



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Representation Board - Meeting #04

14 March 2024

Council Chambers

# MINUTES

Meeting commenced @5:39pm

## 1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

*"The Curtin Student Guild pays 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

21. Members Present; Veronika Gobba(Chair), Jacquie Bicanic, Imari Morris, Hannah Northey, Thane Roberts, Nini Siddiqua, Filiz Keles, Zavier Wileman(Online), Bustanul Arifin(Online), Kim Pinto(Online).
22. Others Present; Max Zhang, Jo-Ann Naidu (Online), Mitch Craig, Paul Xavier Alvarez (Minute Secretary)
23. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Jasmyne Tweed, Cadence Gant
24. Absent;

## 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 15/02/2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Thane Roberts

Seconded: Nini Siddiqua

Carried.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Veronika Gobba noted that we have signed on to Darlington's statement since the last meeting. We're not on the website yet and we have started engaging with certain portfolio managers and the Guild to make sure we're in line with the statement properly.

## 6. Public Question Time

No members of the public. N/A

**7. Items Not for Discussion**  
None

**8. Reports**

- 81. President – It was noted that Jasmyne was not at the meeting. The report would be taken as read.
- 82. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Taken as read. Veronika Gobba updated the committee on the self-certification issue. There was a difference of opinion in what some Curtin staff wanted and what the Guild was advocating. Veronika noted that the Guild advocacy was getting a lot of traction. It appeared likely that self-certification was here to stay. One thing the Guild was not happy about was that certain assessment types would not be available for self-certification. This included scheduled tests and examinations, presentations, practical assessments and group work. This was something that Curtin was very big on. Veronika Gobba said that the Guild tried to make a case that these were no different to other assessments in terms of the way self-certs worked. This hasn't been approved yet and the Guild was going to push back on this. Veronika hoped that she could give more updates soon. There were no questions.
- 83. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – Submitted. Taken as tabled. No questions for Hannah Northey.
- 84. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted. Taken as tabled. No question for Thane Roberts.
- 85. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. Took it as tabled. No questions asked for Nini Siddiqua.
- 86. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. Taken as tabled. Imari Morris added that a trial run in terms of content warnings was starting at week 7. There were no questions.
- 87. Student Assist – Submitted. Taken as read. There were no questions.
- 88. International Students Committee President – Taken as tabled. There were no questions.
- 89. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. Taken as tabled. There were questions.
- 810. Queer Officer – Submitted. Taken as tabled. Zavier Wileman updated the committee about an ongoing student issue from the last meeting. There were no questions.
- 811. Women's Officer – Not Submitted.
- 812. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. Taken as tabled. There were no questions.
- 813. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. Taken as tabled. There were no questions.

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **notes** the reports.

Moved: Imari Morris

Seconded: Hannah Northey

Carried.

## 9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

### 9.1. Increase the Petroleum Resources Rent Tax

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **endorse** the Australian Institute petition to increase the Petroleum Resources Rent Tax.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic  
Seconded: Thane Roberts  
Carried.

Jacquie Bicanic said that there needed to be reform to the PRT to regulate the gas industry. Last year the government received more than double the amount of revenue from HECS than it did from the gas industry within Australia. Thane Roberts added that the PRRT tax hasn't gone up in line with the growing profits in the oil and gas sector and Thane said that this should change. Imari Morris asked if we're going to add more awareness on this aside from just social media. Jacquie Bicanic *said that* she felt strongly about this as the government was profiting off students rather than the massive oil industry, therefore this was something she happily advocated for. She added that she could speak for Jasmyne as she was not there, but Jacquie was definitely happy to work on this.

## 10. General Business

Max Zhang stated that upcoming events needed volunteers. Jacquie Bicanic added that was really important for the Reps to come to those events, that it helps raise awareness of our brand.

*Veronika cedes the chair*

**Procedural Motion:** That Hannah Northey be appointed chair

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic  
Seconded: Thane Roberts  
Carried.

Veronika Gobba discussed the concern of the Palestinian Society about an event in support of Palestine being viewed as tokenistic. Students for Palestine want to supply watermelons for people to eat during that time, though they haven't considered that it is Ramadan right now and people would be fasting. Veronika stated that she also had concerns because this seemed to be the second time that Students for Palestine had not consulted Palestinian people in their activism, and it's quite discriminatory. Veronika said that the activism is supposed to be pro-Palestine but realistically, they've actually caused a lot of harm. Veronika Gobba proposed that the Guild does not endorse the event due to the concerns from the Palestinian community. Imari Morris commented that we did not want to cause more harm even if the intent was to raise awareness, it would be irresponsible to endorse it. Kim Pinto said that we could suggest to the Students from Palestine to have a meeting with the Palestinians. Veronika Gobba said that the Guild had made that suggestion already. Veronika Gobba confirmed that the Guild would not endorse the event.

*Hannah Northey handed the Chair back to Veronika Gobba.*

## 11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, 11 April at 17.30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 17.00pm on Thursday the 4th of April to [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au) and [educationvp@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:educationvp@guild.curtin.edu.au)

Meeting closed @5:58pm