all but conceded it would need to brace for more disasters, though, allocating \$24.4 million for a permanent disaster management team.

David Lloyd is the next chair of Universities Australia

University of South Australia vice-chancellor David Lloyd will be the next chairman of the higher education sector's largest representative group, Universities Australia.

Nursing graduates to get up to \$12,000 for HECS-HELP university debts if they work in country WA

The state government will pay \$12,000 worth of the university fees of nursing and midwifery graduates who agree to work in regional Western Australia.

Key points:

- Graduates will get up to \$4,000 for their HECS-HELP each year for three years
- The health minister says it will offer cost-of-living relief in regional WA
- The ANF wants WA to match Victoria by subsidising nursing degrees in full

This week's state budget will include \$4.2 million for up to 350 graduates to take part in the HECS-HELP initiative, with priority to be given to those agreeing to work in "hard-to-staff areas".

The graduates will receive up to \$4,000 towards their HECS-HELP each year for three years, as long as they remain in regional WA employed in the public health system.

Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson described it as a "significant contribution" towards helping graduates with debt.

"It can be a barrier, particularly when people move to regional Western Australia and it's expensive to live," she said.

"They're areas that are highly remote, like Kununurra, Meekatharra, Wyndham, Carnarvon ... those sorts of areas."

Last August, [the Victorian government revealed it would fund nursing and midwifery degrees for up to 10,000 university students.](#)

That \$270 million commitment included a number of other scholarships for students who agreed to work in the Victorian public health service for two years.

It also came with an extensive advertising campaign to try to attract students and graduates from interstate, adverts that have been running in WA.

WA's health minister was asked whether smaller grants for placements in regional WA towns could compete with what Victoria was offering students who agreed to take positions in Melbourne.

Ms Sanderson (second from left) and Mr McGowan (third from left) visited Edith Cowan University in Joondalup to announce the grants. *(ABC News: Keane Bourke)*

"Well, Western Australia has ... you know, Western Australia is a fantastic place to live," Ms Sanderson said.

"Whilst there are cost-of-living pressures, they're far less than anywhere else in the country, certainly the housing prices are more affordable.

"We know that when people train in regional Western Australia, when they do their pracs – certainly in their early career – if they're not from regional Western Australia they very often fall in love with it and make it their home."

In a statement, Australian Nursing Federation (ANF) state secretary Janet Reah said the grants were "a good start" but more could be done.

"I support any help for new graduates who are entering both a very rewarding but also very challenging vocation as of late," she said.

"WA nurses and midwives still remain the second-lowest paid in Australia, leaving little incentive to work in WA when compared to other states like Victoria.

"HECS-HELP debts are a continuing struggle for university graduates who are entering an increasingly stressful working environment.

"The McGowan government would do well to follow Victoria's example for fully subsidised courses to address the widespread shortages faced across WA."

A three-year nursing degree in WA can cost upwards of \$70,000 in total.

WA Opposition Regional Health spokesman Martin Aldridge agreed the grants were a welcome "start" but warned graduate nurses faced further challenges in the regions because issues like affordable housing were yet to be addressed.

"Relocating hundreds of kilometres away from your support network in Perth, a lack of affordable and appropriate housing or rentals, and the increased cost-of-living in regional WA present real challenges for new graduates," Mr Aldridge said.

"Regional healthcare workers tell me that they do not feel well supported working in remote environments and are often asked to work excessive hours to maintain service delivery, which takes a toll on them personally and their families.

"These are the issues that young people will be weighing up when considering career opportunities in the regions or staying in the metropolitan area."

Enforceable undertaking Fair Work Ombudsman and UTS

The Fair Work Ombudsman reports the university failed to pay casual professional staff for the minimum three hours per engagement, as EAs require. The three-hours requirement was introduced in the 2014 agreement.

The problem occurred because UTS did not update systems.

With interest and superannuation the university owed staff \$7.7m of which \$4.5m is now paid with the FWO requiring the balance be provided by July 31.

The average underpayment was \$1509 – although somebody was owed \$209 000.

The Ombudsman reports UTS reported its failure, cooperated with the resulting investigation and “demonstrated a strong commitment” to paying people and ensuring no repeat.

The FWO has imposed an “enforceable undertaking” to ensure it happens. This includes a university-wide pay review, “with FWO oversight.”

“The underpayments by the UTS are the latest warning to all universities, and employers generally, that if you don’t prioritise workplace compliance and apply all entitlements, you risk underpaying staff on a large scale and facing enforcement action,” Ombudsman Sandra Parker states.

