

# ASSOCIATION 50th STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

#### PRESENT:

Tom O'Grady (President), Kyran Mellor (Vice President), Alexander Nott (Cairns Campus Officer), Emily Mulroy (Townsville Campus Officer), Kang Ning Tan (International Student Officer), Rei Asai (Postgraduate Student Officer), Kimberly Thornley (Staff Representative), Theresa Priddle (Council Secretary)

Zoom Meeting Link:https://jcu.zoom.us/j/95952475722?pwd=aHNTaTh6SEJwY1NFTIdlejF6WmZudz09

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maria Edmondstone (Observer)

Meeting opened at 12.33pm Monday 3rd August 2020 by Thomas O'Grady (President, Chair)

#### **Acknowledgment of Country**

#### 1. Apologies and Proxies

Alison Edwards (General Manager)
Aaminah Khan –Proxy Tom O'Grady
Maree Dinan-Thompson – No Proxy given

#### 2. Declaration of Conflicts Of Interest

TO & EM - item 7.4 Have Volunteered with the AYCC, but are not currently involved with the Item on the agenda TO is a candidate in the State Election and any items relating to the State Election will be deferred to chair by the Vice President KM

#### 3. Approval of Unstarred Items

Nil

#### 4. Confirmation of Minutes & Flying Minutes

- 4.1 Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> Student Association Council 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- 4.2 Flying Minute Approval to open the TSV fields to sporting groups
- 4.3 Flying Minute Saints Catholic College Fitness agreement
- 4.4 Flying Minute Club affiliation 15.06.2020
- 4.5 Flying Minute Oppose the Federal Government hikes to student fees
- 4.6 Flying Minute 04.07.2020 Club Affiliation
- 4.7 Flying Minute Cessation of refunds due to COVID-19 16/07/2020
- 4.8 Flying Minute JCUSA Agreement with JCU Townsville Fire 16/07/2020
- 4.9 Flying Minute JCC approval of POL058 Workplace Absences Policy
- 4.10 Flying Minute Cessation of refunds due to COVID -19 30/07/2020
- 4.11 Flying Minute Club Affiliation JCU PNG 20/07/2020

On block- Moved TO Seconded RA All in Favour

#### 5. Legal Matters

Nil

#### 6. Reports

6.1 Finance Officer Report

Reports presented to Council. Questions to be directed to KG (Finance Officer)

Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

## 6.2 President's report

## Report to Council (6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Council Meeting –3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020)

POSITION: President NAME: Thomas O'Grady

EVENT / ACTIVITY	DATE	FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS
Interview with the Bullsheet	09/06/20	Great for transparency
Interview with ABC NQ	19/06/20	Dan Tehan's cuts to Education are awful and I am happy to talk about why.
Community Roundtable – Income Support	26/06/20	Roundtable event hosted by the Salvation Army including a number of community groups and Senators  Watt & Green
Landcare Tree Planting	11/07/20	Run by Zoology Society. We lent out the BBQ
NUS Education Conference	13/07/20 – 15/07/20	Very valuable to coordinate with other Student unions around Australia.
How to Submit a Formal Complaint Workshop	13/07/20 &14/07/20	Low turnout, but valuable information for students that needed
Speed Friending	21/07/20	Small turnout, but ran very well.
Movie Night	23/07/20	Central Plaza is still an awful space. Estates did not turn off the fountain like they said they would and left the control cabinet locked with the audio on mute. <b>Don't</b> use Central Plaza again.
UniBar Clubs Mixer	30/07/20	

MEETING	DATE
Student Support	18/06
Student Representative Forum	22/06
JCU Rugby	23/06
Vice Chancellor – Education Cuts	25/06
NUS President – Education Cuts	01/07
Phillip Thompson MP – Education Cuts	01/07
O Week Planning	02/07
Clubs and Societies Committee	02/07
Student Support	02/07
Senator Nita Green – Education Cuts	03/07
Bob Katter MP – Education Cuts & Income Support	03/07
QUT Guild – Advocacy	07/07
NUS – Education Officer	09/07
JCUSA Fair Grades	13/07
Student Support	16/07
Pimlico SHS	17/07
NUS Education	20/07
UniBar	24/07
QLD SSAF Alliance	27/07
Bullsheet Changes	29/07

Student Support	30/07
Dean CBLG - Trimesters	31/07

#### Comments/ Planning

JCUSA are back on campus and planning on moving ahead with an almost regular schedule of events. Free Breakfasts will be returning from this Thursday and UniBar is now opening 3 nights a week.

