



Student Guild of Curtin University
Representation Board – Meeting #08

Thursday 14 August 2025

In Council Chambers 100.301/305

MINUTES

Meeting opened 5.35pm

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."

In accordance with section 27 (2) c under the Curtin Guild Council Regulations, the Chair Ben Burgess declared the ISC President position vacant for failing to submit more than two reports to the Representation Board in accordance with Guild bylaws.

2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Ben Burgess, Dylan Storer, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Lorien Watts, Morgan Mills, Cooper Henrickson, Bridget Clifton, Tom Harrowing, Rabab Ahsan, Nicole Alconaba (5.41pm)
- 2.2. Others Present; Jo-Ann Naidu, Max Zhang, Noor Fellah (online) Ebony Whitney, Julie Parolo
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Mitch Craig
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Minutes of the Previous

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17/07/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Tom Harrowing
Seconded: Morgan Mills
Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

6. Items Not for Discussion. None

7. Public Question Time. None

8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer acknowledged the stress of psychology students whose exams were switched to closed book in person exams. Dylan noted that after his involvement Curtin clarified that students would have access to online invigilated exams. He noted that this was still a different situation to that which existed when students enrolled. The way this unfolded was unfair. Dylan reported that the West Australian ran a story about the state of campus accommodation. He said Incidents were happening and that there were concerns in newer accommodation, not just older style accommodation. Improvements were needed to fencing, gates, lighting, security cameras. At the same time improvements were required to staff and communications between providers, their residents and the university. Dylan noted that the Guild petition to install air-conditioning received 1000 signatures. Dylan said that the Unilodge response did not acknowledge the safety risks for residents. There had been no response from the university at all. Dylan noted that at times temperatures of 35 degrees were recorded. He said that the notion that problems could only be addressed if rents were increased was disheartening. The Cost of a room in an 8-bedroom apartment in Vickory House was \$13,972 in rent and fees. The maximum rate of Youth allowance for singles was \$17,240. For students on this allowance, 80% would go to cover Curtin's cheapest accommodation. Dylan noted that the Student Kitchen was open until 7pm daily. He said that the construction of stage 2 Clubs Hub was underway. Student Saver meals from \$5 were launching at Café Central and the new Guild Pantry would open next week. WA University Sector Review had foreshadowed that mergers were on the table. The Guild's stance was that mergers could make things worse for students and would be expensive. Jobs would be cut. The Guild did support reform including greater roles for student guilds.
- 8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As read. Ben Burgess reported on the issue of Universal Submission Times. The Guild had consulted widely and there was strong support from students.
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Razanne Al-Abdeli reported that students around the country would receive information from the Australian Human Rights Commission. Razanne noted that the Guild had been working with the Commission in association with other groups to make sure the survey would serve the best interests of students. There were concerns about anti-Palestinian racism and the endorsement of problematic definitions that could be an attack on free speech. There would be a form available for students who did not wish to use website link. Student privacy would be ensured. Razanne noted that the recycling Hub would be launched tomorrow and would be located in level 3 of the Library. Razanne reported on Sustainability Week. She noted that more vegan, halal and gluten free options were available at Lolly Wall in G Mart. As well Razanne reported on the Student Strike for Gaza and the role of student unions in protesting the genocide in Gaza. Razanne reported on the meditation rooms on the north side of campus and the Library. This was an ongoing conversation. The Smart Bins were due to be launched in November. Razanne provided an overview of the initiative.
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative–Submitted

Nicole Alconaba reported that the dates in her report should have been August. She noted that she had been asked to lead the Student Voice Working Group to discuss assessment feedback. Nicole said that a working group was reviewing and updating Blackboard content.

 - 8.4.1. KPIs –Submitted
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. As Read.

Cooper Henrickson noted the staff student consultation meeting with School of Mechanical Engineering.

8.5.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. As Read. No questions

8.6.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. As read. No questions

Tom Harrowing reported that he had a meeting with School of Education about students who were still waiting for placements. The faculty were working to address this situation.

8.7.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.8. Student Assist – Submitted. As read. No questions.

8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted

8.9.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Late Submission. No questions

8.10.1. KPIs - Not Submitted

8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted. As Read. Morgan Mills reported the positive outcome of the binder session at G Mart. They were hopeful that binder fitting, and purchases would be available at G Mart in the future.

8.11.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.12. Women's Officer – Submitted

Bridget Clifton said that the Guild would provide 35 more pad dispensers around campus.

8.12.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. As Read. Lorien Watts noted that July was Disability Pride month.

8.13.1. KPIs - Submitted

8.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Morgan Mills

Seconded: Bridget Clifton

Carried

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the submitted KPI mid-year reviews.

Moved: Cooper Henrickson

Seconded: Lorien Watts

Carried

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Inclusion of UniReady students in Guild representation

Motion: That the Representation Board:

amends its relevant governing documents (including the Constitution and/or Election Rules, as applicable) to:

- Allow one (1) or two (2) students enrolled in the UniReady Enabling Program to:
- Nominate for and be elected to the Representation Board, and/or
- Nominate for and be elected to the Curtin Student Guild Council.

Ensure UniReady student representatives have the same voting rights and responsibilities as other elected members of these bodies. Provide clear guidelines on the nomination and eligibility process for UniReady students, consistent with the principles applied to other students.

Julie Parolo spoke to the motion saying it was about fairness and letting Uniready students have a voice. Dylan Storer said he was interested in how Uniready students could be better represented. He said that this issue was more a matter for Guild Council.

Moved: None

Seconded:

Motion failed

9.2. Genocide Demands Action

Motion: That the Representation Board:

endorses Palestine Action Group Sydney's Nationwide March for Palestine to take place also in Perth, on Sunday the 24th of August at 12pm in Forrest Chase, and **endorses** a Guild contingent at the march.

endorses Oxfam's Not In My Name – Speak Up for Gaza campaign, and will sign the open letter.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli (Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare) Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)
Carried

Razanne Al-Abdeli spoke in support of the motion saying that the Guild has always stood for the rights of Palestine. Razanne said that she was disappointed that the Curtin Student Guild was the only union that attended rallies in WA. Dylan Storer noted that the Guild received a petition to call a special general meeting on the issue of Palestine.

10. General Business. None

Ben said that Representation Board and Curtin Uni, Guild did not xenophobia, transphobia homophobia, and please be mindful when speaking to reports or topics.

11. **Meeting Evaluation** Razanne Al-Abdeli carried out the meeting evaluation. Noted a lot of student issues and concerns were raised.

12. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be held on the 11th of September in University Council Chambers.