Charles Sturt U and Uni Newcastle are under enforceable undertakings and the FWO has two court cases against Uni Melbourne.

Casual staff will get sick leave at University of Sydney

In an Australian first, casual university staff will be offered sick leave in a new enterprise agreement that is close to being finalised at the [University of Sydney](#).

The agreement also takes a significant step towards reducing the high number of casuals in insecure work in the higher education sector, committing the university to a large reduction in its numbers of casual academics. Sydney will advertise 330 new continuing positions for academics, 110 of them earmarked for long-term casual and fixed-term staff currently at the university.

The nearly complete agreement that was negotiated with the National Tertiary Education Union offers casual employees five days of sick leave, termed special paid leave, each year.

The 330 new continuing academic positions are split between 110 teaching and research positions and 220 education-focused roles. The 110 positions to be offered to existing casual and fixed-term staff are split evenly between the two categories.

The Sydney deal follows four other university enterprise agreements completed in the current round of bargaining that will [reduce casual positions](#) and increase permanent ones.

The [first was at Western Sydney University](#), which agreed last year to offer permanent jobs to a quarter of its casual staff. It is offering casuals first preference in applying for 150 jobs to be filled by the end of next year.

Two others followed. The University of Technology Sydney is offering 110 permanent jobs for its casual staff and the Australian Catholic University is offering 85 permanent positions for casuals.

On Monday, Flinders University and the South Australian division of the NTEU said they had reached in-principle agreement for an enterprise agreement that would convert more casual staff to permanent positions.

According to the union there are more than 150,000 people employed as casuals or on fixed-term contracts in Australian universities. The union is still negotiating enterprise agreements in the current round at 24 universities and intends to push for casual jobs to be made permanent at all of them.

The amount repaid to casual workers now totals more than \$80m at 18 universities and is likely to rise as more cases are settled. The University of Melbourne underpaid staff by more than \$30m and the University of Sydney by more than \$12m.

In its submission to the federal government's review of higher education for its planned Universities Accord, the NTEU called for a target to be set to reduce the use of casual and fixed-term employment by half across the next five years which, it said, would put 77.5 per cent of university jobs on a permanent basis.

In a personal submission to the Accord review, Australian National University vice-chancellor Brian Schmidt criticised the growing level of casual employment in universities.

University staff strike over insecure work as 'anger and discontent' builds on campus

Academic and professional staff at Newcastle University, The University of New South Wales, Deakin University, Latrobe University, Melbourne University, Monash University and Federation University have already gone on strike this week.

More industrial action is planned today and tomorrow at the University of Queensland and James Cook University and will continue at Newcastle University.

The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) estimates that only three in 10 jobs across the sector are permanent.

Student visa rules tightened, skilled worker wage threshold lifted as government begins immigration rewrite

The federal government will rewrite Australia's immigration system, with almost every visa category up for change, and a promise to tighten rules for international students.

Among the changes will be an immediate lift to the minimum wage threshold for skilled workers, which has been frozen for a decade, and the establishment of a pathway to permanency for about 17,000 temporary workers.

With more than 100 visa sub-classes for people to navigate, the government says the system must be simplified, making it easier and faster for people to be processed.

The federal government has also committed to establishing a pathway to permanency for people on temporary skill shortage visas, to prevent Australia from losing those in-demand workers because their visas have run out.

Currently, one of the biggest groups of migrants to Australia is international students, and more than half of people granted permanent visas come from that cohort.

But most of those graduates also don't end up working in the industries they studied in, and because the wage threshold for someone to be eligible for a permanent "skilled" visa is set at \$53,900, most graduates easily qualify even if they are not working in the in-demand jobs they studied for.

To support graduates, the federal government will consider granting "automatic" temporary graduate visas to people who complete their studies to provide more certainty to employers hesitant about those graduate's working rights, making it easier to find work in high skill jobs.

But the overall tightening is expected to impact how many international students will be able to study here, which will have consequences for universities reliant on foreign student fees.

"What we're really talking about here is making sure that the international student education system is doing what it says on the label, that is, educating [and] bringing young minds from around the region ... that is not always the case today," Ms O'Neil said.

Changes to student visas

In an effort to address workforce shortages, student visa work restrictions were relaxed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and removed last January. This allowed primary and secondary student visa holders to work over the usual limit of 40 hours per fortnight.

But from 1 July, [student visa work restrictions will be re-introduced](#) and capped at an increased rate of 48 hours per fortnight.

Also from this date, some holders of subclass 485 Temporary Graduate visas will be able to stay in Australia for a longer period.

