

AGENDA

Meeting opened 5:30pm

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; Jasmyne Tweed, Veronika Gobba, Jacquie Bicanic, Hannah Northey, Thane Roberts, Nini Siddiqua, Imari Morris, Bustanul Arifin, Chloe Masien, Filiz Keles, Sarina Pun, Zavier Wileman
 - 2.2. Others Present; Christina Nguyen (Visitor), Myles Parish (Visistor), Ella Marchionda, Zoe Stevens (Visitor), Hamide Kocer (Visitor), Emily Cassam (Visitor), Paul Alvarez (Minute Secretary), Andrew Cameron, Max Zhang
 - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; N/A
 - 2.4. Absent; N/A
3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest
N/A
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - 4.1. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion: That the Representation Board approves the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15/08/2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

It was noted that Zavier's name starts with a Z.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic

Seconded: Thane Roberts

Carried.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes
N/A

6. Public Question Time

Zoe Stevens asked how the MOU and the working group was going and enquired as to whether Curtin was having a stall at the Land Forces Expo in Melbourne. Jasmyne Tweed said that that she

wasn't aware that there was a stall; and she was happy to send a letter to the Vice Chancellor. There was further discussion about the working group. Jasmyne Tweed said that a guide has been written for PhD and research students with information about the sourcing of their funding which was to be communicated to students prior to signing contracts. Christina Nguyen asked Zavier about inclusivity with regard to bathrooms at Curtin and how to collect data about this. Zavier Wileman noted that they collected the list of bathrooms on campus and the issues that have come up and they were getting data on how the all gender bathrooms are unkempt. Zavier told Christina to email them or chat in person in the future. With regard to the MOU, Jasmyne said that Mitch Craig and Bustanul Arifin had met with Lindy (DVC research. The Guild had collaborated with Curtin Palestinian Society to raise flags during graduation. Ella added that a lot of students that Curtin has broken ties to these companies to weapons companies in Israel because of the statement Guild released when they signed the MOU. However the way it was presented implied that we had won our demands, however we had not, and Ella stated this was a problem. There was a question about whether the Guild would make a stand on the suicide rate of young people in prison. Veronika answered that the Guild in the past had condemned WA's incarceration system.

7. Items Not for Discussion

N/A

8. Reports

- 4.1. President – Submitted - *Jasmyne Tweed added that 6 free period-product vending machines had been delivered.*
- 4.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked*
- 4.3. Vice President – Sustainability and Welfare. Submitted. *As tabled. No questions asked.*
- 4.4. Faculty of Business and Law Representative - Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked*
- 4.5. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked*
- 4.6. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted - *As tabled. No questions asked.*
- 4.7. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted - *Imari Morris noted that we were getting more support on content warnings. No questions asked*
- 4.8. Student Assist – Submitted -*As tabled. No questions asked*
- 4.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted - *As tabled. No questions asked*
- 4.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked.*
- 4.11. Queer Officer – Submitted – *As tabled. No questions asked.*
- 4.12. Women's Officer – Submitted - *As tabled. No questions asked.*
- 4.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted - *As tabled. No questions asked.*

4.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted - *No questions asked.*

Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Hannah Northey

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

Carried.

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution

9.1. Promote Awareness of the Curtin Food Pantry

Motion: That the Representation Board **approve** a campaign to raise awareness of, and increase donations to, the Curtin Community Pantry.

Nini Siddiqua noted that she was involved in a needs assessment with students regarding stress and the cost-of-living crisis. She said that students have financial limits on the type of food they can buy and how a lot of students go on about their days without meals, Therefore, Nini stated that the Guild should promote awareness about increasing donations to the Curtin Community Pantry. Nini reported that she had created a community group chat for the faculty. Ella Marchionda asked about how these issues could be fought, and how we could address student poverty - she asked what the Guild was doing in regard to this. Jasmyne Tweed spoke about the housing - students could subscribe to get information and financial support updates. With international students, the Guild directed EDMS about accessing support and government updates. She stated that we would do more on social media and the web page. Sarina stated that we could also focus on student kitchens on campus and restocking free items to students. Jasmyne Tweed added that there had been a delay in the new kitchen, though when it opens, there would be pantry staples that people could access.

Moved: Nini Siddiqua (Faculty of Health Sciences Representative)

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic (Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare)

Carried.

9.2. Support Palestinian refugees and demand scholarships for Palestinian students

Motion: That the Representation Board:

- a) **condemns** the Labor government for its refusal to grant Palestinians permanent protection visas; and
- b) **advocates** for financial aid and scholarships for Palestinian students fleeing the genocide in Gaza.

Jacquie Bicanic stated that she was happy to work with on this. She asks Ella Marchionda what her intention was for point B. Ella said that we can solve this by fully granting scholarships, and there should be a broader student campaign to demand this. Ella said this was important as Australia granted many visas to Ukrainian refugees but only 5 for Palestinians out of 6000. She noted that the Guild and university should take a stand on this. Jasmyne stated that a lot of Palestinians who are in this country were not here on a student Visa, so they can't study.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic (Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare)

Seconded: Chloe Masien

Carried.

9.3. Support the 24/7 Refugee Encampment and Stand in Solidarity with Tamil Refugees

Motion: *That the Representation Board **support** the refugee encampment in Willetton and their struggles against the current ALP government for permanent visas and their demands for working rights, rights to education and rights to healthcare.*

Jacquie Bicanic and Thane Roberts agreed with the motion as it is written. There was discussion about the Guild taking a stand on this issue and Jasmyne Tweed said that she was happy to put posters up to raise awareness.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic (Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare)

Seconded: Thane Roberts

Carried.

9.4. Condemn Labor's anti-democratic attack on the CFMEU

Motion: That the Representation Board:

- a) **condemns** the attacks on the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union and the decision to impose an unelected administrator; and
- b) **commits** to initiatives that fight against undemocratic interference in Unions.

Jacquie Bicanic agreed with the motion as it was written. Jasmyne Tweed added that it was shocking for the WA division, how they were being dragged into this. There was general discussion and agreement on the motion.

Moved: Jacquie Bicanic (Vice President of Sustainability and Welfare)

Seconded: Nini Siddiqua

Carried.

9.5. Support the Student General Meetings Around the Country voting in support of Palestine

Motion: That the Representation Board **notes** the significance of the Special General Meetings on campuses across Australia voting for Palestine.

Jasmyne Tweed said it was important to note the significance of SGM's across the country and also where the motions had passed at AGMs. She stated that we should show solidarity and be proud of this movement across the country.

Moved: Nini Siddiqua (Faculty of Health Sciences Representative)

Seconded: Jasmyne Tweed

Carried.

10. General Business

N/A

11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 17th of October at 1730 to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday the 10th of October to secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au and educationvp@guild.curtin.edu.au

Meeting Closed @6:37pm