



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #05

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 14th of May 2026

In Council Chambers 410.208

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;
- 2.2. Others Present;
- 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

5.

- 5.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 09/04/2026, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved:

Seconded:

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

7. Public Question Time

8. Reports

- 8.1. President – Submitted
- 8.2. Vice President – Education - Submitted
- 8.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare - Submitted
- 8.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative – Not Submitted
- 8.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted
- 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted
- 8.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted
- 8.8. Student Assist – Submitted
- 8.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted
- 8.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – NA
- 8.11. Queer Officer – Submitted
- 8.12. Women's Officer – Submitted
- 8.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted
- 8.14. Higher Education Developments – NA
- 8.15. Ethnocultural Officer – Submitted
- 8.16. First Nations Officer – Not Submitted

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved:

Seconded:

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

- 9.1. NDIS Funding Cuts

Motion: That the Representation Board:

Recognises the importance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, supports the prosecution of people defrauding the NDIS and support the No NDIS Cuts petition.

Moved: Mia Antenucci

Seconded: Morgan Mills

10. General Business

11. Meeting Evaluation

12. Next Meeting

Notice of the next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will held on the 18th of June at 5:30PM in Council Chambers 410.208



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board – Meeting #04

To be held at 5 30 PM on Thursday 09th of April 2026

In Council Chambers 100.301/305

MINUTES

Meeting Opened at 1735

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

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2. Attendance

- 2.1. Members Present; Hadiya Naeemi, Dylan Storer, Morgan Mills, Ebony Whitney, Connie Butcher, Zobia Laarayb (1754), Tom Harrowing, Tahsin Anowar, Astor Luc, Sara Abed, Bonnie Walley, Mia Antenucci
- 2.2. Others Present; Max Zhang(Ethnocultural Officer), Andrew Cameron(Manager – Student Assist), Mitch Craig(Minute Secretary)
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Nil
- 2.4. Absent; Nil

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

4. Minutes of the Previous

- 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes were not circulated in time and will be deferred to the next meeting

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Nil

6. Public Question Time

Nil

7. Reports

- 7.1. President – Submitted

Updates were provided on advocacy relating to university governance, student housing, rental reform, cost-of-living pressures, transport matters, and media engagement on international student visa issues.

7.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted

The report was taken as read with no additional matters raised.

7.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted

Updates were provided on sustainability initiatives including the rollout of smart bins.

7.4. Faculty of Business & Law Representative – Submitted Late

Engagement with Faculty leadership and potential use of Murray Street campus space was noted.

7.5. Faculty of Science & Engineering Representative – Submitted

Updates were provided on student engagement activities and planned events.

7.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted

Student feedback and survey results were summarised.

7.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted

Updates were provided regarding course accreditation issues and student support.

7.8. Student Assist – Submitted

Operational capacity constraints and recruitment plans were outlined.

7.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted

Visa rejection rates and increased costs impacting international students were highlighted.

7.10. Queer Officer – Submitted

Welfare initiatives and provision of hygiene products were noted.

7.11. Women's Officer – Submitted

Submitted. As read.

7.12. Accessibility Officer – Submitted

Updates were provided on accessibility initiatives, staff training, and student outcomes data.

7.13. Ethnocultural Officer – Submitted Late

Development of cultural awareness training and role visibility initiatives were outlined.

7.14. First Nations Officer – Submitted

No collective sign-ups were reported.

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Ebony Whitney

Seconded: Tom Harrowing

Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1. Collectives Procedure

Discussion focused on replacing an outdated procedure with a clearer policy.

Motion: That the Representation Board:

revokes the Guild Collectives Procedure and approves the Guild Collectives Policy.

Moved: Morgan Mills

Seconded: Dylan Storer

Carried

8.2. Guild Food Charter

Members discussed affordability, pricing, accessibility, cultural inclusion, and sustainability across Guild food outlets.

Motion: That the Representation Board:

reviews and **discusses** the Guild Food Charter draft.

Moved: Morgan Mills

Seconded: Dylan Storer

Discussed, no motion moved

8.3. Housing Report and Campaign Demands

The Representation Board moved in camera at 1836

The Representation Board moved out of camera at 1855

1. Discusses the draft Guild Report into Student Housing and endorses the campaign demands of the Fix Curtin Housing Now! Campaign, noting that the report remains in draft form and that wording, formatting, and presentation may be subject to further refinement prior to finalisation and publication.
 - a. Immediate rent reductions and a rent freeze
 - b. Immediate cooling and infrastructure upgrades
 - c. Immediate security upgrades and accountability
 - d. Rebalance power and restore student rights

Moved: Dylan Storer

Seconded: Morgan Mills

Carried

8.4. Endorsement of May Day 2026

Motion: That the Representation Board

support the celebration May Day.

Moved: Tom Harrowing

Seconded: Ebony Whitney

Carried

9. General Business

Nil

10. Meeting Evaluation

Meeting Evaluation was conducted

11. Next Meeting

Notice of the next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board will held on the 14th of May at 5:30PM in Council Chambers 100.301/305

REPORT FOR GUILD COUNCIL

Guild President Dylan Storer (he/him)

Period: 13/3/2026 – 16/4/2026

Travel

- N/A

Leave

- N/A

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Summary

This has been another busy period for the Guild as we continue working across advocacy, student services, and campus life to improve the student experience at Curtin.

One of the most significant developments has been the escalation of the industrial dispute between Curtin University management and the NTEU Curtin Branch, with protected industrial action now underway, including full-day strikes. The Guild remains clear in its position of solidarity with staff, recognising that staff working conditions are student learning conditions. We will continue keeping students informed and ensuring they have access to support and accurate information as the situation develops.

At the same time, discussions around a potential university merger in Western Australia continue to progress without formal detail. The Guild is actively coordinating with other WA Guilds, engaging directly with MPs, and preparing a broader public campaign to ensure students, families and communities understand the risks. This work is about making sure student voices are front and centre in any decisions that could reshape the sector.

Cost of living pressures remain a major focus, particularly around parking and transport. With significant bay closures on campus, the Guild continues to push for long-term solutions including new parking infrastructure and expanded transport options, alongside immediate relief measures to reduce the financial burden on students.

We have also undertaken strong advocacy on behalf of international students following the Federal Government's decision to double the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) fee. This sudden increase places real financial pressure on graduating students, and the Guild has taken this issue directly to government while working with national student bodies and amplifying student voices through major media coverage.

Alongside this advocacy, there has been significant progress within Guild operations. Capital works across the precinct are advancing, including new equity spaces, expanded club storage and additional Student Assist facilities, as well as planning for major refurbishments of key student spaces.

We have also commenced a major hiring blitz to strengthen our service delivery and engagement. Student Assist is expanding to a team of six, our Student Engagement Team is growing to improve outreach and connection with students, and we are scaling up our Events and Clubs team to support a more active and vibrant campus life program.

It is great to see so much activity and momentum across both advocacy and campus life. I want to thank Guild staff, representatives and volunteers who continue to drive this work forward every day.

