



CURTIN STUDENT Guild President Report

August 2024

Jasmyne Tweed

Presidents Representation Board Report

Covering Dates: 20.06.2024 – 18.07.2024

Leave: Nil

Travel: 20.06.2024-22.06.2024 Gender-based Violence Charter Seminar

1. Meetings Log

University Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
20.06.2024	Academic Board Executive	
28.06.2024	Academic Board	
08.07.2024	Guild President x DVCG Check in	
	Guild President x DVCA Check-in	
11.07.2024	Student Experience Steering Committee	
15.07.2024	Global Positioning Committee	
17.07.2024	Student Charter re-do planning	
Guild Meetings		
Date	Meeting	Comments
24.06.2024	Guild President X MD Check-in	
	Guild Exec x PMs Meeting	
	Higher Education	
25.06.2024	NUS Womens Officer – National Code Submission Check-in	
27.06.2024	Guild Council	
28.06.2024	Academic Board Pre-meeting	
05.07.2024	WASM President Check-in	
08.07.2024	President x MA Check-in	
	Guild Executive Committee	
	Higher Education	
09.07.2024	Presidents Catch-up	
10.07.2024	Make Renting Fair Working Group	
11.07.2024	Executive Committee	
12.07.2024	Guild x Briscoe Check-in	
17.07.2024	Finance and Risk Committee	

2. Projects Overview

2.1 Education Conference

For the first time in ten years the annual National Union of Students Education Conference was held in WA right here at Curtin University. Reps from the Curtin Student Guild presented fantastic, productive workshops that represented the strengths of the Curtin Student Guild

well. Unfortunately the conference did not go smoothly in its entirety, with an alleged shoving from a member of Socialist Alternative towards the NUS Education Conference leading to the conference pausing on day three.

2.2 Managing Director Recruitment

The Managing Director recruitment process is underway. David, Nika and I met with the recruitment agency and finalised the advertising strategy. The agency is on the process of creating a skills matrix to screen recruits against.

2.3 Gender-based Violence National Code

The National Code will set rules for higher education providers to embed a whole-of-organisation approach to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. The National Code will apply to all higher education providers registered by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

The Guild submitted a response to the draft national code, emphasising the important of survivor and trauma informed approaches. We referenced the approach of the University of Minnesota through their [Aurora centre](#).

2.4 Student Housing – Academic Sanctions

Student Assist and I are currently advocating for there to a financial minimum of debt that a student in accommodation needs to be in before they receive an academic sanction. The university has been extremely reluctant to this approach but we have gained the support of the Vice Chancellor in implementing a minimum and will be presenting this to the accommodations team.

2.5 Student Assist Services Expansion

We are in the middle of the process of expanding the services that students assist provide. We are looking into providing a lawyer or someone with legal expertise for half a day a week.

2.6 Student Charter

Myself, Student Assist and the Academic Registers team have started the process of re-writing the Student Charter. It hasn't been updated since it was created in 2008 by the university and the Guild. We are attempting to create a document that re-instate the importance of creating a safe campus and Curtin community for all students to enjoy and the role that all students have in contributing to that safe environment. The first draft is currently being created.

Vice President – Education

July Representation Board

Reporting Period 16/07/2024 – 8/08/2024

Veronika Gobba (she/her)

University / External Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
18/7/24	Guild Survival Guide Presentation	
19/7/24	PAC MATE training presentation with Exec	
29/7/24	Fieldwork Governance Group meeting	Discussed Guild's concerns with lack of clarity and consistency surrounding policy and fieldwork manuals. Committee said it would be investigated and policy could be updated to reflect concerns in review.
2/8/24	VPE x HS Rep X HS PVC	Introductory meeting with newly appointed Health Sciences PVC. Communicated concerns around fieldwork manuals and students getting poor communication around prac termination.
5/8/24	FBL Courses Committee	Attended on FBL Rep's behalf.
6/8/24	University Courses Committee	
7/8/24	Learning Platform Review Project	Investigation for future of Curtin's learning platform (Blackboard), as well as other systems such as AKARI.
	Disclosure, Divestment & Ethical Investment MOU 1 st working group meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DVC-R will establish communication between research staff and Guild PSC Rep and Student Assist to ensure disclosure training for supervisors and to develop a factsheet for students undertaking research. -DVC-A & DVC-G will follow up on progress of 11.1d. -Briefly spoke about Guild's commitment to 11.2d, Guild suggested academic and cultural exhibits for Gaza on campus. Also discussed recent problematic panel lecture on which discussed Israel and Palestine. - Guild expressed opposition to Curtin's decision to be the major sponsor of the Indian Ocean Defence & Security conference, and requested that the university commit to not sponsoring events alike in future. DVC-R was resistant and dismissive of this. Citing that the conference was an opportunity for the university to

		connect with industries that can provide funding and opportunities for students.
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Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Comments
16/7/24	CQAM Review	Student Assist & Faculty reps
	CQAM Review Part 2	
18/7/24	HUM Rep x VPE catch-up	
	Representation Board	
22/7/24	Higher Education	
31/7/24	Events & Guild Exec catch-up	
1/8/24	HUM Rep x VPE catch-up	
2/8/24	Student Engagement & Accessibility Officer	Regarding Guild's affiliation with Hidden Disabilities and launch

Leave Taken: 25th-26th July.

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme

In line with the Motion passed at last Representation Board I have signed the Guild up with an account with Hidden Disabilities and the Secretary has purchased the professional membership. I am working with Filiz, Mitch and the engagement team to launch this to students, make sure Guild staff get the training and have the sunflower products available to them.

Fix Required Academics Texts availability/affordability

The survey that Hannah created for textbook availability/affordability was launched on Oday, featuring at the VPE and faculty rep stalls as well as on socials. 355 responses were received and gave a great overview of issues of textbook availability. The library staff have discovered that there are many UC's who are not inputting required readings into the reading list, thus making it difficult for the library to make required readings better available. The Library will soon be launching a survey to staff who prescribe readings to understand better how they select these textbooks. There has been a proposed amendment to the CQAM as a result of this advocacy to ensure that UC's only pick texts with decent availability (so if not open access, then it must be available through the library). This amendment has passed Courses Committee and will be finalised through further consultation by November.

