

REPORT – PRESIDENT - JULY 2022

Coverage

From Appointment – 19th of July 2022

Meetings

Date/s	Meeting	Comments
21/06/22	Executive Catch Up	Discuss updates and potential changes to committee memberships
21/06/22	Activities Committee	
22/06/22	Higher Education	
23/06/22	Guild Council	
27/06/22	President x MD Catch Up	
28/06/22	Meeting Minister Templeman	
28/06/22	Exec & PMs	
29/06/22	Higher Education	
30/06/22	Executive Committee	
04/07/22	President x MD	
04/07/22	President x DMP	
04/07/22	GROK Meeting	Meeting with GROK editors to discuss opportunity for officer contribution.
04/07/22	Meeting with VP-Corporate Relations	
04/07/22	NTEU x Exec	
08/07/22	President x COO	Discussed COVID-19 precautions for Semester Two including vaccination mandate
12/07/22	Academic Board Briefing	With Secretariat and Chair of Academic Board
15/07/22	Academic Board Executive	

Significant Items

Vaccination Mandate

I provided the Guild's feedback into the need for comprehensive restrictions to allow for a safer campus experience for students and staff. We agreed an emphasis on improving ventilation, encouraging mask wearing with further discussion regarding potential mandates and significantly increasing the distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests for students in partnership with the State Government.

Parking Campaign

The parking campaign is ongoing, leads are now Jasmyne Tweed and February Metcalf. The campaign aims to escalate further into Semester Two if the University fail to adequately address our concerns.

We have had some early wins, including permit green parking through CelloPark for student housing residents.

We have commissioned and ordered bumper stickers as well as a cunning stunt. More to come.

Workload Standards

I have provided feedback on the University's workload allocation standards. As we are aware, staff working conditions are student learning conditions. This feedback was in consultation with the NTEU and aims to ensure that these standards are ambitious, independently set and enforceable.

We will continue to support staff for their conditions.

Guild Grant

I worked on asking the University to provide indexation to the Guild Grant. As per usual, the University is not receptive. I have a plan and I will continue to work on this.

Other Items

- I contributed to an article in the Australian regarding our call to reverse the Job Ready Graduates Scheme. JRG also now affects Curtin students losing HELP loan eligibility, I liaised with the University to understand the impact and prepare Student Assist.
- Committee restructure constitutions have been drafted.
- The new DVC-A has commenced working and I have worked with the University to send a contingent of Guild Representatives to provide their perspective at planning workshops.
- Discipline Tribunal matter has hopefully wrapped up, I am awaiting the formal determination letter by the Chair.

Education Conference Report

Education Conference is as always both entertaining and frightening. The National Union of Students Conference is an annual opportunity for student leaders and activists from across the country to come together to share skills, discuss current issues in the higher education space, and plan the direction of the student movement.

Key Themes

- Climate Change and the Environment

A key theme and outcome of EdCon is a commitment for National Days of Action on Climate Change. After a few days of Western Australia being ignored, it was good to have some recognition when discussing the climate. Unfortunately, it is for environmental crimes and the Scarborough Gas Project.

The UWA Student Guild was the only other WA union represented during the discussion as ECU Guild's President was unwell but we have formed a group for further discussion with in principle agreement for Perth action.

- New Labor Government

Labor – Good thing? Bad thing? Who could say. Well, I know that NLS, Unity, GI and the Trots had a few things to say.

Without providing my thoughts, it was clear that there is appetite to make this government (whether through direct action or lobbying) improve the state of higher education in Australia. The NUS has committed to pushing for reversal of JRG, placing an emphasis on improved student union funding arrangements and free and fully funded Unis.

➤ The University Accord

The Accord aims to, in traditional Labor-compulsory-arbitration-loving style bring together the Government, Vice-Chancellors, business, staff and Students (no complaints) in one big room to come to a plan to reform the sector.

The problem is that the interests of the VCs aren't the interests of universities. The interests of the University sector should be students and research. The trots very firmly pushed for a boycott of the accord and protest. Victorian Socialist Labor Left backed President Georgie Beatty committed to this.

Another example of Education Conference bringing people with different interests together in one room to reach a positive outcome. (hang on that's just an accord right)

➤ TAFE Representation

The NUS acknowledged the stunning lack of representation of TAFE students within the organisation. As a passionate TAFE advocate who has studied 2 years there, I am very interested in promoting this cause.

While SA members used this discussion to blast the VCs (which don't exist in TAFEs), the rest of the attendees were able to make a path forward. I hope to work with what's left of the NUS West Branch to institute a plan for our TAFE comrades to unionise.

➤ NSSS – SA/SH

SA/SH on campuses remains a focal point. The NUS Women's Officer ran a very powerful panel discussion session and outlined a plan to evaluate and make clear the exact areas where each University is failing.

Value Add for the Guild

This was the 2nd proper Education Conference I have attended. This year the topics of discussion and the arguments that are presented provide me with a fresh understanding of the issues we are facing in the student movement, and how we can best tackle them. Each year we meet within the NUS presents further evidence of the factionalism and poor behaviour which holds us back as movement, but regardless, I find it to be an incredibly valuable and significant opportunity for students who want to learn more about the current higher education climate.

By bringing together students from all over the country, EdCon offers the opportunity to learn about our general struggles and the unique circumstances of different universities. Meet other student leaders to inspire new initiatives, share skills and resources, and support each other. EdCon is a valuable opportunity for self-growth.

As student activists and leaders, The Guild should continue to prioritize sending students to this conference, playing an active role in discussion and sharing skills, and providing feedback to conference organizers so that they can have a conference. It is recommended that you continue to improve and be as friendly, organised and productive as possible.

