



MEETING MINUTES

Opened @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**

- 2.1. Members Present; *Jasmyne Tweed, Veronika Gobba, Jacquie, Hannah Northey, Thane Roberts (Online), Nini Siddiqua (Online), Imari Morris, Bustanul Arifin, Filiz Keles*
- 2.2. Others Present; *Ella Marchionda, Mitch Craig, Max Zhang, Paul Alvarez (Minute Secretary), Geoffrey Kaye (Visitor), Danica Scott (Visitor)*
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; *Zavier Wileman, Jo-Ann Naidu*
- 2.4. Absent; *Kim Pinto*

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 11/04/2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Imari Morris

Seconded: Hannah Northey

Carried.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

6. **Public Question Time**

Geoffrey Kaye thanked the chair for the opportunity to be here. He stated concerns he had about the campus and the conflict in the Middle East, polarising groups. He stated this situation made him feel unsafe, and asked if there were ways the Guild could change this.

He stated that there must be another way other than promoting violence on either side for both in Gaza and the rallies here. His question was what can be done to make students feel safe on campus? For instance, he stated that it was disruptive to students with the rally at the Library.– Does the Guild condone the behaviour in this campaign? Jasmyne Tweed responded to the first question saying that we made sure the actions from campus and the encampment did not tolerate any antisemitism, any islamophobia, any homophobia, any ableism on campus. This was all for all students who were were participating. We also had safer communities in contact with the Jewish and Palestinian students on campus to make sure they were feeling safe. The encampment followed strict rules. For the 2nd question, Jasmyne said that the rallies had stuck by the rules and were respectful to people. The Chair noted that we can discuss more in the General Business part later on.

Ella Marchionda responded that it was important as we were raising awareness about genocide. She agreed with Jasmyne that the encampment did not tolerate any antisemitism. Mitch Craig said that there was fantastic engagement and a lot of support from students and we had not broken any rules. Although, even though there was some negative feedback most of the feedback gotten was positive

Items Not for Discussion

None.

7. Reports

- 4.1. President – Submitted – *Jasmyne Tweed stated that she would be doing an in-depth report and update in regards the encampment and the divestment campaign that the Guild is participating in. She added that there has been good movement with the housing campaign, and there have been a lot of student consultations with their housing experience, and this has been passed on to make renting fair in WA and we had plans to bring this forward. She gave an update on the budget, as well as SSAF going towards student led organisations, and the minimum at federal level being only 40% ; whilst WA guilds received 50% SSAF. Hearing conversations from different people and from legal advice, Jasmyne stated that this should not affect us too much. Although she stated that it was really concerning that the dept of education's definition of a student led organisation was not limited to student unions.*
- 4.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions.*
- 4.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted – *As tabled. No questions.*
- 4.4. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions.*
- 4.5. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions.*
- 4.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions.*
- 4.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted - *Imari Morris added that she was keeping an eye on how student placements were going and working with Student Assist. Mitch Craig asked about the assessment feedback campaign and if there were any updates. Imari added that we were seeing a trend withs students only been shared a bit of the rubric. Some students were dissatisfied. Hannah Northey added*

that there had been a balance with satisfaction and dissatisfaction and there was a lot of recommendations coming through.

- 4.8. Student Assist – Submitted Jo-Ann Naidu was not in attendance. No questions asked.

- 4.9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted – *Bustanul Arifin added information about research committee issues. He noted about the previous idea to bring more spaces for HDR students, but after last week's meetings, the faculties rejected the idea. They believed that the number of spaces for HDR was enough. Arifin tried to push it but did not succeed. He reported on the recent ethics application process which he thought was too long and was still under the process of negotiation under the research office. The Chair noted that the survey would be emailed through postgrads to get more data.*

- 4.10. Queer Officer – Submitted – *Zavier was not in attendance. No questions asked*

- 4.11. Accessibility Officer – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked*

- 4.12. Higher Education Developments – Submitted – *Mitch Craig added information about the encampment for everyone's information. No questions asked.*

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Hannah Northey

Seconded: Imari Morris

Carried.

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1. Gaza Solidarity Encampment Feedback *for discussion only*

The Chair noted that the negotiation was ongoing. Jasmyne Tweed gave an update on the encampment over the past 2 weeks. It had been successful with students and staff. We have had an average of 18 people staying overnight. Jasmyne encouraged everyone to come by and spend the night to learn different perspectives, especially to stand in solidarity with the people of Gaza.

Feedback – Jasmyne said that the Guild had received a lot of feedback since October. We've had some feedback that the Guild and Curtin students were not doing enough in resisting ties with BAE arms dealers and Lockheed Martin. And also, some mentions about what the Guild was doing with the agreement, and other concerns with Jewish members feeling unsafe.

There was discussion about how the memorandum of understanding was progressing. Jacquie Bicanic asked to move this motion in camera. Jasmyne Tweed requested that Mitch Craig stay for the discussion.

Motion to move in camera 6.15pm

Moved Jacquie Bicanic

Seconded: Imari Morris
Carried.

Meeting moves out of camera 6.35pm

The Chair asked if there was any more discussion on the negotiations? Imari Morris stated that it was important to follow Curtin's values, rules, strategic plan, being in line with the core fundamental things we teach at every level.

9. General Business

Geoffrey Kaye asked if the posters had been approved by the Guild, and have they been approved for display around the campus? Mitch Craig responded that any club is free to use the logos and we don't see the posters before they get produced. Jasmyne Tweed added that the purple poster in particular that Geoffrey was referencing is for a speakout that the Guild was endorsing.

No more general business

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 20th of June at 1730 to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday the 13th of June to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au and educationvp@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed @6:43 pm