Vice President – Sustainability & Welfare

August Representation Board Report (11/07/2024 – 15/08/2024)

Jacquie Bicanic (she/they)

University / External Meetings:

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/07/24	Department of Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Grant Funding	Met with Bree, Tanya and Emma to discuss what the grant is and if we're eligible and what we'd need to do.
16/07/24	Mental Health & Resilience in Students Reference Group	
19/04/24	RACSAC	
29/07/24	University Health & Safety Meeting	
07/08/24	Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)	Presented my draft proposal on RVMs for a vibe check to see if the group would support my final proposal.
12/08/24	Student Success Principles	

Guild Meetings (Or Guild-Related Meetings):

Date	Meeting	Comments
11/07/24	Love Week / Rad Sex & Consent	Discussed what we will be doing this semester.
15/07/24	Lush Booragoon	Collected wastage and samples for O-Day
15/07/24	Operations Committee	
16/07/24	Andrews Succulents	Collected donations for O-Day
17/07/24	Queer Officer Check In	
17/07/24	Health & Safety	
17/07/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
17/07/24	Pride Meeting	Sheldon, Imari, Zavier, Max and I met to discuss the plan for Pride on campus.
18/07/24	WAAC	Collected Condoms for O-Day and reception
18/07/24	Officeworks Cannington	Collected donations for O-Day
18/07/24	Women's Officer Check In	Met with the events team, Max, Chloe and myself.
18/07/24	SA/SH Flyer	Met with Ariane Cummins from Curtin Counselling to discuss the flyer I am creating for reporting options for students for sexual assault/harassment.
18/07/24	Reps Board	I was unable to attend reps board, but I will review the meeting minutes when they are released.
19/07/24	MATE Training	Met with the Guild exec team, Sheldon, Robyn and Imari to discuss MATE training.
23/07/24	SA/SH Flyer Meeting	Tried to meet with Jack from the Wellbeing Team. They were unavailable so I met with one of their colleagues briefly. Decided to email Jack later and try and re-schedule the meeting.

25/07/24	Guild Council	
29/07/24	TOMRA	Met with Shane from TOMRA to discuss RVMs on campus.
29/07/24	Jessie Parish	Met with Jessie Parish to discuss sustainability on campus and what events are coming up re sustainability.
31/07/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
01/08/24	End of Sem Bash	Met with the events team, student engagement and exec to discuss EOSB.
05/08/24	Student Meeting	Impromptu meeting with student to discuss sustainability on campus.
07/08/24	Talent for Tomorrow	
07/08/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
08/08/24	Reps Budget meeting	Mitch (Secretary), Veronika (VPE) and I met to discuss reps' budget for next year.
08/08/24	Check-In	Max (VPA), Veronika (VPE) and I briefly checked in and shared progress updates on various projects.
08/08/24	Activities Budget	Mitch (Secretary), Max (VPA) and I met to discuss the activities budget for next year.
08/08/24	Exec	
08/08/24	Love, Sex & Consent – comms	Exec met with student engagement & events team to discuss comms strategy for Love, Sex & Consent Week.
08/08/24	Recycling Hub Update	Met with Maryanne for an update on the recycling hub
12/08/24	Digital Catch-Up	Met with student engagement to discuss digital strategy.
12/08/24	Operations Committee	
14/08/24	VPA & Events Team meeting	
15/08/24	Queer Officer Check In	

Leave Taken:

None

Further Notes:

Topic

Details

SA/SH Flyer

I am working on a flyer for students outlining what options they have when reporting sexual assault and/or sexual harassment. It will be a two-sided flyer with one side focusing on reporting within Curtin with the other side outlining reporting options outside of Curtin University. I am in the process of meeting with Curtin Counselling, Wellbeing & Safer Communities (within the Uni) to discuss what link to include for the QR code and what information to provide students on the flyer. I will also set up a meeting with Student Assist to discuss the same thing for the external side of the flyer. The other two options on this side will be the police and SARC.

Containers For Change	<p>I met with Shane from TOMRA to discuss how RVMs can be delivered on campus from their end. Since then I was able to do a 'vibe check' with the SDGW to see if they would lend their support for my final proposal. The proposal is incomplete with much information still pending. I will continue to provide updates through my reports on my progress of this project.</p>
Recycling Hub	<p>I am waiting on confirmation when the cubby can be built by. This project will be a manual process with me taking charge of the returns /dropping off the recycled material to start with. I will do this to get the project up and running and once it's installed I can see if there is a less manual option, or if this will become part of the VPSW folio to check the cubbies twice a week for returns.</p>
Sustainability Week	<p>Sustainability week has been delivered for semester 2 2024 in week 4 (12th – 16th August). It involved a mending workshop on Monday, Thrift stalls Tuesday – Thursday, a stall day on Wednesday with local vendors and I will have a stall where students can start their own benchtop veggie/herb garden. Friday was an online campaign with the delivery of an online cookbook designed to reduce food waste. A few copies were printed off and made available at reception.</p>

Faculty of Business and Law Representative Report

Name: Hannah Northey

Meeting: 15th August 2024

Updates:

Date	Meeting/Event	Comments
16/7/2024	CQAM feedback meeting	Reviewing CQAM and any proposed changes since it is up for review
18/7/2024	FBL Undergraduate and Postgraduate combined orientation	Another successful orientation session in which students were introduced to the essentials of life at Curtin and all about the Curtin Student Guild
18/7/2024	July Representation Board	
19/7/2024	Monthly meeting with PVC Vanessa Chang	Discussions around my campaigns
19/7/2024	HUM x FBL Rep meeting	Discussion around Imari's content warning campaign
19/7/2024	FBL Online Orientation	The final FBL orientation for 2024. It was again successful and hopefully all the online students found it useful
23/7/2024	Meeting with Head of School Accounting, Economics and Finance Professor Felix Chan	Discussions around Guild updates, campaigns and FBL clubs
24/7/2024	Guild O Day	Had my raffle and the promotion of the new Curtin Guild Business and Law Instagram page
24/7/2024	FBL Sustainability in Business and Law Steering Group meeting	Discussions around sensory spaces and adding them to Mazemap, accessibility working group around student experience, staff sustainability training and a possible graduation pledge. It would need to be

		meaningful and not just symbolic
25/7/2024	Meeting with Dean of Learning and Teaching Professor Subra Ananthram	Discussion of FBL progression as a faculty
31/7/2024	Guild O Day prize winner collection	The winner of my raffle came to collect their prizes
31/7/2024	Commerce Ball Committee meeting	Discussion around marketing, suit and dress collaboration discounts and the menu on the night
3/8/2024	Faculty Rep assignment feedback campaign meeting	Finalising report, planning Deans meeting as well as planning the staff and student focus groups
7/8/2024	Talent for Tomorrow stall	Handed out sweet treats to students while listening to tunes
9/8/2024	Textbook campaign meeting	Updates from library and LITEC staff about the campaign on their end. There was also discussion around the current survey results from students

Additional Information:

