



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Representation Board - Meeting #11

To be held at 5.30pm on Thursday the 20th of October  
2022

Council Chambers 100.301

## AGENDA

### 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;
- 2.2. Others Present;
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Rachel Taylor, Jo Ann
- 2.4. Absent;

### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15/09/2022, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### 6. Items Not for Discussion

### 7. Items for Discussion and Resolution

#### 7.1 Solidarity with Iran

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild stands in solidarity with the protests in Iran and demands the release of Iranian student activists.

Moved: Marcus Fernihough

Seconded:

### 8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted

- 8.2. Vice President of Education - Submitted
- 8.3. Faculty of Business and Law – Submitted
- 8.4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted
- 8.5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted
- 8.6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted
- 8.7. Student Assist – Submitted
- 8.8. International Students Committee President – Submitted
- 8.9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted
- 8.10. Queer Officer – Submitted
- 8.11. Women’s Officer – Not Submitted
- 8.12. First Nations Officer – Vacant
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments - Submitted
- 8.15. Chair of Representation Board\* - Verbal Report

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the Reports.

Moved:

Seconded:

9. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Representation Board
  - 9.1. International Student Committee – 13/09/22 & 11/10/22
  - 9.2. Postgraduate Student Committee – 29/09/22
  - 9.3. Queer Collective – N/A
  - 9.4. Women’s Collective – N/A
  - 9.5. First Nations Collective – N/A
  - 9.6. Accessibility Collective – N/A
  - 9.7. Student Housing Advisory Committee – N/A
  - 9.8. First Year Committee – N/A

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the minutes of the committees and collectives en bloc

Moved:

Seconded:

10. General Business

11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 5:30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 10th of November 2022 to [chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au) and [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Representation Board - Meeting #10

To be held at 5.30pm on Thursday the 15th of September  
2022

Council Chambers 100.301  
Meeting open 5.30pm

## AGENDA

### 1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

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### 2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Hameed Mohammad, Dylan Botica (Chair), Amber Hilston (online), Salwa Kilzi, Zoe Wing (online), Jasmyne Tweed, Imari Morris, Sophie Scott, Rachel Taylor, Rey Nairn (online), Veronika Gobba
- 2.2. Others Present; Jo-Ann Naidu, February Metcalf
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Cassidy Pemberton
- 2.4. Absent; Marcus Fernihough

### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. None

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

#### 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18/08/2022, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Sophie Scott

Carried

### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

### 6. Items Not for Discussion, None

### 7. Items for Discussion and Resolution

#### 7.1 Student Accommodation Issues

Action: That the Representation Board discuss current student accommodation issues. There was discussion about a request from students living in on campus accommodation to support the extension of the 50% rent subsidy. Jasmyne Tweed spoke to the item saying that the university wanted to remove the subsidy and revert to the original fees. Jasmyne Tweed said that Unilodge was predatory. There had been recent media about wage theft allegations against Unilodge with regard to its student workers. As well

Jasmyne Tweed said that the quality of housing was an ongoing issue and that the Guild should support keeping the reduced rent in place. Rachel Taylor noted that these students had to pay for parking. Hameed Mohammad said that this was important issue especially for international students. He said it took time for international students to find employment. Jasmyne Tweed noted the Guild's meeting with students at the Exchange who had parking issues. Dylan Botica said that the university was paying Unilodge to cover the rent reduction. Sophie Scott supported the subsidy. Rey Nairn said if retaining the rent subsidy would address cost of living issues for students they supported it. Rachel Taylor asked if a motion would be put forward. Dylan Botica said he would take it on advice.

## 8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Not Submitted. Dylan Botica said it had been a chaotic month with representative changes and matters with the university. He had met with the Vice Chancellor and put forward a proposal for the clubs hub in the Agora Courtyard precinct using the Central Library premises and updating the Agora Courtyard, Café Central and The Tav. This space was more accessible than the Architecture Building. Dylan noted that there would be scheduling changes as a result of the National Day of Mourning Public holiday. Dylan said that he was part of a group working to overhaul Evaluate. As well Dylan noted that he was on the VC Excellence Awards selection panel.

- 8.2. Vice President of Education - Submitted. No questions. It was noted that it was Madison Ainsworth's last day as VPE. Dylan Botica thanked Madison for her contribution. Dylan Botica noted that Hameed Mohammad was elected VPE for the remainder of the this Guild's elected term.
- 8.3. Faculty of Business and Law – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 8.4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted. Rachel Taylor asked the other Faculty representatives about the number of student complaints this year. It was noted that students were now provided with the hello@guild email which may have had an impact on the number of student complaints received by representatives directly. Jasmyne Tweed noted that she was contacted by students over social media. Veronica Gobba noted a few complaints since moving into the role. Amber Hilston said that she received a lot of emails at the beginning of her term. However, since using hello@guild contact she had received fewer emails. Jo-Ann Naidu said Student Assist had not seen an increase in cohort issues and noted there were more individual based issues and that there were a lot of changes in the Health Sciences faculty right now. There were no questions.
- 8.5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Not Submitted. Amber Hilston noted that her report was submitted on 8 September 2022. Amber forwarded the report to the committee. No questions
- 8.6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 8.7. Student Assist – submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 8.8. International Students Committee President – Submitted. Ashok Radhakrishnan noted a meeting with the Faculty of Science and Engineering. He said he was offering support to Sri Lankan students. No questions.
- 8.9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Not Submitted. Hameed Mohammad said the postgrad mentoring program was in the final stages of implementation. He reported on an HDR leaders lunch with 16 students and a proposal for professional development sessions. Hameed said he was dealing with Health Sciences placement issues. No questions.
- 8.10. Queer Officer – submitted. No questions
- 8.11. Women's Officer – submitted. Salwa Kilzi noted a meeting with student experience and gave an update on Instagram performance. No questions
- 8.12. First Nations Officer – Vacant
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – submitted. Rey Nairn noted that the Accessibility space was being used as group study space and that it was being left in a mess. Rey noted that the Accessibility Services Manager would be starting in a few weeks. Dylan Botica noted that had been a misuse of the Equity spaces in recent weeks and that Student Experience was now looking in on the area more regularly. No questions.
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments - submitted. No questions
- 8.15. Chair of Representation Board\* - Verbal Report. Jasmyne Tweed said that she had met with the university about cardless student ID options. Jasmyne sent correspondence to the COO with regard to parking. No questions.

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the Reports.

Moved: Rachel Taylor

Seconded: Imari Morris

Carried

9. Minutes of Committees Reporting to the Representation Board
  - 9.1. International Student Committee – N/A
  - 9.2. Postgraduate Student Committee – N/A
  - 9.3. Queer Collective – N/A
  - 9.4. Women's Collective – N/A
  - 9.5. First Nations Collective – N/A

- 9.6. Accessibility Collective – N/A
- 9.7. Student Housing Advisory Committee – N/A
- 9.8. First Year Committee – N/A

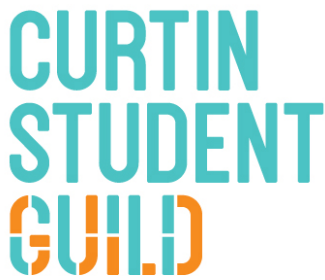
Motion: That the Representation Board notes the minutes of the committees and collectives en bloc. It was noted that there were no minutes.

Moved:

Seconded:

- 10. General Business. There was discussion about broader student housing issues. Salwa Kilzi noted safety concerns including women experiencing a lot of uncomfortable situations. It was noted that Curtin security could not access Unilodge and St Catherine's buildings. It was noted that IGA was bringing a lot of strangers on campus. There was discussion that it would be good to have security and Unilodge/St Catherine's work together more. Dylan Botica said he would speak to Unilodge and St Catherine's management to find out more about the situation. February Metcalf noted that Pride Parade nominations would be closing soon. The committee discussed that many organisations were boycotting Pride Parade in WA. February Metcalf asked the Representation Board to consider whether to support a float, boycott the event or have an alternative event. Rey Nairn was in favour of boycotting the Pride Parade. They said the event was very corporate and performative in aspects of accessibility and allocating spaces for queer people with disabilities. There was discussion about involvement in an alternative event. Zoe Wing said that there were plans for an alternative Pride event in Fremantle. No Representation Board councilors spoke for involvement in the Pride Parade. Jasmyne Tweed raised concerns about Tucker Fresh IGA selling cigarettes. Dylan Botica led a discussion about whether the Representation Board would take a stance on the sale of cigarettes at IGA. Imari Morris said Curtin was a smoke free campus and IGA should not sell them. Dylan Botica said there was consensus from the Representation Board to oppose the sale of cigarettes at IGA. There was a discussion about Curtin's promotion of IGA and a comparison to its support of Guild outlets. Maryanne Shaddick noted that Guild outlets were promoted on Curtin's social channels.
- 11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October at 5:30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:35pm on Thursday the 13th of October 2022 to [chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au) and [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Representation board - Meeting #11

To be held at 5:30pm on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2022

#### **Motion: The Curtin Student Guild stands in solidarity with the protests in Iran and demands the release of Iranian student activists**

##### **Background:**

The murder of 22-year-old Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini has sparked nationwide demonstrations and riots in Iran, with protesters calling not only for an end to the compulsory hijab, but also down with the Islamic and down with Supreme leader Ali Khomeini.

Students have come to the forefront of the struggle, participating in mass protests and making arguments to sections of workers, including their university professors, to take action against the regime. They have declared a student strike, forcing the regime to move classes online, which have then been boycotted by students

In response to the student protests and mass revolt, the regime has intensified political repression, with the government blocking media platforms and cutting off the internet during most hours of the day, in order to suppress news of the protests across the world and limit the organisational capacity of the protests. On Sunday 2nd of October, security forces surrounded a group of students in Tehran's Sharif University, not allowing them out of the campus. They brought in overwhelming force and used shotguns to fire special shells with tiny pellets and fired teargas at protestors. The injured are then arrested and taken away, which included both students and staff. Videos as well show security forces chasing dozens of students trapped in the university's underground parking. According to the university's Islamic Student Association, at least 30 have been arrested. The association have subsequently called a national general student strike in response to the repression.