In solidarity,
Dylan

Meetings

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	ACSES Advisory Board Meeting	I have joined the Advisory Board for the Australian Centre for Student Equity & Success, this is an unremunerated position and has been placed on my register of interests. More here .
18/3/25	Outgoing and incoming Chancellor	Chance to have a discussion with the incoming Chancellor Mr David Lock.
18/3/25	PVC & Deputy PVC Humanities	Discussion about how the Guild can work with academics in the Faculty of Humanities on anti-racism work.
18/3/25	University Council	
19/3/25	Academic Board Executive	
20/3/24	Vice Chancellor	
27/3/25	Academic Board	
27/3/25	Global Positioning Committee	
31/3/25	SSAF Advisory Committee	
31/3/25	Director of Student Life & Community, People & Culture, Legal	Discussion on National Code with senior Guild staff and the Executive

1/4/25	PVC & Deputy PVC Humanities	Further discussion about how the Guild can work with academics in the Faculty of Humanities on anti-racism work.
1/4/25	The Living Room Coordinator	Discussion on how the Guild can support this project
13/4/25	COO	Discussion on cost of living proposals

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	NUS Regional Officer	
17/3/25	Make Renting Fair Coalition Meeting	Very good meeting about reinvigorating this important campaign
18/3/25	Guild Health & Safety Committee	
19/3/25	Guild Council	
25/3/25	VPSW, Circle 8	Demonstration of smart bins that the Guild will be trailing later this year
1/4/25	Bustanul Arifin	Former PSC President discussion on Graduate Visa fee increases
7/4/25	Executive Planning Day	A great day with the Exec planning out the remainder of the year
9/4/25	VPE & Manager of Student Assist	ASPM Review
9/4/25	Representation Board	
14/4/25	VPA	Planning for Guild Volunteering Program
14/4/25	Murdoch Guild President + Exec	Planning meeting for Merger campaign

Other Meetings/Activities

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/3/25	Going away dinner for outgoing Chancellor	
26/3/25	Respect Week BBQ	
26/3/25	DVCA Farewell Event	
1/4/25	Clubs Carnival	

Matters of Representation

NTEU Industrial Action

The industrial dispute between Curtin University management and the NTEU Curtin Branch continues to escalate, with protected industrial action now underway across the university. At a members' meeting, NTEU members voted to authorise full-day strike action, with a maximum of one strike in any given week. The first of these full day strikes occurred on March 23.

Guild Representatives are encouraged to remain informed about developments and to direct students seeking information or support to the Guild's Standing with Staff page, which provides updates and FAQs about the industrial action: <https://guild.curtin.edu.au/theguild/projects/standingwithstaff/>

University Merger Feasibility Study

Discussions regarding a potential university merger continue at a high level. At this stage, however, the Guild has not received any concrete detail beyond indications that further information may be forthcoming in the coming months. There has been no formal proposal, timeline, or model presented to the Guild to date.

In response, the Curtin Student Guild Executive is now working closely with the Murdoch Student Guild and other key partners to coordinate the next steps. This is expected to take the form of a public awareness campaign focused on ensuring students, families and the broader community understand the risks and implications of any proposed merger.

This issue is already gaining public attention. I recently featured in a Nine News story, where I outlined the significant risks a merger could pose to students, families and parents across Western Australia, particularly in relation to access, choice and the long-term strength of our university sector.

The Guild has directly contacted 94 state and federal MPs to ensure the student voice is heard at every level of decision-making. We are already scheduled to meet with at least seven MPs in the coming weeks, with further meetings expected to be confirmed.

In parallel, we are preparing to roll out student-facing engagement, recognising that any structural changes to the university sector must involve meaningful consultation with students and the communities they serve.

While we await greater clarity, the Guild remains vigilant and ready to act as soon as substantive developments arise, ensuring that student representation, governance protections, and the long-term interests of Curtin students are front and centre in any future discussions.

Parking, Transport & Cost of Living

Parking pressures on campus continue to intensify, with 520 bays closed due to the B316 project and more than 600 bays removed as part of the WA Government-led Australian Hockey Centre development. While we welcome several positive steps, including the new Curtin Link On Demand free bus servicing the immediate area, the announcement of free parking weeks later in the year, reduced pricing in some yellow-zone multi-deck parks, and Curtin's commitment to open overflow parking, these are temporary measures in the face of a structural problem. Simply asking students to "deal with it" is not good enough.

The Guild is calling for urgent planning and delivery of permanent parking solutions, including a large new multi-deck carpark, alongside significantly improved transport options.

To reduce fuel consumption and ease congestion, we are calling on Curtin to expand Curtin Link services to key student population centres, beginning with the City of Canning and City of Belmont, and to introduce direct Curtin-run express bus services to major transport hubs such as Canning Bridge and Oats Street. We are also calling for the introduction of free carpool parking to actively reduce the number of cars on the road, as well as greater flexibility in exams and classes, particularly for external students and those with attendance requirements, so that no student is disadvantaged where travel is not feasible.

To relieve cost pressures, we are calling on Curtin to make Food for Fines available year-round to reduce the financial burden of parking penalties while supporting students experiencing food insecurity, and to provide free parking during exam periods and for students who have no viable alternative to driving. We are also advocating for free parking for students already paying rent in on-campus accommodation, targeted fuel vouchers for students required to travel for placements,

fieldwork or research, and financial support for students travelling between Perth and the Kalgoorlie campus.

We acknowledge Curtin's decision, following Guild advocacy, to expand Food for Fines to four times per year. However, with much of the parking pressure driven by the Hockey Centre closures, the WA Government must also step up and commit to proper transport solutions, including express bus services, to address the disruption their project has created.

International Student Visa Advocacy

The Guild has undertaken significant advocacy in response to the Federal Government's decision to double the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) fee from \$2,300 to \$4,600, effective 1 March 2026.

This abrupt change has placed substantial financial pressure on graduating international students at a critical transition point between study and employment. The Guild has strongly opposed the increase, highlighting the lack of consultation and the real risk that talented graduates will be discouraged from remaining in Australia.

Advocacy efforts have included direct engagement with the Federal Government, as well as coordinated work with the National Union of Students (NUS) and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) to push for a reversal of the decision. The Guild has also ensured strong media visibility, with the International Student Committee President leading public advocacy that has been featured prominently in major Perth newspapers.

This work has centred student voices and reinforced the importance of fair, stable and accessible post-study pathways. The Guild will continue to advocate for a reversal of the fee increase and for meaningful consultation with international students on policy changes that affect their futures.

Guild Operations

Precinct Plan & Capital Works

Several capital works projects are progressing across the Guild Precinct. Works upstairs in B106F are complete, delivering new office spaces and expanded workstations aligned with the new Guild organisational structure approved last year. In B106B and B106F downstairs sketches are in the process of being handed over to a new designer prior to Properties approval, tendering and construction. These projects will establish new equity spaces, including accommodation for the Ethnocultural Department, expand club storage, introduce swipe-card roller door access, and deliver two new shared Student Assist offices, consultation rooms, additional representative work points and an event preparation space.

Planning is also underway for the Tavern and GC Central refurbishments, with a Request for Proposal process to identify project partners before design commences in Q1–Q2 and staged construction in Q3–Q4.