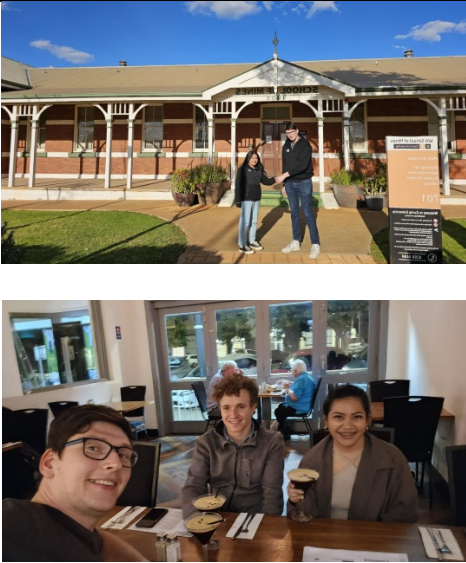


- Semester 2 2024 Orientation and Guild O Day was a success
- The Curtin Guild Business and Law Instagram is now up and running well
- Full focus is now back on the two campaigns I am working on. In regards to the assignment feedback campaign we are looking at a meeting with Curtin's Assessment Working Group as well as staff and student focus groups. In regards to the essential textbook campaign, the survey is going well and there have been suggested changes to the CQAM



Science and Engineering faculty Report



Thane Roberts (They/Them).


Representation Board 15/08/2024

Date	Event type	Name	Comments
22/07/2024	Meeting	Faculty Executive Team Meeting	<p>The formalisation of the Curtin Columbo Campus was discussed as well as student numbers across campuses. Good numbers of students in Sri Lanka, however poor numbers for Dubai for engineering. These changes are likely due to completion with UK based universities. Infrastructure opportunities were discussed.</p> <p>Issues concerning student numbers were discussed. Many international students didn't arrive, this has led to a 11-million-dollar reduction in expected revenue. The implementation of student caps next year means a tight budget. Most of Curtin's international student body is from South Asia, the Australian government tends to be more hesitant giving visas to these students. UNSW due to most its international student body being from China has been little impacted by visa changes. Low STEM ATAR uptake is likely to also impact numbers going forward.</p> <p>The scarcity of funding for research and the need for more undergraduate international students was discussed.</p> <p>Issues with lab space for non-computing science students was raised.</p> <p>ECU is being taken seriously as an emerging competitor.</p>
30/07/2024	Meeting	Meeting with WASM Guild President	<p>The Science and Engineering and Guild Secretary met with the WASM Guild president and discussed the Kalgoorlie campus, its issues and campus culture. The WASM Guild President was a great host and guide throughout the Bentley Reps time in Kalgoorlie.</p>

			
30/07/2024	Event	Meeting hosted by WASM Guild with students from Henan Polytechnic University	<p>Representatives from Bentley and WASM student Guilds held a meeting and gift exchange with students and representatives from Henan Polytechnic University. During this event, we engaged in discussions with the visiting students and staff and took photographs to commemorate the occasion.</p>  
31/07/2024	Meeting	Meeting with the director of WASM	<p>Discussed potential collaboration, the WASM clubs, improving gym equipment and the possibility of further extending Guild Bentley services to the Kalgoorlie campus. Concerns were raised about housing of students. There</p>

			<p>where unverified reports of postgraduate students sleeping at facilities, weather they were simply up late doing work or using the facilities as a residence is unknown. In general the university knows little about the housing of students that aren't at Agricola Student Accommodation.</p> 
31/07/2024	Meeting	Meeting with WSAM Social Club	<p>Bentley and Kalgoorlie representatives met with the WASM Social club and discussed the benefits of becoming affiliated with the Guild. These benefits being financial, funding and sharing of resources. We encouraged members of the Social club to reach out to their Bentley club peers to better understand what this would mean.</p>
31/07/2024	BBQ	Student engagement BBQ	<p>We hosted a BBQ with the WASM Guild and fed students form the Kalgoorlie Campus and year 8 students touring the campus.</p> 
31/07/2024	Meeting	Meeting with other Major WASM Clubs.	<p>Bentley and Kalgoorlie representatives met with the clubs and discussed the benefits of becoming affiliated with the Guild. Answered questions and cleared</p>

			up misconceptions held about collaboration with the Bentley Guild.
1/08/2024	Meeting	Meeting with WASMs Accessibility and Student wellbeing Lead.	<p>We discussed the potential expansion of the Bentley based Guild services to the Kalgoorlie Campus. This included the potential to send out a Student Assist Officer a few times a year, to improve student awareness and the accessibility of Student Assist to Kalgoorlie.</p> 
1/08/2024	Meeting	Lunch with WASM Guild.	<p>During a recent lunch meeting, Bentley representatives engaged in discussions with representatives from the WASM Guild. This event facilitated a productive dialogue between representatives from Bentley and Kalgoorlie, fostering stronger communication and collaboration between the two groups.</p> 
1/08/2024	Event	WASM Social Club Industry Night	<p>The WASM Social club hosted an Industry with the company Brightstar, this event gave students the opportunity to meet and network with representatives from the company. The attendance of the Science and</p>

			<p>Engineering Rep as well as the Guild Secretary improved the WASM club's perception of the Bentley Guild and provided opportunities to engage with students. At this event students expressed concerns with the parking at Curtin Bentley. This event also facilitated a unique opportunity for Bentley Representatives to engage with Kalgoorlie's vibrant culture.</p> 
2/08/2024	Event	Bag Packing with WASM Wallabies.	We helped the WASM Wombats with an activity, attended by many WASM students. This event significantly improved the WASM club's perception of the Bentley Guild and provided opportunities to engage with students.
2/08/2024	Meeting	Had meeting with the head of Agricola Student Accommodation	The issues surrounding student accommodation was discussed with the head of Agricola, this included the issues of limited vacancy of the 236-bed residency. Kalgoorlie has close to 600 students meaning the majority have to find accommodation in the broader community. There was also discussion about upgrading and servicing the gym equipment in the Guild gym.
5/08/2024	Meeting	Faculty Executive Team Meeting	<p>During this meeting several key issues and developments were discussed.</p> <p>The faculties work safe readiness was briefly mentioned.</p> <p>The workload implications of CAP plans on academic staff the growing number of CAP plans is putting a strain</p>

			<p>on staff workloads. CAP plans may need to change if trends continue.</p> <p>Awards and career developments for casual staff was the main topic of discussion for this meeting. Curtin's plans for casual conversion were reviewed. Attendees of the meeting raised concerns about the definition of research only. Many researchers also have a teaching load of 20 percent which is allowed under the specific task or project exceptions. Concerns were also raised about unit coordinators that are casual.</p> <p>Staff movements to other campuses and the awards at other campuses were discussed. Currently Curtin's overseas partners are employed by local partner organisations and hence don't fall under the same awards as Australia based staff.</p>
6/08/2024	BBQ	Grill the Guild	<p>The BBQ was successful, we engaged with many students. Some students did not know who or what the Guild was. This event helped spread awareness of the Guild on campus and gave students an opportunity to meet with their student representative.</p>