As student and staff unionists in Australia, we stand in complete solidarity with the heroic resistance of Iranian students, workers and people. We recognise that the struggle against women's oppression, against exploitation and against state repression is an international one.

We demand the immediate release of and dropping of charges against, all Iranian student activists. We also demand the immediate withdrawal of all state forces from Iranian university campuses and the immediate ceasing of the use of live rounds and tear gas.

##### **Action:**

1. The Curtin Student Guild will share upcoming Iran solidarity protests on social media
2. Curtin Student Guild elected representatives will endeavour to sign on to the national student union motion demanding the release of Iranian political prisoners  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl6ulWmsGIFtcoXY3ZEOjL2bsme0Gb2wJuJ08mKV39Nnnl-Q/viewform>

Moved: Marcus Fernihough

Seconded:

**Confidentiality:**

Open





## 53<sup>rd</sup> Guild Council - Meeting #10 REPORT – PRESIDENT– SEPTEMBER

### **Projects & Significant Items**

#### **Parking Campaign /n**

##### *Progress* **SUMMARY**

The Parking campaign is an ongoing campaign to achieve a fairer parking system on campus. The parking team have implemented a staged approach to the campaign. The initial stage was a share your story approach, we then ran a petition via Megaphone with 2750 signatures. I wrote to the Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chancellor to deliver the petition. I have not yet had a reply.

### **ISSUES**

The University has been dragging their feet on addressing parking. The Vice Chancellor has been non-committal and the Chief Operating Officer has been non-responsive. The Parking campaign will await a response before Guild Council, after that date, the next stages of the campaign will commence.

The Guild will partner with the NTEU and other organisations to assist with further stages of the campaign. We have consistently been consulting with students.

Risks of the parking campaign are to the relationship and reputation with the University. Parking has been identified as a top issue affecting students and therefore an area the Guild cannot ignore.

#### **Student Hub**

*Commenced*

##### **SUMMARY**

The Guild committed to a student / club's hub in 2021. Upon discussion with the Vice Chancellor, I re-explored the project with the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President – Corporate Relations. We have discussed our plans for an active centre of student culture on campus. A suggested location by the Guild has been the Agora Courtyard / South Guild Precinct.

### **ISSUES**

The Guild Council approved an adjustment to the capital budget to allow for funding of a redevelopment of the area surrounding Guild Café Central. The development would involve the Tavern, Café Central, Agora Courtyard and a potential clubs / student hub.

There is an opportunity to create a modern vibrant space around and the Agora courtyard that provides a clubs hub, a modern spacious Tavern and events spaces. The Tavern would be rolled into Café Central under this proposal.

An accessible space for a club's hub could be found in the current Library Central space and would have proximity to the stadium so that sporting clubs could also be incorporated.

It would also lead to efficiencies in the consolidation of two kitchens into one.

The President and Managing Director will outline to the University the needs of the spaces.

Potential new established spaces for student society meetings, events, collaborations, fixed meeting spaces, visitor centre, alumni space and equity spaces are being considered.

## Collective / First Year Committee Redrafting



40% Progress

### **SUMMARY**

The Guild Council rescinded the constitutions of the First Year Committee and Equity Collectives. Initial procedures to replace the documents have been completed and are awaiting internal stakeholder review. This project is being overseen by Jasmyne within the Office of the President.

## Muti-Faith Issues



60% Progress

### **SUMMARY**

Work with the relevant student societies and Director Student Experience have been ongoing to set up a room north of campus for use to pray. The acting director has identified a location and discussions are ongoing. A peace lecture project initiated by the Vice Chancellor is also ongoing.

## Changes to Officer Memberships

### **SUMMARY**

There have been numerous changes to the Officers of the Guild. New Office bearers include (some pending ratification):

- > Hameed Mohammad – Vice President – Education
- > Mitch Craig – Postgraduate Student Committee President (Acting)
- > Veronika Gobba – Guild Councillor
- > **Vacant** – Secretary
- > Imari Morris – Ordinary Representation Board Member
- > Ashok Radhakrishnan – International Student Committee President

## Other Items

- Work has been ongoing with the Academic Registrar and Vice President – Education to implement a second stage trial Pulse check.
- Correspondence from the Federal Minister for Education encouraging participation in consultation for the Higher Education Accord has been received.
- The Vice Chancellor requested the Guild consider a policy on Academic Freedom. I have engaged with Legal at the University to discuss potential implementation.
- With direction by Maryanne and Jo-Ann I submitted a briefing paper on the Placement Survey undertaken earlier in the year to Learning and Student Experience Committee.
- The Guild has written to the ABC to undertake a story on financial stress of unpaid placements. This is ongoing.
- Ongoing work with the Curtin Volunteers staff to implement collaboration to increase engagement in volunteering.
- There have been some eligibility matters that have taken a significant period to resolve.
- Students have placed their ongoing trust in this dynamic team for the 54<sup>th</sup> Guild Council at the annual elections.
- The Guild has reviewed and is contributing to the University digital roadmap.

## Leave Taken & Alterations to Hours

### Leave Periods

- *19<sup>th</sup> Sep – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep – for Annual Elections*
- *Reduced hours to 0.8 FTE*

**TL;DR**      *Changes to officer roles have been ongoing, the elections have concluded, the key ongoing projects are the Parking Campaign and Student Hub. Multi-faith matters and the governance review implementation are ongoing.*

**Appendix A: Event & Meeting Attendance**

<b>Date/s</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
18/08/22	Representation Board	
22/08/22	President x MD	
23/08/22	Curtin Institute for Energy Transition Launch	
23/08/22	Meeting with BBTS	
23/08/22	Meeting with UWA Ed Council President	
23/08/22	Meeting RE: OT Student Issues	
23/08/22	PSC Special Meeting	
24/08/22	Meeting RE: Academic Board	
24/08/22	Higher Education	
25/08/22	Executive Committee	
25/08/22	Guild Council	
26/08/22	Academic Board + Briefing	
26/08/22	CV! Leaders Meeting	
29/08/22	President x MD	
31/08/22	Higher Education	
31/08/22	Queer Officer Meeting	
01/09/22	Election Briefing	
05/09/22	President x MD	
05/09/22	NTEU x Exec	
06/09/22	Director Student Experience	
06/09/22	VP – Corporate Relations	
06/09/22	VC Excellence Awards Committee	
07/09/22	Higher Education	
08/09/22	Executive Committee	
08/09/22	DTS High Level Roadmap	
08/09/22	Guild x Health Sciences PVC	OT Student Issues
12/09/22	President x MD	
12/09/22	LSEC	Presented placement report
13/09/22	Vice Chancellor	
14/09/22	Higher Education	
14/09/22	Finance and Risk	

15/09/22	Governance Review Review	
15/09/22	Representation Board	
16/09/22	Clubs Hub Meeting	Guild x COO x VP - CR
19/09/22	Pulse Check Meeting	
20/09/22	Director Student Experience	
21/09/22	Evaluate Steering Committee	
21/09/22	Academic Board Executive	

# CURTIN STUDENT GUILD



*Ngaala kaaditj Wadjuck Nyungar moort, kura wer yeye, keyen kaadak nidja boodja.*

*Curtin Student Guild 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.*



## *Your Vice President – Education Report*

*Hameed Mohammad*

### **GUILD MEETINGS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>16/09/22</b>	a) HDR lunch with DVC Research and PSC team b) Meeting with Jo-Ann c) Meeting with FBL Rep	HDR student issues – funding, supervisor support, resources, and health insurance.  Fortnight catch-up with Jasmyne
<b>19/09/22</b>	a) Meeting with PSC VP Research b) Meeting with ADCV- Academic & Academic Registrar Jon Yorke	Faculty of Health Sciences list of concerns discussion Attended Postgraduate Sci & Engineering Orientation  Unit pulse check
<b>21/09/22</b>	a) Meeting with PSC President & VP of Research	Met Mitch & Debs – pre-discussion meeting with PVC health sciences.
<b>22/09/22</b>	a) Meeting with ISC President b) Meeting with Science & Engineering Rep c) Meeting with Maryanne & Ashok	Fortnight catch-up with Ashok  Fortnight catch-up with Rachel  Student Leadership Summit 2022 discussion

<b>27/09/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with Humanities Representative</li> <li>b) PSC President handover catch up</li> <li>c) Exec &amp; portfolio manager meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Fortnight catch-up with Roni</p> <p>Meeting with Mitch</p>
<b>28/09/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) DVC Global, ISC, PSC presidents' meetings</li> <li>b) Meeting with women's officer</li> <li>c) Meeting with Health Sciences Representative</li> <li>d) Meeting with the President &amp; VP Activities</li> <li>e) FBL HDR student issues</li> <li>f) Meeting with Queer officer</li> </ul>	<p>Curtin Global Student Leaders summit planning</p> <p>Curtin Global cultural lunch</p> <p>Fortnight catch-up with Salwa</p> <p>Fortnight catch-up with Amber</p> <p>First Nations officer position discussion</p> <p>HDR hub issues</p> <p>Fortnight catch-up with Cass</p>
<b>29/09/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Executive Committee</li> <li>b) PSC Monthly Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Met Exec team</p> <p>Attended PSC monthly meeting.</p>
<b>30/08/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with ISC President</li> <li>b) Digital engagement meeting</li> <li>c) Student Voice Australia Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Met Ashok – letter to international minister of education</p> <p>Guild socials</p> <p>National meeting with student leaders</p>
<b>03/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with OT students</li> <li>b) Students in solidarity to Iran protesters discussion with ISC</li> <li>c) Meeting with Dean of International Accounting</li> </ul>	<p>Health promotion initiatives/ LSEC paper</p> <p>Human rights tragedy/ death of Mahasa Amini</p> <p>Guild support and equity spaces for students</p>
<b>04/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with Humanities Rep, Student engagement manager and Dean</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly catch up with Humira, Nicole &amp; Roni</p>
<b>05/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Higher Education Meeting</li> <li>b) Meeting with Accessibility officer</li> <li>c) PSC Got Talent</li> </ul>	<p>Curtin Global International Cultural Night</p> <p>Fortnight catch-up with Rey</p> <p>See images below 😊</p>
<b>06/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Exec committee</li> </ul>	<p>Monthly Exec meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Meeting with Maryanne</li> <li>c) Iran solidarity protest</li> <li>d) Meeting with Nursing students</li> </ul>	<p>Excellence in teaching awards nominations</p> <p>Spoken at protest</p> <p>Changes to nursing uniforms</p>
<b>10/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with Curtin wellbeing team</li> <li>b) Meeting with Jo-Ann</li> </ul>	<p>Safe talks workshop</p> <p>Fortnight catch up</p>
<b>11/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ISC monthly meeting</li> <li>b) Parking campaign</li> </ul>	<p>Attended monthly ISC meeting discussed about Pasar Malam</p>
<b>12/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Curtin carnival</li> <li>b) Meeting with Dean of International FHS</li> <li>c) Student issues</li> <li>d) University Admission Committee</li> </ul>	<p>Parking campaign</p> <p>Student engagement feedback</p> <p>Confidential</p> <p>Confidential</p>
<b>14/10/22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Meeting with PSC President</li> <li>b) Catch up with managing director David</li> <li>c) Meeting with ISC President</li> <li>d) Meeting with ISC Vice President</li> <li>e) Self-care circle</li> </ul>	<p>Fortnight catch up with Mitchy</p> <p>Information interview</p> <p>Study Perth &amp; Pasar Malam</p> <p>Course issues</p> <p>Met our new secretary Josh, managing director</p>

## Events

### HDR Lunch with DVC Research, PSC, ISC & HDR students





## DVCR connects with postgraduate community

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Professor Chris Moran recently hosted a lunch for Curtin Student Guild committee members.