The Clubs Hub capital project has now been finalised with new window decal signage installed, while the Student Kitchen signage project is nearing completion.

Guild Precinct signage updates are ongoing in line with the new branding, and the main Guild Courtyard revitalisation project is continuing with the removal of the fake grass and planting of new trees. This will continue in a representatives-led staged approach over the coming months.

Hiring Blitz

The Guild has commenced a targeted hiring blitz to strengthen service delivery and expand student engagement capacity across key areas.

Student Assist is being expanded to a team of six, increasing our ability to respond to growing demand for advocacy, casework and welfare support. This expansion will improve turnaround times, deepen specialist support, and ensure more students can access timely assistance.

Alongside this, the Student Engagement Team is being scaled up to enhance outreach, communications and on-campus presence, supporting stronger connections with students across all cohorts.

We are also growing our Events and Clubs team over the coming weeks to meet increasing demand for activities, support club development, and deliver a more vibrant and consistent calendar of student life programming.

**Reps board may
Report by Vice President of education
May Representation Board (10/04/2026 – 14/05/2026)**

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
22/04/2026	Scheduling Governance Group	Discussed the significant issue of scheduling and space utilisation across campus. A major concern raised was the number of classes being booked but not attended or utilised, which has a direct impact on students who need spaces to study, meet and collaborate. This is an ongoing issue that requires structural solutions rather than one off fixes.
30/04/2026	University Merger Meeting	Held in collaboration with the Murdoch Student Guild and Curtin Guild Executive.
04/05/2026	LSEC	Went through student wellbeing outcomes in detail. A significant highlight was the concerning picture painted around the pressures students are currently facing and how they are interacting with wellbeing services. Cost of living was identified as the number one concern for students, which is consistent with what is being heard on the ground.
05/05/2026	Courses Committee	Reviewed a significant number of courses for approval and discontinuation including the major DBE curriculum transformation. An important concern raised was around the timing of Academic Board meetings where the current schedule places significant pressure on courses that require approval at the start of the year and limits the ability to make meaningful changes due to the meeting falling at the end of the annual cycle.

11/05/2026	Guild AGM	Moved a motion standing against mergers, seconded by Tahini and the motion was passed. Had a number of productive conversations with students following the vote regarding their concerns, including the specific impact a merger could have on Curtin College students and the broader student community. Also heard a range of different perspectives on the merger topic which will inform ongoing advocacy.
08/05/2026	Meeting with Hannah Beazley	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
05/05/2026	Executive Meeting	
04/05/2026	First Year Committee Meeting	Productive meeting focused on the first year experience and upcoming initiatives for semester 2.
06/05/2026	Guild Reel Shooting	Filmed a reel with Faculty Representatives Astor and Ebony focused on informing students about what the Guild is, what we do, and highlighting that we are a union. Many students remain unaware of the Guild's role and purpose and this is an important step toward changing that.
11/05/2026	Faculty Representatives x Student Assist Catch Up	

LMS Transition

As Curtin moves through its Learning Management System transition there has been significant and ongoing discussion across multiple meetings to stay across the project and its progression. Key concerns have been raised in forums including LSEC around the challenges students may

face during this transition period - including disruption to how they access learning materials, assessments and communication from teaching staff. This is being monitored closely I sit on one of the groups that discuss the effects on students and staff. I'm also in regular contact with the staff related to this transition.

Additionally, a data breach has occurred on canvas and Dylan and I are actively working with university professionals to understand the full extent of the impact this has had on students and what it may mean for them going forward. This is a matter being taken seriously and we are committed to keeping students informed as more information becomes available. You can see the official statement released on the guild website.

Mergers

Working closely with Noor to increase the visibility of the anti-merger campaign across campus and through Guild channels. Successfully moved a motion at the Guild AGM standing against mergers - the motion was passed, which is a significant step in making the Guild's position clear and on record.

Continuing to work collaboratively with the Murdoch Student Guild to ensure both institutions are aligned in their advocacy and that the student voice is heard at every level of this conversation.

Placements

This issue has recently gained significant momentum and is an area of growing importance for students across multiple faculties. Working closely with Rama, State Branch NUS President, to create a poster and Instagram post regarding teaching placements and the issues facing students currently on practicum. Rama developed a survey to capture student experiences and I am looking forward to presenting the results directly to Minister Toni Buti on 27 May - an important opportunity to bring the student voice into a ministerial conversation.

Also working with the Health Sciences Faculty Representative on a post regarding a petition backed by the Allied Health Union to expand Commonwealth prac payments to allied health and medical students. This is a significant equity issue - students on placement are often unable to work and yet receive no financial support, which disproportionately impacts those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

First Year Representatives

Met with the First Year Representatives for the first time this semester - they come from a range of different faculties and it was an incredibly productive and energising meeting. They arrived with so many ideas and a genuine passion for improving the first year experience, which is exactly what this initiative is about.

Key themes that emerged from the conversation included the overwhelming and confusing nature of starting university, the scattered availability of information across multiple platforms and channels, and the real difficulty many first year students face in making connections and meeting people - something that has a direct impact on retention and student wellbeing.

Ideas raised by the representatives included a dedicated First Years tab on OASIS, a Guild subpage or infographic specifically for first year students covering things like where to find study spots, how to access support services and key things to know in the first weeks of university. There were also great ideas around having a Guild stall on campus during the first week of study and running orientation sessions during that period to help students find their feet earlier. All of these ideas are being taken forward and will be developed further in the coming weeks with a view to implementation in semester 2.

Guild Visibility

Filmed a reel with Faculty Representatives Astor and Ebony focused on informing students about what the Guild is, what we do, and importantly highlighting that we are a union. It is easy to assume students know what the Guild does, the reality is that many do not, and that lack of awareness means students are missing out on the support, representation and resources available to them. This reel is one part of a broader effort to close that gap and make the Guild more visible and accessible to the wider student body.



Vice President Sustainability and Welfare

May Representation Board (10/04/2026 – 14/05/2026)

Morgan Mills (they/them)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
21/04/2026	Smart Bin placements	Finalising placement of the smart bins with Mark and Tanya
22/04/2026	Foodbank x Curtin Student Guild	
29/04/2026	Meeting with Tanya Chambers	Campus director at WASM
30/04/2026	WASM Social Club meeting	
	Uni Merger meeting	With Rama and Murdoch Guild
04/05/2026	Dietetics Placement	With Dr Megan Rollo
05/05/2026	Curtin Guild x Spudshed	
08/05/2026	Respectful relationship modules	
	Hannah Beazley MP meeting	Regarding the merger
11/05/2026	University Health and Safety	
12/05/2026	Plastic Disposal at the Guild	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
10/04/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
22/04/2026	VPSW x ISC President catchup	
23/04/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	

	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	
24/04/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
29/04/2026	WASM Guild Committee meeting	
30/04/2026	Housing Report	
	Meeting with Roberto	
05/05/2026	Executive meeting	
	Housing shoot	
06/05/2026	Dietetics student placements	
23/04/2026	VPSW x Accessibility Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Queer Officer catchup	
	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer catchup	
	VPSW x First Nations Officer catchup	
08/05/2026	VPSW x Women's Officer catchup	
12/05/2026	Merger launch planning meeting	
13/05/2026	Guild Health and Safety	

Updates

Food Charter

The food charter is currently under review as a simpler version of the document, along with an implementation plan is developed.