TL;DR I got appointed to do this role, I've worked on COVID safety, supporting the parking campaign, advocated for better workload standards for University staff. Then I attended EdCon and have been actioning outcomes. Shortly after this I developed the novel coronavirus and have been lying in bed for four days thus far.

Vice President—Education Report

Report Duration: 10/06/2022- 14/07/2022

Madison Ainsworth

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
10/06/2022	Free Breakfast	
13/06/2022	Free Breakfast	
14/06/2022	Free Breakfast	
15/06/2022	Free Breakfast	
15/06/2022	Jobs Ready Package	Met with Luc (Education Officer from the NUS) to discuss the possibility of a campaign
16/06/2022	Free Breakfast	
16/06/2022	Representation Board	
17/06/2022	Free Breakfast	Final day of the Guild Equity Breakfasts, was quieter than the past days but still had a good turn out and people appreciated me telling them about the student kitchens
21/06/2022	Executive Committee	
21/06/2022	Sci-Eng Catchup	Met with Rachel for fortnightly catchup
23/06/2022	Guild Council	
24/06/2022	Mental Health Service	Met with someone proposing that the guild provide assistance to a mental health service
27/06/2022	Student Voices Australia	
30/06/2022	Executive Committee	
04/07/2022	Accessibility Catchup	Met with Rey for fortnightly catchup
05/07/2022	ISC Catchup	Met with Sofia for fortnightly catchup
05/07/2022	Courses Committee	
11/07/2022	EdCon	
12/07/2022	EdCon	
13/07/2022	EdCon	

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
23/06/2022	Students Experience & Engagement Subcommittee	
05/07/2022	Courses Committee	

Other Fun Things

NUS Report

NUS Report

Throughout the conference I chose to explore the sessions that focused on equity issues as well as methods of protest to improve areas where I do not have first hand accounts or need improvement. The sessions that I chose to attend include;

- The Uluru Statement from the Heart and Indigenous Sovereignty
- Online Accessibility in a Post-Covid World and not leaving off-campus students behind
- Education: Strategy and Vision
- Closing the Gap: Including Indigenous education is a must for Australian Universities
- How to do welfare on your campus the right way
- Student unionism continues to fail disabled students, so here's what you can do about it
- Gendered violence & consent culture in our Universities
- NTEU strikes and student solidarity organising
- My records, my rights: The deadnaming at universities needs to stop!
- In defence of militancy: Why student unions need to be confrontational
- Comprehensive advocacy
- How Labor neoliberalism higher education
- Climate organising
- The Green Bans: Lessons in direct action from days gone by
- Queer Activism: Past and present
- 18 vaginas and an anti-war movement walk into a newspaper: the power of radical student media
- Student Poverty: A clusterfuck of Government design
- State Break Outs

I found these sessions mostly helpful, unfortunately a few became quite side tracked and were not able to proceed past a few slides in, but in those instances I was able to discuss the topics later with the speaker, or was able to organise a time to do so.

The most helpful part of the conference, I believe, was making connections with other student representatives and hearing their experience. I look forward to working with them in the future as they have expressed interest in cross-campus collaboration and learning from each others success stories.

Ultimately, as crazy and disruptive as a lot of the seminars were, I believe they were very much worth going to and has given me a lot of ideas and inspiration.

Executive Summary

This month has been quiet due to the semester break and personally due to my starting my placement. Also, Education Conference was a worthwhile experience that has provided a lot of inspiration with backing of how it has been accomplished on other campuses.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS & LAW – JULY REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT

Jasmyne Tweed

1. Meeting Summary

Date	Meeting	Note
17 June	Centralised Student Disciplinary Panel	
24 June	Centralised Student Disciplinary Panel	
30 June	ProVice Chancellor (FBL) Interviews	6+ hours of interviews.
1 July	Centralised Student Disciplinary Panel	
8 July	Centralised Student Disciplinary Panel	
11 July	NUS Education Conference	Refer to section 4.
12 July		
13 July		
14 July		

2. Parking Campaign

2.1. Student Residential Parking

The University is planning on rolling out a monthly CelloPark sessions. This would prevent student residents from receiving so many parking fines and would stop students from having to turn on parking daily. Monthly sessions will only be available in the green zone and will be available for all students but is primarily design for students in St Cats and Twin Dolphin Hall. The monthly price will be no different than what it would be if students were to start a parking session, in green, daily.

2.2. Guild-O-Day

The parking team have been working on some free bumper stickers to give to students. The designs were commissioned by local artist, Carla Adams. We also have other plans in the works to send a strong message to the university about how students feel about the current parking system.

3. Law School Discount

3.1. Guild Stickers

I have been working with Guild staff to try and get some Perth City Curtin students discounts at the local cafes. This coincides with the plan to set up a better system for Perth City students their Guild membership and student stickers.

4. NUS Education Conference

4.1. Summary

This was my first time attending EdCon and I don't think I was mentally prepared for yet understand there could have been no way to properly warn someone for the level of factionalism and chanting that was to come. However, important discussions were had on the issues the NUS will be focussing and the ways student unions can better help students.

4.2. Duty of Care: NZ Prez came over the ditch to explain how they got it.

This session went into detail the ways Universities in New Zealand have a wider scope of duty of care when it comes to the safety and treatment of students. This change was bought from a death of a student in accommodation and his body not being found for three weeks. This tragedy caused an uproar amongst student unions in NZ that eventually lead to change.

This session emphasised that unions cannot wait for a tragedy to start demanding change in the sector and to explore the ways Universities in Australia can do better for students. Especially after the release of the NSSS.