**HEALTH SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
REPRESENTATION BOARD Meeting – July 2024**

Meeting	Date	Comments
DIB working party	18/6/24	Discussed events and reaching vulnerable students.
SDP	20/6/24	Mostly AI.
Providing VPE feedback about tuition free week changes	6/7/24	Reviewed proposals and provided my opinion.
Fortnightly meeting with Faculty Reps, Student Assist Officer and VPE	24/6/24	Quick updates, discussion about faculty Instagrams.
SDP	27/6/24	Mostly AI.
SDP	5/7/24	Single Case SDP for a complicated case – AI.
Reviewing and editing the survey for DIB working party	25/7/24	Ensuring inclusivity and covering the right questions/aspects regarding diversity, inclusion and belonging.
Reviewing the draft Learning and Teaching strategy and completing the staff survey	19/6/24	Reading the draft LT strategy, making notes and providing thorough feedback through the staff questionnaire.
Orientation presentations for semester 2	28/6/24	Structuring with the new brand and changing the speech and presentations from semester 1 to include new officers.
Reviewing the Action Plan Addressing Gender-based Violence in Higher Education and providing feedback to Guild Executive	23/6/24	Provided my insights and opinions into the questions provided by VPSW.

Planning o-day and semester 2 events and notifying VPA	5/7/24	Consulted with VPA about what I require on O-day and plans for an engagement stall with faculty reps.
NUS Edcon	1/7/24 - 3/7/24	Attended full days of NUS Edcon days 1-3, took notes and actively listened to learn from the workshops.
Assessment Feedback Campaign	29/7/24	Working on the proposal report that VPE finalised.
Orientation early offers presentation	1/7/24	Presented to the school of nursing and midwifery.
Orientation presentation UG and PG	15/7/24	Presenting information about the guild to incoming health sciences students.
FCC	9/7/24	Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive course review - Sustainability of courses - Changes to tuition free week
DIB working party	23/7/24	Discussions about the survey and introducing a blackboard feature for support services.
SDP	11/7/24	Mostly copying another student's work and falsified documents.
Curtin School of Allied Health Advisory Board	25/7/24	Discussions about leadership among students, introducing the benefits of AI in working in allied health, and lived experiences.
O-day	24/7/24	Successful O-day, spoke to many students and engaged them towards my social media channels and giveaways.
Monthly catch up with Student Engagement Manager and Dean of Learning and Teaching.	29/7/24	Updating them on the current assessment feedback campaign and O-day.
Grill the Guild	31/7/24	Hosting my semester 2 Grill the Guild.

Contacting the winners of the O-day stall	31/7/24	Drawing the winners, contacting them and organising collection of the 7 winners of the O-day giveaway.
Introductory meeting with Health Sciences DVC, with VPE	2/8/24	Introductory meeting with the new DVC. Discussed our projects and trends in the faculty.
Finance and Risk Meeting	17/7/24	Attending my first Finance and Risk meeting, mainly looked at the risk assessments.
Bangladeshi student rally	2/8/24	Supporting Bangladeshi students to bring awareness about the violence against protesters in Bangladesh.
Finalising my sections of the report for the assessment feedback campaign proposal	26/7/24	Finished my sections on health sciences students' responses using the qualitative and quantitative data provided by the Qualtrics survey.
Talent for Tomorrow Guild Sweets Giveaway	7/8/24	Helping with the Talent for Tomorrow event.
Assessment feedback campaign meeting	3/8/24	Quick meeting to discuss next steps for our project.
SDP	8/8/24	9 cases.
Creating promotional material for the faculty reps stall	2/8/24	Creating social media tiles and gathering giveaways for our engagement stall on the 14 th August.
MYLO research study	2/8/24	Being a research participant in this study to ensure student perspectives.

Faculty of Humanities Report

Representation Board Meeting – 15.08.24

Guild Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
Weekly	VP-E Check in	
16.07	Course Quality Assurance Manual – Feedback/Review 1	Run by the VP-E, an opportunity to go through the Course Quality Assurance Manual in order to provide some feedback as a part of the currently ongoing review process. We got through approx. half of the document.
19.07	FBL Rep x HUM Rep – Content Warnings	Sat down with Hannah to discuss the potential of bringing content warnings into FBL – specifically Law units that had been identified as containing keywords in their syllabus.
03.08	Assessment Feedback Campaign Meeting	Met with the other faculty reps to roadmap the next steps for this campaign.

University Meetings

Date	Meeting	Notes
15.07	Discuss Content Warnings with Kathy Lawson	I presented the content warning project proposal to Kathy Lawson who is the Project Lead on the Support for Students Policy Implementation. She was very impressed by the work done and the plan presented. We went through the recommendations so that I could answer any questions she might have before making a plan for where she can take it next. Overall it was a very productive conversation.
17.07	Discuss SDP's	Had a sit down with the person who currently manages the majority of humanities Student Discipline Panel's to discuss the scheduling and plan for this semester.
25.07	Call with Curtin Connect Faculty Support re: Student Issues	Spoke with the Humanities support team at Curtin Connect to help resolve issues that a few students had brought to me.
01.08	HUM SDP	
01.08	Meeting with Rebecca Walker – Content Warnings	Met with Rebecca (Deputy PVC Humanities) to give her an update on the content warnings project as well as to get her input on a possible roadmap for getting the project endorsed within the faculty.
01.08	Humanities x Guild Check in with Nicole Slatter	Met with Nicole (Dean Learning and Teaching – Humanities) and discussed the current plan that the other Fac Reps and I have for presenting the Assessment Feedback campaign to the university. We also discussed some ongoing issues with certain assessment types within the faculty.

08.08	Humanities Courses Committee	Nothing major to report, a continuation of the comprehensive course reviews schedule as well as an update on work done regarding OUA and a piece on Curtin Careers “Career Development Learning Framework”
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Projects

Content Warnings: As of July 16th the Content Warnings: Good Practice Guide is available on the Curtin Staff Portal for any staff member to access. Based on the feedback and advice I received from Rebecca (Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Humanities), I plan on taking this proposal to the Humanities Inclusion and Belonging Committee, followed by Humanities Learning and Student Experience Committee (HUM LSEC) and Humanities Leadership Committee. The aim is to have this project be endorsed by the faculty for use by staff, as well as circulating a communication piece about the project to both staff and students within the faculty in order to bring awareness to the project.

Outside of that, currently the guide is available for any staff to utilise in their teaching on a voluntary basis.

