



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #09

25 September 2025

In Council Chambers 100.301/305

Opened 5.30pm

AGENDA

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; Tom Harrowing, Lorien Watts, Cooper Henrickson, Tahsin Anowar, Mitch Craig, Ben Burgess, Dylan Storer, Razanne Al-Abdeli, Rabab Ahsan (online) Nicole Alconaba (online)
- 2.2. Others Present; Julie Parolo
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Morgan Mills, Bridget Clifton
- 2.4. Absent;

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest None

4. Minutes of the Previous

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14/08/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Tom Harrowing

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

6. Items Not for Discussion none

7. Public Question Time

Julie Parolo spoke about the eligibility requirements for candidates in Guild elections,

specifically about the requirement for nominators to support candidate nominations. Dylan Storer said this was normal practice and was required for integrity purposes. Dylan noted that the Guild was against merging Curtin with other universities. He said the Guild did not believe it was in the best interests of students.

8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer said that he was proud to be re-elected as President for 2026. He noted that students turned out to vote in higher numbers than in past years. He said that the Guild had a strong mandate. Dylan reported that campus accommodation was a big issue. Since 2023 some rents had increased by more than 300%. He noted that there was poor security, outdated facilities and no air conditioning in older accommodation. Dylan noted the Unilodge charges for “refreshed rooms” were often only for fresh paint. The Guild was calling for the university to reverse 2026 accommodation prices increases, freeze or reduce rents and make the accommodation safe. Dylan had written to the VC and would raise this issue at Academic Board. Dylan noted that the \$5 Student Saver meals were popular, and the food pantry had been well received. Dylan noted that the attempt to change psychology exams mid semester was a clear breach of Curtin’s own rules. Education placements were another issue. The new Guild strategic plan has been finalized. Dylan responded to a query about the Guild spaces proposal. He said some Guild spaces had competing requirements. There was a need for space to have events team to prepare for events. That has been the retreat. Ideally the Retreat would be used by collectives and clubs and as a general common room. There was a plan to build new equity spaces in Club HQ. The events team would move to current equity spaces and there would be additional room for more Student Assist officers. The plan would address how best to utilize Café Central and transform it. Also, there was the STA space and the Tav was in need of attention. Dylan suggested that ideally, we would build up.
- 8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Ben Burgess reported about the Guild’s campaign to introduce a Universal Submission Time. He said more consultation would take place with students. Ben noted that he was working with Tom Harrowing on the issue of education placements.
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. Razanne Al-Abdeli said that she had been speaking to the Australian Human Rights Commission about the racism survey and that there had been 60,000 responses across Australia. Razanne noted that Student Assist could submit a complaint on behalf of students. The Recycling Hub had been well used however rubbish had been placed in it. The Recycling Hun was located on Level 3 of the Library. Razanne noted the Guild’s support of the National March for Palestine. The university was drafting a definition of racism, and the Guild would be involved.
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative– Submitted. As read. Nicole Alconaba noted the recent Grill the Guild and Law School stall. This event went well and the fact that it was not related to students’ area of study was welcomed. Nicole noted that she received feedback from students about the Essential Textbook Campaign. There were more issues which she would take up with the Library.
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. As Read. No questions. Dylan Storer asked Cooper Henrickson to read some of his report. Cooper reported on a number of items from his report including meetings the Director of Student Engagement and Dean of Teaching and Learning. Cooper noted progress on consultation on some problematic units. Cooper noted his attendance at a staff student consultation meeting and reported concerns about whether student workload was sustainable.
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. As Read. Dylan Storer asked the Rabab to read key points from her report. Rabab reported attending the Faculty Courses Committee Meeting and assisting the Health Science Engagement Team on an event. There was discussion about how much

students interacted with representatives during Grill the Guilds. Mitch Craig offered some suggestions for improvement including a suggestion box and scanning student cards. It was noted that representatives needed volunteers to assist in the running of the event. There was feedback from a number of representatives about their experiences running barbecues and ways to improve them.

- 8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. Tom Harrowing reported on the lack of placements in the department of Education. This was a statewide problem and the Guild was working with the university to communicate with the Minister of Education.

Tom left at 6.19pm

- 8.8. Student Assist – Submitted. Mitch Craig had a question on notice about reaching out to HDR Kalgoorlie students
- 8.9. International Students Committee President. Tahsin Anowar provided a verbal report on his activities since stepping into the role last month including migration sessions for international students, Pasar Malam and giving Café Connect more prominence.
- 8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. Mitch Craig spoke about university consultation for requirements for Curtin's Learning Management System (Blackboard). Mitch noted that he attended the Gradcom conference for postgraduate students. Mitch reported on the CAPA campaign for a national international student body which was underway. He said CAPA had spoken to the senate enquiry on university governance. Mitch confirmed he sat on Guild Council as president of the Guild PSC committee not as national secretary of CAPA. Dylan Storer noted that a recommendation from the senate inquiry was that University Council minutes should be published and that the VC and senior executive pay should be set in terms of a range by a remuneration tribunal.
- 8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted. Morgan an apology. Mitch Craig commended Morgan on getting the HIV testing machines underway and commented that he was looking forward to Pride.
- 8.12. Women's Officer – Submitted. Bridget an apology. Mitch Craig commented that the report required more detail.
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. Lorien Watts apologized for submitting the wrong report. Lorien reported on the Accessibility Survey results and recommendations for improvements. Dylan Storer asked about plans to disseminate the information and Lorien said they would take it to Universal Design Sub-Committee and would send it to the Accessibility Team to integrate into staff training. Dylan Storer recommended liaising with Ben Burgess to take the results to LSEC and Academic Board. Dylan reported that the National Code on Gender-Based Violence had been passed by the Federal Government.
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. No questions

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Seconded: Mitch Craig

Carried

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. NUS Affiliation Amount

Motion: That the Representation Board:

That the Representation Board recommend to the Guild Council for 2025 an affiliation amount for the National Union of Students Inc.

Dylan Storer moted a conflict as he was the state branch [president of the NUS. Dylan said that the evaluation recommendation was a reduction in the affiliation amount of money proposed for the NUS. He said there were governance issues. Dylan said there could be a broader discussion about the NUS and what it did for us. Dylan said it was a flawed system however was perhaps the best we had now. Dylan Storer gave an overview of NUS progress toward policy goals. Dylan spoke about the value for money of being affiliated with the NUS. Dylan noted that the NUS did some good work this year in representing the interests of students.

Moved: Ben Burgess (Vice President Education)
Seconded: Cooper
Carried

10. General Business

It was note by Lorien Watts that the Government was reviewing the Disability Discrimination Act and accepting submissions.

11. Meeting Evaluation

The meeting evaluation was carried out by Mitch Craig who noted good discussions and suggested that catering could be provided.

12. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be held on the 23rd of October in University Council Chambers.

Meeting closed 6.49pm