With this being said, further progress towards the Guild's food security support has been made. During World Week, myself, Moira and Andrew met with Foodbank to discuss potential options

for collaboration. This includes Foodbank bringing their mobile van to campus for students to use as an alternative to the pantry.

Work is also underway to begin the launch of the weekly community dinners. These dinners will cater to approximately 100 students on a first come, first served basis. There will be both a meat and vegetarian dish offered, with students being given the opportunity to sit in the courtyard and socialise while they enjoy their meal.

University Merger

We are currently working with the Murdoch Guild to launch a large campaign against the university merger being pushed by the government. This includes the development of a website, an Instagram and a survey which will look into people's understandings and viewpoints on what the merger is.

A multitude of different methods for promotion will be used, including stickers. This campaign is set to be officially launched on the 18th of April.

Respectful relations and the GBV code

At the time of writing this report, Sarah and I are due to meet with Jack Geraghty to discuss the broader areas of how the findings of the GBV code are being implemented at Curtin and the supports that students will need going forward.

I am also aiming to discuss changes to the respectful relationships training that exists for new students to complete as part of their mandatory modules. Currently, students are only required to complete the course once during their time at Curtin. For those who have a longer degree, or are not studying at 100% capacity, they will only have completed the module once despite being at uni for upwards of 4 years.

I encourage the university to make the modules so that all students must complete it every 3 years to ensure the information they are studying is up to date and relevant and also exists as a refresher course.

Housing campaign

During the week starting the 11th of May, the official housing report will be published. This report will be available digitally, as well as a few physical copies and highlights the flaws of Curtin accommodation.

The report covers issues relating to the Unilodge accommodation, as well as the Curtin accommodation, Agricola, out in Kalgoorlie. The issues involving these two accommodation options are polar opposites of each other, but both provide serious hardship for the students needing to live on or near campus.

The sections for Unilodge cover the lack of safety for students, poor maintenance, unaffordable rent and hidden fees, lack of air conditioning, and the link between academic progression and their ability to rent. Meanwhile, in Kalgoorlie, there is no where near enough housing for the number of students studying at WASM. The university is also targeting undergraduates instead of postgraduates, of which the predominant make up is domestic students. This leaves international students without anywhere to live and often sleeping in their vehicles or at train stations for up to weeks at a time.

The report calls out the University for their lack of support, understanding and advocacy for students when it comes to where they live, their safety, and any financial hardships they may be experiencing, especially in this cost-of-living crisis.

Kalgoorlie

In late April I had the pleasure of visiting the Kalgoorlie WASM campus with Dylan, Connie, and Tahsin. During this trip, I investigated a variety of equity-based issues around the campus as per the request of the equity officers.

I inspected the state of the bathrooms, as well as the accessibility of the campus. I also looked into the quality of lighting on the campus and whether or not period products were available to students. I also promoted the First Nations Collective for Bonnie. I met with the Guild Committee and discussed how the Guild and Equity Reps here in Bentley can support them and students should they require it.

As part of this trip, I looked into the housing available to students studying at WASM and how this differs to the housing available via Unilodge in Bentley. This information is available in the Housing Report.

Smart Bins

The Guild has entered a 6-month demonstration period with Circle 8 for the use of 3 indoor smart bins. These Smart Bins provide students with an opportunity to earn free Red Bull for donating their 10c containers, along with other prizes. The cans will be collected by an external organisation, with the Guild receiving the full 10c for each can.

The smart bins were launched during world week, where Circle 8, Red Bull, and the Guild having a joint activation promoting the bins, their locations, and how students can win from using them.

The smart bins are located in GC Concept, the GC Library, and GC Basement. This 6-month period will determine the success of the bins on our campus, with final data and overall results will determine if a longer-term contract will be signed. These bins diminish the main current issue associated with the general Containers for Change bins on campus – students, staff, and members of the community throw general waste into the bins. This removes all value of the cans, as they will not be recycled if there is general waste in amongst them. This is done by having people scan the barcode of the container. If the container is eligible for 10c refund, a hatch is opened and the container can be deposited. In order to take part in gaining free Red Bull and larger prizes, students must create an account using the app.

Events

World Week

World Week will be held during the week of this Guild Council. This event includes the infamous pop-up thrift market, with the donations going to the Centre for Asylum seekers, Refugees, and Detainees. There is also a weeklong 50c keep cup discount for Guild members.

As part of the WelFair event on Wednesday, I had a stall where students will be placing a “pledge to earth.” This event was a great success, with a large number of students actively engaging and participating in the activity. The hamper, of which contained a variety of

sustainable and personal care products, was a massive incentive for students, as were the keep cups and other items that were available for students to immediately take after participating in the pledge.

On the Friday there was a student community dinner, bringing together students and clubs of different cultural backgrounds.

Science and Engineering Faculty Report

Connie Butcher (She/Her)

Representation Board – 14 May 2026

Date	Meeting/Event	Comments
10/04/2026	SDP Panel	
15/04/2026	02/26 DIB Committee Meeting	Discussed accessibility and what the Guild can do to better support DIB needs.
15/04/2026	3/26 FCC Meeting	Lots of discussion surrounding the transition to the new LMS.
17/04/2026	SDP Panel (Follow-up)	
22/04/2026	Pop-up thrift market	Assisted with and donated to the pop-up thrift market.
22/04/2026	Club Meeting with CCEA	(see Club notes below)
23/04/2026	Reps Discussion	A casual conversation between the Faculty Reps about campaign launches and current issues/problems students are facing.
23/04/2026	Club Meeting with EWB	(see Club notes below)
29/04/2026	WASM Student Guild Meeting	(see Kalgoorlie notes below)
29/04/2026	WASM Student Guild Forum BBQ	(see Kalgoorlie notes below)
30/04/2026	WASM Student Guild Meeting	(see Kalgoorlie notes below)
04/05/2026	Sci-Eng Grill the Guild	(see Grill the Guild notes below)
05/05/2026	Guild AGM	A reasonable turnout. Listened to the 2025 Guild Exec's outgoing reports and voted against a merger within WA.
07/05/2026	FGSC Meeting	
07/05/2026	Club Meeting with CMS	(see Club notes below)
The following meetings and events will occur between the submission of this report and representation board:		
11/05/2026	Faculty Reps and student Assist Meeting	
13/04/2026	Club Meeting with Curtin GEOS	

Date	Meeting/Event	Comments
13/04/2026	Meeting with SAE Faculty student engagement officer	
13/05/2026	4/26 FCC Meeting	
14/05/2026	Club Meeting with CEC	

Club Meeting Notes

Curtin Civil Engineering Association (CCEA)

The main takeaway from this conversation was that students need multi-channel, high-visibility communication to notice and engage with opportunities. While the Weekly Drop works for proactive students, it's easy to forget and doesn't reliably capture attention, so the strongest mix is still posters, email, and social media. They also raised the point that clubs can struggle to collaborate effectively because it's hard to communicate ideas between clubs and Clubs Support.

