

## 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, Mitch Craig, Morgan Mills, Tom Harrowing, Lorien Watts, Tahsin Anowar, Cooper Henrickson, Ben Burgess, Nicole Alconaba (5.46pm)
- 2.2. Others Present; Julie Parolo, Maryanne Shaddick (minute taker)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Bridget Clifton,
- 2.4. Absent; Rabab Ahsan, Razanne Al-Abdeli

## 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

Tom Harrowing and Mitch Craig declared that they were members of the NTEU in relation to item 9.2.

## 4. Minutes of the Previous

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 25/09/2025, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded, Cooper Henrickson

Carried

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

## 6. Items Not for Discussion

## 7. Public Question Time

Julie Parolo queried eligibility requirements for nomination in the elections

She asked whether Curtin University Council minutes were published and who could attend the meeting.

Dylan Storer said the university council was not accountable to the Guild. Meetings were not recorded and there was no media gallery. He said the university council should be more open and accountable.

## 8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted. Dylan Storer noted the special Guild Council Meeting in relation to changes to student misconduct rules. As well, Dylan discussed the Health Students Alliance campaign to expand paid placements noting a letter was sent to all WA-based members of Parliament. Dylan reported that he had been liaising with the Federal Minister's education office about university governance reforms. Dylan noted the changes to university governance would include processes around VC remuneration and encouraging greater respect for students and staff in decision making. He noted that Curtin announced that 600 car parking bays would be lost – all green bays as work commenced on the State Hockey Stadium. This represented 20% of all bays on campus. He noted that the Guild was putting out a statement. The Guild was asking for more temporary and overflow parking available for semester 1 and lobbying for the construction of multi-storey car park. Dylan reported on a worker rights issue on campus noting that the Guild put out a statement after media reported that Sinnamon had been fined for evading proper payments to employees. The Guild had called on Curtin to evict Sinnamon. Dylan noted that the Guild had coordinated a Unions WA Information session to assist students, especially international students, understand their workplace rights. The President noted forthcoming NTEU industrial action because of a Fair Work Commission case the NTEU brought against the university in relation to a breach of its ECA regarding excessive workloads. The Commission found Curtin was not compliant. Dylan noted that the Guild supported the industrial action. Dylan reported an incident at Vickory House where bricks were thrown through a window of a resident's accommodation. Plans were underway to extend the Guild's Housing Campaign more broadly and to target parents of students.
- 8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. Ben Burgess noted that there had been a barbecue for the introduction of a universal submission time. Ben noted that there were more than 1600 responses to the survey – 90% of which were positive toward our argument. With regard to the NTEU action, Ben noted that the Academic Board approved changes to the assessment progression manual earlier in the year which was to acquire feedback. It was noted that the Excellence in Teaching Awards were tomorrow.
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted. No questions
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative–Submitted. Nicole Alconaba noted October FCC. Noted her meeting with Anna Bunn, Dean of Learning and Teaching spoke about the fourth Student Voice session which ended up being about student wellbeing and not about academic feedback. Discussed that some arts degrees were described as commerce degrees.
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted. As Read. Cooper Henrickson noted that Lorien Watts' accessibility data was presented at the Diversity and Belonging meeting.
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative. Not submitted.
- 8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative. Tom Harrowing apologized for his late report. He reported on the School of Education placement difficulties – 100

students have not been placed. Working with Dylan Storer and Ben Burgess on this. Tom noted the faculty had tried hard to communicate with students. Tom noted that the faculty had not come up with any specific plans about to resolve the problem and there were plans to liaise with the Department of Education. There was planned communication to the Government. Tom was asked to speak about the Guild's position on Curtin AI. Mitch Craig noted that the AI chatbot on Curtin website was not working well. Dylan Storer asked if the representation board could discuss this in general business.

- 8.8. Student Assist – Submitted. The Guild President acknowledged the contribution of Jo Ann Naidu as Student Assist Manager and wished her well in her new role with the university.
- 8.9. International Students Committee President. Tahsin Anowar reported that he had attended an LSEC meeting and his first Academic Board meeting as well as the Students at Work session.
- 8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President –Submitted. Mitch Craig noted that the draft 2029 academic calendar had been reviewed by the Learning and Student Experience Committee (LSEC). He said that the tuition free weeks seemed to be well placed. Mitch noted postgraduate issues around Kalgoorlie noting that undergraduates were given preference for housing.
- 8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted. As read. Morgan Mills noted that information about dead naming was being updated on the Guild website.
- 8.12. Women's Officer – no questions
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. As read. Lorien Watts reported that the university was going to join the invisibility sunflower program pilot through Curtin Connect. Lorien reported on feedback about the Respectful Relationships modules. As well Lorien participated in an intuitive to pair students with staff members to provide student opinions on accessibility.
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. As read.

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

Moved: Tom Harrowing

Seconded: Lorien Watts

Carried

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

### **9.1. Conference Reports**

- 9.1.1. Dylan Storer – NUS Education Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.2. Noor Fella – NUS Education Conference– Submitted
- 9.1.3. Bridget Clifton – NUS Education Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.4. Hadiya Naeemi – NUS Diversity Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.5. Astor Luk – NUS Diversity Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.6. Mia Antenucci – NUS Diversity Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.7. Noor Fella - NUS Diversity Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.8. Bridget Clifton - NUS Diversity Conference – Submitted
- 9.1.9. Mitch Craig – CAPA GradCon - Submitted

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

Moved: Ben Burgess (Vice President Education)

Seconded: Nicole Alconaba

Carried

## 9.2. NTEU Negotiations

### **Motion:**

That the Representation Board:

**supports** the National Tertiary Education Union at Curtin University's claims for improved pay and conditions for Curtin staff and recognises that staff learning conditions are student learning conditions.

Moved: Dylan Storer (President)

Seconded: Ben Burgess (Vice President Education)

Carried

Dylan Storer said that the NTEU had engaged with the university on the next enterprise bargaining agreement and that the university had come back on one point – workload. The NTEU undertook a Protected Action Ballot inclusive of professional and non-academic staff. Dylan said that academic staff had pledged to undertake action from semester one and that despite pain for students the Guild should be supportive as it impacts student outcomes. He said that it was our role to back the union on campus. Mitch Craig said as a union it was important to be in solidarity with the NTEU. Dylan said disruptions to students would be relatively minimal and that he would find out the impact on student support services.

## **10. General Business**

There was a discussion about the Curtin AI chatbot. Mitch Craig raised concerns about how we could be sure it was reliable. Was it going to adversely impact staff? Will it be a cost-cutting measure for the university? There was discussion that the website chatbot was not reliable. Tom Harrowing said it appeared that it would be accessed by students and staff with A1 drawing on course content and students could ask questions. Lorien Watts noted concerns about privacy, intellectual property and security of content. Lorien also asked whether there had been an energy audit evaluation on it. It was noted that part of the enterprise bargaining log of claims included use of A1 provisions. Dylan Storer asked what a modern university was becoming. The university was doing more things that seemed to be a degree factory. Dylan Storer said students wanted access to their tutors. Ben Burgess asked how it would impact Assessment 2030.

## **11. Meeting Evaluation**

**Morgan Carried out meeting evaluation. Insightful discussions.**

## **12. Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in University Council Chambers.

Meeting closed at 6.31pm.