Phillip Thompson MP has not returned with any correspondence from the Social Services Minister or Treasurer regarding student income support, or any correspondence from the Education Minister regarding the cuts to higher education the Federal Government is proposing. While this is disappointing it is also unsurprising.

The University has continued to refuse to negotiate over student fees for the International Students they are currently ripping off, this is again very disappointing but unsurprising. Time and again we see the executive management of the university putting profits before people and this situation is no different.

The University has also refused to allow ALL students the option of choosing between Pass/Fail & GPA grading in their SP1 classes. There is a great deal of discontent from students in Level 1 and 2 classes over this. The university claims this is because of the regulator, but they are also unwilling to even attempt to fix their mistakes. The DVC Students told me over the phone that they would allow all students this choice in SP2 but I will not believe it until it is in writing, which at this time it is not.

I have been working closely with other Student Unions around Queensland and Australia these last few months. In Queensland we have been working together on the SSAF Campaign and nationally on opposing Dan Tehan's cuts to education. I have been in contact the NUS, CAPA and CISA, and I believe there is merit in JCUSA affiliating with all 3 of these organisations. I will be meeting with CAPA and CISA further in the coming weeks to discuss this.

Moved TO

Seconded KM

All in Favour

#### Reply regarding grades

Hi Tom

Thanks for your report. Unfortunately due to some urgent matters I am unable to attend the JCUSA Board Meeting this morning so will be an apology.

However, I wanted to follow up on the results discussion, and please add this information to the meeting records and share at the meeting. Thanks for your commentary about student consultation on S/U grades and the TP12020 GPA. We did listen and also collected further data from surveys, discipline based feedback and queries, and applications that came through to Student Services. We note that the results system for TP1 did cause some concern for some JCU students. The decision was made to assure minimum academic disadvantage with a focus on success. This was discussed at the time at forums, benchmarked nationally and internationally, and operationalised with the flexibility added to the level 3 and above subjects too. Across the institution (including all campuses) we've had a small uptake on the TP12020 GPA process, as well as the Change of result to S results process.

Further, you'll recall the discussions about TP2 and the inclusion of the student feedback received via the forums and from discussions with you. I've cut/paste below that the return to standard results system is in place for TP2, the retaining of the NEC form for extenuating circumstances, all dates are applicable. You and I also discussed whether to retain the 'Change of ALL Final Results' to Satisfactory results (and hence no impact on GPA) as a possible continuation. This is under discussion again and I may need to reach out to you and the student body to provide some feedback on this, likely to be a survey. We can also add to the general business for the Student Advisory Forum next week.

Again, apologies I can't attend today but I wanted to provide this information to you for the meeting. Maria will be in attendance and we can follow up with further discussions too,

Cheers

Maree

APPROVED 20 JULY 2020

### Academic Safety Net for TP2:

· Keep Notification of Extenuating Circumstances Form

#### Results system to apply in TP2:

- · Standard results system for all subject levels
- · Fails are applicable: WF, N, X, U
- · Normal Census dates and Academic Penalty Dates would apply.

#### **Professor Maree Dinan-Thompson**

Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor Students

Division of Student Life James Cook University, Australia

#### 6.3 Vice President report

Report to Council (0X Ordinary Council Meeting - 03/08/2020)

POSITION: Vice President NAME: Kyran Mellor

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EVENT / ACTIVITY	DATE	FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS
JCUSA Trivia Night	22/08/2020	Had about 20 people, went smoothly

MEETINGS ATTENDE			
Clubs and Societies	2/07/2020		
Meeting			
Oweek Meeting	2/07/2020		
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Trivia Test	10/07/2020		
JCC Zoom meeting	15/08/2020		

Moved KM Seconded AN All in Favour

#### 6.4 Cairns Campus Officer report

Verbal report Market Day went ok, a couple of clubs were a no show, Trivia night was ok, bit of a mishap On the night by someone getting disconnected, Movie night was a good turnout in the Boathouse. 1st breakfast is on this week

Moved AN Seconded TO All in Favour

#### 6.5 Townsville Campus Officer report

Report to Council (6th Ordinary Council Meeting – 03/08/2020)
POSITION: Townsville Campus Officer NAME: Emily Mulroy
EVENT / ACTIVITY DATE FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS

O-Week: Clubs and Societies Virtual Market Day

22/07 while at the start I had some technical difficulties with the livestreaming, overall the event worked well. The event lasted around 1.5 hours and I was glad I had Amanda who helped with contacting the clubs and societies while I was hosting the livestream.