The meeting facilitated communication between the postgraduate student community and the Curtin Research Office, particularly with Professor Moran and Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Melinda Fitzgerald.

Professors Moran and Fitzgerald were joined by members of the Postgraduate Student Committee, the International Student Committee and other HDR students.



*DVCR Professor Chris Moran and Associate DVCR Professor Melinda Fitzgerald with Guild Vice- President of Education Hameed Mohammad, PSC President Mitchell Craig, PSC Vice President Coursework Timothy McDougall, PSC Councillor Mitra Elmi, and ISC President Ashok Radhakrishnan with fellow HDR students.*

**Photo credit: Ben Adam, digital engagement officer – Curtin Student Guild.**

PSC Got Talent 2022 – beloved judges are Dylan, February & Athina.



Parking Campaign #Get-rid-of-cellopark #Grasslands



Photo credit: Ben Adam, digital engagement officer – Curtin Student Guild.

## Students in Solidarity to Iran Rally



## Self-Caring Circle #self-care



## #Mental Health Week

# BUSINESS & LAW REPORT – OCTOBER 2022

Jasmyne Tweed

With exams and final assessments approaching, there has been a spike in student issues being sent my way. Most students had contacted me through messenger instead of email this month when previously most contacts happened through emails. Most issues have come from the Law School, and I have contacted the Dean about them, and the school has acted immediately. Advanced Torts has had several teaching quality issues, and I am working with Student Assist to address these issues more broadly.

I am starting to put together my handover report for the incoming 2023 FBL Representative and will be inviting Ryan to November meetings to help prepare him for the role.

## Student Disciplinary Panel – Overview

Total Cases: 36

I noticed SDP was a bit quiet for a couple of weeks. Now we are having 20+ cases a week and will only have more as Semesters/Trimesters start to wrap up. MGMT3006 Business Ethics continues to have the most cases.

## Assessment Extension

Students have been reaching out more with issues surrounding denied self-certified assessment extensions, especially in Law School (unsurprising). UCs have tried to put their own conditions around self-certified extensions that conflict with the 2022 changes to assessment extensions.

## Parking Campaign

In week 12, other Reps and I were campaigning students about the parking petition, following the response the Guild President received from the COO around students' experience with parking.

## Meeting Log

Date	Meeting
16/09/22	Centralised SDP
	FBL x VPE Catch up meeting
19/09/22	SCC
21/09/22	Consultation with Student
23/09/22	Centralised SDP
30/09/22	Centralised SDP
05/10/22	Consultation with Student
	SCC – Final one for semester
07/10/22	Centralised SDP
	Student Consultation
11/10/22	Parking Campaign Meeting with VPE
	Faculty Courses Committee
12/10/22	FBL International student welcome event brainstorm

**Student Emails**

From multiple schools in the faculty, there have been complaints of UCs not answering emails. I have contacted the relevant heads of schools on this issue, and it is being dealt with. I was not told whether this was a tech issue or a specific issue with UC. I suspect it had been a combination of both.

TLDR;

With exams and final assessments approaching, more student issues are popping up.

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## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING – REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT #10

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*For the Representation Board held on Thursday the 20th of October 2022, A.D.*

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# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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Meeting	Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
Science and Engineering Board	20/09/22	Faculty	Long discussion around health and safety. Discussion around Academic Study Program for staff, allowing staff to go overseas as professional development.
Science and Engineering Catch-Up with VP-E	23/09/22	Guild	Discussion with Hameed about my role and how we can work together for the last of bit of our terms.
SAE Guild Rep x Dean Learning and Teaching	29/09/22	Faculty	Very brief discussion around the renewal processes for the B-ENG and getting students involved.
Learning and Teaching Council Meeting	05/10/22	Faculty	Acknowledgement of the work done throughout the year by staff.
Learning and Teaching Executive Council Meeting	12/10/22	Faculty	Discussion around mid-sem pulse check alternative to eValutate. Some positives and negatives.
Science Board	13/10/22	Faculty	Interesting discussion around the incorporation of indigenous teaching in science.  Update on global campuses.

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## ROUTINE MEETINGS

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Student Discipline Panel. Had an interesting case where a student used a wallpaper of broken laptop screen as reason for their extension. Otherwise not much worth mentioning.

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## FINAL NOTES

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This report was submitted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and the following meetings are scheduled to occur between submission and Reps Board meeting.

- Sci-Eng Grill the Guild
- Faculty Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

The last month has been very uneventful in this sphere as I work to do the minimum required for this job.

# Faculty of Health Sciences Report

Amber Hilston (she/her)

Representation Board – October 2022

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## Acknowledgement of Country

*As a wadjela woman, I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land both past, present and emerging. I pay my respects to the Whadjuk Noongar people who continue to endure the effects of colonisation. I recognise that we live on stolen land and that sovereignty was never ceded. This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.*

## *Guild and University meetings, progress and planning*

<b>15/09</b>	Representation Board	
<b>21/09</b>	Health Science Faculty Catch Up	Student engagement has requested more ways to improve engagement for student consultative committees to go ahead. Still minimal engagement which means most meetings are cancelled. The new student engagement officer for the faculty introduced themselves, and recognised me from the barbeque I held last month, commenting on my supportive presence with students which was great feedback.
<b>28/09</b>	Meeting with Vice President Education and Student Assist Manager	<p>I caught up with Hameed and Jo Ann to discuss my progress, wellbeing and current tasks within my role. Currently, there have been minimal emails, though I recognise that does not mean students aren't going through it.</p> <p>I mentioned to Hameed that recently paramedicine students have voiced concerns in regard to staffing. I have requested students gather further information to forward to me so I may present it to head of school if necessary.</p>
<b>03/10</b>	Gender Equity Council Update	<b>Exciting news</b> has arisen from this particular working group. For some time, GEDIC had been operating to improve gender equity for those identifying as women at Curtin. This was in accordance to Athena Swan and relevant 'signets'.



		<p>These signets were created to be met/achieve an award for meeting gender inclusivity as an organisation. Recently, the working group has made the decision to move away from this initiative as it is under configuration for improvement.</p> <p>Currently, the faculty is developing a working group toward <b>gender, queer and accessible inclusion and equity</b>. The name of this working group is still in forming stage. This initiative now includes a broader group of students and staff who endure different levels of discrimination and marginalisation.</p> <p>The great news? There are really no limitations to the amount of members this working group has *yet*. I personally suggested having a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd/3rd</sup>, and final year/masters' student on this panel alongside myself or future Health Science reps of the Guild. This was encouraged, which gives me the green light to reach out to any students (<b>including our equity Reps</b>) to jump on board.</p> <p>This is our chance to <b>make Curtin an equitable, safe learning environment for everyone</b>. It was noted that each faculty should have one of these groups, so if you are not part of any similar working groups in your faculty, I highly recommend you reach out to relevant staff to get some motion happening for equity on campus.</p>
<b>04/10</b>	Faculty Courses Committee	General conversation was had, with minor changes ongoing to unit delivery and components.
<b>05/10</b>	Group Posting	I recognised it has been quiet in the faculty group on Facebook. I spent some time today asking for feedback about the group, and how it could be improved for students.
<b>05/10</b>	Meeting with Dean of Learning and Teaching	<b>Postponed (Outlook calendar seems to have outdated meetings recurring).</b>

<b>11/10</b>	Faculty Courses Committee	<b>Apologies submitted.</b>
<b>12/10</b>	Health Sciences Catch-Up Meeting	Due to urgent work commitments, I sent an email to Dean of L/T & Student engagement. This outlined a brief summary of relevant student concerns and current communications I have been involved in. This included the sudden changes to HUMB1004 examination period, excellence in teaching awards and concerns around academic standards from 1 <sup>st</sup> year students.

**TLDR: Minor issues within school of paramedicine. Finally making some progress towards equity in the faculty. New working group now includes developing ways to support queer, disabled and international students & staff. \*Please let me know if you'd like to be part of this\*. Attempting to get student feedback in regard to Facebook group.**

# HUMANTIES – REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT

Veronika Gobba

## COVERAGE

09/09/22 – 13/10/22

## Meetings/Events Summary

Date	Meeting/Event	Comments
14/09/22	Humanities Courses Committee	
15/09/22 – 22/09/22	Leave taken due to Guild elections	
27/09/22	Attended Australia Student Voice Symposium (online)	
27/09/22	Meeting with VPE & Manager Student Assist (Jo-Ann)	
28/09/22	Student Complaints Codesign Workshop	The university seems to be making an adequate effort in redesigning a complaints/help system. I am hoping future implementation is successful and that the university takes the student's feedback in this workshop seriously.
29/09/22	Filming a promo video for Guild Upcycle markets (interviewed some staff and students)	Feedback from staff and students seemed supportive of a potential op-shop on campus.
29/09/22	Guild Council	
30/09/22	Women's Collective Meeting	
03/10/22	Meeting with Accessibility Officer (Rey) & SOE Director student experience (Dr Madeleine Dobson)	Good progress on a system to loan microphones to SOE students on prac who wish to wear masks.
04/10/22	Humanities Grill the Guild	I think it would be a good idea, for future gtg's, for students to show that they are following Curtin Guild on a social media platform or are part of the faculty Facebook group to receive a sausage sizzle.
04/10/22	Meeting with VPE, Humanities Dean of Learning and Teaching	

	& Manager of Student Engagement	
05/10/22	PSC got talent	
07/10/22	Clubs Award Ceremony	
12/09/22	Parking Campaigning	
13/09/22	Humanities Courses Committee	

### Final Notes

I Have not received very many student complaints or emails; I have had students approach me while on campus who have had faculty related queries but nothing too complex or difficult to solve. The Humanities Guild Facebook group has had more activity in terms of posts on it in the past few weeks, which is nice to see, but still not very much interaction (likes/comments). I have run past a few ideas for exciting projects in the Humanities space to the Humanities manager of student engagement and Dean of Learning and Teaching but we have agreed that it is a bit late in the year and there is not enough time to implement them so we will pass these ideas onto the incoming Humanities faculty rep for next year.