The committee described broad frustration with the quality and teaching of their units and lectures, and pointed to room-booking barriers for their club, such as unclear room capacities (information that staff have but students can't easily access). This suggests a more public document or a booking system.

Accessibility concerns included after-hours restrictions on computer lab access for non-first-year engineering students, a ramp that becomes unsafe in winter, and the need to use golf carts for accessibility support (also mentioned in a DIB Meeting). Facilities issues included unreliable computer labs, poor audio systems creating barriers for students with auditory needs, too few monitors available on campus, and a strong desire for library computers to include key Sci-Eng software (AutoCAD, SolidWorks, Adobe, MS Project). They also explicitly asked for support promoting events via Sci-Eng Guild social media, particularly through Instagram stories.

Engineers Without Borders (EWB)

The main takeaway from this conversation was that, despite current communication methods, students are still missing key information due to visibility issues. They like the Weekly Drop, but it could benefit from a notification to prompt students to check it. Regular emails were seen as effective, while social media was described as overwhelming.

There were frustrations with the EPP Logbook process (including slow responses from the Dean of Engineering) and confusion about training induction requirements, as members

didn't realise that only exec needed to complete training, which added stress and created potential conflict.

In terms of support from the Guild, they wanted better visibility and access to reps/officers, suggesting a walk-in availability calendar and more in-person outreach. They also flagged practical barriers, such as the logistical burden of Guild BBQs (moving equipment across campus to Building 215), a heavy door on Engineering Pavilion Level 2 that would be difficult for someone using crutches, and navigation/access issues caused by construction.

Curtin Mechanical Society

The main takeaway from my conversation with the Curtin Mechanical Society committee was that the biggest barrier to student engagement currently is that students aren't consistently receiving Guild emails and don't proactively check updates, so event promotion needs to be more visible (like physical signage) and clearly communicate the practical benefit to students (e.g., what they'll gain by attending). They also confirmed they'd like support using Sci-Eng Guild social channels to promote events more effectively.

The committee also highlighted a few broader priorities impacting the student experience, such as more pathways into internships/industry connections, some operational challenges around committee continuity, and several campus issues worth escalating (more PCs capable of running SolidWorks, limitations around student licensing, and accessibility concerns with the third floor of the mining building).

Kalgoorlie Trip

WASM Guild Meetings

The Semester 1 Kalgoorlie Trip took place from 28/04 to 01/05, in which the President, VP-SW, International student rep and Sci-Eng Rep (me) were in attendance. It was extremely insightful to see how the WASM Guild approached club governance and resourcing, alongside broader student welfare and equity concerns on the Kalgoorlie campus.

There was a lot of discussion about how the WASM Guild could increase revenue, support student engagement through more clubs (like Women in WASM), and advertise events more effectively. The Women in WASM society was suggested to either become a Guild Collective or become an official club, which was important to note because becoming a collective could support access to equity space rooms, and capture the key contact point for continuity.

Another key set of structural issues impacting students was the difficulty of balancing work and social life, as companies turned to the 'no experience = no job' hiring loop in the industry, ongoing housing pressure (including preferential treatment for domestic undergrads over international PhD students), and social separation between domestic and international

cohorts. Learning and scheduling issues (online study challenges and exams falling during tuition-free week) were also flagged, as was the potential value of a Student Assist officer on the Kalgoorlie campus, and a possible advocacy/campaign angle around the fact that mines aren't legally required to support WASM students.

WASM Forum BBQ

The Perth Guild assisted the WASM Guild with their weekly BBQ whilst discussing issues with students. The Forum was a crucial aspect of the Kalgoorlie trip, giving the Perth Guild a chance to meet face-to-face with WASM students and understand the key difficulties they were having. A common problem was housing, as well as the quality of the lectures and unit materials. These are issues we can assist the WASM campus in approaching to make student life more engaging across all Curtin campuses.

Grill the Guild

The Semester 1 Sci-Eng Grill the Guild gave me a valuable chance to speak directly with a wide range of students (but still mostly engineering students) and get a picture of what's working well and where people are struggling. These conversations helped me identify recurring pressure points in the student experience, while also highlighting areas where existing support and systems are already landing effectively.

One key idea I spoke about with students was whether unit coordinators should provide a clear timetable of major assessments at the beginning of the semester to reduce uncertainty and stress, which served as a campaign launch. I also emphasised that this isn't only a student benefit, as clearer assessment planning upfront can reduce last-minute confusion, cut down the volume of emails teachers receive, and potentially lower the number of extension requests tutors and coordinators need to manage, making it a practical improvement for both students and teaching staff.

Zobia Laarayb

2026 Faculty of Health Sciences Representative

57th Guild Council || Meeting #5 – 14/05/2026

FACULTY KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

(All KPIs are year-wide unless otherwise stated)

INDICATOR	DELIVERABLES	STATUS
Attendance at 80% of required meetings		Ongoing
Submission of monthly report to Representation Board that demonstrates satisfactory progress toward KPIs		Ongoing
Run and/or provide considerable support for at minimum one (1) campaign per semester (either portfolio campaign and/or Guild campaign)		Ongoing
Completion of handover report for successor	To be put together by mid-November, and presented mid / late November.	

	Includes one-on-one meeting/s with successor.	
Complete mandatory training within 45 days of being provided the resources/information to undertake the training		Complete!
Increase Instagram following amount	Target amount: 750 followers on @curtinguild.healthsciences account.	Ongoing
Post or collaborate over Instagram with ALL relevant clubs at least twice	Ideally: post on story or upload 'collaborative post' with each Academic Health club (currently 13), at least twice during the year.	Ongoing
Upload post or story on Instagram or Facebook at least once per week	Can include awareness posts, club posts, Representative work updates, relevant domestic or international "health day".	Ongoing
Establish Lab-Coat-Hire Program	Establish program allowing students to hire lab coats for short term usage; or could be strongly setting up this program for establishment in 2027.	Ongoing
Host at least 1 inter-Representative event	Hosting at least 1 collaborative event with at least 1 other Guild Representative, ideally a Faculty or Equity Representative.	Ongoing
Progress the Paid-Placement campaign	Work with inter-university organisations and unions to secure significant updates and progression for the Paid Placement campaign. Can	Ongoing

	strengthen collaboration with Humanities Rep too on this.	
Talk about, present and/or testify at 3 committees / events with Student Feedback	Examples: at Teaching-Learning Forums, working groups, academic staff conferences.	
Investigate accuracy of Unit Outlines	Conduct an investigation into Unit Outlines and actual Unit progression, especially in terms of lecture hours and assessment expectations	

REPRESENTATION BOARD REPORT

(Table followed by additional notes)

Between the previous Board and this Board, I conducted the following work:

Date:	Meeting / Event:	Comments:
17/04/2026	Meeting with a Club Committee	Had an idea to bring together committee members from across clubs to socialise and bond
21/04/2026	Call with Gina from Lifeblood	<i>See below</i>
18/03/2026	Ally Training	Achieved Level 2 Ally Training!
23/04/2026	Fac Reps + VPE Meeting	Talked about our future pathway into promoting and pushing for Paid Placements

29/04/2026	Meeting with FHS Student Engagement Team	Caught up about Health Fest employment, meetings, other services that may be provided to students
01/05/2026	Meeting about Paid Practicals with student	<i>See below</i>
02/05/2026	Meeting with Guild Faculty of Sci-Eng Rep	<i>See below</i>

Call with Gina from Lifeblood (21/04/2026)

Had a meeting with the Relationship Manager for the Cannington Lifeblood centre – who is in talks with both ADSA (Australian Dental Students' Alliance) and AMSA (Australian Medical Students' Association) and is providing promotions for their respective blood drives. Gina is also able to arrange transportation to the Cannington centre from Curtin (and back) for students in groups of about 3-4 and more, for free! We discussed a potential stall on campus to further promote the drives and encourage joining the relevant teams. This stall is in the works.