Assessment Feedback: We are currently in the final stages of preparing this campaign to take to the university and from there we plan to hit the ground running. With the final adjustments being made to the report, we are in the middle of organising which university committees/working groups to present it at in order to have the most significant impact. Alongside this we are reaching out to the students who were interested in being involved in the focus group in order to best gauge the size these groups will be so we can plan them accordingly.

Other

Student Engagement: I have recently had a number of students reaching out to me for help, which has been really encouraging to see. Whether this is a result of the most recent ‘Newsletter’ that was sent out week 1 or through the new Instagram account (which is quickly gaining followers) is unsure. While it is unfortunate that so many students have been having issues, it has been good to see that more and more of them are willing to reach out to the Guild for help.

Imari Morris (they/she/he)

Faculty of Humanities Rep

August 2024 Representation Board Report – Student Assist

July overview:

Academic sessions were mainly in relation to responding to Academic Misconducts and Terminated Status appeals.

Non-academic sessions were focused on students seeking financial support.

	May	June	July
Academic sessions	259	224	335
Non – academic sessions	64	50	56
Total	319	272	387

Total may not tally as case management system calculates sessions with both case areas as a single session.

	May	June	July
Lifhack participants	84	129	72
Loan laptop	21	3	3

Welfare

Student Assist provided emergency relief to 5 students.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (AUGUST)

Representation Board Meeting

Sarina Pun (she/her)

Meetings/Events Log

Date	Meeting/Events	Notes
16/07/2024	Meeting with Café Connect and VPA	About upcoming collaboration event with Guild and Curtin Connect team for Café Connect. I filled PSC Pres in afterwards by email.
16/07/2024	Discussion with VPE	Remuneration tribunal survey consultation
21/07/2024	Meet with VPA	Discussed budget for O-day stall. Went and sourced snacks from Costco and Karawara Oriental Store.
22/07/2024	Meet with VPA	Picked up snacks from Spudshed (sponsor)
24/07/2024	Guild O-day	Gave out flyers, pocket USBs, sweets and snacks to students. Help from volunteer.
02/08/2024	Introductory Meeting with ISC Councillor and Volunteers	I introduced them to the Guild, the ISC President's and VPA's role and other committee members' role, campaigns that the Guild has done, regular events run by ISC and what to expect for each, Curtin extra.
02/08/2024	'Direct Action' Bangladeshi Students' Protest at Curtin	Guild solidarity with Bangladeshi Students.
07/08/2024	Talent for Tomorrow stall help	Gave out free cookies, promoted ISMAP to International students.
07/08/2024	Discussion with P MEC (Barry)	Discussed strategies to increase ISMAP registration

		count, how previous registrations went like.
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Upcoming events and plans:

International Student Migration Awareness Program (ISMAP)s and Café Connect session dates confirmed.

More planning for Café Connect alongside VPA and PSC President.

Booked in for ALLY training with help from Imari (HUM REP).

The team in charge of a new Curtin pilot project (language and culture exchange program for students) reached out to me. Awaiting meeting with their team and VPE - to discuss details about the program and how ISC can help.

Guild Induction training yet to be completed, will complete this by Week 4.

Received four student enquiries (2 termination status, 1 VISA and further study options enquiry, 1 failed unit). Referred first three enquiries to StudentAssist. Will follow up on enquires with StudentAssist.

Postgraduate Student Committee Reports

Date	Meeting/ Event	Comments
14/6/2024	Research Committee Meeting	A regular meeting with the Research Committee and DVCR
17/7/2024	Student Assists Coordination	Communicating for postgraduate student issues
18/7/2024	HDR Orientation	Doing a presentation at the HDR orientation
18/7/2024	FBL Orientation - Expo	A postgraduate orientation and expo from FBL
19/7/2024	Postgraduate Student Matters for Research Committee	A meeting with Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research, Melinda Fitzgerald, and ADVCR, Grechen, to discuss postgraduate student matters.
26/7/2024	Meeting with postgraduate student	Assisting general postgraduate student matters
2/8/2024	Online Meeting with postgraduate student	Assisting postgraduate students facing issue for their study

Activities, Events, and Students' Academic & General Issues

- PSC president attended and spoke at the HDR Orientation on 18 July 20224 held by Curtin Research Office. PSC delivered general information about Student Guild and PSC roles and functions. It also informed postgraduate matters and related information for postgraduate studies.
- PSC has also involved in CAPA (Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations) Special General Meeting where we discussed and strengthen the role and function

of the organisational structure and management. Curtin PSC was represented by one of the Student Guild Executive.

- PSC has communicated and coordinated with the Faculty of Business and Law for the next HDR Orientation in July 2024. The PSC President is asked to deliver a presentation on the HDR orientation.
- PSC receives several emails from postgraduate students reporting some issues related to their studies, grades, graduation and letter of completion. PSC has been forwarding those issues and emails to the Student Assist.

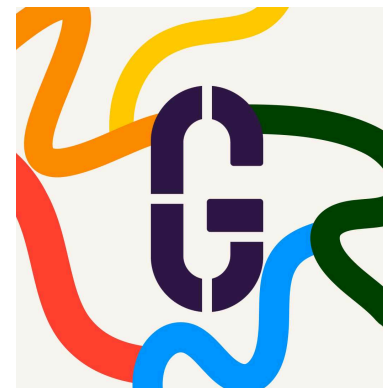


QUEER OFFICER'S REPORT

Representation Board Meeting

July 2024

Zavier Wileman (they/them)



MEETINGS

Date	Meeting
17th July	We All Need to Pee check-in meeting
17th July	Campus Pride planning meeting
29th July	Deadnaming Working Group
7th August	Queer Collective meeting

EVENTS

Date	Meeting
24th July	0-Day Queer Stall
7th August	Peer Support Group

PROJECTS

WANTP: I met with a sub-group of WANTP members of the original working group, to check-in about where the project is at - and in particular, update the group on where the bathrooms audit is at. What I found very useful about this meeting was getting to chat to Bella about Curtin policies and how to construct an effective business case for Curtin Properties. I have begun to delve into these policies and pull out relevant sections to use in the business case. I am keenly interested in how we can address the issue of wayfinding, because I feel one of the key issues that came up in my auditing & student survey was that students do not know where the all-gender facilities are. I will keep this group and representatives updated on further progress on this issue.

Deadnaming: Unfortunately, I have no positive progress to report back to the group. This meeting alluded to the Deadnaming Working Group essentially wrapping up, remarking that the group has served a good purpose and although we have not solved the issue entirely, we have made good progress. DTS is still working on the business case, but nobody gave an indication as to where the business case is going now. The working group anticipates that the University will make the decision that the system's changes will not be worth the additional effort. I am hoping to bring this up to Paul at our next meeting because I find this a very unsatisfactory and defeatist result. The working group has adopted a 'case management' approach going forward, building on the Gender Affirmation Guide, to support students going forward. I am disappointed that a case-by-case approach has to be taken rather than addressing the systemic problems underlying the deadnaming issue. More updates to come.