Thank you to all the office bearers who have been so supportive and answered my silly little queries while I have been trying to figure out this role. Love y'all!

## Student Assist – Representation Board report – October 2022

Case statistics for Student Assist is as follows:

	Jul	Aug	Sept
Academic sessions	307	270	133
Financial Counselling sessions	35	51	43
LifeHacks	124	103	81

Academic sessions in the month of September were mainly focused on Academic Misconduct and Assessment Appeals. Financial Sessions were mostly in relation to issues with tuition fee payment.

### Welfare

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 5 students in the form of Student Assist's Grants and Foodbank.

Out of these 5 students:

- 4 were international students (2 postgraduates and 2 undergraduates)
- 1 were domestic students (0 postgraduates and 1 undergraduates)

6 Loan Laptops were loaned out.

### Other

School of Education (SoE) – SoE are reviewing their assessment extension process and Student Assist was invited to provide input.

Unilodge – There's been a series of complaints around general upkeep of the premises and termination of lease. Student Assist are reviewing options as there is currently no specific legislation/ services that covers this area.

### TL;DR

Note "Other" section.



**ISC president Report  
Representation board October 2022**

**Guild and University Meetings (From 16/9 to 13/10)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Comments</b>
16/9	Lunch with Deputy Vice Chancellor Research	Casual lunch with DVCR, VP-E, PSC President, and other PSC representatives.
20/9	Global Positioning Committee	The committee had regular meeting discussions around global campuses.
23/9	a) Orientation and catch up with VP-E  b) Student Leadership Summit Discussion	Discussion about how ISC works and how to update the ISC website.  Initial discussion about organizing student leadership summit with VP-E and Maryanne
28/9	Regular catch up with DVCG	Monthly catch-up with DVCG along with VP-E and PSC President.
29/9	a) Mentoring and Orientation Program, 2023  b) Student Assist & ISC President Catch Up	I met the International Coordinator of the Faculty of Health Science and discussed the orientation and mentoring program in their school running in SP1.  I discussed with Jo-Ann how ISC could work to improve international experiences.

30/9	Academic Board Meeting	Monthly meeting with other board members.
3/10	ISC Iran Protest Discussion	I discussed with VP-E how to support the Iran community and give a voice to the Iran people in our university.
5/10	a) Study Perth  b) Letter to International Education Minister	I discussed with the ISC Sci-Eng rep about his meeting in the Study Perth Office.  I discussed with VP-E writing a letter regarding providing Internships to International Students.
10/10	LSEC meeting	General Committee meeting and PSC President talked about Academic Calendar.
11/10	ISC October Meeting	Spoke about the Pasar Malam event and other committee discussions.
12/10	ISC Pasar Malam Event Discussion	I met the Guild event coordinator, and Maryanne discussed how the Pasar Malam event would be conducted this year.

**Events:**

- **ISC Donut giveaway**

ISC and Curtin Student Guild organized a donut giveaway.

**Updates:** The donut giveaway was successful.

ISC Donut giveaway, September 2022.

- **DVCR Lunch Meet**

ISC, PSC, VP-E along with other HDR students, had a casual lunch meet with DVCR.



Lunch with DVCR, September 2022

**Upcoming Events**

Pasar Malam community event to be held on **11 November from 5 pm to 10 pm.**





## **PSC President's Report**

**SUBMISSION DATE: 11/10/2022**

**FOR MEETING DATE: 20/10/2022**

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### **NAME:**

Mitch Craig

### **POSITION**

Acting PSC President

### **GUILD MEETINGS**

21<sup>st</sup> September: Health Sciences Placement meeting prep with Hameed

27<sup>th</sup> September: PSC President handover with Hameed

29<sup>th</sup> September: PSC Monthly Meeting

### **UNIVERSITY MEETINGS**

3x Monthly Faculty meetings for Sci-Eng Postgrad Facrep role – all pretty standard, nothing to report

6<sup>th</sup> September: HREC (Ethics) Meeting - Confidential

16<sup>th</sup> September: Lunch DVCR x HDR Students – We raised some issues and the student attendees also raised some of their own issues with the DVCR

21<sup>st</sup> September: DPVC, Dean L&T Health Sciences re: Student placement issues – Summary available on request

28<sup>th</sup> September: DVCG x PSC x ISC x VP-E – discussed global cultural festival for next year (March) Curtin Global considering a stall at Pasar Malam, founder of Angry Birds visiting Curtin, opportunity for a meeting with student leaders/possibly an afternoon tea

30<sup>th</sup> September: Academic Board – we discussed how terrible evaluate is, asked about the R drive upgrades/issues, got some info about the recent cyber attack on Curtin

3<sup>rd</sup> October: University Research Committee – Was pretty standard, nothing to report

4<sup>th</sup> October: HREC (Ethics) Meeting - Confidential

10<sup>th</sup> October: University LSEC – good meeting, raised issues with the academic calendar and some of the staff spoke up about only having 1 TFW putting pressure on them as well and that it negatively impacts the student experience. Further meeting to be arranged to discuss with interested committee members which is a positive outcome.

## **PROJECTS**

PSC Got Talent! event 5<sup>th</sup> October – was a fun event, reasonable turnout,

Research Committee – Mentoring program briefing paper, some of the Deans of Research are being stubborn on this, will try and pry some info out of them

Research Committee Briefing Paper Development – Submission due for November Meeting, survey for HDR students, trends from student assist, to be collated into a briefing paper

Survey of issues facing HDR students for briefing paper, I will also submit the briefing paper to reps board so people can review if they like

Creating some resources around Key Curtin staff names and contact deets for PSC, am going to re-do this report template as well because it hurts my eyes

Looking for people to fill vacant roles from 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **tl;dr**

New to the role, Attended a bunch of meetings, sent and received heaps of emails, had the PSC Got Talent! Event, still doing postgrad facrep for sci-eng as well. Got a couple projects on the go.



# QUEER OFFICER'S Report

## REPRESENTATION BOARD 2022 – 20/10/22

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Submitted 13/10/22

### MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

13/9	Queer Collective (inquorate)
	Meeting w/ Katy Scott (along with Salwa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>About how to best name/approach sensitive topics with students</li></ul>
14/9	QO Catch-up with President
15/9	LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Seminar (at UWA)
16/9	QD Quiz Night
28/9	QO Catch-up with VP-E and Student Assist

### PROJECTS

*(what I've been up to)*

#### **We All Need To Pee Campaign**

Poster redesign is done, poster run to be organised.

#### **Deadnaming in Curtin systems**

I've started compiling the responses from the survey into a report for me to finish writing about the systems at Curtin etc.

#### **IDAHOBIT Zine**

Trial of InDesign has yet to be acquired, as I've been busy working on other things.

#### **Fremantle Pride Protest 2022**

This is the main project I've been working on over the past month. Mainly with Nova Sobieralski, a queer activist who attends Curtin, and others from the AQSN, UWA Pride and NUS Queer, I've been co-coordinating an pride protest to take place at Fremantle in November. It is an alternative to the Pride WA Parade, as it has become increasingly corporatized and inaccessible over the past few years.

I designed and organised printing for posters, which have been put up at UWA, in Northbridge and in Fremantle, and reached out to NUS Queer etc to get their endorsement for the protest. Jordy Duffey, one of the NUS Queer officers, will also likely be flying over to Perth to attend and support the protest.

My next course of action will be to advertise the protest more thoroughly, on social media and in person, leading up to the protest on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## **EVENTS**

### **QD Quiz Night**

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September*

The quiz night went from 6pm to 9pm in the Retreat, and it was a lot of fun!

We had three full teams, (between 4 and 6 members each), who enjoyed the free food, and participated in the 7 round quiz night, which included a lightning round and a table quiz.

The winners of the quiz night won some of the koi and Jawshua stickers that weren't available for everyone anymore, as I had put 10 of each away at the beginning of the year, and a box of chocolates.

I wrote the quiz myself, and altogether, there was 101 points up for grabs. The winning team won with 73! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, it was a great night.

## **OTHER**

### **Queer Collective**

The planned Queer Collective meeting ended up being inquorate. I am planning to host one more meeting in October, and at least one in November.

### **Discord server**

I've put up the new moderating guide and am going to open submissions for a new mod.

## **TL; DR**

This past month, I mainly worked on preparing for the quiz night by writing quiz content and focused on organising the Fremantle Pride Protest. This has taken up most of my time and led a couple of other projects to be put on the backburner.

I have more free time over the upcoming months and am intending to finish up all the projects I have ongoing, by either completing them strongly, or preparing them for handover to my successor.

Congratulations to Imari Morris for being elected as Queer Officer next year, and I look forward to the handover I'll do with them.