For more information please contact me; the ADSA Drive closes on 31 May and AMSA closes on 8 June.

Meeting about Paid Practicals with a student (01/05/2026)

During this meeting, I helped a student get up-to-date about the Guild's stance on paid practicals / placement, as well as potential pathways moving forwards.

This meeting give me a bit on insight into how many students are worried about their placements not being paid, and also how many unfortunately do not know what unions and organisations are doing for them.

I am in the process of putting together promotional material for a (relatively) new petition that will be put together by myself and the Vice-President of Education and supported wholeheartedly by us both.

It is highly important for students to reach out to their Guild Representatives to gain insights into what we are doing for them, as well as how we can improve our advocacy.

Meeting with Connie, the Guild Representative for the Faculty of Science and Engineering (07/05/2026)

During this meeting, Connie and I discussed different ways of introducing a Laboratory Coat loan program. This system would be in place to support students who have forgotten their lab coats at home, which denies them entry to their mandatory classes. Some students have also expressed dissatisfaction with needing to purchase a lab coat but only using it once in their degree.

We discussed a few systems already in place, and how we could frame ours to benefit students the most. The system would likely be on trial in one location initially, then after close monitoring and feedback, we'll see if we can expand the program to a larger scale. Thoughts and opinions on the idea is more than welcome.

Things to work on after this Reps Board:

- Get in contact with Heads of Schools and Engagement Teams
- Promote the petition to expand paid practicals to allied and medical students
- Investigate further ways of providing the lab coat loan program, and how to do so

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES REPORT

REPRESENTATION BOARD 14/05/2026

GUILD MEETINGS:

Date	Meeting	Notes
11/5/26	Student assist/Guild reps catchup	
14/5/26	Grill the Guild!	

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS:

Date	Meeting	Notes
30/4/26	LSEC	
7/5/26	Humanities x Guild catchup	

PROJECTS:

Education:

Our meeting with the education minister is on the 27th. Myself, the NUS and the Curtin Education Students Society have been promoting a survey on the matter of placements, providing data to prove our case. It seems that the bulk of South Australian students impacted by recent changes to the Graduate Diploma have switched to a Masters, but I continue to liaise with the SOE on the matter – unfortunately I've not been able to secure a meeting with the Head of School.

OTHER:

Guild reps were proud to attend this year's International Workers' Day march in Fremantle.

I attended a press conference of Make Renting Fair WA pushing for the end of no-grounds evictions.

Tom Harrowing (He/Him)

Faculty of Humanities Representative

May 2026 Representation Board Report – Student Assist

APRIL OVERVIEW

Welcome Vivian!

Student Assist would like to extend a welcome to Vivian Hung, our new Student Assist Officer. Vivian joins our team from a role as Team Leader at MIFWA, where she managed client caseloads and coordinated a team of support workers. Vivian is also a Curtin graduate, having studied a Bachelor of Psychology here. Her skills and experience will be a valuable asset to the Student Assist team, and we are really excited to have her working with us.

Key Focus Areas

The reporting period continued to experience significantly higher session numbers than previous years.

- **Academic Support**

The focus for March was providing guidance to students for HDR supervision matters and academic misconduct cases.

- **Non-Academic Support**

During this period, Student Assist provided emergency relief to **4 students** through various grant programs.

	February	March	April
Academic sessions	323	264	211
Non – academic sessions	97	103	50
Total	397	360	261

Total may not tally as case management system calculates sessions with both case areas as a single session.

Additional Programs:

- **Food pantry**

Total of 57 students accessed the food pantry during the reporting period. 15 of these students were accessing the program for the second time.

- **Loan Laptop Program**

A total of 8 laptops were loaned out to students during the reporting period.

- **Training/ Workshops**

At the time of writing, attendance data for March and April First Aid and CPR courses was unavailable.

International Student Committee Report

Tahsin Ibn Anowar (He / Him)

Representation Board – 14th May 2026

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting / Events	Comments
23 / 04 /2026	Meeting with the Curtin Careers Team (Carol)	Discussed the initial plans regarding the upcoming career workshop event specifically for international students, what to expect, date and time. Expected attendees, etc.
23 /04 /2026	Migration Awareness event with P MEC	Was a good turn up compared to last year, there were really some genuine questions from the students regarding visa issues to the P MEC team Me and Dylan gave a speech at the first regarding the visa campaign and 485 Visa fee increases, Around 70+ people rocked up and there were also a lot of free giveaways from the team which students loved.
24 /04/ 2026	E – meet with (CISS President) regarding the upcoming career workshop for the international students	Had an initial meeting with Tuhin, the CISS President. He is also an international student, and his journey is very relatable. Thought would be a very good fit for the career talk event to speak for a while alongside Curtin Career Team.
06/05/2026	Meeting with Amy (Chair of Academic board)	Had a detailed chat with Amy regarding student engagement and student

		support. Suggested that Academic Board members and university staff should become more involved in student events on campus to better connect with students and understand their experiences directly. Also discussed the importance of checking in on students who may be struggling academically and maintaining stronger communication with them.

University / External Meetings

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
08/04/2026	Meeting with VPSW	
09/04/2026	Meeting with Ethnocultural officer	Had the initial meetings regarding how we want to run our cultural night event ,budgets, expected attendees, perfect winter venue on campus , inviting guests , involving different clubs , introducing games and performances , marketing etc. Should host within the first few weeks in the second semester.
29/04/2026	Grill the Guild on Kalgoorlie Campus	Had the opportunity to join the “Grill the Guild” event at the Kalgoorlie Campus and spend time engaging with students through discussions, hearing their perspectives and experiences at the campus. Dylan delivered a

		great speech regarding the university merger and several other important topics affecting students.
30/04/2026	Meeting with the WASM guild people	Had a meeting with the WASM Guild committee regarding student engagement at Kalgoorlie, the different available facilities on campus, key issues that students are currently facing. This conversation helped understanding how things are going at the campus and learning more about the experiences of students there and how stronger communication and more frequent connection between both Guilds could help address many of the current and ongoing challenges in the future..
04/05 / 2026	LSEC	Had the great privilege to do the acknowledge of country alongside the meeting evaluation.
04 /05 /2026	Grill the Guild (Faculty of sci and Eng)	Helped cooking the snags, was fun!
06/05/2026	Guild AGM	

Leave Taken:

None

Further Notes:

Visiting Kalgoorlie Campus

Last month, I had the great privilege to visit the WASM Guild at the Curtin Kalgoorlie Campus for the first time. It was great to see the beautiful campus and learn more about the student experience there. The whole campus is way smaller to Bentley campus; though it gave us a calm, different vibe.

