



**Student Guild of Curtin University
Representation Board - Meeting #5
Thursday the 20th May 2021**

In Council Chambers (100.301) and online
Meeting started at 6:07pm

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, Dylan Botica, Jason Kim, Lucy Rohl, Dax Jagoe, Cassidy Pemberton, Clare Metcalf, Chris MacFarlane, Ali Rose Bolton, Fang-Yu (Cherry) Chen, Isabel Mountain, Shuniqua Cutinha

2.2. Others Present; Jo-Ann Naidu, Breanna Holmes

2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Mike Farrell, Madison Ainsworth

2.4. Absent; Bridge Truell, May Majimbi

3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Resolved RB#15 - 2021

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 22/04/2021, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Lucy Rohl

Seconded: Dax Jagoe

Motion result: Carried

Request for clarification raised with previous minutes noting reports recorded as alternating between tabled or submitted. Recommendation to change these to be consistent although no perceived actual difference.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

6. Items Not for Discussion

6.1. Circular Resolution RB#1 – 2021 Palestine post

Jesse provided an update that the Guild had received some negative responses from Jewish students. Jesse had been in touch with university communication team. The guild was standing by the statement but monitoring the progression in the comments.

A question was raised if any actions had been taken as a result of students feeling unsafe. Students were being advised to contact Safer Communities and there had been no further action so far.

More discussion was delayed until General Business.

7. Reports

4.1. President. Submitted. Nothing further to add.

There was a request for clarification on the Learning For Tomorrow (LFT) strategy amended timeline. Jesse reported that the university was two weeks behind schedule. She was due to meet with the Vice Chancellor on Monday.

There was a request for an update on electing a new First Nations Officer. Jesse reported that she talked to CAS and had a workshop. Ingrid Cumming would act as mentor for the First Nations representative and a dedicated workspace in CAS was being investigated.

4.2. Vice President – Education. Submitted. Not present. No questions for this portfolio.

4.3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative. Submitted. Dylan was on leave but attended university meetings. No questions for this portfolio.

4.4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative. Submitted
Nothing further to add. No questions for this portfolio.

4.5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative. Submitted
Encouraged all to read report ahead of next Representation Board for important matters that am still gathering more information.
No questions for this portfolio.

4.6. Faculty of Humanities Representative. Submitted. Not present.
No questions for this portfolio.

4.7. Student Assist. Submitted. No questions for this portfolio.

4.8. International Students Committee President. Submitted
There was a question regarding where to direct students for translation services.
Cristian said queries should be directed to the isc.president@guild.curtin.edu.au email address

4.9. Postgraduate Students Committee President. Not Submitted
Not present. No questions for this portfolio.

4.10. Queer Officer. Submitted
Dax Jagoe met with two of three collective members. It was a productive meeting to plan for the next semester. The department would continue to advertise the collective to encourage participation.
No questions for this portfolio.

4.11. Women's Officer. Submitted
Cassidy submitted a Respectful Relationships review. There was a question regarding review process.
Cassidy was still discovering the process.

4.12. First Nations Officer. Office Vacant
Position vacant.

4.13. Accessibility Officer. Submitted

Clare reported that a six-week social media campaign was being finalized using content from O-Day brainstorm to highlight issues that people wish others knew more about accessibility. There was a question regarding Curtin Counselling. Clare had had a meeting with Curtin . The CAP waiting period was down to two weeks. Clare reported being invited to accessibility meeting/workshop with teams that coordinate counselling services on Campus.

Jo-Ann Naidu said that Student Assist could help with getting details. Currently working with the VP - Education to ascertain if there was a misconception about what the counselling services can provide for students. Hoping to manage expectations for students accessing the services, highlighting long wait times and providing the most appropriate information for them. Clare noted that the new Vice-Chancellor was interested in reviewing the counselling services as she had done at her previous university.

Jesse was scheduled to meet with the Vice-Chancellor on Monday and would discuss this issue.

Dax added that there had been multiple reports of cases of counselling services using incorrect pronouns, dead naming and there was a requirement for increased ally training. Dax said that they would like to be involved and was advised to contact Bridge. Student Assist also offered to be of support.

4.14. Higher Education Developments. Submitted
Not present. No questions for this portfolio.

4.15. Chair of the Representation Board. Not Submitted
Dylan reported that he had been attending Executive meetings to ensure the Guild complied to the regulatory framework and to add the Representation Board voice at those meetings.

Jason raised in the previous Representation Board, that there was mention of reviewing previous passed motions to ascertain if they had been actioned/completed. Dylan had identified some motions that had not been completed.

There was a question regarding the process when actions were made at Representation Board. Dylan said that he reviewed the audio recording and if anything new was found he takes it the Executive and if there the task should be delegated to a specific person, it goes straight to them. Anything specifically for Representation Board was assigned to Dylan.

Resolved RB#16 - 2021

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.
Moved: Lucy Rohl
Seconded: Clare Metcalf
Carried

8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

8.1 Federal Budget

Resolved RB#17 - 2021

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild condemns the Liberal Governments failure to provide the necessary funding to universities and TAFEs in the Federal Budget 2021 and that the Curtin Student Guild make the funding cuts and potential impact known to students.

Moved: Jesse Naylor Zambrano
Seconded: Dax Jagoe
Carried

Jesse spoke to the motion. Universities were not featured in the budget but private providers and short course universities were. There were no plans to return international students until 2022 or support students with quarantine fees. Cuts to research funding and a trend towards less uni learning and commercialising of research.

9. General Business

9.1 Support for Palestine post

There was a discussion about the Guild's Palestine post. There was debate about whether the Guild was representing all students. Committee members noted that a number of students had some forward with concerns. There was discussion about putting out a second post.

Move to suspend standing orders

Resolved RB#18 - 2021

Moved: Jason Kim
Second: Cristian Moreno
Carried

Motion: Curtin student Guild publishes post to support all students

Resolved RB#19 - 2021

Moved: Jason Kim
Second: Cristian Moreno
Motion result: Carried

Secret ballot through button system
1 abstain, 7 for and 4 against

There was discussion about the content of a new post. There was debate about whether it could undermine the sentiment of the original post. The political nature of the Guild was noted. It was noted that sharing safety information could be a positive step.

Close of discussion.

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 17th of June at 10am to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 4:30pm on Thursday the 10th of June to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting official closed: 7:16pm