



## Student Guild of Curtin University

### Representation Board - Meeting #7

Thursday the 15 June 2023

In Council Chambers 100.301

Meeting opened 5.30pm

### Minutes

#### 1. Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners

*"The Curtin Student Guild would like to pay our respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our community by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the Bentley Campus is located, the 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; Hannah Northey, Jude Soussan (online), Aleena Shaji (online), Dylan Botica, Veronika Gobba, Max Zhang, Hiba Alsoeady, Mitchell Craig, Imari Morris, Danica Scott, Veer Singh (online), James Cabrera, Ryan Kirby (online), Bhaarith Kathiravan
- 2.2. Others Present; Jasmyne Tweed, Andrew Cameron, Maryanne Shaddick, Erin Russell, Jack Washington
- 2.3. Apologies and Leave of Absence; Athina Hilman (apology), Rey Nairn (apology), Ryan Kirby (leave of absence)
- 2.4. Absent; Elicia Leliot

#### 3. Disclosure of any potential or perceived Conflicts of Interest. Dylan Botica disclosed that he was a member of the NUS executive. A vote to allow Dylan to participate in the discussion regarding NUS affiliation 8.2 was carried

#### 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 18/05/2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Veronika Gobba

Seconded: Imari Morris

Carried

#### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None

#### 6. Items Not for Discussion

#### 7. Reports

1. President – Submitted. Dylan Botica reported on engagement with the WA Uni Review committee. Dylan met with the panel members and put forward the issues concerning students and quality of education. As well Dylan discussed the Guild's lobbying for housing and tenancy reform. The Guild would be joining the Make Rent

Fair Alliance.

2. Vice President – Education – Submitted. As tabled. No questions
3. Faculty of Business and Law Representative - Submitted. As tabled . No questions
4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative – Submitted. As tabled. No questions
5. Faculty of Health Sciences Representative – Submitted. There was an update on oral health issues and a Town Hall.
6. Faculty of Humanities Representative – Submitted. As tabled. Jude Soussan noted a meeting with Design and Built Environment staff and attendance at a courses committee. No questions.
7. Student Assist – Submitted. As tabled. No questions.
8. International Students Committee President – Submitted.

9. Postgraduate Students Committee President – Submitted. as tabled. No questions.
10. Queer Officer – Submitted. As tabled. Imari Morris provided an update on the dead naming project and allied training with Curtin connect staff. No questions.
11. Women’s Officer – Verbal report. As tabled. Aleena Shaji noted that she was a member of Gender and Equity Committee along with with Imari Morris.
12. First Nations Officer – Not submitted
13. Accessibility Officer – Not submitted
14. Higher Education Developments – Submitted, As tabled. no questions.
15. Chair of the Representation Board\* - Verbal report. Hannah Northey provided an update on the Quick Assist videos project.
16. Motion: That the Representation Board notes the reports.

Moved: Hiba Alsoeady

Seconded: James Cabrera

Carried

## 8. Items for Discussion and Resolution

### 1. Student unions must act against

AUKUS Motion: That the Curtin

Student Guild:

- Opposes AUKUS and demands Australia's withdrawal from the alliance
- Opposes the decision of the federal government to spend \$368 billion dollars on nuclear-powered submarines, and the funding boost for the expansion of long-range missile projection capacity
- Condemns the Australian government for agreeing to host a high-level nuclear waste dump as part of the AUKUS submarine deal, and opposes the plans for this dump in the strongest terms.

Moved: Danica Scott (Ordinary Representation Board

Member) Seconded: James Cabrera

Carried

Danica Scott recommended running a campaign. would like to run a campaign. Dylan Bottica noted that the Guild did not partner with organisations involved with AUKUS.

2. NUS Affiliation Recommendation Motion: That the Representation Board:
  - Recommend to the Guild Council for 2023 an affiliation amount for the National Union of Students Inc.

Moved: Veronika Gobba (Vice President-Education)

Seconded: Dylan Botica (President)

Carried

Veronika Gobba said that the amount was based on KPI assessment. Dylan Botica said this was a significant increase in funding Dylan said that the NUS had lifted the profile of a number of student issues. NUS was more active this year. There had been a significant NUS

presence on campus this year. Danica Scott spoke against the KPIs. They wanted additional information about the grading of the KPIs. There was a discussion grading of KPIs.

#### 9. General Business

There was a motion by Danica Scott to suspend standing order 12.2C. This was seconded by Dylan Botica. Motion carried

Motion: That the Curtin Student Guild - Supports the counter-protest to defend the Drag Queen Storytime event at Maylands Public Library on June 17, 11 am called by Rainbow Rebellion WA and United Against Bigotry & Racism - Commits to promoting the counter-protest through social media and email channels rag queen story time motion.

Moved Danica  
Seconded Dylan

Dylan Botica requested an amendment to the motion to remove email channels. Dylan. This was amenable to Danica Scott. The motion was carried.

Danica spoke to the motion and requested support from representation board members. Imari Morris spoke to the motion and said that it was important to show that we cared. Dylan Botica noted the support already undertaken by the Guild. Imari Morris noted communications to the Queer community.

Dylan Botica noted that the Guild had delivered the parking petition. He reported that the new sciences building could further reduce parking on campus and that the Hockey WA expansion would impact parking.

#### 10. Meeting evaluation

Action: Imari Morris provided the meeting evaluation noting that further discussion would be welcome in some areas.

#### 11. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Representation Board is Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July at 5:30pm to be held at Council Chambers. Documents and motions are to be submitted no later than 5:00pm on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June to [chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:chair.representation@guild.curtin.edu.au) and [secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.curtin.edu.au)

Meeting closed 6.10pm.

