



Student Guild of Curtin University  
Representation Board – Meeting #04

Thursday 10th of April 2025

In Council Chambers 100.301/305  
Meeting opened 5.55pm

## 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; Dylan Storer, Ben Burgess , Razanne Al-Abdeli, Nicole Alconaba (online), Copper Henrickson, Tom Harrowing, Morgan Mills, Bridget Clifton, Lorien Watts, Huzaifa Nawaz, Nitch Craig
- 2.2. Others Present; Rob Vusak, Ella Marchionda, Max Zhang
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Noor Fellah
- 2.4. Absent; Rabab Ahsan

### 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 13/03/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Tom Harrowing

Seconded: Bridget Clifton

Dylan Storer noted that in the attendance register Mitch Craig was listed in the wrong category and that there was insufficient information relating to a conflict of interest.

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

### 6. Items Not for Discussion. None

### 7. Public Question Time

Ella Marchionda asked how the Guild could push back against erosion of free speech at university. Ella gave a number of examples of where this was happening, especially at UWA. Dylan Storer said he would not comment on the responses of other Guilds. He said he had written a letter of support to UWA Guild. Dylan Storer said that he was ready to push back and fight at Curtin. He urged students to come to the Guild if they had something to report. Dylan reported on the new student charter. He said that student charter breaches would no longer happen at Curtin University. He noted the new student charter would come to next month's Representation Board and Guild Council. Ella Marchionda asked about the next steps in the housing campaign. Dylan said that the Guild had not received a response from the university. Dylan said the Guild would respond to the letter from the CEO of Unilodge and he would like to invite the CEO and relevant university people to a town hall meeting with students who were living in the accommodation.

## 8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted. As tabled. Dylan Storer said that he would be writing one report which will be submitted to both the Representation Board and Guild Council. Huzaifa Nawaz asked about whether Curtin College students could be represented by the Guild. Dylan Storer said he would be happy to discuss what can be done to help Curtin College students. Dylan spoke about the new Student Charter which would now go through the university's processes. Dylan said it would be submitted to the Academic Board next month. Dylan Storer said that the charter was framed around rights and responsibilities
- 8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. No Questions. As tabled. Ben Burgess thanked the faculty reps who assisted in the reviews of last two weeks along with Student Assist.
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. As tabled. Recycling Hub is at stage of decal design.
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative– Submitted. As tabled. No questions. Nicole Alconaba noted the Interfaculty Scavenger Hunt.
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. As tabled. Cooper Henrickson said there was a mishap regarding the Bachelor of Electrical and Computing course as Engineers Australia decided not to provide accreditation to the course. Cooper said that Curtin needed to ensure new courses were accredited.
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Not Submitted. No questions. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. As tabled. Tom Harrowing spoke about the Assessment and Student Progression Manual review noting the faculty was in support of the Guild's position.
- 1.1. Student Assist – Submitted. No questions.
- 1.2. International Students Committee President – Verbal report. Huzaifa Nawaz noted the migration session which had 400 students registered, Study Perth Open Day, Meet and Greet session to introduce Guild services as well as a PSC and ISC sundowner.
- 1.3. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. As tabled. No questions. Mitch Craig noted the first PSC committee as all the positions had been filled. He noted meetings with the Graduate Research School about six different policies and procedures.
- 1.4. Queer Officer – Submitted. As tabled. Morgan Mills thanked those who came to Ally training. He said the Executive would be invited to Level 3 training.
- 1.5. Women's Officer – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
- 1.6. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. As Tabled. No questions. Lorien said the Diversity and Belonging Committee was reviewing its structure.
- 1.7. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. No questions.

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

Moved: Razanne Al-Abdeli

Seconded: Lorien Watts

## 2. Items for Discussion and Resolution

## 2.1. Oppose Trump's Authoritarian Attacks on Universities and Free Speech

Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. **Condemns** Trump's attacks on Australian Universities and the criminalisation of seeking justice, including justice for Palestine, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ and CALD people, and justice for climate.
2. **Supports** efforts for justice and freedom of speech against harmful agendas inspired by, or a result of, Trump's presidency - especially by marginalised and affected groups including First Nations, CALD, people with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

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

Carried

## 2.2. Dutton's Plans to Interfere in Our Education

Motion: That the Representation Board:

**Condemns** Peter Dutton's plans to introduce ministerial intervention into university course content through TEQSA and affirms that universities must remain spaces of independent thought, academic freedom, and truth-seeking—free from political censorship.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

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

Carried

Dylan Storer and Razanne Al-Abdeli spoke to the motion saying Peter Dutton planned to use TEQSA to dictate course content taught by universities.

## 2.3. Housing Campaign Response

Motion: That the Representation Board:

Notes with disappointment the letter from UniLodge CEO Tomas Johnsson responding to the over 1,000 signature "Turn Down the Heat" petition and affirms that any action short of allowing for students to keep themselves cool in the summer is an abdication of UniLodge and Curtin's responsibility to provide safe housing arrangements for all students living on campus.

Dylan Storer reported that the CEO of Unilodge said that because of the age of the accommodation buildings it was too expensive to install air conditioning. There was discussion about the high price of rent in the older buildings.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Bridget Clifton (Women's Officer)

Carried

## 2.4. Endorsement of May Day 2025

**Motion:** That the Representation Board:

**Support** the celebration of May Day.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Tom Harrowing (Humanities Representative)

Carried

Dylan Storer said May Day represented the importance of the labor movement. Tom Harrowing said many governments had derided May Day.

## 3. General Business

None

## 4. Meeting Evaluation

Bridget Clifton noted that the meeting was late to start.

## 5. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be held on the 15th May in University Council Chambers.

The meeting closed at 6.42pm.