*Cassidy Pemberton (she/they)*

*Queer Officer 2022*



# Accessibility Department

Representation Board Report – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022



## University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
19/09	UDWG	See below
23/09	B316 Accessibility Project	See below
03/10	SoE x AD Discussion	See below
05/10	CSMP/CSG VC Discussion	See below

## Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
13/09	Activities Committee	
05/10	VP-E Catchup	
11/10	Activities Committee	

## Other Items/Additional Information

### UDWG

This meeting hit the points below:

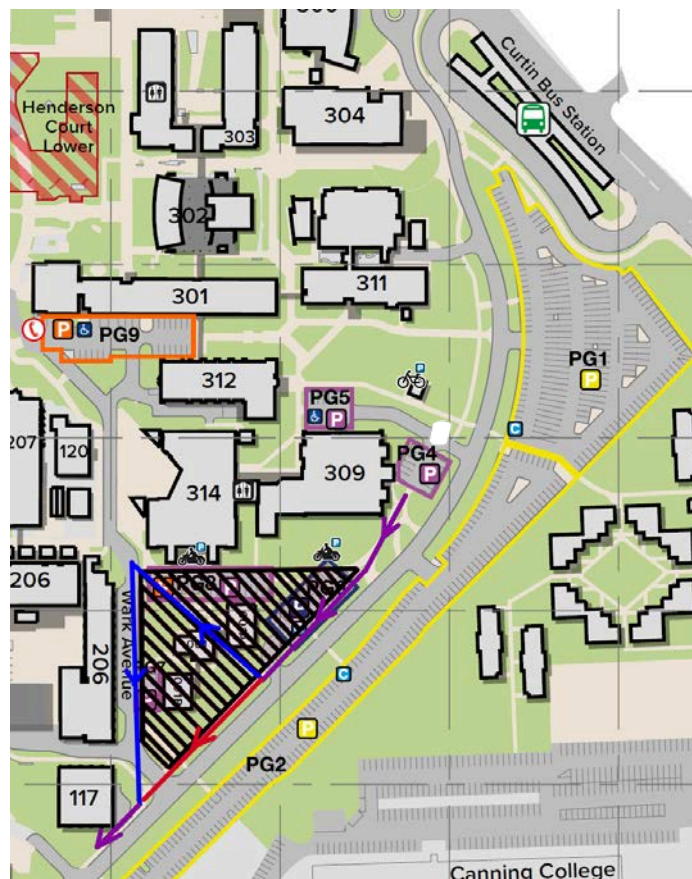
- DAIP format has been condensed into a series of intended outcomes for the DAIP, with an 'Action Plan' provided separately. The Action Plan will be internal (i.e. not public-facing), causing concerns around accountability for actions. DAIP Launch is scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Planning to merge Student and Staff Disability Policies – I will be working on this over the Summer break because I'm a sad human being with no social life 😞
- International Day of People With Disability (IDPWD) is again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. The Uni is planning a park run and to have a couple of speakers on the day.
- Learning Management System software licensing is up for review. Most relevant is that BlackBoard Collaborate has been divested from BlackBoard so we now need a new, accessible group-work software.
- Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Committee (DBIC) is being set up for various equity working groups to be accountable to. I've been asked to sit on the selection panel for the committee. The committee will also include 2 equity representatives selected by the Guild President (@Dylan pls consider) so we will have in-built voices in the workings of the committee.

### B316 Project Accessibility

I met with Erica Schurmann, an external accessibility consultant, and some architects/planners from Aspect Studios regarding the accessibility of a proposed new building project. The plan is to

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revitalise a segment of campus just south of the eastern bus station by building a new multi-disciplinary science precinct and superlab. I have roughly marked out the location of the new building in the attached image (the hatched black section). Note that the proposed paths of travel I have indicated are colour coded based on their accessibility. The purple paths are the shared paths of travel (ambulant and non-ambulant), the red path is the ambulant route, and the blue path is the non-ambulant (accessible) route. The accessible route as was originally proposed requires that students enter a restricted access building, use the internal elevator, and double-back around to re-join the ambulant path – a distance increase of almost 150m. This path would not be usable after-hours, to visitors, or to new students.



I have made it clear to the architecture firm and the planning team that the university cannot be trusted to implement policies that would enable use of the proposed accessible path, and that relying on this path as the sole accessway for disabled users would further segregate this campus in terms of disability access. The team was open to my feedback and seemed committed to building in universal design measures to both the internal and external features of the project. I plan to investigate the current newest superlab (B311) to provide better feedback on lab accessibility going forward in this project.

#### School of Education (SoE) X Guild Meeting

Veronika and I met with Madeline Dobson to discuss the various student complaints I have received and see what the SoE is doing (or planning to do) to fix them. The discussion went well, and I am feeling positive that the concerns that students have raised are being taken seriously.

A concerning issue that was discovered after this meeting is that the formal complaint that I submitted on behalf of a student via the complaints portal apparently has gone missing (i.e. there is no record of it on the university end). I luckily saved my own copy of the complaint and was able to submit it directly to ISU via email, but this is definitely something to keep an eye on.

#### CSMP/CSG Vice Chancellor Discussion

Basically an opportunity for the Curtin Social Group to advocate directly to the VC for continued funding and stability of the CSG and CSMP. Many students spoke about how the program has helped them to find friends, cope with study, succeed at university, and even find romance. I spoke about how the program has been ongoing since 2016 on annual contracts that do not provide the stability and certainty that Autistic students thrive on. The waiting list for the CSMP has dropped from almost 80 students at the beginning of the year to around 30 – those 50 students who left the waiting list have all dropped out of university due to lack of support. In comparison, the only

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students leaving the CSMP itself have been those who have graduated or have decided to give their space to students on the waitlist. The VC has committed to the long-term future of the program, which will hopefully be reflected in the contract to be renewed at the end of this year.

### Other Stuff Happening

- I was on leave from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> which was lovely. I managed to catch up on my lectures and class materials as well as decompress a bit.

### Ongoing Projects

- Students/Staff with Disability Procedures Review
- CAP De-Medicalisation
- Student Wellbeing Advisory Board
- ACROD Parking Review
- DAIP 2022-2030
- Chemistry Laboratory Accessibility
- CSMP/CSG Stability
- B316 Consultation
- DBIC Selection Panel

### Events

**None planned at present**

**TL;DR** – New AccessAbility Services Manager is due to start on November 16<sup>th</sup> (better late than never, I guess?).

**Glossary:**

- **AAS:** AccessAbility Services – the university body that organises and coordinates CAPs
- **ADCET:** Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training. ADCET’s mission is to contribute to the improvement of the educational experiences and to the successful outcomes for students with disability in post-secondary education.
- **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.
- **CCs:** Closed Captions
- **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.
- **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.
- **DBIC:** Diversity Inclusion and Belonging Committee
- **DVC-A:** Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic.
- **ISU:** Integrity and Standards Unit – the body concerned with Academic Integrity at Curtin.
- **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.
- **NUS:** National Union of Students
- **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.
- **SARN:** Student Accessibility Representative Network. Currently involves Accessibility reps from Curtin, UWA, Murdoch, and ECU.
- **SCT:** Safer Communities Team. Curtin’s security and support team.
- **SoE:** School of Education
- **TOIL:** Time Off In Lieu. Overtime hours logged earlier in the year that are being progressively used as required.
- **UDWG:** Universal Design Working Group. The University committee tasked with improving disability access across Curtin.
- **VP-E:** Vice President – Education



## Representation Board Report October 14, 2022

### Higher Education Issues

#### **Jewish groups decry universities motion. The Australian**

Jewish groups have lashed Australia's academic union for "promoting hatred" in universities, demanding it rescind an "anti-Semitic" resolution against Israel.

Australian Jewish Association president David Adler described a National Tertiary Education Union council motion as "an attack on every Jew in Australia".

"Along with falsely accusing the only Jewish state of ethnic cleansing and apartheid, the motion calls for members to boycott the Jewish state and even refuse to take part in trips organised by Australian Jewish organisations," he said. "Those promoting such hatred should have no place in Australian universities."

The AJA's condemnation follows an NTEU council vote to ban its 27,000 university staff and academic members from accepting expenses-paid tours to Israel sponsored by "pro-Israel organisations".

In a motion passed at its national council meeting last week, the NTEU said Israeli academic institutions were "complicit in the violation of Palestinian rights through financial ties and collaboration with the Israeli army and arms manufacturers".

Citing Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, the NTEU said "Israel is committing the crime of apartheid".

"The NTEU stands against settler-colonial violence and land theft in Australia, Palestine and everywhere," the motion states. "Palestinian access to education, free expression and academic participation is severely restricted by apartheid, colonialism and ongoing violence against Palestinian students, academics and institutions.

"The NTEU is also concerned that academics, students and university staff who engage in critical scholarship of Israel, or who express support for Palestinian justice, have been subject to censure, deplatforming, and disciplinary action."

The NTEU motion also opposes "the adoption of policies that prohibit criticism of Israel by any Australian academic institution". And it rejects the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism, which includes "claiming the existence of Israel is a racist endeavour".

"The NTEU believes that adoption of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism at Australian universities should be opposed, as it would chill free speech, restrict academic freedom, and restrict peaceful political expression," the motion states.

Dr Adler said the NTEU was "spreading intolerance and hate".

"In a climate of rising anti-Semitism and attacks on Jews, including on Australian university campuses, this motion is likely to add fuel to the fire," he said.

“Jewish students repeatedly say they feel unsafe on campus and instead of standing with their students, these educators have taken the side of the attackers.”

An NTEU spokesman yesterday refused to rescind the motion, saying it was a “gross misrepresentation” to describe it as anti-Semitic.

“The union has a proud history of standing up against oppression and defending academic freedom,” he said.

“The NTEU opposes anti-Semitism and all prejudice in the strongest terms and will consult with Jewish academics and community organisations to determine how to address and counter anti-Semitism at universities.”

### **University of Adelaide joins six Australian institutions in Times Higher Education top 100. The Australian**

Australia now has seven universities in the world’s top 100 as ranked by Times Higher Education with the University of Adelaide joining the elite group.

The University of Melbourne remains Australia’s most highly ranked institution, slipping to 34th this year from 33rd last year.

Monash University is next at 44th place, after rising from 57th last year.

The University of Queensland (53rd), the University of Sydney (54th), the Australian National University (62nd) and UNSW (71st) also make the top 100, along with the University of Adelaide at 88th, up from 111th last year.

Other universities which remained in the top 200 were the University of WA at 131st, University of Technology Sydney at 133rd and Macquarie University at 175th.

There are signs that US universities are trending downwards in the Times Higher Education ranking. The number of US universities in the top 100 continues to fall, from a peak of 43 in 2018 to 34 this year.