4.3. Responding to SASH / Gendered Violence & Consent Culture in our Universities

Two power sessions held by powerful survivors. Discussed the importance of addressing gendered violence on our campuses. Also emphasised the importance of student representatives that handle student experiences to have the right training to protect themselves from trauma.

4.4. How to Defeat Scab Unions 101

Amazing story from LaTrobe University that emphasised the importance of understanding your unions regs and not forgetting the power of students. Also, a great example of how to successfully campaign online.

TLDR;

Busy and quiet at the same time. Massive win for the parking campaign, with (hopefully) more wins to come.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING – REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT #7

For the Representation Board held on Thursday the 21st of July 2022, A.D.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
Strategic Plan 2030	13/06/22	Guild	When to the strategic planning room with other Guild people. Was a good forum to give feedback, etc.
Learning and Teaching Executive Council Meeting	15/06/22	University	Discussion about new courses/units. Also discussed the 2022 strategic plan and professional practice.
SAE Guild Rep x Dean Learning and Teaching	16/06/22	University	Discussed a couple of units that I had flagged, most of them are being watched and waiting for the final results/board of examiners before further action occurs. Discussed what I can talk about in the report I will give to the LTC.
Science Board	16/06/22	University	Discussion around the use of noise cancelling headphones as a Health and Safety issue. 1 st year academic monitoring party, hasn't really done much this year. Potentially something I need to look into.
Representation Board	16/06/22	Guild	—
SAE Student Consultative Committee	21/06/22	University	As this was held during break, we had one student attend. It was a good opportunity to have a conversation about their specific problems, as well as their friends' perspectives.
Guild Council	23/06/22	Guild	—
SAE Guild Rep x Dean Learning and Teaching	30/06/22	University	Further discussion about units that had been flagged. Discussion around lowest level maths unit having a high fail rate, and what can we do about it.
Learning and Teaching Council Meeting	06/07/22	University	I presented a report at this meeting, mainly discussing ways to improve the student experience and my perspective on a number of issues.

Meeting with Student	08/07/22	Guild	Spoke with student who had been terminated from their course. Discussed options and referred them to Student Assist.
Engineering Board	14/07/22	University	Engineering First Year grouping was discussed as well. Has value, but not as good as it could be due to inflexibilities. Discussion about the curriculum review to be focused on a more overall course perspective rather than unit by unit.

ROUTINE MEETINGS

Student Discipline Panels. Quite a large number of cheating and collusion cases for student's final exams. In one case a student, potentially by accident, shared a copy of their exam a few minutes before the deadline, which was then submitted by another student.

Sci-Eng Check-In Meeting with Madison. Was only held once. Nothing to note.

OTHER EVENTS

FB Meme Competition. An attempt to encourage students to remain engaged throughout the break in the FB page. I will also have to remember to schedule some posts to have throughout O-Week and the first few weeks of semester in an attempt to get students involved. I will be posting results for the meme competition on the 18th.

Science and Engineering Excellence Awards. It was really nice to see how the staff's achievements are acknowledged. From a student perspective, I think it's important to celebrate what the staff is doing right. It was also a good opportunity for me to discuss things with university staff in a more informal setting.

STAT1005 Student Survey. I am currently conducting a survey on behalf of the UC for this unit, to get student feedback. I will likely have to extend the deadline for this, as relatively few students have actually responded (13/130).

FINAL NOTES

This report was submitted [time and date], and the following meetings are scheduled to occur between submission and Reps Board meeting. If you have any questions about the following please ask me, otherwise I will include them in my report next month.

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.
ECE Industry Advisory Board (Clashing with Reps Board)

As it has been holidays for students, there has been relatively little for me to do for students. I've been working on a number of projects with academics/executives at the university, and hopefully next year will have more students involved in the faculty's decision making.

Student Assist – Representation Board report – June 2022

Case statistics for Student Assist is as follows:

	Apr	May	Jun
Academic sessions	106	289	283
Financial Counselling sessions	26	29	32
LifeHacks	121	116	41

Academic sessions in the month of June were mainly focused on Assessment Appeals and Academic Misconduct.

Welfare

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 7 students in the form of Student Assist's Grants and Foodbank.

Breakdown of grants as requested by ISC and PSC president at the previous Representation Board:

Out of these 7 students:

- 5 were international students (4 postgraduates and 1 undergraduates)
- 4 were postgraduate students (4 international and 0 domestic)

3 Loan Laptops were loaned out.

TL;DR

Nothing significant to report.



ISC president Report Representation board July 2022

Guild and University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/6	Curtin global meeting	Discussion regarding Virtual College
16/6	Representation Board	
16/6	Student Leader's Summit Meeting	Curtin International Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Mauritius meeting.
17/6	DVCG, Guild president, PSC president meeting	Discussion regarding Curtin International projects
28/6	Minister Templeman & WA universities	International student issues
05/77	Guild VP Education and ISC meeting	ISC support
11/7	LSEC	
16/7	GPC	Curtin International projects
13/7	ISC & PSC presidents	Semester 2 events

Upcoming events:

- **O-day**

ISC team members are working to provide the best possible orientation for new and current international students. We are holding a meeting on Wednesday 20th July to discuss our roles in the O-day.

- **Migration Workshop**

ISC is collaborating with the Pathway migration organisation to provide a free workshop for International Students. The workshop will deliver information regarding VISAS and pathways for their stay in Australia.

Updates: The Migration workshop was successful and ISC will held a second workshop in August.



Migration workshop, June 2022.

- **Sexual Health Workshop**

ISC is still collaborating with WAAC and non-profit organisations that deliver a free educational workshop. The workshop will provide STIs, signs and symptoms, challenging myths, testing procedures, and the essential information to tell doctors/nurses.

