



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #05

Thursday 15th of May 2025

Council Chambers 100.301/305

## MINUTES

### 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; Ben Burgess, Dylan Storer, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Morgan Mills, Noor Fella, Bridget Clifton, Tom Harrowing, Lorian Watts, Mitch Craig, Cooper Henrickson, Nicole Alconaba, Rabab Ahsan, Huzaifa Nawaz
- 2.2. Others Present; Jo Ann Naidu (online), Noor Fella, Zoe Stevens, Jack Washington
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
- 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 10/04/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

It was noted that the minutes needed to be updated with the correct spelling of Mitch Craig's and Dylan Storer's name.

Moved: Nicole Alconaba

Seconded: Mitch Craig

**Motion:** That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the Postgraduate Student Committee as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved. Mitch Craig

Seconded. Dylan Storer

Carried

Ben Burgess acknowledged Guild successes. Dylan Storer noted the good work of Acting Post Graduate Student Committee President Mitch Craig representing post graduate students.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None**

**6. Items Not for Discussion. None**

**7. Public Question Time**

There was a query about the MOU with the university with reference to a partnership with Ben Gurion University. Dylan Storer noted that the Guild raised concerns about it and met with the Deputy VC International. The Guild wanted the partnership to end.

**8. Reports**

- 8.1. President – Submitted. No questions. Dylan Storer noted reported that the Guild had a successful AGM. He noted that the Assessment 2030 program was ensuring that faculty representatives were involved in shaping assessment design. Dylan met with State Government Tertiary and International Education Minister Tony Buti where concerns were raised about freedom of speech on campuses, student housing standards and university governance reform. Dylan had written to the minister requesting all student accommodation be included in the WA Residential Tenancy Act. Dylan noted that the Guild was lobbying the university for improvements to older on campus accommodation including lighting and fencing. Dylan noted that the Guild had raised concerns about delays in academic misconduct allegations. It was noted that the Guild ran a campaign on Enrol to Vote and assisted with the Don't Risk Dutton campaign. Delays with student kitchen were noted. Dylan reported that the Guild would have a greater role for the Guild in food security on campus in the future.
- 8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted Late. No questions
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. Razanne Al-Abdeli said that Welfare Week introduced for the first time with a number of activities. There was an update on the recycling hub. Red Bull would be the sole beverage partner of the smart bins and the app was being created. The Lolly Wall in G Mart would soon feature halal, plant based and sugar free lollies. The Guild was part of the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Working group and a framework had been produced. There was a question about the Lolly Wall and it was revealed that snakes would be introduced.
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative– Submitted. No questions. Nicole Alconaba provided additional information about meetings that she attended.
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. There was a question about new campaigns.
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted Late. No questions.
- 8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. No questions
- 8.8. Student Assist – Submitted. No questions.
- 8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted Late. No questions

Huzaifa noted that he spoke to a journalist about struggles of international students.

- 8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 8.12. Women's Officer – Submitted. As tabled. Bridget Clifton noted the success of an activity coordinated with the Queer Officer. Bridget noted the success of the women's defence classes during Welfare Week.
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. As tabled. No questions. Lorien Watts noted that the Faculty of Business and Law had been working on an accessibility project in which Lorien had assisted. Lorien noted the Auslan course student discounts
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted

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

Moved: Morgan Mills

Seconded: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Carried

## **9. Items for Discussion and Resolution**

### **9.1. Curtin Student Charter**

**Motion:** That the Representation Board:

**discuss and recommend** that Guild Council endorse the approval of the new Curtin Student Charter.

Dylan Storer said that the new charter had meaningful reforms that strengthened students' rights and representation. The charter is moving through the university approvals process. Razanne Al-Abdeli said the charter was supportive of what it means to be a student.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Razanne Al-Abdeli (Vice President - Sustainability & Welfare)

Carried

### **9.2. Establishment of an Ethnocultural Collective**

**Motion:** That the Representation Board:

- a. Establish an Ethnocultural Collective.

- b. Membership of the Collective shall be open to all students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds.
- c. The Collective shall be the responsibility of the Vice President Sustainability & Welfare, unless and until an Ethnocultural Officer is established, at which point responsibility shall revert to that Officer. The Representation Board may determine an alternative responsible Officer from time to time.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli (Vice President Sustainability & Welfare)

Seconded: Dylan Storer (President)

Carried

Razanne Al-Abdeli spoke to the motion noting that the establishment of the collective would bring advocacy, action and education together to better the student experience.

Dylan Storer said this initiative would provide a formal platform to students to lead campaigns against racism and discrimination and shape Guild and University policies that affect them directly. Lorien Watts asked whether the First Nations Officer would be involved. Razanne Al-Abdeli noted that it was important that there was a First Nations Collective focusing on those specific issues.

### 9.3. Endorse the May 24 National Day of Protest - Cut ties to Trump's America

**Motion:** That the Representation Board:

**Endorse** the upcoming National Day of Protest on May 24 to demand that Australia cut ties to Trump's America

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Bridget Clifton (Women's Officer)

Carried

There was discussion about the importance of the Guild endorsing the day of protest.

### **10. General Business.** None

### **11. Meeting Evaluation.** Cooper carried out the evaluation **noting the passing of the** Ethnocultural Collective as an important milestone,

### **12. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be held on the 19th of June in University Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 6.45pm