### **Census 2021: Pandemic drives surge in post-school study. The Australian**

Australians are better educated than ever, after more than a million workers upgraded their post-school qualifications last year to protect their jobs or change careers during the pandemic, census data reveals.

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Pandemic skills shortages and the work-from-home revolution have steered more Australians into formal study, with 1.1 million tradies, trainees and university graduates last year upskilling through further post-school education to pandemic-proof careers.

Migrants are better educated than Australian-born residents, the 2021 census shows, reflecting Australia's skills-based migration program.

Of Australian-born residents, 56 per cent hold a post-school qualification, compared with 63 per cent of migrants.

Indian and Bangladeshi migrants are the most highly educated, with four out of five holding a post-school qualification.

The census shows Indian-born workers dominate the information technology sector here.

Two-thirds of software and applications programmers were born overseas, with 24,000 arriving since 2016 – mostly from India.

The rise in cyber security threats throughout the Covid-19 pandemic made "security science" the fastest-growing field of study in Australia last year.

Business remains the most popular field of study for Australian adults, with 1.1 million students enrolled last year.

Teaching was the second-most popular study choice, with 836,000 enrolments in university degrees and short postgraduate training courses. Nursing overtook building as the third-most popular subject, with women making up 90 per cent of enrolments.

Federal Education Department research shows university graduates are finding work faster – and earning more money – than a year ago.

The 2022 Graduate Outcomes Survey shows 91.5 per cent of graduates were working full-time three years after completing their studies, and earning a median salary of \$80,000 a year.

This compares with an 88.9 per cent employment rate, with a median salary of \$77,000, last year.

The Productivity Commission last week recommended the government extend student loans for university degrees to post-school qualifications such as diplomas, certificates and short courses.

### **Zoom picketing': students protest Sydney University staff cuts by disrupting online tutorials**

Campus authorities argue digital disruption is 'not protected action' and 'unlawful' while activists say they were forced into the creative tactic

Sydney University has threatened students striking for better staff working conditions with suspension for shutting down online tutorials via the new digital protest tactic of "Zoom picketing".

As students blocked seven entrances to the campus across Thursday and Friday, dozens more logged in to online tutorials with distributed links. The university had recommended teachers move their sessions to virtual meeting platform [Zoom](#) to avoid being impacted by the strikes.

It was the National Tertiary Education Union's fourth industrial action since May.

A Sydney University student who uses the online alias "Sean" was among three students threatened with disciplinary action in August when they attempted the tactic.

It was the first time protestors had used Zoom picketing, in addition to physical picket lines, by inundating digital tutorials with strikers who would attempt to force the shutdown of sessions. Once a tutorial link was acquired, protestors logged into the session en masse, disrupting the class by talking over the lecturer until teaching became unfeasible.

This week, dozens of classes were disrupted or cancelled across the campus and online. Many more were cancelled ahead of the strikes.

### **NUS Report: Locked Out of Youth Allowance: Student Poverty & Centrelink in Australia.**

Last week the National Union of Students released its report [Locked Out of Youth Allowance: Student Poverty & Centrelink in Australia](#). Drawing from surveys, interviews, polling and economic modelling, the report highlights the vivid intersectionality between being young and being poor.

The report says that more than 100,000 students are trying to live on \$26 a day.

The report says that half of students who live out of home to study aren't able to access youth allowance. Additionally, 110,000 students are attempting to live on a mere \$26 a day. One in seven students are regularly skipping meals because of financial hardship

The NUS is calling for:

- Lowering Centrelink's age of independence from 22 to 18,
- Lifting social security payments to above the poverty line (at least \$88 a day)
- Adjusting [Centrelink](#) payments twice a year with the cost of living,
- Updating rent assistance payments in line with market rents.

### **Work to begin on Clare's uni accord. Campus Morning Mail**

Education Minister Jason Clare says the terms of reference for the accord and the panel of "eminent Australians" to oversee the process will be announced next month.

**And the brief will be broad, "I want the outcome of this accord to define Australian higher education as one of the most accessible, equitable, integrated, quality systems in the world," Mr Clare told the University Chancellors Council yesterday.**

**He also said the government would respond "shortly" to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security report on risks at universities and that officials will work with universities on foreign interference.**

**Mr Clare's** announcement on the accord **must end optimists' faint hopes that the government will use this month's** budget to abolish or amend the coalition's Job Ready Graduates funding model, (under which arts, law and bized students pay just about all the cost of their course).

Mr Clare has previously said that the review of JRG built into its adoption will be part of the accord (CMM June 27).

Which would appear to mean JRG stays as is for '23.

### **More to the same in NHMRC funding. Campus Morning Mail**

With National Health and Medical Research Council Investigator grants announced, which institutions got what for all 2022 programmes is pretty much done

The overall outcome is an improvement on last year – just not a big one. **307 (16.4 per cent) grants were approved**, of 1 870 applications. This compares with 254 projects approved out of 1722 applications (14.8 per cent) last year.

The success rate for **women Chief Investigators is up this year**, to 19.2 per cent (166 of 863 applications)

There are 138 funded projects led by men (13.8 per cent of 999 applications).

Last year the success rate for women CIs was 12.9 per cent compared to 16.5 per cent for male CIs.

The **winners this year** are pretty much the same as they always are, with the **big five** accounting for close to 70 per cent of funds (\$359m of \$523m) – **add Walter and Eliza Hall's \$26m** and the research heavy weights account for nearly three quarters of funding.

Funding, plus success rate per total apps (compared to the 16.4 per cent national average) is **Monash U** \$74.3m (18 per cent), **Uni Melbourne** \$81.4m (22 per cent), **UNSW** \$84.5 (20 per cent), **Uni Queensland** \$42.2m (16 per cent) and **Uni Sydney** \$78.9m (18 per cent).

This is largely in-line with last year, (**Monash U** \$62.9m, **Uni Melbourne** \$80.4m, **UNSW** \$89.3m, **Uni Queensland** \$70.8m, **Uni Sydney** \$76.2m).

### **Job Ready Graduates scheme has little impact on student choice: PC. The Australian**

The Productivity Commission has delivered a "damning indictment" of the highly differential structure for university funding introduced by the former Morrison government, saying that a flat subsidy for all courses "could be more efficient and equitable".

In a new interim report released on Tuesday night the commission says the former Coalition government's aim of using differential subsidies to encourage students toward courses in which there was a perceived economic or social need was flawed. The report, the fifth in the commission's five year productivity inquiry (titled From learning to growth), says that methods for comparing the relative benefits of various courses in order to decide level of funding support are not reliable or, at a conceptual level, even valid.

It also says there are "significant limitations in methods used to estimate skill needs", meaning that the Coalition's attempt to relieve skill shortages through differential funding of courses was unlikely to succeed.

The commission urges governments not to try to influence student choice. "Students appear to make good choices of their own volition," the report says. It recommends they consider

tertiary education policy in a broader way, including thinking about how to teach, as well as what to teach.

“There is some urgency in addressing these challenges. The population of post-school students is expected to increase by 20 per cent over the decade to 2030.”

Group of Eight universities CEO Vicki Thomson said the report was “a damning indictment” of Job Ready Graduates.

“Go8 modelling indicates that by 2024 we will be expected to teach an additional 5,000 students but with a \$100 million decrease in our base funding thanks to this flawed policy, which the commission notes is underpinned by little public information about how or why certain courses received less or more funding.”

### **WA university staff fight for ban on calls. WA Today**

A dispute between Perth’s Curtin University and its staff has taken an odd turn, with the industrial umpire rejecting a proposed ban on answering phone calls.

Union representatives had sought to include the ban on responding to calls and emails on a protected industrial action ballot to be put to members at Curtin.

But the Fair Work Commission ruled against the proposal and a series of other submitted questions, which it said were too ambiguous for academic staff to understand.

The National Tertiary Education Union, which is representing Curtin members in their bid to secure a pay rise and improved conditions, has appealed the decision, labelling it “a bizarre attack on attempted industrial action”.

University lawyers used a commission hearing to cross-examine staff about the definition of answering a phone call or emails.

In her decision, commission deputy president Melanie Binet said witnesses had differed on their understanding of the ban.

“Some understood the ban to be limited to physically picking up the phone or selecting the reply function on an email but understood the ban to permit responding to a message left on voicemail when the phone went unanswered or replying to an email in separate chain,” her decision stated.

Binet, an industrial lawyer appointed by the former Coalition government, ruled against eight questions submitted by the union.

They included proposed bans on participating in university events, attending campuses, working outside of usual hours and meeting with managers or executives.

### **The Employment White Paper consultation commences, with Treasury accepting submissions.**

The Employment White Paper (the White Paper) will provide a roadmap for Australia to build a bigger, better-trained and more productive workforce – to boost incomes and living standards and create more opportunities for more Australians.

The White Paper will build on the outcomes of the Jobs and Skills Summit and will have an overarching focus on the objectives of full employment and productivity growth for the benefit of all Australians, along with women's economic participation and equality.

It will explore issues, frameworks and policy approaches relevant to the future of Australia's labour market over the medium and long term and will take into account a diverse range of perspectives from across Australia, including from representatives of civil society, unions, employers and governments.

### **Student loans are getting bigger and hurting Australians' chances of buying their own home. The Guardian**

Higher education debts are now far more likely to affect personal or home loan applications as soaring student debt adds to the skyrocketing cost of living and housing pressures.

About 2.9 million Australians currently owe a share of more than \$68.7bn under the federal government's Higher Education Loan Program (Help) – previously the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (Hecs). More than 1.3 million people last year each had student debts worth more than \$20,000.

Data from the Australian Taxation Office shows that in 2005, the percentage of Help debtors who owed more than \$10,000 was 47.51%. It's now more than 72%.

Larger debt and higher repayments are increasingly affecting people hoping to access a home loan, David Thurmond from Mortgage Choice tells Guardian Australia.

