



Student Guild of Curtin University
Representation Board – Meeting #02
19th of February 2026
In Council Chambers 100.301/305

Minutes.

Meeting opened 5.33pm

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

- 2.1. Members Present; Hadiya Naeemi, Morgan Mills, Tom Harrowing, Ebony Whitney, Connie Butcher, Zobia Laarayb, Astor Luk, Sarah Abed, Mia Antenucci, Bonnie Walley, Max Zhang, Tahsin Anowar, Dr Jael Wafula
- 2.2. Others Present; Maryanne Shaddick minute taker (online)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; none
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. Ebony Whitney and Dylan Storer noted a conflict with 8..1

4. Minutes of the Previous

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 13/11/2025 and 01/12/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Zobia Laarayb

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

6. Public Question Time. None

7. Reports & Key Performance Indicators

- 7.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer spoke to issues that were impacting universities including racism. There is protected industrial action currently happening by the NTEU. We have issued public statements condemning both the Bondi terror attack and the Perth Invasion Day attack. Dylan noted the Guild was monitoring the proposed scorecard system from the Special Envoy on Anti-Semitism and the Royal Commission into antisemitism and Social Cohesion. He noted release of the Human Rights Commission report into racism at universities. He noted the adoption of the national code relating to gender-based violence. Dylan reported on a campaign by CAPA to raise stipends and an NUS campaign to reverse the Job Ready package and expand paid placements. Dylan reported capital works being carried out in the Guild precinct. Dylan noted the issue of freedom of speech at universities.
- 7.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As read. Hadiya Naeemi noted that there was a lot of work to be done in the academic space noting AI, Assessment 20230 and the possibility of university mergers.
- 7.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. Morgan Mills thanked everyone who was involved in coordinating the temporary prayer space. They also noted that frozen meals were now part of the Student Pantry.
- 7.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative– Submitted – Ebony Whitney reported that she met with FBL clubs to get to know students in classes that she was not in and introduced herself to a lot of students during O Week. Ebony noted Law students she spoke to were overwhelmed by the timetable.
- 7.4.1. KPIs – Submitted
- 7.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. Connie Butcher reported that she was focusing on connecting with students in faculty. Connie noted that a survey had 200 responses. 7.5.1 KPIs – Submitted
- 7.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. As read. Zobia Laarayb spoke about how the Guild could support mature aged students. Ebony Whitney asked whether we could add space on website for mature aged students. Discussion about website information.
- 7.6.1. KPIs – Submitted
- 7.7. . Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. As read. Tom Harrowing noted that he could not attend O Day.
- 7.7.1. KPIs – Submitted
- 7.8. Student Assist – Submitted. Andrew Cameron introduced himself. Mia Antenucci

asked about CAP being referred to student wellbeing. Andrew talked about the case type review. He said that most CAP issues were students identifying that their course coordinator had declined adjustments and students asking how to get a CAP.

7.8.1. February Report

- 7.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted. Tahsin Anowar noted that he had met with international students at various events. He spoke about next Curtin Connect event.

7.9.1. KPIs – Submitted

- 7.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. As read. Dr Jael Wafula noted that equity was very important.

7.10.1. KPIs – Submitted

- 7.11. Queer Officer – Submitted. As read. Astor Luk noted that at O Day students were asking about changing names to preferred name. Students were referred to Curtin Connect. Astor noted that the HIV vending machines were due to arrive soon.

7.11.1. KPIs – Submitted

- 7.12. Women's Officer – Not Submitted. Verbal report. Sarah Abed thanked Morgan Mills for their involvement in the O Day Women's stall. Sarah spoke about the period products initiative noting there was access at the engineering pavilion. The dispenser was moved from the mining building because no-one was using it. It was noted that there were dispensers close by in Creative Quarter as well. Sarah spoke of different events and social engagement goals including Women's Health Week and a stall at International Women's Day. Ebony Whitney asked whether Sarah had any contact with Gender based violence initiatives at Curtin. Ebony said she would like to work with Sarah to have a period product dispenser at Murray St. Dylan Storer said we should add these resources to the website.

