

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting open at 5:31pm

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; Ben Burgess, Dylan Storer, Noor Fella, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Cooper Henrickson, Bridget Clifton, Veronika Gobba. Morgan Mills, Mitch Craig, Nicole Alconaba, Rabab Ahsan, Tom Harrowing, Lorian Watts (online)
(from 5.40pm)

Others Present; Max Zhang, Jacquie Bicanic, Ella Marchionda, Danny (surname TBC), Rob Vusak, Amita (surname TBC)

Apologies and Leave of Absence; none

Absent; Huzaifa Nawaz,

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

Razanne Al-Abdeli raised item 9.3 as a conflict-of-interest however the chair Ben Burgess said that it was not an issue.

4. Minutes of the Previous meeting minutes

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Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meetings, held on 12/11/2024 and 02/12/2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Mitch Craig,

Seconded: Cooper Henrickson

Motion carried

It was noted that Cooper Henrickson name was spelt incorrectly.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

None

6. Items Not for Discussion.

None

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2. Items Not for Discussion; none

7. Public Question Time; none

5 41 pm Nilmer Quispe Chavarri joined the meeting from Kalgoorlie

8. Reports & Key Performance Indicators

- 8.1. President – Submitted. No questions. President noted he had attended 71 meetings since 1 December. He reported the reinstatement of the second tuition week from 2026. Dylan Storer reported that he had negotiated increased Guild membership to the group rewriting the Student Charter. Dylan said he was disappointed in the reaction of a Guild Councillor to an Instagram post about conditions at Banksia Hill Detention Centre.
- 8.2. Vice President – Education - Submitted. No questions.
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted. No questions.
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative Submitted. No questions.
- 8.4.1. KPIs – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.5.1. KPIs – Submitted
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Reports not Submitted. No questions.
- 8.6.1. KPIs – Submitted, no questions
- 8.7. . Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.7.1. KPIs – Submitted.
- 8.8. Student Assist – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.8.1. February Report
- 8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.9.1. KPIs – Submitted
- 8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President– verbal report submitted. no questions. I have been sitting on selection panel for FBL Dean of Research. Mitch Craig is involved in a review into enrolment rules and procedures for HDR students.
- 8.10.1. KPIs – postponed
- 8.11. Queer Officer–Submitted, meeting in report postponed.

8.11.1. KPIs – Submitted. Jacquie Bicanic asked whether Curtin maps had been updated to include all Gender bathroom and had the Data from the “We all need to Pee” campaign been sent and included. Morgan said nothing had been changed on Curtin maps.

8.12. Women’s Officer–Submitted 8.12.1. KPIs – Submitted. No questions.

8.13. Accessibility Officer–Submitted 8.13.1. KPIs – Submitted. No questions.

8.14. Higher Education Developments- Submitted. No questions.

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Mitch Craig

Seconded: Cooper Henrickson

Carried.

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the submitted KPIs.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Morgan Mills

Motion Carried.

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Dutton and Mettam Motion: That the Representation Board:

Condemns the refusal of the Federal Opposition Leader Peter Dutton and State Liberal Leader Libby Mettam to stand in front of the Aboriginal Flag if elected as Prime Minister or Premier, respectively. Further to this, the Representation Board condemns all major parties for not taking the action necessary to adequately represent the views and aspirations of First Nations people and to close the gap.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Motion Carried.

Razanne Al-Abdeli

spoke to the motion, echoing the Human Rights Commissioner public comments. Razanne also spoke about the behaviour expected of Guild Councillors, particularly in view of the inappropriate reaction of a Guild Councillor to an Instagram post about conditions at Banksia Hill Detention Centre. General discussion of indigenous rights.

9.2. Oppose the LNP

Motion: That the Representation Board denounce and condemn the recent attacks on puberty blockers by the LNP

That the Representation Board stand in solidarity with transgender people across the world facing attacks and being denied essential medical care

That the Representation Board condemns Trump’s far-right transphobic agenda including his executive order legalising that only biological sex will be recognised.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Motion carried.

Discussion about the importance of continuing to have puberty blockers available. Attacks are part of a global trend against transgender people worldwide. Dylan Storer said Guild supported recent rally in North Bridge. This is a regressive right-wing push that is attempting to be placated by the Labor Party.

9.3. Stop Ethnic Cleansing Gaza Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. Condemns US President Donald Trump's explicit endorsement of ethnic cleansing in Gaza, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's promise to continue committing genocide in the territory.
2. Endorses the Australian Palestinian Advocacy Network's (APAN) list of urgent actions that the Australian Government must take in response;
 1. Publicly condemn these statements and demand accountability from both Trump and Netanyahu for their incitement of violence and war crimes.
 2. Demand the permanence of the current ceasefire.
 3. Cut all military and economic ties to Israel that enable its illegal occupation, apartheid and genocide in the occupied Palestinian territory.
 4. Impose sanctions on Israel for its genocide, illegal occupation and apartheid.
 5. Expel the Israeli ambassador and use Australia's diplomatic channels to pressure the US to halt this violent and illegal agenda and work with the international community and UN to pursue Palestinian rights, sovereignty and self-determination.
3. Endorses the Student Strike for Palestine organised on February 27 by Students for Palestine and the National Union of Students National Day of Action on March 26.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Seconded: Dylan Storer

Motion carried.

Curtin Student Guild has taken a strong stance on these issues. Appalling for President Trump to suggest ethnic cleaning. Shocking and disappointing that the Australian Government has not stepped up to the plate to protect international law.

9.4. UniLodge Heat

Motion: That the Representation Board:

Calls upon Curtin University and its accommodation provider UniLodge to cease blocking students from using portable air conditioners in non-air-conditioned on-campus student accommodation and to commit to urgently installing permanent air conditioning into currently non-air-conditioned units.

Mitch Craig gave an overview of the conditions experienced in the accommodation and listed all the reasons that Unilodge has provided for not allowing residents to have portable air-conditioning. Dylan Storer said Curtin has little oversight about what has been happening. Dylan stressed that the older accommodation was not affordable. The Facilities were not up to scratch. Repairs take months. Nothing has changed for decades except the rent.

Moved: Mitch Craig
Seconded: Nicole Alconaba
Motion carried.

- 9.5. NUS National Conference Reports
- 9.5.1. Dylan Storer – Submitted
 - 9.5.2. Callum Baxter – Submitted
 - 9.5.3. Huzaifa Nawaz – Submitted
 - 9.5.4. Bridget Clifton – Submitted
 - 9.5.5. Noor Fella – Submitted
 - 9.5.6. Veronika Gobba – Submitted
 - 9.5.7. Emily Lassam – Submitted
 - 9.5.8. Hamide Kocer – Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the NUS National Conference delegate and accredited observer reports.

Moved: Dylan Storer
Seconded: Bridget Clifton
Motion carried.

9.6. National Union of Students KPIs

Motion: The Representation Board recommend to Guild Council the approval of the 2025 National Union of Students Key Performance Indicators and initial affiliation.

Moved: Dylan Storer
Seconded: Bridget Clifton
Motion carried

Dylan Storer spoke to the motion outlining the KPI system. In terms of 2025, Dylan has proposed initial affiliation of \$40,000. Dylan has increased some penalties for some areas in which improvement is required. There was discussion about the performance of the NUS and whether decreasing funding was a good idea.

10. General Business

Dylan Storer informed the Representation Board was informed that the Guild would not be receiving a grant of \$20k from Curtin University this year. Dylan would be pushing for its reinstatement.

11. Meeting Evaluation (power cut out)

12. Next Meeting

Meeting closed 5.56pm