O-Week: Movie Night

23/07 Small attendance on Zoom and no attendance in person. This event worked well on Zoom and I strongly recommend doing future Movie Nights on Zoom even though our office has re-opened. For the in-person event I think the marketing of O-Week as virtual may have not reached out to the students in time that there was now an in-person showing of the film. The Central Plaza would also be a good location for future Movie Nights if only the water fountain could be turned off... too noisy.

JCUSA/Uni Bar

Clubs and Societies

Meet and Greet

30/07 Casual meet and greet with Regan and the Uni Bar staff and executives of clubs and societies. Regan discussed what support the Uni Bar can offer for upcoming club/society events and what they can't in regards to current COVID-19 restrictions.

- 23/06 Meeting with JCUNQ Rugby
- 01/07 Meeting with Malcolm from the local Taekwon-Do club
- 02/07 Meeting to prepare for O-Week events
- 02/07 Meeting with the Clubs and Societies Committee
- 23/07 Meeting with SoMAG to discuss risk assessments
- Still continuing to re-affiliate and affiliate new clubs and society which is a good sign given the impact of COVID-19 to uni life.
- Upon Alison's return, JCUSA will look at the logistics (e.g finance) of hosting in-person RSA training as International Students have further restrictions on how they can complete the training. As JCUSA represents all JCU students this training would have to be open to the whole JCU student community therefore discussions will have to be had if JCUSA can only pay for the set-up/offer small discounts.
- Recently the JCUSA Council Events COVID-19 Safe Plan has been approved by JCU therefore Free Breakfast will recommence (with strict COVID-19 safe measures) and the upcoming Induction for Clubs and Societies will occur on-campus for SP2.
- Also, COVID-19 safe measures have been added in the Clubs and Societies risk assessments and further information have been added on the JCUSA Website. It's great news that clubs and societies can recommence back on-campus and I'm excited to see life on-campus start to return slowly and safely back to normal.

Moved EM Seconded RA All in Favour

#### 6.6 International Student Officer report

Verbal report: Had the handover with Clair and that went well. Meetings, O'Week speed friending, around 11 people turned up to this, couldn't come to the creative challenge as I was in Brisbane, thanks to Tom and a couple of more people for taking that over for me, went to market day as well and the Uni Bar meeting. I also had a meeting with the International Support team regarding student issues, now it is regarding more car space I will let the individual faculty discuss with the students with regards to any issues.

#### 6.7 Equity & Diversity Officer report

KT moved to push report to next meeting as AK was not present

Moved KT Seconded TO All in Favour

#### 6.8 Postgraduate Student Officer report

Report to Council (06 Ordinary Council Meeting – 03/08/2020)

POSITION: Postgraduate Officer NAME: Rei Asai

EVENT / ACTIVITY	DATE	FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS
Audio re-recording for tour	16/07/2020	Difficult to match audio.
video		
Oweek Online Q&A	21/07/2020	A good experience with low engagement.

Moved RA Seconded AN All in Favour

#### 6.9 Sport and Recreation Officer report

Verbal Report TO: Re-open d the Gyms. TSV don't have to book ahead any more for regular sessions must still book online for fitness classes. Cairns still need to use booking due to the size of the gym. Refund period has been extended to 07/08/2020.

Social sport is to start next week and Fisher Shield an Interfaculty Sport are restarting this semester Basket Ball Week 3

Netball Fisher Shield week 5

Cross Country scheduled for this week, not sure if it is going ahead. The pool is still closed and will remain closed for a while yet.

Squash courts have been approved to open 10/08/2020.

