



Student Guild of Curtin University

Representation Board - Meeting #7

Thursday the 22ND of July 2021

In 100.301
Meeting opened 10.05am

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 Whadjuk 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; Cassidy Pemberton (online); Cristian Moreno (online) ; Madison Ainsworth; Clare Metcalf; Jesse Naylor Zambrano; Isabel Mountain; Dax Jagoe; Chris MacFarlane; Shaniqua Cutinha (10.28am); Dylan Botica; Jason Kim; David Jorritsma; Ali Rose Bolton, Fang-Yu (Cherry Chen)
 - 2.2. Others Present; Ling Tan (online); Jo-Ann Naidu; Jess Baltovich; Maryanne Shaddick (minute secretary)
 - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Lucy Rohl; Bridge Truell
 - 2.4. Absent; Michael Farrell;
3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. None noted
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Resolved RB23-21

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17/06/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Dax Jagoe

Seconded: Clare Metcalf

Passed with the following correction

Item 7.8.1 KPI Review should have been noted under the Queer Officer report.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None
6. Items Not for Discussion
7. Reports
 1. President – Submitted. Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the First Nations Officer remuneration and noted that the issue would be raised with the Remuneration Committee. Clare Metcalf asked about the Curtin Counselling

reference in the President's report about Medicare funding creating extra positions. There was a query from Dylan Botica about funding of the WA hub of the NUS Education Conference.

2. Vice President – Education – Not Submitted. No questions
3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – Submitted. Jason Kim asked a question about SDP reporting.
4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted. No questions.
5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. No questions.
6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. Jason asked what the acronym LARIS stood for and sought clarification about references to graded attendance and meetings.
7. Student Assist – Submitted. There was a query about how many historic misconduct cases were open but Jo-Ann Naidu did not have access to that information. Jo-Ann Naidu said current students were not being disadvantaged by the Student Assist team's work on the historic cases. Jo-Ann reported that Termination Resources were being accessed however there was a drop in numbers attending and enquiring about workshops. There was a query about whether the Guild had access to Curtin Wellbeing case numbers. Jo-Ann said that the Guild could be get the data.
8. International Students Committee President – Submitted. David Jorritsma noted a reference to PSC in the report instead of ISC. Jason Kim asked about the status of international student campaigns. Cristian said there would be an update at the next Representation Board. Jesse Naylor Zambrano asked about offshore students. Cristian said that he met with the Curtin Global Positioning Committee and was told that Curtin was waiting for Government decision and it was not close. Cassidy asked about interim arrangements until election. Chair thanked Cristian for work carried out this year.

9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. David Jorritsma reported that there was turmoil in the PSC. He said that nominations had been announced. Clare asked about an issue reported about placements. David Jorritsma said that that this was an academic not accessibility issue.
10. Queer Officer – Submitted. Dax Jagoe was in discussion with sexology students who were interested in running sessions for Rad Sex and Consent Week. Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the distribution of the We All Need to Pee leaflets.
11. Women’s Officer – Submitted. Cassidy reported that the Steering Committee meeting had been changed to 3 Aug and a reference in her report was actually in relation to the National Day of Action. Cassidy spoke about her visit to the QUT Guild which included looking at a framework for collectives.
12. First Nations Officer – Vacant.
13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted. Clare Metcalf reported on the NUS Edcon conference. Clare noted a 30 June meeting with Bridge Truell and representatives from Curtin ‘s Counselling Service. Clare said that the Guild was asked to promote the wellbeing app. Chris MacFarlane asked about broader outcomes of the Edcon conference. The Chair commented on what was required in accessibility report. David Jorritsma asked for clarification about a tweet included in the report.
14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted. There was a question about EDx sale.
15. Chair of the Representation Board*. Dylan Botica spoke about research he was conducting about parking at Curtin and said that there was the possibility of an FOI request to Curtin.

Resolved RB 24-21

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: David Jorritsma

Seconded: Jason Kim.

Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1. NUS Education Conference

8.2. Referendum on the National Union of Students (NUS)

Resolved RB 25-21

Motion: That the Representation Board recommend to the Guild Council the holding of a referendum to run concurrently with the Annual Elections.

The proposition being: “That the Curtin Student Guild leave the National Union of Students for 2022”.

That the Guild Council appoint agents for the ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ campaigns with preference given to members of the Representation Board.

Moved: Clare Metcalf

Seconded: Madison Ainsworth

David Jorritsma asked if there was a conflict of interest for those who were NUS delegates and whether they should have declared a conflict of interest at the beginning the meeting.

Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the objectives and benefits of the conference and the decision to have a face to face hub at Curtin. Jason Kim said he found the seminars disruptive and that a lot of students did not get an opportunity to speak. Jason asked about the outcomes. Jesse said there was a culture of disruption. Jesse said there was value in the opportunity for collaboration and sharing of resources especially with regard to national days and weeks of

action. Jason asked whether the Edcon agenda, action items or minutes be released to the public. Jesse said most sessions were recorded but that she was unaware of NUS policy in that regard.

The Chair asked if anyone had a material conflict with item 8.2. There was discussion about what constituted a conflict of interest and the Chair reviewed the regulations. Chris Macfarlane and Jesse Naylor Zambrano spoke about the responsibilities of those who were delegates to the NUS conference. David Jorritsma said that the Guild's Code of Conduct needed to be taken into account.

Clare, Jesse and Chris identified themselves as NUS delegates. Jesse declared a conflict of interest.

The Chair called for a resolution that members who declared a conflict of interest may stay for discussion.

Moved Jason.

Seconded David.

David Jorritsma requested a secret ballot.

Carried.

Resolution carried by absolute majority

The Chair called for a resolution that members who have declared a conflict of interest could vote on item 8.2.

Moved David Jorritsma.

Seconded Madison Ainsworth

David Jorritsma requested a secret ballot.

Resolution carried by absolute majority

Discussion commenced on item 8.2

Clare spoke to this motion saying a referendum was a good gauge of opinion. Clare outlined the wording of the referendum and that it would incorporate an education campaign. Chris argued against the motion saying that the NUS had been involved in many important campaigns in recent years. Jesse said the value of NUS was its connections to other student networks. However, Jesse said support from NUS support was poor. Elected representatives could be disconnected from their communities and that there was a lack of organisation at a grass works level. Jesse said that she supported referendum and that the movers of the motion should undertake to coordinate the yes and no campaigns. David spoke to NUS failing to meet KPIs in the past. Dax Jagoe expressed concern about the way NUS was organised and about behavior at EDcon. However Dax advocated for a survey of students outside the election. Cassidy Pemberton said that the NUS was an important voice for WA students and a referendum as part of the Guild elections was not suitable and could damage our standing with other universities. There was discussion about the Guild's financial contribution to the NUS. There was discussion about having a referendum after the Guild elections and the impact on national student representation if the Guild left the NUS.

A secret ballot was requested.

The motion was carried.

9. Meetings

9.1. Women's Collective – Meeting held on 18/05/2021

Resolved RB26-21

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the minutes of the meetings

Moved: Cassidy Pemberton
Seconded: Jason Kim
Carried

10. General Business.

Cassidy Pemberton asked for assistance with the WA National day of Action against sexual assault.

11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, 19 August at 6pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday 12 August to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting closed 11.45am