Updates: The workshop will be held in the sex consent week in August.

International student members

- ISC is currently recruiting more members as half of students have resigned due to workload studies

International students' satisfaction survey

- ISC aim to understand the challenges and issues that new and current international students are experiencing. We also aim to understand the level of support they receive from Curtin University.
- ISC will use this information to develop realistic strategies to support international students.

Updates: IS team is waiting for the survey to send to international students.

International students' scholarships

- ISC is in the process of preparing a report to show evidence regarding the current issues.
- **Updates:** ISC president had a meeting with VC Curtin Global. He will review the scholarships for international students and will add the bursary scholarship for IS.

Return of the International students

- ISC is working with the government and international student presidents from WA universities to provide the best support for the return of international students.



Meeting with Minister Templeman, June 2022.

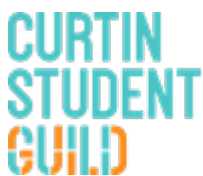
Student Leader Summit

- ISC is participating in the Curtin International Student Summit representing Curtin Perth Campus. The project is collaborating with leaders from other Curtin Campuses, including Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Sri Lanka and Mauritius.
- Monthly online meetings are held, and weekly communications through the Telegram app.
- **Updates:** Successful student leader summer was held in Curtin Dubai.



Student leader summit, June 2022, Curtin Dubai.

Kind regards,



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The postgraduate Student Committee acknowledges the Wadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Custodians of this land on which Curtin University stands. We pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging.

PSC President Report

SUBMISSION DATE: 09/06/2022

FOR MEETING DATE: 16/06/2022

NAME: Hameed Mohammad



POSITION

PSC President, Chair of PSC Board.

GUILD MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
10/06/22	a) ABC News Interview with ISC President Sofia b) FBL HDR Hub Tour	ABC published an article and filmed a video for the news channel. Resolving HDR hub student issues in partnership with FBL Dean of Research.
14/06/22	Student Consultation	Confidential
16/06/22	Representation Board	Monthly Reps Board meeting
17/06/22	Meeting Postgrad, HDR & PhD students	Food drops and upcoming PSC workshops discussion.

23/06/22	Meeting with Postgrad President – Dubai Student Council	Expanding research program from Perth, Australia to Dubai.
27/06/22	Special PSC Board Meeting	Please see attached meeting minutes below.
28/06/22	a) Meeting with postgrad student b) Meeting with Minister of International Education	Graduation invitation letter issues. PSC President, ISC President and Guild President attended a meeting with the Minister Templeman along with WA Guild Presidents.
04/07/22	a) Meeting with Guild Digital Team & IT team.	Improving PSC digital engagement.
07/07/22	Student Consultation	Confidential
11/07/22	a) Meeting with postgrad students b) Learning & Student Experience Meeting Evaluation c) Medical school postgrad issues	Cancelation of Enrolment issues Curtin Secretariat Confidential
12/07/22	Meeting with Student Engagement & Student Assist Managers	Improving student experience/ pre-discussion suggestions before meeting PVC Archie Clements
13/07/22	a) Meeting with VP Activities b) Meeting with ISC President c) PSC team O day discussion	Upcoming PSC events and workshops Collaborative workshops PSC/ISC PSC Guild O Day stall

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Comments
10/06/22	Meeting with HOS Nursing	Change of nursing uniform, placement issues and Health Minister media event.
13/06/22	Strategic Plan 2030 – Phase 2	Attended strategic plan 2030 phase 2 with fellow representatives.

16/06/22	a) Meeting with DVC Research Chris Moran b) Global Student Leaders Summit	Improving research students' experiences/ students as partners. Postgraduate Mentoring Program Implementation. Pre-departure information about Dubai
17/06/22	Meeting with Dean of Research	HDR hub student issues.
20/06/22 - 23/06/22	Global Student Leaders Summit 2022	Please see page 4.
29/06/22	Meeting with FBL Student Engagement Team	Upcoming postgrad orientation
04/07/22	HREC Review Panel Meeting	Ethics Reviewer Training
05/07/22	Human Research Ethic Committee Meeting	Monthly meeting/ July
11/07/22	Learning & Student Experience Meeting	Monthly meeting/ July
12/07/22	Meeting with Curtin connect team	Academic transcript issues/ repayment

Global Student Leaders Summit 2022

The global student leaders have agreed to work together and have developed several initiatives to improve the student experience for students across all campuses. Key takeaways include:

- ★ Leaving the Summit with a clear plan for the Curtin Global Student Leaders Network
- ★ A greater understanding of the different cultures at Curtin campuses and the importance of student leaders to the student body
- ★ Plans to improve the student experience globally by all campuses working together
- ★ Learning about and sharing leadership styles





Student Guild of Curtin University

Postgraduate Student Committee – Meeting #06

Held at 11.30am on Monday the 27th of June 2022

Online

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; Hameed Mohammad, Debs Devahuti Chaliha, William Lesmana Setiawan, Darsini Premramesh, Christopher Taylor, Siana Wardell, Mitchell Craig, Ashok Radhakrishnan, Yawen Liang
- 2.2. Others Present;
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Carlos Tabora Vilamayor, Alphy Chacko, Mitra Elmi
- 2.4. Absent; Timothy Ian McDougall

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

RESOLVED PSC #11/22

Motion : That the Postgraduate Student Committee approves the minutes of its meeting held on Monday the 23rd of May as a true and accurate record of those proceedings.

