

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at @5:33pm

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; Veronika Gobba, Jasmyne Tweed, Bustanul Arifin, Thane Roberts, Hannah Northey, Imari Morris, Zavier Wileman (Online), Jacquie Bicanic (Online), Nini Siddiqua (Online, Jacquie Bicanic (online)
  - 2.2. Others Present; Mitch Craig, Max Zhang, Paul Xavier Alvarez (Minute Secretary), Andrew Williams, Chloe Masler, Benjamin Burgess, Ella Marchionda, Hamida Kocer, Robert Vusak, Bernie Playford, Zoe Stevens, Kyle Melrose, Eleanor Wright, Jo-Ann Naidu
  - 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Filiz Keles, Cadence Gant, Kim Pinto
  - 2.4. Absent;
3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest  
None
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 14/03/2024, as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.  
  
Veronika Gobba noted the following typo that required correction. Students "for" Palestine not "from."  
  
Moved: Imari Morris  
Seconded: Thane Roberts  
Carried.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes  
None
6. Public Question Time (15 minutes)

The Chair noted that there were two questions allowed per student. Ella Marchionda asked what was the Guild going to do to actively promote the upcoming pro-Palestine activism and also support on-campus pro-Palestine activism? Jasmyne Tweed answered that she had reached out to Friends of Palestine WA specifically for their social graphics. She would also be encouraging students in her President's email this month to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine. Jasmyne noted that the Guild would be sending emails, sharing Instagram events, and sharing this month's calendar for rallies in terms of on-campus activism. The Guild was also working with the Palestinian Society at Curtin, particularly with regard to boycotts and cutting ties with certain organisations. The upcoming Thrift Market proceeds will also go to a Gaza charity. Veronika Gobba noted that she was working on a Guild web page about why the Guild supported Palestine and why students should support Palestine. Ella asked why it had taken 7 weeks into campus for more of this stuff to actually actively get entrained? Ella also notes that she was confused as Mitch Craig said to Ella that her motion sent last night didn't have to be discussed at this meeting as a pro-Palestine motion had already been moved. Jasmyne Tweed responded that from a governance perspective about not doubling up motions. Jasmyne noted that the Guild had carried motions about endorsing rallies, which is why the motion Ella sent through last night, did not need to be discussed as it had already been endorsed. One of the visitors (name not called) asked whether the Guild was willing to condemn hypocritical messages from Albanese and Penny Wong about the aid workers who were killed in Gaza and what would they do to fight for Palestinians in the Labour Party? Veronika Gobba responded that this was not relevant to the Representation Board. Jasmyne Tweed said that if we wanted to condemn the actions of Penny Wong and the Australian Federal Government more broadly about how horrific their policy and stance has been this was something Jasmyne could include in communications. One of the visitors (name not called) asked how we are pushing the party to the left. Veronika responded that she denounced the horrific stuff that's going on. Veronika added that this was not a young labor meeting, so she is not going to comment any more. Rob Vusak made a point that the Guild should make note that it did not support the actions of the Labour Party. Veronika responded that we could discuss this outside the meeting, as this was not the forum for that.

## 7. Items Not for Discussion

None

## 8. Reports

- 4.1. President – Submitted. Jasmyne Tweed updated the committee about the *campaign*. The Residential Tenancy Act was currently earmarked for reform and there was some discussion about whether student renters and lodgers would be included in the act at this time. Jasmyne noted that she had raised concerns that this was a priority for student renters and lodgers. The Guild was working on maintenance issues with student accommodation including no heating, no cooling, and no renovations. Jasmyne added that if anyone wanted to help on this, please get in contact with her. No questions.
- 4.2. Vice President – Education – Submitted – As tabled. Veronika added that Imari was doing great on their content warnings. She noted that the university was looking at signing the Darlington Statement. No questions.
- 4.3. Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.4. Faculty of Business and Law Representative – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.5. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.