Moved TO Seconded RA All in Favour

#### 2020 Monthly Advocacy Snapshot May 2020

Number of students accessing service across all campuses													
2017	Jan	Feb	Ma r	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Townsville	99	64	62	62	90	11 6	65	105	84	101	118	109	1075
Cairns	62	27	32	45	49	56	60	110	89	101	106	110	847
Brisbane	7	6	9	6	6	16	9	2	1	1	0	2	65
Singapore	5	9	3	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	25
Mackay	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	2	2	21

Number of students accessing service across all campuses Ma Feb May Jul Aug Oct Nov Dec TOTAL Jan Apr Jun Sep Townsville Cairns Brisbane Singapore Mackay Thursday Island 

Number of students accessing service across all campuses Jan Feb Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec TOTAL Townsville Cairns Brisbane Singapore Mackay Online "Not Required" 

Number of students accessing service across all campuses Ma Feb Jul TOTAL Jan Apr May Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Townsville Cairns Brisbane Singapore Mackay Online 

"Not Required"	13	12	13	14	16				68
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2017	184	112	116	126	159	9	147	252	194	223	255	248	222
						19							
2018	230	235	165	157	178	3	200	204	167	208	218	200	235
						20							
2019	179	146	194	185	243	6	201	257	219	252	255	255	2592
2020	256	261	280	286	295								137

	Interactions by Time (across all methods and campuses)												
	Jan	Feb	Ma r	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2017	75	77.85	145	111.8	260.6	23 1	139	239	263	327	562	266	2696.3
2018	114.5	138.5	127	153.7	150.9	13 5	176	74	114	270	329	185	1967.1
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	Jan	Feb	Ma r	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2017	111	125	243	157	429	45 6	205	309	355	543	802	331	4066
2018	177	180	201	84	189	23 1	317	123	191	433	546	352	3024
2019	333	428	496	384	653	47 2	803	###	649	671	579	617	7120
2020	764	734	580	423	584								3085
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Key Issues Students presented with across all campuses for May 2020										
1. Academic Advocacy	6. Complaint									
2. Academic Misconduct	7. Plagiarism									
3. Request for Review of Final Subject Grade	8. Appeal of Final Subject Grade									
4. Withdraw without Financial/Academic Penalty	9. Request for Review/ Remark of Individual Assessment									
5. Academic Progression	10. Special Consideration									

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2017	3	12	7	10	8	11	14	11	16	21	11	18	142
2018	21	29	14	10	17	20	10	13	23	20	14	17	208
2019	13	17	32	26	23	14	15	12	20	14	19	15	220

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## 2020 Monthly Advocacy Snapshot June 2020

Number of students accessing service across all campuses													
2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Townsville	99	64	62	62	90	116	65	105	84	101	118	109	1075
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Cairns	111	121	64	55	67	70	66	75	63	71	74	59	896
Brisbane	3	2	5	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	3	2	25
Singapore	0	0	3	2	3	5	14	14	9	21	25	21	117
Mackay	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	5	2	2	28
Thursday Island	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Online										5	7	5	17
"Not Required"							15	11	9	7	6	8	56
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Cairns	98	117	141	142	154	123							775	
Brisbane	9	9	11	11	12	9							61	
Singapore	8	7	3	5	4	3							30	
Mackay	4	4	5	5	5	4							27	

Online	7	7	10	12	11	13				60
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2. Academic Misconduct	7. Academic Progression
3. Plagiarism	8. Complaint
4.Request for Review of Final Subject Grade 5. Request for Review/ Remark of Individual	9. Formal Complaint
Assessment	10. Special Consideration

Students Presenting with Welfare Concerns (across all methods and campuses)													
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2019	13	17	32	26	23	14	15	12	20	14	19	15	220

2020	16	20	34	32	37	18				157	
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Moved TO Seconded RA All in Favour

#### 7. General Business

7.1 Motion That the auditors of Crowe be reappointed as the Auditors for JCUSA for the 2020 calendar year and the payment plan for their fees recommence.

AK abstained

Moved TO Seconded KM All in Favour

7.2 Vanessa Dunbar Resignation as of 05/06/2020

TO will not be opening the External Officer position as it is close to the Elections and will open the position then,

7.3 Appointment of Electoral Officer 20/07/2020

Due to changes being put forward regarding the election process TO moved to push this agenda item to the next meeting.

Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

7.4 Motion to Sign AYCC Renewable Recovery Letter 20/07/2020

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 16/07/2020

FROM: Thomas O'Grady (President)

#### Motion to Council:

That JCUSA sign the Australian Youth Climate Coalition's Renewable Recovery open letter.

Issue:

Unmitigated Climate Change is the greatest threat to the future of Australia

#### **Background Information:**

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition's Renewable Recovery Campaign is a social campaign to pressure the State Government into committing to making a large shift in the energy generation sector towards renewables.

Many of the Townsville branch of the AYCC are JCU students, and membership of that organisation is only open to those under 30.

# QUEENSLAND #RENEWABLERECOVERY OPEN LETTER



## To the Premier and the Opposition Leader,

Coronavirus is one of the toughest challenges currently facing Queenslanders, but we always stand together in a crisis and build back stronger than before. That's why thousands of young Queenslanders are raising their voices alongside unions, families, small businesses, schools and community groups, calling for a Queensland #RenewableRecovery.

As part of an economic response to the coronavirus health crisis, we ask the Queensland Government to deliver:

- Tens of thousands of new jobs with great wages and conditions, through the public construction and operation of large-scale renewable energy projects in our regions
- Affordable clean energy for all, through public ownership of renewable energy assets
- Action on climate change, by powering our homes, our towns, and our economy with new public-owned renewable assets, and exporting our clean energy to the rest of the country

Queenslanders know that the future is what we make it. We need long term solutions to deliver jobs we are proud of and action on climate change. And our Sunshine state should be a leader in clean energy. Together, we will make powering our communities with the wind and sun affordable, by keeping ownership in Queenslanders' hands.

# I support a Queensland #RenewableRecovery. Organisation:

Signature:

Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

7.5 Motion to re-affiliate to NUS

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 20/07/2020

FROM: Thomas O'Grady (President)

#### **Motion to Council:**

That the James Cook University Student Association become a member of the National Union of Students Incorporated.

#### Issue

JCUSA was formerly a member of the NUS, but a previous JCUSA Council ended that membership.

#### **Background Information:**

The NUS is the peak representative body for students in Australia. The NUS will lobby and call protests for nationwide student issues whether JCUSA is a member or not, therefore it is crucial that JCUSA rejoin so that our members have a voice in a body that would speak for them.

JCUSA has previously been a member of NUS, stopped in 2016. AN asked what the cost of being members is TO that the cost is \$500.00 per year and it is in our budget to be used.

This national organisation can be a real benefit to the JCUSA, and gives a voice to our regional students.

Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

#### **KT** Abstained

7.6 Motion to amend Constitution (Bullsheet)

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 21/07/2020

FROM: Thomas O'Grady (President)

#### Motion to Council

That Part 13.1.(b) of the James Cook University Student Association Constitution be amended from

"notice of amendment has been published on the Association's Official Notice Board and in two (2) consecutive editions of the Association's weekly publication; and"

to

"notice of amendment has been published on the Association's Official Notice Board, Website and in two (2) consecutive weeks on the Association's primary social media account; and

#### Issue:

The Bullsheet is no longer a weekly publication, and has not been for some time.

#### Background Information:

The Bullsheet is no longer the primary source of news distribution from the Association's, that role now falls on the Association's social media accounts. Therefore it stands to reason that the constitution be amended to reflect the current reality.

JCU council sits next 10/09/2020 Next JCUSA council meeting to be held around 24/08/2020

> Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

## 7.7 Motion to amend the Constitution (Preferential Voting) Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 21/07/2020

FROM: Thomas O'Grady (President)

#### Motion to Council:

That Part 8.3 of the James Cook University Student Association Constitution be amended from

"All elections, including Annual elections, shall be conducted as an electronic election and in accordance with the "first past the post" voting system."

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"All elections, including Annual elections, shall be conducted as an electronic election and in accordance with the "Preferential" voting system.

#### Issue:

First past the post can lead to situations where an Office Bearer could be elected with less than a majority of votes cast.

#### Background Information:

In 20 9 the President was elected with 45.69% of the vote, meaning it is possible that that president was not the president preferred by the majority. First past the post voting is a less democratic form of voting where to have a candidate elected that candidate can require just 1/n +1 of the vote, where n is the number of candidates. In effect this means that in a large field of candidates one could win an election despite not even being close to having a majority.