Moved: William Lesmana Setiawan

Seconded: Mitchell Craig

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

6. Verbal Reports

6.1. President

Has created a written report outlining meetings, activities in June 2022, and CAPA Affiliates Meeting with the Minister of Education (attached). Other initiatives that the President is currently working on are further discussed in Section 7 (Business on Notice).

- 6.2. Vice President – Coursework
The VP-Coursework did not attend the meeting due to an unforeseen issue. Prior to the meeting, the VP-Coursework wrote a short written report mentioning that he attended a meeting with new postgraduate students on behalf of the President and did a presentation about the committee.
- 6.3. Vice President – Research
Has created a written report outlining meetings and activities in June 2022 (attached), which include the Health Sciences Committee Meeting, recruitment of the new Assistant Deputy of VC Research at Curtin, PSC meeting on proposal of change to Health Science HDR course, National Reconciliation Week morning tea, and thesis fest.
- 6.4. Secretary
Was involved in joining the Guild Representatives to distribute free food for Postgraduate students at HDR Hubs around campus.
- 6.5. Business & Law Representative
Darsini (Business & Law Representative) mentioned that she is still catching up and learning her tasks and responsibilities in the new role.
- 6.6. Health Sciences Representative
Participated in the Ethics Committee meeting and Guild Council meeting.
- 6.7. Humanities Representative
Mentioned that she has reached out to the Curtin Marketing Association regarding recruiting a marketing student to help assist manage the PSC social media pages.
- 6.8. Science & Engineering Representative
Attended the Science and Engineering Faculty Board meeting and the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee meeting. Notable discussion in the meeting includes a change in the Work, Health & Safety (WHS) policy, where Mitch (Science & Engineering Representative) asked whether HDR students are counted as workers and relevant requirements/policies applied to them, which have not been answered in the meeting. Debs asked for more details regarding the change in WHS policy. Mitch mentioned originally HDR students are not classified as workers, however, he stated that as an example, in a lab setting, where HDR students assist to monitor students' activities, whether in this scenario, the HDR student is counted as staff.
- 6.9. Councillors
Ashok was involved with the free food distribution program. William asked about PSC mentoring Program that Ashok and Tim have been working on. Hameed said he is still working on to implement this program with the VC and DVC.

RESOLVED PSC #12/22

Motion: That the Postgraduate Student Committee approves the reports.

Moved: Mitchell Craig

Seconded: Hameed Mohammad

Carried

- 7. Business on Notice
 - 7.1. University Council Elections
The PSC Committee discussed the great opportunity available currently to nominate one or several members from the committee to the University Council. Hameed mentioned this is a great opportunity to improve leadership skills and improve student experience at Curtin.
 - 7.2. Self-caring module for students
Hameed mentioned that PSC will create a proposal to be presented to the University regarding self-care modules. Self-care modules are brief modules/lessons to help students look after themselves, such as helping them to manage their time and pressure during studies, and to manage their mental health. Hameed further asked PSC Committee members, especially the ones that have not worked on any project this year to be involved in creating the proposal for this program, which includes information such as why this program will be important, and the strategy to implement the program.

ACTION: PSC Committee members to work together to create a proposal for this

program

7.3. Global Student Leader Summit Highlights

Hameed mentioned that he just went to the Student Leaders Summit at Curtin Dubai. He met with student leaders from other Curtin campuses there and discussed ways to improve student experience, and attended various workshops, such as leadership training.

7.4. PSC LinkedIn

Hameed asked William to meet with Ben to discuss PSC LinkedIn Page/Group. Mitch said he is happy to help.

8. General Business

Darsini asked regarding how the motion works in PSC meeting, as she is new to the committee. Hameed emphasised the importance of Committee members to join Guild Council/Reps Board meetings to understand the Guild governance structure.

Hameed also said there will be a migration workshop event on Wednesday the 29th of June that PSC and ISC organise. The event will be presented by a migration agent and provide international students with overview of their visa conditions and pathways to receive permanent residency.

9. Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting closed at 12.36pm



PSC VP Research Monthly Reports to PSC Secretary, 2022

MEETING MONTH

REPORT

JUNE

Health Sciences Committee meeting on 26.5.22

- Chris (HS rep) left just after the first part. Rest of the minutes I have typed below
- Health and safety – research and implementation working group
- People okay to have 80% current salary, if can work 50% time on HDR stuff
- HDR student experience – different depts doing social events, strategic planning days with student reps, starting 1 Jul – will formalise M1-M2 yearly student rep, research day – talk about different aspects of HDR process; waiting till can get F2F (covid), HDR day – treasure hunt?
- Thesis fest emails being regularly given out by Vanessa Varis
- Kylie to talk about quiz-night dates with me soon, for HDR students (I had reported HDR preference of quiz nights from above)

Selection and Recruitment of Assistant Deputy VC of Research at Curtin

- 24.5.22 – attended shortlisting meeting online, with Chris Moran and 4 colleagues, to discuss applicants for the ADVCR role. Read through each of the candidates' cover letters and CVs beforehand
- 26.5.22 – completed the Curtin Recruitment and Selection Course for interview-panel members online (100% pass)
- 30.5.22 – attended interviews as panel member, we discussed and selected Lindy FG for ADVCR

PSC meeting on proposal of change to HS HDR courses, 30.5.22

- 14 courses into 3 – harder for employers to see which research graduates specialise in what areas. Just narrower for admin or whole website? Why the change?
- Okay if just for admin level, to make it easier for high- or low-cost
- Will request Lynne for proposal, happy to communicate it with students for input?
- More around marketing than academic changes
- Madison – guild education vice-president – to ask to be included in courses committee as student member; also will request a PSC member on committee. Or can someone just accompany Maddie? But as observer, can't speak until General Business or own presentation scheduled
- Asked Lynne for draft proposal first, with Jo-Ann Naidu's and Andrew Cameron's questions from Student Assist
- When get proposal from Lynne, will send to all plus Maddie and Andrew