Peer support groups: On a positive note, the first group this semester went wonderfully, with a small but engaged group of students attending. There were wide-ranging conversations, and

many repeated faces, which I am happy to see as this suggests students are enjoying the groups and coming back. With our first big activity session coming up, I am keen to see how the group does with a bigger space, and whether structured activities will draw in more people.

OTHER BUSINESS

0-Day: 0-Day went very well, and I appreciated the support of several of my collective members to help facilitate the QD stall. I had lots of interest in the QD from students, and particularly interest in our peer support groups. To facilitate students at 0-Day staying involved with the QD I had a number of QR codes set up, including a newsletter list which got some interest. I also recruited some passionate new members of the QC which was fantastic to see. Overall, it was a very enjoyable day.

Queer Collective: With a combination of new and old members, I provided a summary of all the QD projects and where we plan to go for Semester 2. We had some good chats about how to maintain a safe space in our new venue for peer support groups, as well as some visionary planning for the Queer Formal.

WOMEN'S OFFICER'S REPORT

Representation Board Meeting

Chloe/Clo Maslen (She/They)

GUILD MEETINGS

Date	Meetings	Notes
25/07/2024	Event organisation	W/ Carla, Jacquie, Max & Kylah

Extended notes:

25/07/2024:

1-Brunch:

We all organized the brunch that happened on the 2nd of August and I was able to gauge what would be possible or not. We all decided that having this event at Club HQ was better than the women's room and that we would have some catering + some tea.

2-Stall/Event for Sexual Health Week:

I had two ideas of topics for the stall. Still, we all collectively agreed that making the stall about the consent laws in Australia, especially Western Australia was a good idea. Following that stall, I wanted to make an event with activities and a guest speaker at the Tav. This event will be capped at 50 people and will be on Happy Hours. The point of it would be to socialize and create while listening to someone and have some fun games and activities as well.

Further comment:

My plans for this month are to finalize the second (2) point above and also work on growing my collective with these events. Furthermore, the MATE program is still in progress and will be in development. The Brunch went ok, but there were not enough people to call this event successful.

ACCESSIBILITY DEPARTMENT



Representation Board Report

August 2024

UNIVERSITY MEETINGS		
Date	Meeting	Notes
18.07.24	Universal Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanities presented on the challenges they ran during the semester break including and Professor Ellis spoke specifically on the Accessibility challenge and its success. - Push for updating the current staff disability training and making it mandatory - Debbie met with space planning in regard to the sensory space but is yet to update on its progress. I will ask in our next meeting - Debbie mentioned the existence of a CAP Working group - Debbie mentioned a new pilot program run by health sciences where a student mentor is being partnered with a staff mentee to increase staff awareness of neurodiversity/disability etc.

GUILD MEETINGS		
Date	Meeting	Notes
18.07.24	Reps Board #8	Presented the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Motion.
02.08.24	Maryanne & Veronika	Discussed the Hidden Disability Launch materials

EVENTS		
Date	Event	Notes
09.07.24	Accessibility Challenge	Presented a challenge to the students taking the Accessibility Challenge on Sensory Rooms

12.07.24	Accessibility Challenge	Checked in on students' progress and gave feedback.
15.07.24	Accessibility Challenge	Attended the Challenge showcase night where all the five challenges were presented.
24.07.24	O-Day	It was my BDAY on this day! Yay! I shared cute tiny cupcakes with students. There were also gorgeous handmade gifts made by Curtin students to giveaway.
07.08.24	Accessibility Presentation – Saint Catherine's College	Presented to residents living at Saint Catherine's College on Guild & Accessibility along with Debbie Teh from Curtin AccessAbility Services.

OTHER

Date	Topic	Notes
17.07.24	Accessibility Collective Catch-Up	Chilled hangout session where we made loom fidgets to giveaway at O-Day.
19.07.24	Student Meeting	Met with two different students to discuss study concerns.
06.08.24	Met with Lorien (Student)	Discussed the details of the new weekly catch-up the Accessibility Department will be running starting on the 16 th of August.

Higher Education Report August Representation Board Meeting

Labor rejects report that international students will be capped at 40% of university enrolments. The Guardian

Jason Clare says international education 'incredibly important' to Australia after concerns raised about economic impact of a restrictive cap

The education minister has rejected a report the government will cap international students at 40% of university enrolments, after concerns such a restrictive cap could help propel Australia into recession.

Jason Clare on Thursday said Labor was "not intending" a cap of that size, and will help protect the "social licence" of the international education sector and not harm an "incredibly important national asset".

The Albanese government [announced in May it intends to cap international student numbers](#) as the latest measure to cut increased arrival numbers that were attacked by Peter Dutton's Coalition.

In July, Labor [more than doubled the non-refundable application fee](#) for international students, in a further effort to cut net immigration from 528,000 in 2022-2023 to 260,000 by 2024-25.

The government is yet to finalise the proposed cap. As [Australia's economy softens](#), some in the government are concerned that inoculating Labor against attacks on immigration should not come at the expense of economic growth, and have pushed back against a more restrictive cap.

With universities expecting to discover in days what the proposed cap will be, the Australian Financial Review reported on Tuesday [it could be capped as low as 40% of total enrolments](#).

But Clare rebuffed that report.

"That is not right. I have seen those reports. That is not what we are intending to do," he told reporters in Sydney.

Clare described international education, Australia's fourth biggest export industry, as "an incredibly important national asset" which "makes us money".

"It also makes us friends, because when students come to Australia to study and fall in love with the place or maybe someone special, they take that love for us back home.

"What we're doing is making sure we protect the integrity of the system – and that is important – but also protecting the social licence for the system to continue to operate.

Clare said he would have "more to say about the levels that will be set" in parliament in the next few weeks.

His comments come after universities sounded the alarm over the proposed international student cap at a Senate inquiry hearing on Tuesday.

The chief executive of [Universities Australia](#), Luke Sheehy, said the bill was "rushed policy", "ministerial overreach" and a "political smokescreen". He said it was designed to give the government the upper hand in "the battle over immigration ahead of the election".

International students "accounted for more than half of Australia's GDP growth [last year], almost single handedly saving [the country] from recession", he said.

“Fewer international students on our shores could result in job losses, reduced economic growth and less money for domestic teaching and research activities.

“We need to seriously consider what we stand to lose in telling them to stay home.”