We had the chance to join the “Grill the Guild” event and spend some time with the students there. Dylan gave a wonderful speech regarding the uni merger and a few other important topics. After the event, we had dinner with the WASM Guild committee members, which helped build a good connection with everyone. One thing I especially noticed was the large number of international students at the campus, particularly postgraduate students.

Then, the next day, we had a meeting with the WASM Guild committee where we discussed student engagement at Kalgoorlie, the different available facilities available, and some of the key issues students are currently facing on campus. I felt the discussion was really helpful in understanding how things are going there, and it made clear that stronger communication and more frequent connection between both Guilds could help address many of the current and ongoing challenges in the future. It was a great initiative from Dylan to build a stronger relationship between the two Guilds.

We also discussed ideas around how they could organize their Guild Ball more effectively compared to previous years. I was happy that one of my suggestions was considered; using their large Grad Hall as the venue of Guild Ball event so they could save the venue costs and save part of their budget. There were also discussions about how events like “Grill the Guild” could be organized even better in the future, along with conversations about the gym and other campus facilities, how available spaces could be used more efficiently, and overall budget planning for the year. The committee members were all very welcoming and easy to talk to, which made the experience even better.

One issue that really stood out to me was the limited on-campus accommodation available for postgraduate students. Accommodation has already been a long-term issue in Kalgoorlie, so it was interesting to hear more about the challenges students face there directly.

One small regret from the trip was that we could not visit the Super Pit because it was closed at the time, which was honestly a bit sad haha.

Overall, it was a very valuable and positive experience. I would also like to thank Morgan, Dylan, and Connie for their support and coordination throughout the visit.







Queer Officer

March Representation Board (10/4/2026 – 14/5/2026)

Astor Luk (they/them)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/4/2026	PVC monthly catch up	
13/5/2026	Executive Queer Collective meeting	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
23/4/2026	VPSW x QO fortnightly meeting	
23/4/2026	VPA events meeting	
6/5/2026	AGM	
7/5/2026	VPSW x QO fortnightly meeting	

Leave

- 10/4/2026 - 20/4/2026

Events

- Sustainability and WelFAIR
- Ally Training level 1 & 2

The number for turnout was lower than expected based on the expected number of attendees from the emails. I will be working with Sheldon to see whether we can set up another training time.

Updates

- HIV self-test vending machine

The posters around the vending machine have been taken down as the request for signage and a brochure holder has been rejected by Curtin Properties. Sheldon has also sent out an invite for a working group to see what can be done within Curtin before we write a flow chart/ resources for the vending machine. The post, reel, and article are now online.

- Period product dispenser

We finally have a stable stock of pads and tampons at the back. We've also noticed that someone is actively stealing pads and tampons from the dispenser in the guild

bathroom as they were empty on the same day as the refill. We are working to find a solution to this problem. Me and Sarah will look into getting more dispensers to put around campus and in the Murry Street campus once this issue has been resolved.

- Queer collective

I have set up memberships for both the Queer Collective and the Executive Queer Collective.

- Pride Fest

I have briefly talked to Morgan and Tahni about initial ideas to work off on. The aim is to have it happen during week 13 (October 12th to 16th)



Women's Officer Report

March Representation Board (10/4/2026 – 07/5/2026)

Sarah Abed (she/her)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
15/04/2026	Meeting with Unions WA	Discussed workshops to include about sexual harassment and assault in retail/hospitality
27/04/26	Soroptimists International (Vida, Clare and two others)	Met with them to discuss upcoming events: - The "floor is yours" public heat debate. - Orange cafe
27/04/26	REES	Discussed trauma informed report structure/database for sexual harassment and assault reports
04/04/26	Elizabeth Baca from Gender Inclusion and Equity	Discussed my goals for the year and where she would be able to help me out. Might bring back the Athena Mag

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
24/04/26	Fortnightly meeting with Morgan	Discussed my upcoming meetings with the external people etc.

Updates

Fortnightly meeting with Morgan

24/4/2026

- Updated them on what I am working on and all the meetings to come.

Meeting with SI

27/04/2026

- Discussed a lot of things here. Two main events: Orange Café and The Floor is Yours.
- Second event has an upcoming booking at Building 108 on the 20th of May (Wednesday) from 6-8pm with a \$500 prize for round 1
- Booking in process for the grand final as well, to be held here for the first time I believe.
- Orange café will be held in July prior to my womens day market event to be held in August.
 - o Details will come with time since it is far away, but in the works.

Meeting with REES

27/04/2026

- Discussed trauma informed report structure/database for sexual harassment and assault reports.
- They walked me through this database of sorts that could have users store reports they have made, and REES cannot access it, only the user.
- Questions were very trauma informed and well thought out.

Meeting with Elizabeth Baca

04/04/2026

- Discussed my goals for the year and where she would be able to help me out.
- Might bring back the Athena Mag



Accessibility Officer

May Representation Board (09/04/2026 – 14/05/2026)

Mia Antenucci (she/her)

University/External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
23/04/2026	PUDL Accessibility Interview	

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
17/04/2026	ACROD parking with VPE	
23/04/2026	VPSW & AO fortnightly meeting	
28/04/2026	Ally Training Level 1 and 2	
6/05/2026	Guild AGM	

Updates

Universities Disability Collaboration Forum

29/04/2026

I hosted the Universities Disability Collaboration Forum on the 29th of April. This was a collaborative event with the UWA and Murdoch guild. We had 30 people register with about 15 attendees. We had the opportunity to hear from Senator Steele-John and Mr. Staltari about what they are doing about disability issues. Minister Beazley was scheduled to attend but couldn't due to a family emergency so she sent a staff member in her place. The event was also livestreamed and had live captioning. Senator Steele-John discussed his start in politics and his experiences with universities and accessibility issues. Mr. Staltari discussed his aims to improve the primary and secondary education system for students with disabilities. He particularly noted the difficulties receiving accommodations during ATAR and we discussed the differences at University compared to ATAR. We had a Q and A for almost an hour where many different points were brought up. It became extremely clear that the issues that students with disabilities face exist across universities. We specifically discussed the barriers of physical accessibility at University campuses which are persistent as Universities are unwilling to fix them due to the cost. We also discussed the discriminatory nature of inherent requirements and the unwillingness of staff to apply accommodations to allow students to complete these courses. This event allowed me to see that the main issues that students with disabilities face are with the physical accessibility of campus and staff actions/behaviors. We also discussed how weak the disability discrimination act is and how it allows people to discriminate as they are not prosecuted for breaking this law. The event was a great opportunity for students with disabilities to discuss their issues and had a wonderful sense of community. I would also like to thank the Blake and Mia from the UWA and Murdoch Guild for their assistance with this event, and their willingness to hold an event spanning multiple universities. I would also like to thank Tahni, Caitlin and the entire events team for their willingness to learn and the enormous amount of effort they put into this event.