7.12.1. KPIs – Not Submitted

- 7.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. As read. Mia Antenucci noted that O Day went well. She coordinated a CAP brochure and ran an information session.

7.13.1. KPIs – Submitted

- 7.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. As read.

7.14.1. February Report

- 7.15. Ethnocultural Officer – Submitted. Max Zhang said the O Day goal was to get students interested in the collective. Next Max would be working on social media

this year.

7.15.1. KPIs – Submitted

- 7.16. First Nations Officer – Submitted. As read. Bonnie Walley noted that during O Day students queried how they could find out more about indigenous history. Bonnie asked whether Curtin had indigenous Orientation sessions. Dylan Storer said DVC Indigenous had just been appointed.

7.16.1. KPIs – Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Ebony Whitney
Seconded: Tom Harrowing
Carried

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the submitted KPIs.

Moved: Zobia Laarayb
Seconded: Morgan Mills
Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1. Endorsement of AMWU Campaign

Motion: That the Representation Board:

That the Representation Board:

- Formally endorses and supports the AMWU's No Closing Gates Without Opening Dates campaign for Collie.
- Commits to supporting union-led campaigns that advance workers rights, climate justice, and a just transition to Net Zero.

Moved: Ebony Whitney
Seconded: Dylan Storer
Carried

It was noted that Ebony Whitney was involved with this campaign when she lived in Collie. A lot of people were employed in the resources industry and needed to find alternative industries. This initiative was about supporting the town. The Federal Government needed to support funding for Collie.

8.2. Express Bus to Curtin Now

Motion: That the Representation Board

Advocate for an express bus to Curtin University that travels between Oats Street Station and Canning Bridge Station.

Moved: Ebony Whitney
Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi
Carried

It was noted that parking bays were under pressure because of car bay losses due to Government changes to the Hockey Stadium.

8.3. The Curtin Student Guild's Engagement in the Union Movement

Motion: That the Representation Board:

Recommends the Executive to come up with a strategy to engage with the broader union movement and Unions WA and for the executive to present it at the next meeting of the representative board.

Moved: Ebony Whitney
Seconded: Tom Harrowing
Carried

It was noted that it was Important that we as a student union supported students joining a union. Dylan Storer spoke about successfully getting Sinnamon off campus. He said that the trade union movement had always been a friend of student union movement. We need to work closely with trade unions. Hadiya Naeemi said important to get students job ready and involved with their movement.

8.4. Western Australia University Merger

For discussion only. Moved to end of meeting

8.5. Condemning the Labor Government and Australian federal police

Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. Condemns the Australian Labor Government for inviting the President of Israel, as Head of State of the Government of Israel, while they commit genocide in Gaza, systemic segregation in the West Bank, and the continued oppression of Palestinian people on Palestinian land.
2. Condemns the New South Wales Police Force for the excessive and disproportionate use of force against peaceful protestors in Sydney, including actions that disrupted a religious observance and the lawful exercise of political expression.
3. Affirms that the right to protest is fundamental in a democratic society, and that students and members of the public must not be restricted from speaking out, demonstrating, or organising in advocacy for human rights and justice.
4. Calls for full transparency and accountability from the New South Wales Police Force, including cooperation with any investigation undertaken by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC).
5. Affirms the Guild's commitment to protecting students' rights to peaceful protest, political participation, and freedom of expression.

Moved: Hadiya Naeemi

Seconded: Sarah Abed

Carried

Hadiya Naeemi said it was important to take a stand. Max Zhang criticized the mainstream media's reporting of these events.