According to the Sydney Morning Herald, an analysis by Prof Richard Holden, an economist at UNSW Business School, showed a return to 2019 international student numbers would cause an \$11.6bn hit to Australia’s economy in 2025, or about 0.5% of gross domestic product.

“That could easily be enough to tip Australia into an actual recession,” [he reportedly said](#).

On Tuesday the chief executive of the Group of Eight, Vicki Thomson, told the Senate inquiry that capping international enrolments to pre-pandemic levels of 2019 for Go8 members against 2023 post-pandemic enrolment figures would have a massive impact.

It would cost the nation more than \$5.3bn in economic output and 22,500 jobs in the economy, the group estimated.

“On the day when we’ve seen Wall Street suffer its worst result in two years, creating massive global economic uncertainty, why would we make a deliberate move to attack our own economic growth?”

Foreign student cap rips \$4.3bn from economy. The Australian

The Albanese government’s [crackdown on international student numbers](#) has already cost the economy \$4.3bn and will lead to jobs losses, the sector has warned, as new figures emerge debunking the contention that [foreign students caused the housing crisis](#).

The peak body for universities has launched a renewed attack on the political narrative blaming the nation’s housing crisis on [soaring international student numbers](#), pointing to data revealing that - vacancy rates are largely higher than average in suburbs with large numbers of foreign students.

As the federal government pushes ahead with plans to [impose strict limits on foreign students](#), Universities Australia has revealed that Labor has overseen a 23 per cent fall in overseas enrolments, the equivalent of 59,410 fewer students, in the past year.

Universities Australia estimates the drop will cost the industry 14,853 jobs, with four international students supporting one position in the sector.

The Weekend Australian understands the Education Minister Jason Clare has been holding talks with university leaders as he prepares to take a proposal for how the allocation will be split among providers to cabinet as soon as Monday.

While some universities had pushed for the policy to take the form of a 35 per cent flat cap on the number of international students, the government is canvassing a proposal to use numbers from 2019 as a baseline to further cut from. Universities Australia chief executive Luke Sheehy has accused Labor and the Coalition – who have vowed to pursue steeper cuts – of using the international sector to further their political interests by slashing net migration, in a “Band-Aid solution” to the housing crisis.

“Both sides of politics are treating international students as cannon fodder in a poll-driven battle on migration with little regard for the enormous benefits they bring to our nation,” he said. “International students accounted for more than half of Australia’s GDP growth last year. The sector is worth almost \$50bn to our economy and supports around 250,000 jobs.

“This is money that flows to all areas of the economy – to businesses, government and the education of Australian students.

“In taking a sledgehammer to this critically important sector, we must seriously consider what’s at stake and how much more we’re willing to hurt our universities and our economy.”

The peak body's analysis of SQM Research data profiling the 10 most popular suburbs with international students in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane has found the vast majority of those postcodes had higher vacancy rates than the cities' averages.

Sydney's most popular suburb among foreign students, Chippendale, has a 2.5 per cent vacancy rate, followed by Ultimo with 3.2 per cent and the CBD with 4.7 per cent, meaning the number of empty dwellings is well above the city's average of 1.4 per cent.

In Melbourne where the vacancy rate sits at 1.3 per cent, the suburbs with a high proportion of empty properties include Melbourne CBD, with 3.5 per cent, Carlton with 2.4 per cent and Clayton with 1.8 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Queensland capital's most popular suburb with international students, Brisbane City, had a 2.8 per cent vacancy rate, followed by St Lucia with 2.1 per cent and Woolloongabba with 1.6 per cent, compared to an average rate of just 1 per cent.

The only suburb in the analysis where the vacancy rate was lower than the city's average was Parkville in Melbourne's inner north, on 1.1 per cent.

Ahead of a hearing on Tuesday when legislation introducing the caps will be examined by a Senate committee for the first time, Mr Clare said international education was a "valuable national asset" that the government was seeking to safeguard.

"Our reforms will help to set it up for the future, ensuring quality and integrity and providing certainty for universities," he said.

"Once the legislation passes, the intention is to set limits for every university, higher education and vocational education provider that educates an international student. This is a really important national asset, and we need to ensure it maintains its social licence."

Foreign student caps to cost 14,000 jobs, universities warn. The Australian

Vexed vice-chancellors have warned of 14,000 job losses as federal government cuts to international student numbers slash revenue for teaching and research.

Universities Australia chief executive Luke Sheehy slammed the government's "rushed policy" to ration the number of international students who could be enrolled at each university and private training college, starting in January next year.

He told a Senate inquiry into the government's draft legislation on Tuesday the university sector had already lost 60,000 students as a result of a 23 per cent reduction in visas granted to international higher education students during the past year.

He said the cut was "creating significant financial anxiety and pain for universities".

"It would represent a \$4.3bn hit to the economy and could cost the university sector alone over 14,000 jobs," he said. "Using students as cannon fodder in a poll-driven battle over migration and housing simply doesn't add up.

"The government has taken a sledgehammer to the international student education sector."

A loss of 14,000 jobs would equal 10.7 per cent of the university workforce nationally.

University of Melbourne vice-chancellor Duncan Maskell said foreigners made up 45 per cent of all students. He warned that limiting numbers to 40 per cent would "cost us over \$1.5bn over a five-year period".

Group of Eight chief executive Vicki Thomson said universities were "shaping up to be the fall guy" for public concern over housing shortages and crime.

The federal government is refusing to tell universities how it plans to cap the numbers of international students, with a spokesman for federal Education Minister Jason Clare ruling out speculation he would ration international enrolments to 40 per cent of total student numbers at each university.

Home Affairs Department data shows 201,907 student visas were approved in 2023-24 to study in Australian universities, down from 261,317 the previous financial year.

Australia made 9 changes to student migration rules over the past year. We don't need international student caps as well. The Conversation Andrew Norton

This week a [Senate inquiry](#) will look at the federal government's controversial [legislation](#) to cap international student numbers in Australia from next year.

University-commissioned [research](#) predicts caps will cause a [significant loss of revenue and jobs](#), including flow-on effects to the broader economy.

But my new report for the [ANU's Migration Hub](#), argues there are yet more reasons why the government's international student cap is a bad idea.

The caps would add to many recent migration policy changes already reducing international student arrivals. Instead, we should wait to see whether these changes have done enough to bring numbers back to target levels.

What happened with international students?

Until late 2023, the Albanese government supported the return of international student numbers.

During 2022 and 2023 it cleared a backlog of student visa applications. It gave international students an [additional two years](#) in Australia after they graduated, provided they had one of a [long list of qualifications](#).

