



**Student Guild of Curtin University
Representation Board - Meeting #4
Thursday the 22nd of April 2021**

In Council Chambers (100.301)
Meeting started at 6:09pm

1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

"The Curtin Student Guild would like to pay 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; Jesse Naylor Zambrano; Bridge Truell; Jason Kim; Lucy Rohl; Madison Ainsworth; Cristian Moreno; May Majimbi (online); Dax Jagoe; Cassidy Pemberton; Clare Metcalf; Chris MacFarlane; Isabel Mountain; Fang-Yu (Cherry) Chen;

2.2. Others Present; Manya Gupta (online); Bree Holmes (minute secretary), Andrew Cameron (Student Assist)

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Ali Rose Bolton

2.4. Absent; Shaniqua Cutinha; Michael Farrell

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Resolved RB#10-2021

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18/03/2021 and 30/03/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Jason Kim

Seconded: Dax Jagoe

Motion result: carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

6. Items Not for Discussion

None

7. Reports

1. President. As tabled. Jesse discussed the ongoing education campaign. She said that teaching venues would return to full capacity for next semester although the Guild was unsure about return to in-person lectures.

Jesse noted that 1,700 responses to the Learning for Tomorrow Model survey had been received. Overall students were against the removal of lectures but in favour of additional digital resources if Curtin did not remove other in-person learning opportunities. The Guild was taking the survey feedback to the University to inform the next version of the model.

2. Vice President – Education. As tabled.
3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative. As tabled. It was noted that the response to the Student Consultation Committee was circulated. There were meetings with heads of schools. A spreadsheet had been created with all complaints/reports to make sure issues were addressed and for reporting purposes. The survey was specific to ECON1000. There was a suggestion made that it should be for every faculty. Feedback was requested on the Respectful Relationships portfolio.

ACTION: Dylan to report to Cassidy with updates on Respectful Relationships feedback

4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative. As tabled.
5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative - Submitted. It was reported that there was a focus of integrating queer education into Health Sciences, starting with Psychology degrees. Lucy was working with Dax and Bridge to create a framework. Work was being undertaken on interpersonal workshops and a Health Fusion Challenge was to work into that as well.

Resolved RB#11 - 2021

Motion - Motion to go in camera

Moved - Lucy Rohl

Second - Bridge Truell

In camera - no recording

Returned to meeting

There was a question regarding how Friend Match Making went in Health Sciences. From 20 group chats made, only two were active and planning to meet up. A feedback form was being completed on the success of this initiative.

6. Faculty of Humanities Representative. As tabled. A point was clarified from the report; Bridge met with the Secretary, not President.
7. Student Assist - as tabled. Andrew Cameron stood in for Jo-Ann Naidu.
8. International Students Committee President. As tabled.
9. Postgraduate Students Committee President. As tabled.
10. Queer Officer. As tabled. Highlighted upcoming Powerpoint Party on May 5. It was noted that the Equity Collective process had commenced.

11. Women's Officer. As tabled. Discussed NUS providing opportunity for trauma management support training. Cassidy would be undertaking training and had reached out to Dax and Cristian to take the module because the Queer and International communities were frequently impacted.

Cassidy was investigating criticism of the Respectful Relationships module and looking at which staff to contact. Next meeting on this was scheduled for May 6.

12. First Nations Officer - Vacant

There was a discussion about finding a replacement. The Guild President discussed meeting with Curtin's cultural advisor to see if the Guild was meeting the requirements of First Nations students. Workshop planned to develop and potentially restructure the role. Discussed compulsory cultural awareness training for Guild staff and representatives. Hopefully that could be carried out at the start of next semester.

13. Accessibility Officer - As tabled.

14. Higher Education Developments - Submitted.

15. Chair of Representation Board report. The Chair discussed his involvement with a move toward the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.

Resolved RB#12 - 2021

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports

Moved: Clare Metcalf

Seconded: Lucy Rohl

Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1 Improved Sex Education in WA

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild acknowledges the need for mandatory and improved sex education in WA educational institutions, especially beginning at lower year levels, and circulates the attached petition calling the Western Australia government to act on this.

Cassidy - A student from UWA reached out, doing similar modules. Recent Government modules on consent have missed the mark. Last two or three months of media attention on sexual assault, need more focus now. Respectful Relationships module is lacking. This is becoming a defining moment and big role for one portfolio to undertake.

Resolved RB#13 - 2021

Moved: Cassidy Pemberton

Seconded: Bridge Truell

Carried

9. General Business

9.1 Continued discussion on Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness

The Women's Collective had been established but Cassidy was unsure how much and what members could assist with. Cassidy said it had been taxing over past months as the issues of safety and sexual assault was a multifaceted, complicated issue.

Cassidy reported on a public speaking event and survey that was conducted about feeling safe at night. It was noted that there was some safety infrastructure in place and that people might not be aware of what was available.

There was a discussion about speaking with Chris Hall from Safer Communities again to see what was available.

Dax mention the Equity Collective Constitution had guidelines for limitations on collective members.

It was noted that the Women's Collective had six members whereas the Queer Collective had received only three nominations.

The Solidarity Sit-In event in collaboration with UWA was discussed.

It was noted that the National Student Safety survey was coming up for all Australian universities in September. 10,000 students would be randomly selected to participate. Recommended actions would be provided for Women's Officers and Guild representatives. It was possible to get individual reports for each campus.

There was feedback from International students that campus was very dark after 6pm and isolated.

It was noted that ISC was happy to help with visibility campaign.

[ACTION: Create a report for safety on campus following on from previous motion last year. Find previous motion for details, report never completed.](#)

9.2 - Solidarity with Myanmar

Acknowledged motion from last Representation Board had not been done.

[ACTION: Committing to share solidarity post within the next week](#)

9.3 - Following up other outstanding items

Discussion to get ISC full access for student services for international students, for scholarships and other support.

Discussion on previous motion to changing Representation Board to focus on actual issues rather than just reporting on previous actions.

Discussion on increased support for Women's Department on sexual assault awareness month. In progress in line with tonight's communications.

ISC President reported that he was attending meetings with Jo-Ann of Student Assist to create a strategy for how to approach issues with the University on behalf of international students.

9.4 - Submission of agenda items

A concern was raised that report submissions were written in the agenda as being submitted late. It was noted that the one week deadline was artificial and that reports only needed to be actually sent three days before the meeting.

There was a request for clarification that minutes noted reports as alternating between tabled or submitted. Recommendation to change these to be consistent although no perceived actual difference.

ACTION - Amend agenda and remove the word 'Late' against reports before being approved.

9.5 International Students

Resolved RB#14 - 2021

Motion: Requests to go in camera.

Moved: Cristian Moreno

Second: Cassidy Pemberton

Motion result: Carried

Went into camera - left room, no recording

Returned

There was a discussion about UWA strategy with counsellors, using psychology students to provide assistance for students.

The role and responsibilities of Curtin Counselling were discussed. It was noted that there were specific crisis interventions for mental health issues, hotlines and other platforms.

9.6 - How Australia deals with International students

There was a discussion about information received from the peak representative body for international students in Australia. A submissions process is underway to look at the way Australia manages international students and examine broader structural issues. It was noted that the ISC would collaborate and provide feedback.

It was raised that if international students were overseas but studying in Australia, there was no special consideration for getting into Australia with current restrictions

ACTION - Jesse to send information about international student submissions process to Cristian

The meeting officially closed at 7:09pm

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 20th of May at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers.

Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 13th of May to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au