Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #08

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 10th of August 2026

In Council Chambers 410.208

AGENDA

Open 5:34pm

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; Ebony Whitney, Dylan Storer, Tom Harrowing, Hadiya Naeemi, Sarah Abed, Astor Luk, Akshya Anil Sheeba, Tahsin Ibn Anowar, Connie Butcher, Zobia Larayb (online)
   - 2.2. Others Present; Andrew Cameron, Noor Fellah
   - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Mia Antenucci, Morgan Mills, Max Zhang
   - 2.4. Absent; Bonnie Walley

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

Tom Harrowing is involved in RAFFWU campaigns, no longer a member

4. **Minutes of the Previous**

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   - 5.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 16/07/2026 and 13/08/2026 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings at those meetings.

- Change to Max to LOA for August
- Amend attendance to July

Moved: Connie Butcher

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Motion carried

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

7. **Public Question Time**

8. **Reports**

8.1. President – Submitted

- Take as read, happy to take questions. No questions asked.
- No major updates since last meeting.

8.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

- Anti-racism issues at meeting, had a meeting with Morgan and Tahsin
- Lots going out about universal submission time
- Submitted to the inquiry regarding AI and Data centers

8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

- No questions for this report

8.4. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted

- Take as read.
- Had meeting with WiSTEM manager Stella, and she would like to work with Guild closer next year, particularly with equity reps to promote the space and the WiSTEM events.
- Going further with the lab coat campaign, buying more with SciEng faculty and laptops have all been given out.
- Happy to take questions, nothing asked

8.5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted

- Take report as read, happy to take questions, none asked.

8.6. Faculty of Business & Law Representative – Submitted

- Have been getting traction with period dispenser at Murray st, getting another one for 78 Murray st, waiting on delivery
- With the equity space, waiting on the invoice to be sent to the Law school, unable to have movement in those spaces
- Completed 15 unit outline reviews, lot of problems surrounding 11:59PM submission times, issues with accepting/leniency to do with extensions
- Lots of abrasive language used in them, off putting to students wants to fix tone
- Inconsistent splitting up of assessments, 7-8 a semester, unreasonable workload
- Raised these things with FBL, seem to be changing on some but the things to do with language they are not responsive or interested in changing this. Talk with Fac reps about how to approach this
- First draft of paper, waiting to hear back from Law students before sending it off.
- VPSW and FBL rep have been working on safety and security, successful got a commitment to more security at Murray st, there will be a 3rd guard there to ensure

24/7 secured campus. Already seen students feeling safer.

- Still having meetings separate to FBL with Make Renting Fair Alliance and people in that space and still involved in the housing campaign stuff.
- Hadiya says its good students are feeling safer given trimester 3 just started

8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted

- School of Education has been much better, they have new head of school, seems like placement crisis more generally has been incredibly limited, new head of school says to expect next sem to be much smoother,
- Ready to address treatment of international student discrimination, linguistic racism etc. Free's up time to focus on other schools.
- Focus on school of design and environment
- Zobia asks how did your Grill the Guild go, Tom says last minute chaos and all volunteers did not show up but ended up going very well and all got sorted, Engineers Australia right next to him so he was very busy.

8.8. Student Assist – Submitted

- Happy to take report as read, just back from leave
- Super proud of student assist team with their progress on project team, this is usually slower due to limited staff and caseloads, but very proud
- Hadiya said she saw the poster of student assist on level 4, happy to see more student assist. Andrew says no students have taken advantage of that service yet; it is a trial and you can expect these things. With more advertising hoping for more traction, as well as end of semester ending soon, more pressure may lead students to reaching out. Students may also prefer the confidentiality of the offices; the library may be too much of an open space. Will review library program after.
- Kalgoorlie and graduate research school assist pathways to be explored soon.

8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted

- Talks to distressing Nepal flooding, spoke to Nepalese students to see if anyone from Curtin community has been directly affected, thankfully has not had anyone reach out. Will keep checking in on this
- Has been working with Perth Multicultural Club, they reached out to see if they can give healthcare advice, Tahsin has been liaising how to promote that and expand this to students.
- Working on WA Photocard ID, mainly to address how international students have to carry their passports around everywhere they go, the risks of losing it/damaging it. Will be making a video to further promote the campaign.

- Had a group of Japanese students on exchange at Curtin. Had the opportunity to meet them, tell them about the Guild, it was great to meet them and get to know them.
- Hadiya says she has seen the Nepal support from the Guild, and asked about the ID initiative, how it works. Tahsin says there is WA photo ID, students can go to DoT, provide their identity documents and can receive an ID card similar to a WA license to have an easier form of ID.

