

Curtin Student Guild Supports industrial action against Curtin's 'New Agreement'

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The Curtin Student Guild stands in solidarity with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) Curtin Branch and its members who have decided to take industrial action in response to the recent non-union ballot agreement at Curtin University.

We believe that every worker has the right to fair and just working conditions, and we support the NTEU's efforts to protect the rights of its members. The New Agreement undermines the hard work and dedication of staff at Curtin University, and goes against the interests of students.

The university has censored criticism against the agreement by removing NTEU campaign material from the Bentley campus as well as blocking the NTEU website from Curtin's network.

We call on the university to go back to the negotiating table with the NTEU and come to a fairer deal that delivers respect and adequate remuneration for our teachers, researchers and support staff.

We believe that through open dialogue, an agreement can be reached that protects the rights and interests of all members of the Curtin community.

We are disappointed that the actions of the Senior Executive of Curtin University are leading to escalating industrial action. This would be avoided if the University valued staff in the same way they value capital projects.

While industrial action is unfortunate, we encourage staff to join in the actions called for by their union. Staff and students deserve better and we know that industrial action leads to improved pay and conditions for workers.

We support the industrial action NTEU members have organised and we encourage our fellow students to show their support for staff during this time.

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