"The Hecs repayment is like a credit card payment or a car loan – it's a liability that the banks have to account for, so it will decrease your borrowing capacity," Thurmond says.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/sep/19/student-loans-are-getting-bigger-and-hurting-australians-chances-of-buying-their-own-home>



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### International Student Committee – Meeting #09

Held at 10 am on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

At The Bridge

## MINUTES

### Meeting opened at 10:06 am

#### 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; Ashok Radhakrishnan, Tazkeya Sohrab, Ginina Torreliza, Ling Tan, Kimheng Diep, Riley Brown (Online)
- 2.2. Others Present;
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Kriztel Compas, Bhaarith Kathiravan, Francine Roberts
- 2.4. Absent;

#### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

No conflict of interest declared

#### 4. Introductions: ISC team

#### 5. Motions - Nil

#### 6. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes – Nil

#### 7. Verbal Reports

- 7.1. President – Ashok Radhakrishnan  
The ISC president gave a verbal update on the board meetings attended. This included updates on international student issues, the recent migration information session event and the meetings attended this semester.
- 7.2. Vice President – Education – Tazkeya Sohrab  
No report
- 7.3. Vice President – Activities – Ginina Torreliza  
The ISC vice president of activities suggested social events at the Tav such as an end of year sundowner, the proposal plan will be submitted to the ISC president for consideration first before potentially going ahead with the event planning.
- 7.4. Secretary – Ling Tan  
The ISC secretary received an email from a student requesting interview of ISC member for assignment was received, reply to student was handled by Ashok.
- 7.5. Business & Law – Kriztel Compas



Apologies for absence

- 7.6. Health Sciences – Francine Roberts  
Apologies for absence

- 7.7. Humanities – Riley Brown  
The ISC faculty of humanities representative suggested a clothes swap or flea market event for Semester 1 2023, the proposal plan will be submitted to the ISC president for consideration first before potentially going ahead with the event planning.

- 7.8. Science & Engineering – Bhaarath Kathiravan  
Apologies for absence

- 7.9. Councillor – Kimheng Diep  
No report

8. Business on Notice - Nil

9. General Business

9.1. Events Semester 2, 2022

Review and reflection of previous Migration Information Session event on 2 September. ISC members encouraged to continue good rapport with business partner Pathway Migration and Education Agents.

Run-through on upcoming ISC including Donut Giveaway on 27 September and Pasar Malam at the end of the semester.

Budget and event planning process clarified by Ashok and Ginina to the ISC team.

**ACTION: ISC members to help and engage with students during upcoming events.**

9.2. Meetings

Run-through on different meetings that ISC attends. Update from Ashok on matters discussed in Academic Board meeting, Learning and Student Experience Committee meeting. Highlight of issues faced by international students include transitioning to onshore study and placements particularly in the faculty of health sciences.

Faculty meetings will be sent from Ashok to the ISC Faculty representatives to attend when applicable.

**ACTION: Upcoming Representation Board meeting on 15 September to be attended by Ashok and observed by some members of the ISC.**

9.3. Social Media

Established new social media team within ISC. Social media team will require access to social media accounts and will work collectively to share information, promote events, and engage with students online.

**ACTION: Login details will be provided from Ashok to social media team members (Ginina, Tazkeya, Ling, Kim).**

9.4. Individual Photos for Guild Website and Social Media

ISC Guild website and social media needs to be updated with all ISC members photos, roles, and introduction.

**ACTION: ISC members to email to Ben from Guild Digital Team to request for photo taking.**

9.5. Curtin Extra

Curtin Extra requirements, process and deadline clarified by Ashok and Ling to the ISC team. Some ISC members are new and require email access to complete Curtin Extra.

**ACTION: Ashok to request access for members who need access to their ISC email and Curtin Extra (Tazkeya, Bhaarath, Francine, Kim).**

ISC members discussed student issues and gave suggestions to improve student experience. There is discussion on conducting a workshop in Semester 1 2023 about fair work specific to international students with visa requirements.

**Meeting closed 10:37 am**

10. Next Meeting

To be announced.



# Student Guild of Curtin University

10 am on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

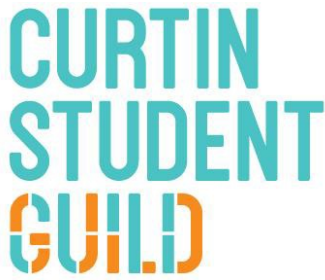
## **Declaration of Approval of Meeting Minutes**

I declare that the minutes of the International Student Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, have been approved and are true and accurate.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashok".

Ashok  
Radhakrishnan  
ISC Chairperson



## Student Guild of Curtin University

International Student Committee – Meeting #10

Held at 10 am on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

At The Bridge

# MINUTES

**Meeting opened at 10:10am.**

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; Ashok Radhakrishnan, Tazkeya Sohrab, Ling Tan, Riley Brown
- 2.2. Others Present; Hameed Mohammad
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Ginina Torreliza, Kriztel Compas, Bhaarath Kathiravan, Francine Roberts, Kimheng Diep
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

No conflict of interest declared

4. Introductions: Vice President of Education

5. Motions - Nil

6. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes – Nil

Motion: That the International Student Committee approves the previous meeting held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September as true and accurate record of those proceedings.

Moved: Tazkeya Sohrab

Seconded: Ling Tan

7. Verbal Reports

7.1. President – Ashok Radhakrishnan

The ISC president has been working on Pasar Malam 2022 discussions with the Guild event coordinator. From the Academic Board meeting attended by the president, there is discussion for an extension of the 50% discount for on-campus accommodation at UniLodge. From the September ISC meeting, email access has been provided for all ISC members and representative photos have been taken for most members. The Donut Giveaway event was also a success.

**ACTION: ISC Members to check their email twice (morning and evening) per day.**

**ACTION: ISC Secretary to arrange for remaining representative photos to be taken.**

7.2. Vice President – Education – Tazkeya Sohrab

The ISC Vice President – Education did not receive any emails or enquiries from students.

7.3. Vice President – Activities – Ginina Torreliza

Apologies for absence.

7.4. Secretary – Ling Tan

The ISC Secretary received an email from a student enquiring about studying under a scholarship as an international student at Curtin. A reply was sent and the email is shared with the ISC President and ISC Vice Present – Education. No further action required now.

7.5. Business & Law – Kriztel Compas

Apologies for absence.

7.6. Health Sciences – Francine Roberts

Apologies for absence.

7.7. Humanities – Riley Brown

The ISC Faculty of Humanities representative is working on the clothing swap event proposal for next semester. ISC Vice Present – Activities will also be giving advice if required. ISC President will aid with the proposal draft process.

**ACTION: ISC Faculty of Humanities representative to liaise with ISC President and ISC Vice President – Activities to complete event proposal.**

7.8. Science & Engineering – Bhaarath Kathiravan (Written Report)

The ISC Faculty of Science and Engineering representative has submitted a written report attached at the end of this document. He attended a meeting with StudyPerth which highlighted international student's lack of awareness about the organisation and support offered. StudyPerth is looking for a partnership with the ISC and Curtin to extend their resources to international students at Curtin.

**ACTION: ISC Faculty of Science and Engineering representative to work with ISC President and the ISC team to build the partnership with StudyPerth.**

7.9. Councillor – Kimheng Diep

Apologies for absence.

8. Business on Notice

8.1. Pasar Malam 2022

The event will be held on Friday, 11 November 2022 from 5pm to 10pm. The event coordinator is requesting for assistance from ISC with set-up and organization during the event. The ISC President is working on inviting VIPs to the event and is requesting compulsory attendance from all members (apologies from ISC Secretary received as she will be out of Western Australia).

The ISC Secretary ran through the experience from Pasar Malam 2021 and shared the reflection and feedback from last year. Greater organization of volunteering hours and

emcee is required for the event to run smoother and ensure the welfare of volunteers.

**ACTION: ISC Secretary to email all members with more information on the event and requirements (compulsory attendance, volunteering hours etc.).**

**ACTION: Emcee role to be filled by ISC member(s) by Friday, 14 October 2022.**

**ACTION: ISC President to work on potential solutions for welfare of ISC members and volunteers at the event. Planning of solutions include catered food, food vouchers, staff queues and shifted breaks.**

#### 8.2. Curtin Extra

ISC members need to log their own working hours and await approval from the ISC President. Members must also complete the modules. Tier 1 requires a minimum of 20 logged hours. The deadline is 30 November 2022. The preparation and volunteering hours at Pasar Malam would contribute 12 hours directly.

**ACTION: ISC members to complete Curtin Extra requirements as stated above.**

#### 8.3. Future of ISC – Where do we go from here?

The current term ends on 30 November 2022. Guild Elections for the 2023 term will happen in February 2023 where nomination forms will be sent out from Guild. Current ISC members would be running for same position.

**ACTION: ISC members to inform ISC President if they are continuing or leaving ISC.**

#### 8.4. Team Meal

The ISC President is initiating a casual ISC team meal before the end of Semester 2, 2022.

**ACTION: ISC members to fill in their availability in the ISC Availability Google sheet.**

#### 8.5. Curtin Parking Campaign

Hameed, Guild Vice President – Education, is requesting support from the ISC to help with the Curtin Parking Campaign. The aim is to create a fair parking system by obtaining more than 10,000 signatures for the petition. The campaign will include flyer distribution and social media posts to gather more signatures for the online petition.

Campaigning hours will be added to Curtin Extra and a voucher is provided for the time. Interested participants can join the campaign between 10am and 4pm from Wednesday 12 October to Friday 14 October.

**ACTION: ISC members to check for an email from Hameed and fill in their availabilities.**

### 9. General Business

International students are welcome to discuss student issues or any suggestions to improve student experience.

**Meeting closed 10.42am.**

10. Next Meeting

To be announced.

## **ISC Science and Engineering Representative Report**

On the instruction of ISC president I went for a meeting with the Study with Perth Organisation and met with the CEO of study with Perth and we discussed a lot about how the organisation can help university students with the resource they have got.

- The first obligation they put front is that most university students doesn't know that such a organisation exist and so they can't avail the resource and use it
- And so we discussed if the university students want to know about them they wanted to post few of the updates by government that is in benefit of the student in a combined post in social media with the guild or university social media page
- And they explained all the benefits that they offer for students like career council, career building, job seeking, counselling for students for their stress and depression, availing of government schemes and funds allotted for student, and also since this organisation is a Government funded they have huge funds to help University students with their problems, study Perth also wanted to make sure that all International students get the student fund allotted by students this semester but many students are un aware of this fund given by government but they can help the students guide on how they can get it
- We also discussed on how they can approach the students like conducting seminars and events for students as they felt only keeping a stall in Gday among other stall doesn't help them reach out to students

They requested that our IT team contact them so they can discuss on the template Idea.