National Reconciliation Week morning tea from School of Pop'n Health, 30.5.22

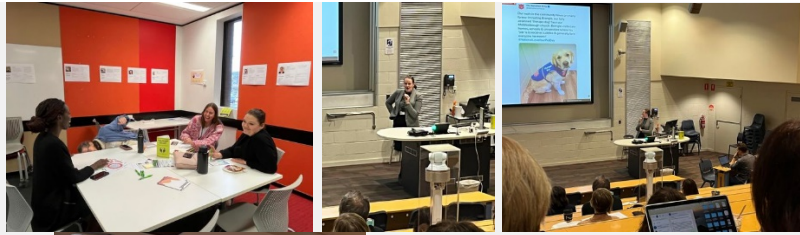
- The indigenous community want to meet in the middle – want both colonisers and themselves to enter each other's worlds
- There is a new program helping Aboriginal staff mentoring across faculties – impact on indigenous students

- Focus on supporting indigenous health welfare – esp. in regional WA, starting with Goldfields region
- Indigenous students challenging stereotypes, living in both worlds. Paving the way for future students in healthcare for all Australians
- More indigenous students incoming from high school – need to ensure culturally safe space
- Activities this week (beginning 30.5.22) for this year’s theme, “Be Brave, Make Change”:
 1. Art-gallery walk
 2. Yarning session
- Stereotype of Aboriginal art as dot paintings as form of colonial oppression; racist “homeless on street” painting
- My own experience: I had proposed to start Curtin Latin American Club meetings with acknowledgement of country, last year as secretary, but president laughed, and I was left to do it alone – where others giggled, then went onto the “actual meeting” – so I was left feeling rather embarrassed

Thesis Fest (22.6.22)

- Was able to attend on the Wed, not the Tue
- Pictures:





- Took pictures of all the posters of the HDR students on the wall, and sent an email to those who had put blank or none in the "My Networks" section, with a link to the PSC Facebook group and mention of monthly coffee chats
- At Thesis Fest, they introduced me as PSC VP Research, and directed the students to me if they had questions or needed support
 - Next time, I might ask them to include a PSC slide with FB group and other details
- Chris Moran came in to listen at 2:30-2:45 pm
- Emailed Guild VP Activities about next monthly coffee chat; not responded yet
- One of the posters had someone put their support network as the FB group, 'PhD Completion Co-Operative' – might look into that for rest of HDRs (samya.jabbour@postgrad.curtin.edu.au)



QUEER OFFICER'S Report

REPRESENTATION BOARD 2022 – 21/07/22

Submitted 17/07/22

MEETINGS

6/07 | Catch-up with President

PROJECTS

(what I've been up to)

We All Need To Pee Campaign

I have a follow up meeting on the 20th July with the steering group that was formed to work on this issue.

After which, I'm planning to set a concrete date for a poster run around campus, to start promoting on social media and throughout the community.

Deadnaming in Curtin systems

I've briefly talked to Bridge Truell, former QO, about this issue, who has given me some contacts to reach out to when I start work on this project. I'll also be getting the help of the collective on this project, to give their input and lived experiences.

IDAHOBIT Zine

The deadline for the IDAHOBIT Zine was extended and promoted on social media, however, there was only one extra submission, and there only ended up being around 5 submissions overall. However, I'm still planning to put it together, and am planning to reach out to the idahobit editing team that I put together at the beginning of this project.

EVENTS

O-Day

I've talked with Feb (VP-A) and the Queer Collective about O-Day, and we're hoping to do a re-print of the koi fish and Jawshua stickers which were so popular last time. I've also asked the collective for volunteers to help out on the day, and I'm aiming to get at least 2 people to help me on the day.

Other events

I've also been talking with February about QD events. The Queer Collective is keen to do a quiz night, with the questions written by the collective, which I hope we can do!
I'm also keen to continue doing the community-run events we've did previously in Semester 1.

OTHER

Social Media Campaign

During June, Pride Month, I ran a small campaign with submissions from members of the community, highlighting pride in one's own queer identity. We ended up running 4 profiles, which included pictures and a paragraph about why the subject was proud of their identity/how they were living their lives.

TL; DR

It's been fairly quiet over the semester break, but I've been getting ready in preparation for Semester 2. The Discord is also still active, and I look forward to interacting with the community in person.

Furthermore, I unfortunately fell ill with COVID on the 12/7, which may affect my capabilities for the first week of semester, as I recover.

Cassidy Pemberton (she/they)

Queer Officer 2022



Women's Officer Report - Representation Board

21/07/2022

Type	Date	Name	Comments
University Meetings	11/07/2022	LSEC	Acted as stand in for VPE.
Guild Meetings			
Student Meetings			

Projects

Project Name	Updates	Comments
Discord Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 Members• Almost no engagement	
Facebook Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1274 Follows• Mid engagement	
Instagram Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 629 Followers• High engagement	
Equity Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A lot of use.	
Respectful Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed in RNA• Waiting on action	
Language Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiting on update	

Events

Event	Date/Time	Location	Activity	Attendance	Comments
O-Day			Give aways		

TL; DR

Quiet month during holidays, prepping for O-day. Social media presence is going well on Instagram. Women's equity space is still popular, been busy with Roe v Wade. Overall, everything is going quiet and steady.