By contrast preferential voting allows a more fair election where each voter is able to rank candidates from most preferred to least preferred. This system is widely used in Australia, for example the Federal Election for the House of Representatives and the Queensland State election both use this system. In order for a candidate to be elected under this system, that candidate must take over 50% of the vote when preferences are accounted for.

Meeting paused 1.35 pm TO left the meeting 1.34 pm – Returned 1.35 pm AN left the meeting 1.34 pm – Returned 1.36 pm

Finance Officer KG joined the meeting 1.35 pm
Cost of changing the election software \$120.00 per year
There is \$3000 in the Budget for elections and \$1500 in the budget for awareness campaigns.
KG left the meeting 1.42.pm

Moved TO Seconded KM For 6 Against 0 Abstain 2

7.8 WHS Report from 6 Marc to 23 Jul 2020 0 Hazards 0 Incidents

- 7.9 Approval POL009 Cleaning Policy
- 7.10 Approval POL017 First Aid Policy
- 7.11 Approval POL023 Induction Policy
- 7.12 Approval POL099 Infection Control in the Workplace policy

On Block

All Moved TO Seconded AN All in Favour

7.13 List of approved JCUSA COVID safe Plans For Council Information only

7.14 Tan Kang Ning- Traveling restrictions faced by JCU Medical Students (and possibly other students) and the option of deferral by the Medicine and Dentistry Faculty. Some students have been stranded overseas and have applied for exemptions but they have been rejected.

Couple of medical students have approached me for assistance and I had a meeting with the International support team and TO this morning to discuss the issues and will work alongside them to see if they need any assistance and if the JCUSA can offer any assistance if needed.

The advocates have been dealing with this also. The plan is to reaching out to other internationals to see if they have the same issues, but not as many other courses as the medical.

KT suggested to contact Catherine Fraser to discuss options. KT will forward Ning contact details.

Planning to form an international committee.

#### 7.15 MDT - Elite Athlete Scholarship







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PAPER FOR JCUSA 6TH ORDINARY COUNCIL

MEETING: 3 AUGUST 2020

FROM: PROF MAREE DINAN-THOMPSON, ACTING DVC STUDENTS

#### Recommendation(s):

#### That Student Association Council endorse:

1. JCUSAs Elite Athlete Scholarship be renamed JCUSport Nationals Representative Program.

At present JCU has an Elite Athlete Scholarship which is attached to the Elite Athlete Program (EAP). To be awarded the scholarship, a student athlete must first be a member of the JCU EAP program then be selected based on the remaining eligibility criteria for the scholarship.

At present the Elite Athlete Scholarship from the EAP is currently being confused by potential and existing student athletes with the JCUSA's scholarship of the same name. Consequently, JCU is requesting that JCUSA change the name of their scholarship to something that doesn't contain the words elite or scholarship to avoid any ongoing issues with elite student athletes (either existing or current) mistaking the JCUSA's scholarship for the EAP version.

This is particularly important as JCU moves to register the EAP version of Elite Athlete Scholarship on the Australian Institute of Sports national register of scholarships available to elite athletes. This will involve listing the scholarship title, details and location on their website. Issues are arising, where potential student athletes search for the scholarship independently on JCU's website and find the JCUSA's version not the EAP version.

After discussions and consultation between JCUSA and JCU, agreement has been reached to recommend to JCUSA Council, the renaming of JCUSAs Elite Athlete Scholarship to JCUSport National Representative Program.

#### Consultation

- Tom O'Grady, President JCUSA
- Alison Edwards, General Manager JCUSA
- Members of JCUSA Council
- Jason Conn, Sport and Recreation Manager and Sport and Rec Team
- Professor Maree Dinan-Thompson, Acting DVC Students
- Glen Deakin, Deputy Head Sport and Exercise Science

#### **Attachments**

N/A

#### Requests for further information

Prof Maree Dinan-Thompson

## 8. Question Time

Members of the Student Association may direct questions in writing to officers of the Student Association through the Secretary. Questions may be put on notice.

Meeting Closed At 1.58 pm

Minutes confirmed by Thomas O'Grady President, Chair

Minutes Prepared by Theresa Priddle Secretary to JCUSA Council

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