- 4.6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted – As tabled. It was noted that the pilot of the contact warnings had officially started. Imari Morris said that they hoped that implementation would occur slowly throughout the semester and that final tweaks could be made before it was rolled out further. No questions.
- 4.7. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.8. Student Assist – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.9. International Students Committee President – Submitted – No questions.
- 4.10. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted – Bustanul Arifin noted that PSC was working with Student Assist with regard to changes impacting HDR students. No questions.
- 4.11. Queer Officer – Submitted – As tabled. No questions.
- 4.12. Women's Officer – Not Submitted – No questions.
- 4.13. Accessibility Officer – Submitted – No questions.
- 4.14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted – Veronika Gobba noted that the survey on casual racism in universities was concerning and she thought it might be helpful if the Guild did a little bit more digging into racism in Curtin. No questions.

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **notes** the reports.

Moved: Hannah Northey  
Seconded: Imari Morris  
Carried.

9. Items for Discussion and Resolution
  - 9.1. May Day

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **support** the celebration of May Day.

Jasmyne Tweed said that it would be great to see student representatives take part in May Day. Imari Morris said that it made sense to support unions elsewhere, as we are a part of the union here on campus. There was discussion about the promotion of May Day and its historic relevance.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed  
Seconded: Imari Morris  
Carried.

- 9.2. Free the Hounds

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **support** the Free the Hounds campaign to ban greyhound racing in Western Australia.

Jasmyne Tweed noted that the motion was submitted by a student River Clarke who could not be here today.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Hannah

Northey

Carried.

### 9.3. Rainbow Futures WA

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **support** the Rainbow Futures WA LGBTQIA+ campaign, which encompasses the following demands:

- a) update the Equal Opportunity Act to provide better protections for LGBTQIA+ people,
- b) modernise the legal gender recognition process for trans and gender diverse people,
- c) ban conversion practices, which seek to change sexual orientation or gender identity,
- d) change surrogacy laws to make altruistic surrogacy available to all people, not just single women and "opposite sex couples",
- e) prohibit intersex babies and children being subjected to deferrable medical interventions without their personal informed consent.

Zavier Wileman thanked River Clarke for submitting the motion. Rainbow Futures was in line with the work of the Queer Department and the Guild and was a really important extension of our allyship and community work. Zavier added this was a good time for us to put pressure on the government to live up to their promises. Therefore, overall, this proposal was very reasonable and relevant to the queer community.

Moved: Zavier Wileman

Seconded: Jacquie Bicanic

Carried.

### 9.4. VC Salaries

**Motion:** That the Representation Board:

- a) **condemn** the recent pay rise of Curtin University Vice Chancellor Harlene Hayne.
- b) **call for** a cut to Vice Chancellor salaries to that of an average full time staff member.

Jasmyne Tweed noted that it was disgusting that our VC had taken a 13% pay rise and now earns over \$1 million and is the highest paid VC in WA. The VC's wages don't go through the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal. She stated that it was shameful that our VC earns more than double the amount of the Prime Minister and more than a high court judge. Thane Roberts added that he generally agreed with Jasmyne and felt it was unfair that the VC earned more than other academic

staff. Ella Marchionda asked what the Guild was going to do about the issue. Jasmyne Tweed said that that the Guild had prepared social posts. Jasmyne noted that the NTU president had thanked Curtin Guild for their involvement in recent strikes.

Moved: Jasmyne Tweed

Seconded: Thane

Carried.

#### 9.5. Immigration Policy

**Motion:** That the Representation Board **condemn:**

- a) The ALP's proposed changes to the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) that will give unprecedented powers to the Home Affairs Minister to deport and punish non-citizens.
- b) The Australian Labor Party's horrific treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

Bustanul Arifin noted that this policy was something we needed to be concerned about because this would be a concern for refugees. He noted that the impact of this policy will be wide, and that deportation should not be the decision of the Home Affairs Minister it should follow a legal process. There was a discussion about the policy and the history of government decision making.

Moved: Bustanul Arifin

Seconded: Thane Roberts

Carried.

#### 10. General Business

None

#### 11. Meeting Evaluation

The Chair noted that there would be no meeting evaluation.

#### 12. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 16th of May at 5:30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday the 9th of May to [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)

Meeting closed