



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board - Meeting #8

Thursday the 19 August 2021

100.301

Meeting opened 6.13pm

Minutes

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

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

2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Bridge Truell; Jesse Naylor Zambrano; Michael Farrell; Madison Ainsworth; Lucy Rohl; Dylan Botica; Ilona McGuire; Hameed Mohammad; Jason Kim (online); Clare Metcalf (online); Fang-Yu (Cherry) Chen (online); Dax Jagoe (online); Chris MacFarlane
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary); Jo-Ann Naidu (online)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Cassidy Pemberton; Isabel Mountain; Ali Rose Bolton
- 2.4. Absent;

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

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

6.18 pm meeting halted because of technical issues with online attendees.

6.23pm meeting resumed.

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22/07/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Resolved RB 27-21

Moved: BridgeTruell

Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

6. Items Not for Discussion. None

7. Reports

- 4.1. President – As tabled. Jesse added to her report with an overview of the Tuition Free Speak out. About 25 people attended. No questions.
- 4.2. Vice President – Education – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – As tabled. In addition, Dylan Botica reported on Board Effect meeting management software. Dylan said he was investigating whether its adoption by the Guild would improve the administration of committee meetings such as Representation Board and Council meetings. Dylan said he was investigating if the Guild could use Curtin licenses.
- 4.4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – As tabled. In addition, Jason Kim responded to a query about his attendance at Orientation events. In semester one, Jason attended one online event and one activity based event. He did not get permission to attend the Faculty event, as there were time restrictions. This occurred again in semester two. Jason said that in future, the Faculty was looking at changing these events to provide the opportunity for the Science and Engineering Representative to speak. Jason was asked about the acronym CCVREng (Curriculum Course Review for the Bachelor of Engineering). For accessibility purposes, it was decided to use full name of an acronym in first mention.
- 4.5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative –As tabled. No questions.
- 4.6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.7. Student Assist – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.8. International Students Committee President – Vacant. Jesse answered a question about whether the position had been filled during the casual election. Jesse said that the position was not filled and no decision had been made about whether to appoint someone for the rest of the year.
- 4.9. Postgraduate Students Committee President. New PSC President Hameed Mohammad was welcomed. Hameed said that he was looking to bring positive change for postgraduate students.
- 4.10. Queer Officer. Lucy asked about upcoming events for Queer Department. Dax Jagoe said that they were meeting with the events team soon.
- 4.11. Women’s Officer. Report submitted. Jesse asked about the benefits and drawbacks of coordinating a discord server. Dax said they were available to answer queries as they helped Cassidy set up discord.
- 4.12. First Nations Officer. Ilona McGuire was welcomed to the committee. Ilona spoke

about the mural workshop. There were no students, however Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) representatives attended and discussed the First Nations role.

- 4.13. Accessibility Officer. As tabled. In addition, Clare spoke about the Terrarium workshops. Clare was asked about sign up strategy. It was not overly successful on O Day. People did not want to use QR code. Not a high uptake for the accessibility meet and greet.
- 4.14. Higher Education Developments – Maryanne Shaddick answered a query about the Council of Chancellors.
- 4.15. Chair of the Representation Board*

Meeting paused for one minute at 6.32pm and resumed at 6.33pm due to technical difficulties

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports

Resolved RB 28-21

Moved: Lucy Rohl

Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1 Refugee and Asylum Seeker Rights

Motion: The Curtin Student Guild supports the right of all refugees and asylum seekers to immediate settlement, healthcare and permanent visas in Australia.

The Guild also endorses the Tamil Refugee Council's 'No detention, no deportation: Permanent protection for the Murugappan family' protest on the 4th September, 3pm at Forrest Chase.

Actions: The Guild promote the demonstration through its social media pages and around the Guild precinct.

Chris Macfarlane spoke to the motion. He said that the Federal Government was due to make a decision within 30 days. Dylan Botica noted that he looked after the child in his role as nurse.

Resolved RB 29-21

Moved: Chris MacFarlane

Seconded: Lucy Rohl

Carried

One abstention (Jason Kim)

8.2. Representation Board Agenda

Motion: That the Representation Board recommend changes to its constitution and/or Guild By-Laws to the Legal Committee for the following purposes:

- Establishing duties and responsibilities for the Chair of the Representation Board.
- Evaluating and updating any other sections deemed appropriate by Legal Committee.

Lucy Rohl spoke about the importance of making sure the terms used in the constitution were up to date. Lucy said that it was important to outline the role of Chair of Representation Board. Lucy commented on the draft duties and responsibilities item about submitting a report to the Representation Board noting this was voluntary. Jesse said that the Chair of Representation Board was remunerated for two hours a week and said that the role was left vague so as not to be too prescriptive on someone's time. Dylan said the document would be recommended to Legal Committee and he had prepared a rough draft of what the duties and responsibilities could look like.

Resolved RB-30-21

Moved: Clare Metcalf.

Seconded: Lucy Rohl

Carried

9. General Business.

Bridge Truell requested suspension of standing orders.

Carried.

Motion. The Representation Board stands in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan both those still there and those fleeing and with the Afghan communities of Australia.

Moved. Bridge Truell.

Seconded. Madison Ainsworth

Solidarity with Afghanistan

Preamble: On August 15th, as US troops withdrew from their 20-year occupation of Afghanistan, the capital city of Kabul was captured by Taliban forces. A number of violent clashes have occurred in the following days, with many residents of Kabul and other captured areas retreating to their homes and thousands flooding to the Kabul Airport after the Taliban claimed all border crossings. Negotiations between the government and the Taliban are ongoing, but it currently appears that unconditional surrender from the current government will be accepted. The restoration of Taliban rule is concerning for a variety of reasons and many Afghans (particularly women) have begun speaking out on the dangers this situation represents for them, their families, and their city.

Actions:

- The Representation Board stands in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan (both those who are still there and those currently fleeing) and with the Afghan communities of Australia.

- The Representation Board reinforces its stance that the right to seek asylum is a fundamental human right, welcomes those who have arrived in Perth this evening, and encourages our State & Federal governments to extend this support to as many affected people as possible.
- The Representation Board endorses the WA Peaceful Rally in Solidarity with Afghanistan that is taking place this Sunday at 11am in Forrest Chase.

Chris MacFarlane spoke about the role of Australian Government. He was concerned about the rally in case it called for Australian military to remain in Afghanistan.

Chris requested an amendment to the motion.

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Resolved RB 31-21

Motion:

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The Representation Board reinforces its stance that the right to seek asylum is a fundamental human right, welcomes those who have arrived in Perth this evening, and encourages our State & Federal governments to extend this support to as many affected people as possible.

The Representation Board recognises the disastrous role played by the US and Australian occupation of Afghanistan

The Representation Board supports future actions that oppose the occupation and demand the Australian Government give permanent protection to Afghan refugees

Moved: Bridge Truell

Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

The amendment was amendable to Bridge and Madison.

Carried

Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about a concept for a student central building on campus. She asked the committee for their feedback about what facilities and uses it could have. Suggestions included a student kitchen, online class areas, projector facilities for presentations, rooms for clubs; food vending machines, café, clubs storage, equity rooms similar to spaces in the library, relaxation spaces, and course specific common room. Another suggestion was to have space for welfare organisations to use. Jesse suggested the committee members email her with any additional feedback.

Meeting closed 7.18pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is TBC at 6pm to be held at Council

Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 16th of September to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au