These policies successfully rebuilt international education after the pandemic downturn. By May 2024 the [resident student visa holder population](#), including partners and children of students, was 674,000. This was 58,000 more than the pre-COVID peak level. The combined total of students and temporary graduate visa holders was 887,000.

But by late 2023, the recovery of international education collided with rising rents and shrinking accommodation availability. The government hit the brakes on international education, and implemented multiple migration policy changes. Then, just before the May budget, [it announced the caps](#), which it hopes will send student numbers into reverse.

The move to cap international students

If the legislation passes, the education minister will be able to cap international students by education provider, campus location and course. From January 1 2025, caps would apply to new international students, with ongoing students included in later years.

The legislation [covers 1,500 education providers](#) that deliver more than 25,000 courses in 3,900 locations. This includes schools, English language colleges, vocational education providers, universities, and non-university higher education providers such as the [pathway colleges](#) that many international students attend before moving on to a university.

At this point, there is no plan to cap school or research degree students. The focus of the 2025 caps will be non-school education providers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane as these are the most popular cities for international students.

The case against caps

With course caps, the [government hopes to steer](#) international students away from current popular choices such as business degrees, and towards courses that meet Australia's skills needs, such as in health and education.

The in-principle case against caps is that students should be free to choose their own courses and education providers.

But the policy rationale of meeting Australia's skills needs is also flawed, as [fewer than 20%](#) of international students end up as permanent residents in Australia.

Principles aside, the education and migration systems are not ready to implement a capping regime in less than six months.

Several government agencies – the vocational education regulator, higher education regulator and Department of Home affairs (which manages student visas) – are so concerned they have [gone](#)

public in Senate inquiry submissions. They say they cannot implement the caps with their existing setups.

9 changes already

To make matters more complex, Australia student migration system has already undergone significant changes in the past year.

Since 2023 the government has introduced nine major migration policy changes affecting future and former international students, with a tenth foreshadowed for later in 2024. Many of them have sensible goals.

To get a visa, prospective international students now need higher levels of English and more savings to support their stay in Australia.

The government has also introduced policies to block “non-genuine” students coming to Australia to work rather than study.

It has also more than doubled the visa application fee to A\$1,600, which will divert student demand to other countries.

Other changes mean former students can spend less time in Australia. The government has also stopped temporary graduate visas to international graduates aged over 35, and reversed its earlier two-year extension of this visa.

Have we already done enough?

Several migration changes, including the higher visa application fee, are too recent to show in visa data.

But my report, using month-to-month data, shows the government's policies have already had significant effects on vocational education, which includes students studying at TAFEs and their private-sector equivalents. In early 2024, monthly visa grants fell to the lowest level since 2005 apart from the two years of COVID border closure.

Higher education has been more resilient, but visa grants in early 2024 were running below their pre-COVID levels.

Policy changes aside, 2025 will be a more “normal” year in international education. The past few years have seen pent-up demand from 2020 and 2021, when students could not come to Australia, together with the students who would have arrived between 2022 and 2024 anyway.

As these students complete their courses and leave Australia, we will return to the usual pattern of departures significantly offsetting arrivals.

The government should wait and see

Amid all these changes and possible further disruption from caps, we are missing a key part of the puzzle.

The government should announce the target student visa levels underlying its capping policy.

It should then wait to see whether student visa application and grants for the remainder of 2024 and first semester 2025 put us on track to achieve them.

If not, then perhaps education provider caps should go back onto the policy agenda. Going ahead now risks far more harm to education providers, and the students who want to enrol with them, than is necessary to reduce Australia's population.

[How the pursuit of profit is devaluing Australian degrees](#) – Full Story podcast. The Guardian

University academics claim they are being pressured into passing students with no grasp of ‘basic’ English to maximise revenue

About 800 University of Sydney students vote to support 'one Palestinian state'. The Australian

Almost 800 Sydney University students have voted for their student body [to support "one Palestinian state"](#) and affirmed "the right of Palestinians to armed resistance" at a rare student general meeting, as the uni seeks police advice on the legality of material used to promote the event.

Students overflowed into four lecture theatres on Wednesday night, voting against an amendment to "condemn Hamas" almost unanimously.

The pro-Palestine Student Representative Council will now "endorse the call for a single, secular democratic state across all of historic Palestine and affirms the right of Palestinians to armed resistance as an occupied people under international law", after the motion by activist group Students Against War passed at the meeting with only a few votes against it.

Ahead of the SGM, SAW circulated pamphlets on campus with the Hamas triangle symbol on it, and their motion defended the views of a student expelled by Australian National University for saying Hamas deserved "unconditional support".

Following the meeting, the University said it does "not tolerate any pro-terrorist statements or commentary, including support for Hamas - and any demonstration of support will result in disciplinary action and other possible legal consequences."

"The University is investigating reports of inappropriate conduct at the meeting, and has sought police advice on the legality of certain material used to promote the event," a spokesperson said.

The motion by SAW said to "win" the campaign for Palestine at Sydney University, student activists "must commit themselves to building a mass, militant student movement on campus" that "affirms the right of Palestinians to armed resistance, and backs the call for a single, democratic, secular state from the river to the sea".

After hearing from two affirmative speakers, students elected to go to the vote without further debate due to a lack of time.

A separate motion by pro-Palestine encampment group Students for Palestine USYD repeated demands made throughout the student protests for the university to cut ties with Thales and weapons companies, and Israeli academic institutions, and divest from financial investment in the Jewish state.

An amendment raised to "condemn Hamas" was voted down.

Only two speakers in opposition were given the stage.

"We have just witnessed in this room voting against an amendment condemning a registered terrorist organisation and one of the worst attacks on Jews since the Holocaust," the first speaker, who did not identify himself, said.

In response, a Students Against War representative in the front rows spat towards the speaker.

A second negative speaker, who spoke from the front of the lecture theatre draped in an Israeli flag was called a "Zionist" and told to leave the stage.

Following the event, organisers led students in a march on vice-chancellor Mark Scott's office, and could be heard chanting "We don't want your two states, we want all of '48".

Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-CEO Alex Ryvchin told The Australian "this travesty disgraces the university".

"It raises serious questions about the failure of its administration to stop this open support for terrorism."

"Jewish students and academics should not be subjected to motions from fellow students effectively supporting the destruction of their national home and calls for Palestinian terrorism which has always targeted both Israel and Jewish targets abroad," he said.

"The silence of the university leadership is beyond pathetic. It is negligent and a total abrogation of their duties to their staff and students. The fact that the vice-chancellor could not even issue a statement condemning these motions and reassuring the overwhelming majority of students who find this repugnant is astonishing."

Wentworth MP Allegra Spender said the university administration needed to do more to provide leadership to their students.

“People in our community were horrified by last night’s student motion at Sydney University,” she said.