



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board - Meeting #3

To be held at 6PM on Thursday the 18th of March 2021

In Council Chambers (100.301)
Meeting started at 6.08

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; Cassidy Pemberton, Jason Kim, Cherry Chen, Madison Ainsworth, Lucy Rohl, Clare Metcalf, Chris MacFarlane, Bridge Truell, Dax Jagoe, Jesse Naylor Zambrano, Fatma Sehic, Christian Moreno, May Majimbi
 - 2.2. Others Present; Jo-Ann Naidu (online); Robert Vusak, David Scott
 - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Isabel Mountain, Michael Farrell, Shaniqua Cutinha, 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:

Resolved RB#5-2021

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18/02/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Dax Jagoe

Seconded: Lucy Rohl

Moved to pass the minutes with the correction made to the spelling of Lucy Rohl's surname and amendment to 8.6.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes N/A
6. Items Not for Discussion
It was noted that the position of First Nations officer was declared vacant.
7. Reports
 1. President – Submitted. Jesse Naylor Zambrano added an update on the education campaign and there was a discussion about the elements of the awareness campaign. Jesse said 40 new to Curtin's have expressed interest in being involved in the first year committee and Fatma Sehic updated the committee on the call for nominations.
 2. Vice President – Education. The report was as tabled. There was a discussion

about WASM issues.

3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative. The report was taken as tabled. It was noted that there was a blurring of the line about when clubs liaised with schools and when Guild representatives should do it.
4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative. As tabled. It was noted in addition that there were 46 disciplinary panel cases. There was a lower engagement in Evaluate and the faculty was trying to discover why. There was discussion about whether Evaluate was fit for purpose.
5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative. Report as tabled. The meeting with the Head of School took place. It was noted that there was to be a follow up meeting in 2 weeks. The committee was updated about the progress toward having face to face learning resume in the School of Nursing. It was noted that there were no assurances of a return to face to face prior to semester 2. Some students had complained to the ombudsman.
6. Faculty of Humanities Representative. As tabled. In addition there was discussion about students who were unhappy that the undergraduate information studies course was being phased out and Curtin had not communicated this to students. Madison also raised the point that many students appeared not to know what faculty their area of study was in.
7. International Students Committee President. As tabled. Dax Jagoe raised the issue of Rottnest Island's history and wondered if the ISC event should not take place. Cristian spoke about the proposed ISC restructure.
8. Postgraduate Students Committee President. As tabled. In addition it was noted that there was a Sundowner on Friday 26.March and that there were not enough submissions for the committee.

9. Queer Officer - As tabled. In addition Dax Jagoe noted the recent Meet and Greet and spoke about distributing the We Need to Pee posters. Dax said they would be looking at help from Curtin Allies.
10. Women's Officer- As tabled. Cassidy reported a meeting with the UWA Women's Officer at which the potential for a joint event was discussed. Cassidy spoke at the Women's March for Justice and contributed a piece for Damsel magazine. It was also noted that meetings and or communication had taken about a Curtin Card Games event, Soroptimist International and Women Against Sexual Violence. May Majimbi congratulated Cassidy on her work.
11. Indigenous Officer – Not Submitted. May Majimbi asked if the Guild could seek support from CAS on First Nation issues.
12. Accessibility Officer –. As tabled. It was reported that feedback from Quiet Time had been taken onboard. Clare Metcalf attended the Universal Design Work Committee. The equity collective was discussed. Clare said that captioning was very important to this group and that captioning for all students would not replace accessibility captioning. It was noted that there was a four week wait time for accessibility services. A World Autism event was coming up and March meet and greet.
13. Student Assist – Verbal report. Jo-Ann Naidu discussed academic discipline mismanagement, financial counselling for students who needed payment plans. It was revealed that 1000 students received notices including 500 domestic students.. Food aid was no longer online.
14. Higher Education Developments. A verbal report was delivered.
15. Chair of Reps board report. It was noted that the meetings of the Representation Board were now. The chair was preparing written actions from Representation Board meetings.

Resolved RB#6-2021

Clare Metcalf moved that the reports be accepted. This was seconded by Cassidy. Motion passed.

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution
 - 8.1. Ecosia at Curtin

Resolved RB#7-2021

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild endorses Ecosia being set as the default search engine on all computers at campus.

Moved: Jason Kim

Seconded: Cassidy Pemberton

Jason spoke to the motion. There was a query about whether it could handle the amount of traffic from a university. It was noted it has almost the functionality of google with less advertisements. The motion was passed.

- 8.2. Myanmar Solidarity

Resolved RB#8-2021

Motion: The Curtin Student Guild expresses its firm solidarity with the people of Myanmar who are fighting the military coup of February 1. The Curtin Student Guild supports the Civil Disobedience Movement's call for:

- An end to the military coup
- A return to democracy
- An end to the constitution of 2008
- The release of all political prisoners

There was discussion about the issue and it was noted that 500 students had been arrested. ACTION. Post on social media share something from Civil Disobedience Movement.

Moved: Chris MacFarlane

Seconded: Dax Jogoe

Motion passed

9. General Business

A request was made to suspend standing orders. Standing orders were suspended.

Resolved RB#9-2021

Motion. Curtin Student Guild condemns the passing of the motion opposing gender neutral language (in official government materials) by the Australian Senate as a step backwards in human rights and personal freedom, and supports the rights of individuals and organisations to choose and use the terminology that works for them. These agencies should be free to use the terminology that they believe is most appropriate, and the Government should not be deciding this terminology for them. The passing of the motion is discriminatory and is clearly a conservative backlash against attempts to be more inclusive of transgender, non-binary and gender non confirming people in our society.

Moved Dax Jagoe

Seconded Clare Metcalf

Motion passed

There was discussion about Evaluate in terms of reported drop in engagement and satisfaction. It was agreed that there would be a discussion at Executive. ACTION. Jesse to follow up.

Cristian spoke about the frustration of international students with regard to their university fees. He asked what action the Guild was going to take. There was a suggestion that Cristian speak at the forthcoming rally. It was noted that the Guild had demanded a 20% decrease for offshore international students and that on-shore students had requested the return of face-to-face education.

There was a discussion about staff concerns.

ACTION. Executive to hold a meeting regarding international student issues.

ACTION. Special meeting of the Representation Board to be convened with regard to blended learning

A guest to the Representation Board meeting, David Scott spoke to the Learning For Tomorrow proposal.

Jesse requested to go in camera. The meeting was moved in camera.

Following the resumption of the meeting out of camera, there was further discussion about the Learning for Tomorrow proposal and the best strategy to adopt to raise concerns about blended learning.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 22 April 2021 at 6PM to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 15 April 2021 to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au