



**Student Guild of Curtin University  
Minutes Representation Board - Meeting #2**

**Held at 10am on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**

**In Council Chambers (100.301)**

## **Minutes**

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, Dylan Botica, Jason Kim, Lucy Rohl, Madison Ainsworth, Cristian Moreno, May Majimbi, Cassidy Pemberton, Clare Metcalf, Chris MacFarlane, Fang-Yu (Cherry) Chen, Michael Farrell, Shaniqua Cutinha, Ali Rose Bolton, Isabel Mountain, Dax Jagoe (online)
  - 2.2. Others Present; Erin Russell, Maryanne Shaddick (Minute Secretary), Jo-Ann Naidu
  - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence;
  - 2.4. Absent;
3. Item for Immediate Decision
  - 3.1. Recording Representation Board

### **Resolved RB#1-2021**

Motion: That the Representation Board routinely record and distribute the audio or audio-visual proceedings of its meetings in the same manner as is required and performed of the Guild Council.

Moved: Dylan Botica

Seconded: Jesse Naylor Zambrano

Recording of the meeting commenced.

4. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest  
None noted
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
  - 5.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

### **Resolved RB#2-2021**

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meetings, held on 19/11/2020 and 01/12/2020, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Lucy Rohl

Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None noted
7. Items Not for Discussion. None noted.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1. \*Chair of Representation Board

#### 8.1.1. KPIs

Dylan Botica reported that he was working on activism and had created guides on meeting procedures.

### 8.2. President – as tabled.

#### 8.2.1. KPIs

Jesse Naylor Zambrano noted that research was progressing on the parking campaign and that the Guild was negotiating with the University. Jesse said that the Guild was still waiting for information from the university about where parking revenue was spent. Jesse noted that she met with Tara Felton and that an overhaul of academic misconduct process was taking place. A workshop was planned with Tara. Jesse spoke about the National Day of Action against university staff cuts.

### 8.3. Vice President – Education – As tabled

#### KPIs

### 8.4. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – As tabled

#### 8.4.1. KPIs

### 8.5. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – As tabled

#### 8.5.1. KPIs

Jason noted that he was dealing with student issues from last semester – mainly about poorly run lectures.

### 8.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – As tabled

#### 8.6.1. KPIs

Lucy Rohl provided an update on the petition against the amount of online content nursing students had in their course this semester. Lucy noted there was a meeting with the Manager Student Engagement about next steps. May Majimbi asked about postgraduate students involved in this issue and requested to be kept in the loop. Dylan Botica asked when changes could be implemented and Lucy suggested it would likely be semester 2.

#### 8.6.2.

#### 8.6.3. Faculty of Humanities Representative – As tabled.

#### 8.6.4. KPIs

Madison Ainsworth reported she was involved in the online orientation.

### 8.7. International Students Committee President – As tabled

#### 8.7.1. KPIs

Cristian noted that he had a meeting with the Curtin well-being team

### 8.8. Postgraduate Students Committee President – As tabled

#### 8.8.1. KPIs

May Majimbi reported that she was working on feedback of version 4 of the Blended Learning model. May noted that she was working with the Faculty of Health Sciences specifically in the areas of nursing, physiotherapy and allied health.

### 8.9. Queer Officer – As tabled

#### 8.9.1. KPIs

Dax Jagoe noted one change to their KPI with regard to a project with Sheldon Smith and the John Curtin Leadership Academy based on mobilising allies within schools. No students selected this project.

### 8.10. Women's Officer – Submitted

#### 8.10.1. KPIs

Cassidy Pemberton updated the committee on progress with social channels and noted that she was in contact with women's officer at UWA.

### 8.11. First Nations Officer – Not Submitted

8.12. Accessibility Officer – As tabled

8.12.1. KPIs

Clare Metcalf spoke about plans for an Autism Awareness Day event. Dylan Botica raised the issue of universal design.

8.13. Student Assist – Verbal report

Jo-Ann Naidu reported seeing students as a result of academic misconduct. She was concerned about delays from Curtin in processing these cases. There were issues dating back to mid last semester. Jo-Ann noted that there was a lot of absences within Curtin staff. She said that students were reaching out with concerns about paying fees. They were a mix of international and domestic students. The food relief program was ongoing. May Majimbi asked a question about the software system for online exams. May raised issue about demand for loan laptops as a result of move to online. Cristian raised the concern that international students did not know about support services available to them. He requested the Guild support a campaign for reduced fees for international students. Dylan Botica advised taking this issue to the Guild Executive. There was a discussion about the length of the waiting period for loan laptops.

8.14. Higher Education Developments – Verbal report

**Resolved RB#3-2021**

Motion. Acceptance of reports. Moved Cassidy Pemberton. Seconded May Majimbi.

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Publish Date of Unit Outlines

There was a discussion about feedback indicating that students wanted unit outlines published earlier. It was also noted that there were reported issues with changes to the timetables of Law students.

9.2. Online Lectures

There was a discussion about online lectures and how some schools were more affected. The committee noted how useful it was that Isabel Mountain had compiled information on how different study areas had been impacted. May Majimbi requested a breakdown of online and face to face teaching for each discipline. There was a query about whether closed captioning was available to all students. It was noted that students can access this via Accessibility Services.

9.3 Blended Learning

Motion: That the Guild outright rejects the proposed Blended Learning model in its entirety.

Moved: Chris MacFarlane

Seconded: Clare Metcalf

The Chair noted that under 15.1 of the regulations the motion would need to be amended to be affirmative in nature.

Amended motion:

Moved: Chris MacFarlane

Seconded: Clare Metcalf

The representation board notes that the blended learning model threatens our quality of education and recommends the Guild takes a stance entirely against it in consultation and publicly.

Chris Macfarlane said that this should be the Guild's top priority right now. May Majimbi spoke about the history of the model. She said the consultation process offered a way for students to become involved.

The motion failed with 11 votes against and 4 votes for the motion.

#### 9.4 AOG Protest

##### **Resolved RB#4-2021**

Motion: The Curtin Student Guild endorses the protest against the Australasian Oil and Gas Expo

Moved: Chris MacFarlane

Seconded: Cassidy

Pemberton

Chris Macfarlane spoke to the motion. There was discussion about whether the focus of the Guild should be on the oil and gas industry or Curtin issues. There was acknowledgement of the Guild's history of campaigning on global issues. The committee assessed the capacity of the Guild to support the campaign.

Under the bylaw 11.4 Erin Russell was asked to leave the room by the Chair. This followed a complaint by Cristian Moreno.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes at 12.08pm The meeting resumed 12.13pm.

Discussion about blended learning resumed.

#### 10. General Business

There was discussion about the impact of the Facebook new ban. Jesse spoke about the Guild Survival Tips seminar during O Week and invited reps to be part of this session.

## 11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March to [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)

The meeting concluded at 12.18pm.