Salwa Kilzi

Women's Officer 2022

Submitted 14/07/2022

Accessibility Department

Representation Board Report –17th June 2022 – 21st July 2022



University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
16/06	RNA SteerCo	See Below
23/06	UDWG DAIP Initial Draft Consult	See Below

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
21/06	Activities Committee	
21/06	VPA Catch-up	
04/07	VPA Catch-up	
12/07	Activities Committee	

Other Items/Additional Information

CW: discussions of sexual assault and sexual harassment processes and procedures. Please skip the below paragraph if you're not prepared to read about that at this time.

RNA SteerCo Meeting

It was proposed that any workplan to do with SASH must include the Guild and Global campuses to ensure a united and comprehensive response. Current feedback from different departments as well as staff and students is that the current SASH processes are neither clear nor transparent, which has led to each department handling cases differently, with understandably varying results.

It was suggested that SASH training be developed and made mandatory for all staff (like it currently is for students), enabling a common understanding of what to do. This would ideally also include what staff should do when they witness SASH but the victim is nonspecific (e.g.; when an inappropriate comment is made in class or via online class forums) or does not wish to make a formal complaint. This is being discussed with the Sexology Department and in further RNA SteerCo meetings.

END CW: We now resume your regularly scheduled report.

UDWG DAIP Initial Draft Consultation

This was basically an opportunity to comment on how the initial draft DAIP looked and ensure some changes to the structure are implemented early and retained in the final DAIP. Most of the changes that were suggested were to do with wording to ensure the DAIP actually demands change instead of allowing people to brush Accessibility off as optional or 'good enough as-is' (e.g.; change "Continue to do..." to "Do...").

I am somewhat concerned that the CSMP students were given an 'edited' survey to complete. It

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feels as if these students were not assumed to have capacity to complete the full survey, potentially limiting their opportunity to provide comprehensive feedback, therefore skewing results.

The DAIP is likely to include some steps towards demedicalising the CAP program and associated reasonable adjustments, making CAPs more equitably accessible by a wide range of students. This would also link in with the University Reconciliation Action Plan and Strategic Plans. I'll be engaging in further discussion with Erica Schurmann, Angus Buchanan, and Sean Murray in semester 2 around how this might look and how not requiring a diagnosis may affect the validity of a CAP (in my mind, it won't).

Other Stuff Happening at the Moment

With everything going on globally regarding Disability, Queer, Reproductive, and other Minority Rights I've been dealing with some minor burnout. I'm managing now and working through some TOIL that I have saved up.

Events

Guild O-Day – Upcoming on the 27th of July. I've requested some stickers as a giveaway.

TL;DR – DAIP Initial Draft review is done, the next meeting is late August to review the next draft (there are so many drafts this is exhausting). I hope we won't need a diagnosis to access basic adjustments soon. RNA SteerCo is working on the procedural nightmares of Curtin. I'm tired but surviving.

Glossary:

- **AAS:** AccessAbility Services – the university body that organises and coordinates CAPs
- **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.
- **CSMP:** Curtin Specialist Mentoring Program. This program allows Autistic students to engage in a weekly social group, as well as access to a 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.
- **DAIP:** Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. The University plan regarding disability, equity, and accessibility improvements to the Uni. This is sent to the Department of Communities as a legal requirement as an educational institution that receives public funding. It is renewed every 3 years, but the 2020 review was delayed due to COVID.
- **LITEC:** Learning Innovation and Teaching Excellence Centre. The University body that oversees teaching and provides ongoing education for teaching staff. Is also involved in digital modules for students (eg; respectful relationships, Curtin challenge)
- **NSSS:** National Student Safety Survey. An annual survey conducted by the Social Research Centre in collaboration with Universities Australia. Aims to discover SASH rates at universities across the country.
- **RNA SteerCo:** Respect Now Always Steering Committee. The University committee tasked with reducing the incidence of sexual assault and sexual harassment at Curtin (including via digital means).
- **SASH:** Sexual assault and sexual harassment.
- **SoE:** School of Education
- **TOIL:** Time Off In Lieu. Overtime hours logged earlier in the year that are being progressively used as-

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required.

- **UDWG:** Universal Design Working Group. The University committee tasked with improving disability access across Curtin.
- **VP-E:** Vice President – Education (Madison)



Student Guild of Curtin University

Accessibility Collective

Meeting #2

To be held at 3pm on Wednesday the 13th of June 2022

Location: Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

Meeting Opened 3.07pm

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:

- a. Members Present; [Brianna Watts](#), [Imari Morris](#), [Rey Nairn \(Chair\)](#), [Taylor Reudavey](#)
- b. Others Present; [Zoe Wing](#)
- c. Apologies and Leave of Absence; [Kelly Moes](#)
- d. Absent; [Taraneh Comer](#)

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

[No conflicts of interest disclosed](#)

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes

[Taylor questioned if they can still claim its accurate if they did not attend the previous meeting](#)

Motion: That the Accessibility Collective approves the minutes of the meeting on 20th April 2022, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: [Taylor](#)

Seconded: [Imari](#)

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

[Nil](#)

6. Report

- a. Accessibility Officer

Rey explains how there has been many disability access and inclusion plan reviews. They attended three of the seminars held, however noted that they were the only student and disabled person in attendance. Outcomes were that the people running it were receptive to the changes and comments offered, however a surprising amount of hostility from the university planning teams surrounding building access.

They went on to discuss their bi-monthly meeting with AccessAbility services and how they mentioned that they have had students bringing up ableism within the school of education specifically regarding placements. Rey is going to plan a meeting with AccessAbility, humanities and education regarding policies and/or training that could address this.