The extension means a stay period of four years for Bachelor's degree graduates (up from two years), five years for Master's degree graduates (up from three) and six years for doctoral graduates (up from four).

Harlene Hayne is the new chair of the Australian Technology Network of Universities

Curtin University vice-chancellor Harlene Hayne is the new chair of the Australian Technology Network of Universities, taking over from Deakin University's Iain Martin who held the post for the past two years.

The Australian Technology Network of Universities is made up of Curtin, Deakin, RMIT, Newcastle, UniSA and UTS.

Sheil Review calls for limits on minister's powers over research grants

Universities have welcomed the findings of a [review](#) of the federal government's research funding agency that says it should be more independent and that ministers should be forbidden to intervene in most funding decisions.

The review of the Australian Research Council, released on Thursday by Education Minister Jason Clare, follows years of controversy over decisions made by four different Coalition education ministers to use [veto powers](#) on ARC funding recommendations.

The review's report, titled [Trusting Australia's Ability](#), said the ministers' "arbitrary interventions have been a widespread source of despair (for researchers), particularly acute in the humanities in which the majority of cancelled projects were focused".

Former education ministers Brendan Nelson, [Simon Birmingham](#), Dan Tehan and Stuart Robert all [overturned](#) grant recommendations made by the ARC.

The review – carried out by Queensland University of Technology vice-chancellor Margaret Sheil, La Trobe University senior deputy vice-chancellor Susan Dodds, and University of Adelaide professor of biomedicine Mark Hutchinson – also recommended a board should be appointed to govern the ARC, instead of it directly reporting to the education minister.

It said the board should ultimately be responsible for approving grants instead of the minister, but the education minister would retain power to veto research grants if there were national security concerns, although such interventions must be reported to parliament.

Group of Eight receives bulk of ARC funding said it was first step to ensure the agency was fit for purpose.

Universities Australia, Innovative Research Universities and Australian Technology Network backed the report.

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Representation Board – 2023-05-18

Labor’s budget is a budget for the rich

Submitted: Danica Scott (Ordinary Reps. Board Member)
Moved: Danica Scott
Seconded: Rey Nairn (Accessibility Officer)

Preamble:

The federal Labor Government’s May budget is a slap in the face to workers, students, welfare recipients, and people with disabilities. The spin from Anthony Albanese and treasurer Jim Chalmers is that the budget includes life-changing relief for the cost of living crisis, but the facts do not support this. JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, and Austudy will only be increased by an insulting \$40 a fortnight, or \$2.86 a day, doing essentially nothing to lift the more than a million people on these welfare payments out of poverty, while the rich get an extra \$25 a day from tax cuts. Rent assistance is only going up by \$15 a week, while landlords have free reign to raise already extortionate rents by hundreds. HECS debt is still indexed to inflation, digging students into ever deeper holes of debt. NDIS funding will be cut, when instead disability support needs to be rapidly expanded.

Jim Chalmers complains that the Government can’t do more, and they need to be “responsible”, but this is cover for the conscious decision Labor is making to leave workers and the poor behind. It would cost \$75 billion over ten years to raise welfare to \$88 a day. Instead, they’re keeping the Stage 3 tax cuts which will cost \$254 billion over ten years. Military spending is increasing as Australia prepares for war in the coming decades, and \$368 billion will be spent on nuclear submarines over the next thirty years. The much-lauded \$2.4 billion tax on fossil fuel companies is less than the \$57.1 billion in subsidies the industry will get back.

Labor’s priorities are clear. Instead of meaningful change to improve the living standards of students, workers, and the poor, all we get are all but empty platitudes. The tiny improvements that are being sold as heroic relief against the cost of living are negligible next to the handouts the rich are receiving. It is the responsibility of the Guild, as the representative of the interests of students, to call the budget for what it is: a budget for the rich, given by a Labor Government that rules for the rich.

Motion:

That the Curtin Student Guild:

- Condemns Labor’s May budget for hanging students, workers, welfare recipients, and people with disabilities out to dry as the cost of living pushes living standards down every day, while giving handouts to the rich
- Notes that the Government received advice from independent reviews, lobbying groups, and unions that the cost of living crisis needs serious, immediate action, and still chose not to provide substantial relief
- Condemns the deliberate ignoring of the needs of vulnerable people, particularly when it is in favour of worthless splurging on submarines and billionaire tax cuts

Actions:

Actions recommended as part of this item include:

1. A public statement condemning the Labor Government for choosing to put more money in the hands of the rich instead of taking meaningful action to provide cost of living relief