# Student Guild of Curtin University

10 am on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **Declaration of Approval of Meeting Minutes**

I declare that the minutes of the International Student Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, have been approved and are true and accurate.

Signed,

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Ashok  
Radhakrishnan  
ISC Chairperson



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Postgraduate Student Committee – Meeting #08

Held at 4 pm on Thursday the 29th of September 2022

In Bridge

## MINUTES

### Meeting opened at 4:05 pm

#### 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

Members Present; Hameed Mohammad, Mitchell Craig, Timothy Ian McDougall, Debs Chaliha, Ashok Radhakrishnan, Mitra Elmi, Vishaal Ananth, Anoob David Raj

Others Present; May Majimbi

Apologies and Leave of Absence; Alphy Chacko, Siana Wardell, Dharsini Premramesh, Gail Yawen Liang,

Absent;

#### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

#### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Moved: Timothy Ian McDougall

Seconded: Hameed Mohammad

#### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

##### 1. Verbal Reports

##### 5.1. President – Hameed Mohammad

Hammed talked about the PSC got talent event and said only a few members registered so far. And asked PSC members to promote the event as much as possible. And he will give flyers and promote the events at socials. And told that winners would be awarded. And he explains how Mitch is working well as acting PSC president and how he's working on his KPIs.

Debs asked about the judging panel for the talent show, and Hameed said Jessica Adams and Carla from the events team and February VP activities would be judging. And Hameed will be assisting them in judging too.

##### 5.2. Acting President/ Science & Engineering Representative – Mitchell Craig (Written Report Attached)

Mitch added a few points in addition to his written report. Mitch and Debs met DPVC and

the Dean L&T of Health Sciences. There was some good progress in the meeting related to some issues. Mitch attended a lunch with the DVCR with many PSC members. Additionally he has been working on replying to emails and has been added to the membership of the academic board, research committee, and LSEC.

We need to promote the PSC Got talent event furthermore. The student inquiries he's been getting have been sorted, got another inquiry from a Ph.D. student for purposes of taking a survey and wanted to know where they could find some students to survey, he recommended some high traffic locations.

5.3. Vice President – Coursework – Timothy Ian McDougal

Tim didn't get any emails or enquires from students and attended the DVCR lunch meeting with other PSC members. And he's happy to help on upcoming events.

5.4. Vice President – Research – Debs Chaliha

Debs is unsure what's going on with your DGR sessions and needs to talk with kylie Munyard for Health Sciences and ask Mitra to organize with her. Mitra asked about what the event was all about. Debs said it was supposed to be handled by the Health Science representative, but the position is vacant now. And she is unsure who will talk with Kelly about your DGR sessions in Health Sciences.

Mitch asked Mitra if she was able to assist Debs in bringing these sessions to the faculty, and Mitra agreed on that.

Debs asked whether to speak regarding the stationary issues, and Mitra said she's been asking about this same issue with Andrew and Julia. Mitch suggested that the stationaries to HDR students should be uniform across the university and that the PSC could enquire about this with GRS.

5.5. Secretary – Ashok Radhakrishnan

Ashok didn't get any emails from students, and he's been working with Hameed and Mitch to set up meetings and other events.

5.6. Business & Law – Dharsini Premramesh

5.7. Health Sciences – Vacant

Debs is covering health science representatives as a standby. And said she doesn't know exactly what's happening in the faculty and hasn't heard anything from the previous representative.

5.8. Humanities – Siana Wardell (Written Report attached)

5.9. Councillors

Mitra said that accessing the PSTN quarter was by September end. And there are still budget issues, and the old students are also facing the issues.

Mitch wants to ask how the quarterly access works and whether they know about the international students receiving this scholarship.

And Mitch said that R drive outage from 30th September, 5:00 Pm, till 3rd October, 7:00 am because they are installing new AWS storage gateways.

**Action: Mitch to follow up with Lindy**

Motion: That the Postgraduate Student Committee approves the reports.

Moved: Ashok Radhakrishnan

Seconded: Timothy Ian McDougall

2. Business on Notice

5.10. PSC got Talent 2022

Hameed said the event would be held on 5 October from 5-7 pm at Tav, and registrations are open for students. PSC team is recommended to promote the events in socials and place the flyers around the campus and not in kitchens or wherever it is not permitted to place the flyers. And each participant can perform for 3-5 minutes. The top three performers' gifts are \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively.

5.11. Student Leadership Summit 2022

The PSC team is planning to conduct Student Leadership Summit in November third week, and Hameed wants full attendance from the PSC team. PSC is planning to get in Senator Fatima and MP's and vice Chancellor and director of Guild to be present

for the event. Timothy said it is good to have it after the second week of November, as it is an exam week. The event can last for two to three hours. ISC team is also collaborating with PSC in organizing this event.

5.12. PSC – where to go from here?

Hameed asked other PSC members if they wanted any staff party, and Mitch could use the PSC budget for this event. Mitch will check with everyone and then decide when and where it could be done.

5.13. Submission of a Report to University Research Committee on HDR Matters

On behalf of the DVCR, the Committee secretary suggested that Mitch gave a submission to the University Research Committee on issues facing HDR students. Mitch said he needs input from HDR students on what issues they are facing and can do a briefing paper for the research committee in November, so he has ample time to complete it. Hameed asked the student assist May Majimbi if there had been issues in the past where students come to the student assist team regarding HDR issues. She said she is unsure about any particular issues and will ask Jo Ann, her line manager, to get back to PSC next week. Hameed said. It could be helpful if student assists get in touch and put their names in the briefing paper, and all those helping, and Mitch will be representing it.

Mitch said he would present the data in graphs to make it easier for others to understand.

**Action: Mitch to contact student assist regarding the briefing paper**

6. General Business

Debs suggested sending out the Feedback for HDR issues on socials and can create a link so that the students can submit their issues. Hameed said to plan with the digital engagement team, Ben.

**Action: Mitch and Hameed can send emails to all postgraduates.**

Vishal said there is a fine imposed on a student for triggering the fire alarm while cooking in a Unilodge accommodation and have got fine to pay. He asked what we can do to support that student. And Hameed said it would be good if the student sent an email to the PSC president so they can see how it can be sorted out.

May Majimbi suggested that running the survey through Curtin Qualtrics through links could be good, which more is engaging. Mitch said it would be sent in a Google form or Qualtrics on Facebook.

**Meeting Closed at 5:01 pm.**

7. Next Meeting – TBA

*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 Acting President Report**

I am very new to the role (approx. 1 week at time of writing this report) so my report will be short.

Meeting with DVC – Research and other postgrad students, multiple topics

- IT equipment
- R drive
- Mentoring
- Harassment issues
- Working conditions for HDR students
- Access to funds
- Stipend payments

Meeting with Hameed and Debs to prep for placements meeting

Meeting with Health Sciences DPVC & Dean L&T re placements – Meeting summary attached

### [Health Sciences Meeting Summary re Placements](#)

The DPVC and Dean L&T of Health Sciences have agreed that students be allowed to have preferred names and the option of including their pronouns on name badges for placements. I believe this is something that can be implemented on our side with Gmart.

The flow chart for reporting incidents is currently being reviewed with a separate reporting method for reporting Emergency incidents. I said that we would like to engage and be consulted on the flow chart and was directed to contact Melinda Simpson, Director of Health and Safety, directly on this matter.

Reasonable adjustments for disabilities are something that should be dealt with through the placement facilities. In terms of reporting disabilities to AHPRA that is a legal requirement that the university is bound to fulfil and they will look into providing the reporting information page from the AHPRA website to students.

They have said that students may take leave from their placement sites for mental health reasons in the same way that they would if they had a physical illness or injury. This should be dealt with via the assessment extension process with self certification still available at the moment and students should only need to make up the number of days that they miss. They do not need to repeat the entire placement and extension applications of this nature will be looked on favourably.

As many placements are with the health department, the understanding is that WA Health and other individual placement organisations have training in place for their staff on cultural and religious sensitivity as well as the use of pronouns.

If students believe they have had an unfair mark or that the mark they receive is not reflective of their performance on a placement they may avail themselves of the assessment appeals process in the same way as any other assessment.

CHARM reports are investigated directly and rigorously by health and safety, not the UCs, there are legal requirements as to investigation of incidents and confidentiality of reports however confidentiality of reports is not guaranteed where the nature of the incident means it is obvious who has reported it. Guild may assist the student in filling out a report in CHARM.

Students should report things that might be a pattern of behaviour as well as specific incidents that occur. They should also include in the CHARM report any fear of retribution or concern over how reporting something may affect a mark or otherwise impact them.

CHARM user guides and videos can be found at the following link

[https://healthandsafety.curtin.edu.au/event\\_and\\_hazard/index.html](https://healthandsafety.curtin.edu.au/event_and_hazard/index.html) .There is also now an app available for both iOS and Android, details of which can be found at the above link.

Exam clashes are usually when students take units from other schools, requests for alternate exam/clash would be considered.

Preferred placements/variation in placements are a COVID issue and should start to normalise now. Geographical placement issues also relate to COVID and also some specialties are location specific.

Verbal communication about learning contracts to students before placing students on them to be fed back to schools.

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## **PSC Science & Engineering Representative Report**

Faculty board – Standard, No follow up

R&D committee

Graduate Studies Committee

- Raised stipend payment issues
- New Sci-Eng dean of research EOI open
- Internship processes still being reviewed and implemented
- HDR space review for the faculty – consultation on this should occur, contact project coordinator Donna Morrison
- Still issues with unqualified students being chosen by supervisors for projects, this seems to be a process issue with supervisors unable to determine whether masters from other institutions meet entry requirements. GRS to review process
- Molecular and Life Sciences symposium 2<sup>nd</sup> December – I should attend
- Follow up with Tammy on meeting with Dean Research & Dean International re: postgrad/international end of year event

Consultation with student – details passed to undergrad rep, issue resolved

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## **PSC Humanities Representative Report**

I have been in contact with the heads of the school of education about starting professional development sessions for Curtin education students with the support of the PSC president and Guild humanities rep. They have advised they will get back to me to organise a meeting to discuss the proposal at a later date as they are currently discussing changes to the course.