Ethnocultural Officer

May Representation Board (09/04/2026 – 07/05/2026)

Max Zhang (They/Them)

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
07/05	VPSW x Ethnocultural Officer Catchup	Discussed my progress towards my KPIs, current projects, and upcoming plans.

Updates

The vast majority of this reporting period has been spent researching, reading through, and compiling a framework for my Ethnocultural diversity awareness training project. Time was spent primarily on looking at various options of external delivery speakers, training content, and adapting the content I've found to be more suitable for a university environment. In my mind, the target audience for this training is to be delivered to guild reps, as well as any student facing staff on an opt-in basis. I am revising my draft almost every single week with new content and information, and I plan to begin consulting with students likely beginning next semester.

My goal for this project is to have a handwritten, tailor-made training program that targets issues and problems students face at Curtin, as well as absorbing the best parts of already existing modules that are out there, adapted to fit our university and its structure. This project will be my primary focus for the rest of my term, with the rest of semester one dedicated to building a framework, and semester two dedicated to consulting and surveying students, and fleshing out the material and content. I hope to have the training in a state where it can be delivered by the end of my term, which is an ambitious goal, but I will try my best to achieve it.

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REPRESENTATION BOARD – 14/05/2026

NDIS Funding Cuts

Submitted: Mia Antencci (Accessibility Officer)
Moved: Mia Antenucci (Accessibility Officer)
Seconded: Morgan Mills (VP Sustainability & Welfare)

Preamble:

On the 21st of April, Minister for Health and Ageing and Minister for Disability and the NDIS Mark Butler announced significant changes to the National Disability Insurance Scheme to reduce the cost of the scheme. NDIS cost 50 billion dollars this year and was proposed to cost 70 billion dollars by 2030 and is currently growing at 10.3 per cent per year. The Albanese government wants to reduce this growth rate to 5-6%/year. These changes include removing 160,000 people currently on the scheme, reassessing all participants and reducing social participation funding.

Motion:

That the Representation Board:

Recognises the importance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, supports the prosecution of people defrauding the NDIS and support the No NDIS Cuts petition.

Actions:

Actions recommended as part of this item include:

1. Condemn the proposed removal of 300,000 participants from the NDIS by 2030
2. Condemn the implementation of the new objective assessment tool to determine functional capacity
3. Call for the required registration of NDIS providers while ensuring that providers who are acting illegally are prosecuted
4. Endorse the No NDIS Cuts petition by Greens Australia
5. Endorse the National Day of Action: Protect Our NDIS and the protests associated with the National Day of Action
6. Condemn the proposed reduction of social participation funding for all participants
7. Condemn the reassessment of all NDIS participants due to these changes
8. Condemn the lack of transparency from the Federal Labor Government to people with disabilities and the State Governments regarding the announcement of the NDIS changes
9. Call for transparency from the Federal Labor Government regarding the proposed changes to eligibility

Background:

The NDIS started in 2013 to ensure that people with disabilities received adequate support regardless of their location in Australia. The creation of the NDIS also worked to reduce the institutionalisation of people with disabilities. Based on the Bureau of Statistics there are 5.5 million Australians who live

with a disability. As of 2022, NDIS participants make up 14% of all Australians with disabilities. People who receive a diagnosis must apply separately to the NDIS and most people are not accepted on the first application. The Federal Government did not consult with members of the disability community about these cuts, meaning we were blindsided by the announcement. The State Treasurers were informed of the cuts the day before it was announced. The State Ministers for Disability Services were not informed prior to the announcement for Thriving Kids and the Queensland government has refused to join the scheme.

Removal of Participants

The NDIS currently has 760,000 participants, with 43% having autism as their primary diagnosis, and a large proportion receiving early intervention which ends at age 9. About 23% of all participants on the NDIS are under the age of 9. Most of these children will not remain on the NDIS after the age of 9. The Federal Government wants to reduce the number of participants from 760,000 to 600,000 by 2030 mainly by removing children with autism by moving them to Thriving Kids. Each state and territory will run their own Thriving Kids program for children under the age of 9 with “mild to moderate” developmental delays and autism. Each state and territory will be responsible for their own Thriving Kids program so support will differ by location. This program will be fully rolled out by January 2028, however, there has been little information provided about how this program will work. The program will cost \$4 billion dollars, (\$2 billion by the Federal government and \$2 billion by the State governments). The program is likely to include resources for parents, phone lines and group therapy options. There are concerns that the program will not provide adequate early intervention and children will still end up on the NDIS after age 9, having received less support than now.

New Assessment Tool

A new assessment tool yet to be developed will be implemented to reassess people on the NDIS starting in January 2028, when they reach the end of their plans. The NDIS currently has access lists which identify disabilities that are given access to the scheme, however people can have these disabilities and can still be denied access. The new assessment tool will now assess participants eligibility based on their functional capacity, also known as their ability to complete regular tasks like hygiene, household responsibilities, work etc. Functional capacity assessments are usually done by an OT over a significant period of time (e.g. a month) to assess their capabilities. Many conditions vary over different days so assessing someone's ability based on one day will be inaccurate and the computer tool is unlikely to be able to assess the complexity of different/multiple disabilities.

All NDIS participants will be required to be reassessed under these proposed changes, as the assessments will now be based on their functional capacity. This means that participants who will clearly not be moved off the scheme will still have to undergo reviews of their plans which will likely lead to less funding.

Prosecution of providers

There are nearly 280,000 NDIS providers but only 6% are registered, registration is currently not required. In July the government will be requiring providers who engage in higher risk activities such as personal care to be registered. This does not mean that all providers will be required to be registered. If providers are unregistered they are not required to go through audits or notify authorities of deaths. Many NDIS participants use unregistered providers due to poor experiences with larger registered providers so it is crucial that we ensure that all providers are not causing harm to participants. Over the last financial year \$3.7 billion of NDIS money was handed out inappropriately, which includes fraud and other misuse like inadvertent non-compliance. This is about 8.3% of the payments that were made in the last financial year. Staff from the NDIA which runs the NDIS have also been involved in fraud. This number is likely significantly higher as most participants have been defrauded by NDIS providers at least once. In the last year 77 warrants were issued, compared to 30 between 2018 and 2021. They have successfully prosecuted 25 people since 2022, with 15 people before the courts.

Reduction in social participation funding

Social and Community support funding is currently at \$33,000 and will be reduced to \$26,000, which is a \$7,000 cut. This funding does not pay for the activities, it pays for the support workers and assistive technology which allow people to participate in activities. In order to combat this change Minister Butler announced a \$200 million Inclusive Communities Fund which will support community organisations to develop opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the local community, However, this funding will be provided to community groups like, sporting clubs, art groups etc, not individuals with disabilities. This change will impact all participants who receive social and community support, not just children with autism.

Attachment/s:

Petition:

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