Rey moved on to the new CAP system being implemented in the next semester, they confirmed that prior and pre-existing CAPs will be accepted still, however the new ones will look different. They raised concern over the risk of teaching staff not being familiar with new look of the CAP and issues that may cause; however, this will hopefully be resolved before the semester starts. Rey had a meeting with student over east, doing Curtin online, to discuss access on campus regarding students with service dogs, coming up with ideas for social media posts and potential Q&A surrounding service animals and etiquette regarding them both in a campus setting and out in the general public.

Moving on to the ongoing parking campaign, including ACROD parking members still having to pay when not parked in ACROD bays, bringing back previous policy that would allow ACROD students to not pay regardless of when parking, as students with ACROD are less likely to be able to use public transport limiting their ways to get to campus that doesn't include parking on campus.

Motion: That the Accessibility Collective notes the report given.

Moved: Brianna

Seconded: Taylor

Passed Unanimously

7. Items for Discussion

a. Vote on Mascot Name

Lots of responses given to survey on names suggested. Rey put all of the names given into the meeting's chat

Imari questioned how many names suggested

Rey responded that there was a surprising amount provided by the community. Names to choose from, that Rey read out: Bearly, Henry, Pawsua, The Skög, Ursie, Jeremy Bearimy, Bear in the Big Blue Shirt, Mr Snuggles, Skögibility, Bearnard, Clawshua

Zoe stated they liked Ursie

Taylor stated that they liked The Skög and Skögibility

Rey agreed, however brought up the potential difficulty involving having to type the name including the accents over the o.

Imari stated that they liked Urise also and Bear in the Big Blue Shirt, however they agreed that the second one might be a bit too long

Rey agreed, and also brought up that it could be an obscure reference for some

Brianna liked Ursie

Name Chosen: Ursie

Rey said they would order a name tag for Ursie.

Motion: That the Accessibility Collective vote on and affirm mascot's name

Moved: Imari

Seconded: Taylor

Passed Unanimously

b. Curtin Discord Hub

Rey confirmed that everyone was familiar with the Curtin Discord Hub. They then gave the background that the Curtin Discord Hub is a space on Discord that allows Curtin specific discord servers to be available in the one spot. There are no other equity servers there so far. They mentioned how the Queer department had previously considered it, however they had concerns regarding people accessing the server who were not queer friendly and may aim to cause trouble and potential harm.

Zoe stated that they think it is a good idea, and that there would be less issues if the Accessibility department did it than some of the other equity departments.

All members in attendance agreed that having the Accessibility department discord on the hub would most likely be a good thing.

Rey will go on and discuss it with the Guild and specifically the other Equity Reps, however, they agree that joining it would make the server more findable which will help overall engagement with the community and awareness of the Accessibility department.

7. Collaborative Brainstorming

1. Discuss Semester Two Campaign Options

Rey described how the campaigns on campus will be primarily to be able to help spread awareness and information as well as potential fundraising for organisations, issues etc. They discussed the ideas that Kelly (not present) has previously suggested; the two campaigns include the "f*ck stairs campaign" which is a campaign to highlight how difficult it is to get around campus without using stairs, where for a period of time there can be signs up to challenge people to use alternate routes to get around campus that do not involve stairs in order to raise awareness of how difficult it can be for students who are unable to use the stairs. The other campaign was the sunflower lanyard campaign, which Rey noted is not as big in Australia but is gaining some traction in the UK. They

explained how the idea is that sunflower lanyards, or potentially other wearable items like bracelets, are used as a way to signify that the wearer has an invisible disability that may impact them if interacting with that person for an extended period of time. In order to raise awareness for people with invisible disabilities but also to help educate people on how to help potentially accommodate them.

Zoe agrees that the sunflower lanyard campaign as a good idea

Taylor, also agrees that it is a good way of going about it and says that as someone who is also among the queer community who has experience with what having simple ways to identify yourself can do to help increase confidence, they think having something like that for accessibility as well is a good idea and that introducing this can be good. They also agree with the “f*ck stairs” movement, in solidarity, as while they personally enjoy taking stairs and is able to, they are aware of how it can be difficult for others and think this is a good way to raise awareness of that.

Rey, while looking into the sunflower lanyard campaign and looking at their membership levels noted that it included a basic level including simple sharing of information and more premium memberships that include more in-depth training, they also found ones that allow for just the lanyards and some information to put up around campus. They admit that the cost could add up quickly but mentioned that it could potentially be asked to be something that is taken up by the guild as a whole rather than just the Accessibility department.

Imari mentioned potentially doing something for Jeans for Genes week, as both a way of raising awareness but also as a way to get potentially students involved without them having to do too much and having it as a more “fun” and relaxed campaign.

Rey agreed that it would be doable and potentially could include a give-away or something similar around the guild or the south end of campus.

8. General Business

Imari mentioned the previous issues with the collective email and the current fix that is in place, asking that if people start having issues with the emails coming through or if they being to get duplicates of emails from Imari to let them know.

Rey brought up that the social media page has become quite quiet recently. They asked if anyone had any ideas about what could potentially be posted. They mentioned how they have been struggling to know what to post and that’s the biggest thing blocking them posting. Rey asked that any ideas people have can either to be emailed to the Accessibility department’s email, sent to the discord server or to their Facebook if any of us have it. Rey reminded that what can be posted includes, educational stuff, memes or anything along those lines as long as it isn’t offensive. They mentioned how past things have been mostly surveys, and that they were hoping to have some more fun posts.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Accessibility Equity Collective is to be determined and will be communicated to the Collective members at a later date.

Submit documents and motions to be included in the next meeting's agenda no later than three days before the meeting to imari.morris@student.curtin.edu.au.

Meeting Closed at 3.39pm