8.6. NUS Conference Reports

- 8.6.1. Dylan Storer – Submitted
- 8.6.2. Noor Fella – Submitted
- 8.6.3. Connie Butcher – Submitted
- 8.6.4. Hamide Kocer – Submitted
- 8.6.5. Hadiya Naeemi – Submitted
- 8.6.6. Ebony Whitney – Submitted
- 8.6.7. David Phillips – Submitted
- 8.6.8. Mitch Craig – Submitted
- 8.6.9. Tom Harrowing – Submitted
- 8.6.10. Max Zhang – Submitted
- 8.6.11. Emily Lassam – Submitted
- 8.6.12. Jael Wafula – Submitted
- 8.6.13. Tahsin Anowar – Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the NUS Conference reports.

Moved: Zobia Laarayb

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Carried

8.7. National Union of Students KPIs

Motion: The Representation Board

recommend to Guild Council the approval of the 2026 National Union of Students Key Performance Indicators and initial affiliation.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Morgan Mills

Dylan Storer spoke to the motion and explained the process. He noted that SSAF was not used for NUS affiliation. Dylan said funding came from other revenue with the majority from the Commercial portfolio. NUS was a forum for representing the views and interests of students. Dylan noted that if we did not have an affiliation we would not be involved in national discussions. He said it was unlikely that factionalism in the NUS would be removed and noted that there problems with the NUS. Voluntary student unionism reduced resources to NUS.

Dylan proposed an amendment to 8.7

Amendment to Item 8.7 (National Union of Students KPIs)

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Morgan Mills (Vice President Sustainability & Welfare)

Carried

Motion: that the Representation Board amend Attachment A to add a new KPI and associated penalty as follows:

Performance Indicator: That the NUS shall not contact or make representations to Curtin University management without prior consultation with and approval of the Curtin Student Guild.

Deadline: At all times.

Penalty: \$5,000 per breach.

Dylan Storer provided some background information to board members in relation to the NUS President writing to the Vice Chancellor without informing the Guild President. The letter raised advocacy points concerning racism, antisemitism and gender-based violence and the framing and context of the correspondence did not reflect the Guild's established advocacy positions or our ongoing advocacy and work with the University on these matters. In the correspondence, the NUS and the NUS President was positioned as the appropriate body for the University to seek advice from on behalf of students for Curtin management. This directly undermined the Guild's role as the established, independent representative body for Curtin students. We have affiliated to and fund the NUS so that it may represent student unions collectively at a national level. Dylan said that mandate did not extend to acting unilaterally on a specific campus. This conduct was unprofessional, not conducive to a strong and coordinated student union movement and has undermined the standing of the NUS on campus. While not particularly controversial or counter to Guild position it was important to establish clear boundaries. Ebony Whitney asked whether the NUS had sent letters to other universities. Dylan said letter were sent to all Vice Chancellors. Dylan confirmed that the vice chancellor was not meeting with the NUS without the Guild being there. There was discussion about communication with NUS if there were breaches in their

KPIs and if we knew which projects the Guild's our affiliation fees go and if there is a breach which funding projects would lose money. Dylan said funding was not tied to specific projects. There was a question about our affiliation fee in comparison to other guilds. Ebony Whitney left at 6.47pm and re-entered the room at 6.49pm.

Motion to vote on the amendment
Moved Ebony Whitney
Seconded Morgan Mills
Carried

9. General Business

Motion to move that the discussion moved in camera.
Moved Dylan Storer
Seconded Ebony Whitney
Carried

Meeting moved out of camera 7.38pm

Ebony Whitney asked if training could be done for MFiles and other administration processes. There was a discussion about a query from Zobia Laarayb regarding an anonymous service about complaining about issues. Dylan Storer commented on the challenges of reporting outdated content. Max Zhabg said he had done course outline reviews as a faculty representative. Hadiya Naeemi noted that Veronika recommended this to be done every two years. There was a discussion about whether Student Assist would consider fast triage stalls. Andrew Cameron said this was a good idea and mentioned the success of the library pop-ups. He noted that staffing availability was a challenge.

10. Meeting Evaluation. Connie Butcher conducted the meeting evaluation.

11. Next Meeting

Notice of the next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be provided via electronic mail at least two weeks prior to that meeting by the Chair or minute taker.

The meeting concluded at 7.52pm