8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted

- Happy to take as read, happy to take questions
- Hadiya and PSC attended LSEC

8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted

- Happy to take as read.
- Have put 3 new period product dispensers around campus, some fell but have been fixed.
- Recently presented at the Queer forum, all Queer organisations in Perth
- Astor and Bruce from WAC did a presentation on the HIV testing machines on campus, this is planning to be brought to WASM
- Upcoming Pridefest, planning underway, asked for a lot, but it is looking possible.

8.12. Women's Officer – Submitted

- Had the event with UnionsWA, went really well. Good education, valuable stats learned and shared.
- Met with Teach for Australia, they help students in Master of Teaching with one-on-one mentoring to help them establish a place in the workforce
- Continued planning with Women in Business and events team, event coming early October
- Reiterating what Astor said about the period product machines, addressed stock shortages, said that google form has been filled out once a week rather than every few days. Due to it being double the quantity provided
- Collaborating with university to do an event on advocacy
- Ebony asked where the dispenser in 204 is located.
  Astor answered that it is on the ground floor near the gender-neutral bathroom.
- Hadiya asked whether it is directly near the gender-neutral bathroom.
  It was noted that staff move the dispenser to the women's room when students are not present.
- Ebony asked what is being done about the dispenser being moved.
  Astor responded that they would have the collective look into the issue, noting that VPSW has investigated it multiple times.

- Ebony suggested whether the smaller dispenser could be placed near the Guild, while the larger dispenser remains on a stand elsewhere.
  Sarah explained that students take stock from the smaller dispenser more quickly.
  Astor noted that the larger dispenser allows students to take one product at a time, which provides better access.
- Hadiya suggested that everyone could meet with VPSW to continue the discussion.
  Everyone agreed.
- Dylan asked whether permission had been obtained from Properties to place the dispensers.
  Sarah confirmed that permission had been granted and that the current locations are approved.
- Dylan raised concerns that students are not taking advantage of the service and stated that a need is a need. He suggested placing a dispenser in the Guild to provide the best possible access to students and offered to work with Vernon and staff upstairs to ensure it is regularly stocked.
- Astor asked whether period products could be included as a donateable item for Food for Fines.
  Zobia reiterated Dylan's comments and supported Astor's suggestion.
- Sarah agreed and acknowledged that people experience period poverty.
- Hadiya suggested keeping an immediate supply of period products available in the Guild or at reception.
  The group agreed that the discussion would be taken offline.

8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted

- No questions.

8.14. Ethnocultural Officer – Not Submitted

8.15. First Nations Officer – Not Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Tom Harrowing
Seconded: Sarah Abed

Motion carried

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Inclusive Anti-Racism Definitions at Curtin University

Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. **Supports** that the Guild must advocate to Curtin University for the adoption of comprehensive definitions of racism as it implements its legislative obligations, including the explicit recognition and definition of anti-Palestinian racism alongside antisemitism, Islamophobia and racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Guild must **be** meaningfully involved in the creation, consultation, review and finalisation of these definitions, ensuring students and affected communities have a meaningful role in decisions that directly affect them.

2. **Supports** that the Guild must advocate for an antisemitism definition that meaningfully protects Jewish students from antisemitism while ensuring that anti-Zionism, criticism of the State of Israel, and legitimate advocacy for Palestinian rights are not in themselves treated as antisemitic.

Moved: Hadiya Naeemi
Seconded: Sarah Abed

- Hadiya says the reason her, Sarah and Morgan have submitted this is because there is a lot happening surrounding this within the university and wanted to reiterate the importance of students always having a voice and the Guild taking a stance.

Motion carried.

9.2. Condemn Femicide and Gender Based Violence in Australia

Motion: That the Representation Board:

Formally **condemns** the ongoing epidemic of femicide and gender-based violence in Australia as a national crisis and a structural failure of public safety.

Moved: Sarah Abed
Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi

Motion carried.

9.3. Solidarity with RAFFWU

Motion: That the Representation Board:

1. **Condemns** the Victorian Carroll Labor government's Associations Incorporation Reform Amendment Bill 2026 which effectively prohibits workers from organising with the Retail and Fast Food Workers Union (RAFFWU)

2. **Affirms** the right of workers to organise in trade unions and collectively bargain for workplace conditions

3. **Endorses** actions in solidarity with RAFFWU's right to organise

Moved: Tom Harrowing
Seconded: Hadiya Naeemi

- RAFFWU exists in opposition to the SDA and has been bargaining in support of employees since 2017
- This bill will essentially ban RAFFWU from advocating for the workforce

- Says that it is incredibly important we support this motion, especially because students are often retail and fast-food workers.

Motion carried.

10. General Business

- Ebony asks if all the motions have action items; Hadiya says they do and read some out.

11. Meeting Evaluation

Astor reads out the meeting evaluation, good use of time and stayed on topic.

12. Next Meeting

Notice of the next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will held on the 8th of October at 5:30PM in Council Chambers 410.208

Meeting closed at 6:23pm