



PRESENT:

Thomas O'Grady (President), Kyran Mellor (Vice President), Emily Mulroy (Townsville Campus Officer), Kang Ning Tan (International Student Officer), Aaminah Khan (Equity & Diverse Officer), Alex Nott (Cairns Campus Officer), Rei Asai (Postgraduate Student Officer), Alison Edwards (General Manager), Kimberly Thornley (Staff Representative), Theresa Priddle (Council Secretary)

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://jcu.zoom.us/j/95952475722?pwd=aHNtYTh6SEJwY1NFTldlejF6WmZudz09>

IN ATTENDANCE:

Observers

Emily Gamze
Peter Loa
Thomas Sherrington
Cherie Lai

Meeting opened at 12.05 am on Monday 19th October 2020 by Thomas O' Grady (President, Chair)

Acknowledgment of Country

1. Apologies and Proxies

Maree Dinan-Thompson (VC Nominee)

2. Declaration of Conflicts Of Interest

Nil

3. Approval of Unstarred Items

6.7 Equity & Diversity report starred

4. Confirmation of Minutes & Flying Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the 8th Ordinary Meeting of the 50th Student Association Council – 30th September 2020

Moved KM
Seconded EM
Abstained AK,
TO, AN

4.2 Flying Minute Club Affiliation JCUMS 6/10/2020

Moved TO
Seconded AK
All in favour

5. Legal Matters

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 Finance Officer Report
Attached

6.2 President's report

Report to Council (9th Ordinary Council Meeting –19th October 2020)

POSITION: President

NAME: Tom O'Grady

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year. Not only have our members had to endure a pandemic and shift to online learning, but they have rallied to fight against institutional changes to JCU and the Higher Education Sector.

We've run many campaigns this year for issues that matter to our members like Free Parking, Fair Fees, Changes to Census Date, Fair Grading, a pause week before the shift to online learning, a shift to online learning in the first place, we've fought against the disastrous Job-Ready Grads legislation and are continuing to fight the TriMonster. I'm happy to say that this administration has been a credit to Student Unionism and shown students at JCU what a fighting union can do in the face of a university administration that only cares about profits. We can keep the bastard honest.

The soft launch of the Bullsheet website was a success, and new articles are trickling in. The website itself is fantastic, and our readership is on the rise. The Secondhand bookshop is now up and running, finally giving students a place to pick up books on campus. We have 39 affiliated clubs including our most recent new club the JCU Marine Society, and the clubs webpage redesign has been fantastic.

Sport has returned to campus, and spectators are once again allowed to attend. Fisher Shield is the hit it always was, and popularity for Interfacis is on the rise. The sport and rec team continue to do a fantastic job.

Overall I'm happy with what we have achieved this year. My term as President has been filled with extraordinary challenges but we overcame them. JCUSA may be the only place at this university to put students first right now, and I am proud to have been part of JCUSA for the past three years. I didn't achieve all of my goals for the year, such as increasing paid memberships, making free memberships universal to all students, and changing our electoral process to be more democratic, and I hope the 51st council will work towards these reforms.

It's been my pleasure to serve the Student Association.

6.3 Vice President report Kyran Mellor

Verbal report: Not much happened last month. No meetings. Received an email from 1 club thanking us for the grant.

6.4 Cairns Campus Officer report

Verbal report Alex Nott

Breakfasts are going well, improving on numbers. Same people are the ones turning up and they are sitting down and chatting. Lost the CoOp but have gained a Gym. Renovations are moving along. In the process of affiliating 2 new clubs. Sustainability want to re affiliate after a year off. AK Did anyone get to the Trimester meeting and any feedback. AN was in contact with some that had attended and the sentiment was that they don't really mind, they were more worried about losing holiday time. Law & Business thought that the process was too rushed.

6.5 Townsville Campus Officer report Emily Mulroy

Verbal report: Free breakfast is going well and have had a few clubs running the event. Emails regarding O'week, would like to do as many events as possible on campus.

AK Did we have many affiliated clubs apply for grants this semester. EM There was not as many as 1st semester due to COVID.

6.6 International Student Officer report Knag Ning Tan

Verbal report: Some adjustments to the running of International Café they have been attended well. Had a good handover with incoming International Officer. It was a good handover as the new International Officer was already a member of the subcommittee. Thanks to AE for sending the documents. Not many international students came to discuss anything this month.

6.7 Equity & Diversity Officer report Aaminah Khan

Verbal report: Recapped on reports from earlier meetings that were not reported on. Things I have been working on this semester and are going forward with are

Grading system

SSAF Allocation

Survey for LGBT past & present student to better understand the students experiences
Formation of the Equity & Diversity subcommittee, but we do have some volunteers for next year's sub committee

Heavily involved with consultation with JCU regarding Trimesters along with TO, EM and the incoming Vice President & incoming Townsville Campus Officer

Everything I have done this month has been around the Trimester. Attended the information session specifically put on for Business, Commerce and tourism students, which was moderated by someone from DTHM. Think it was a fairly productive session, I raised issues about study plans and students having to pay more to stay in Townsville for longer, especially the international students and how that would impact their financial ability to study. The takeaway from that was they will continue to hold these information sessions, more for law students as they have been given an extra year.

6.8 Postgraduate Student Officer report Rei Asai

Report to Council (08 Ordinary Council Meeting – 19/10/2020)

POSITION: Postgraduate Officer NAME: Rei Asai

EVENT / ACTIVITY	DATE	FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS
Ordinary Council Meeting	30/10	Met new and re-elected councillors. Learnt a lot.
Free breakfast	08/10	More than 23 students

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 28/10/2019 – JCUSA 8th Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM)

COMMENTS / PLANNING

I received the CAPA affiliation remissions form, so I plan to go through the form soon.

6.9 Sport and Recreation Officer report No report

6.10 Advocacy report attached at end of document

AK asked if it is viable to have another Advocate on Cairns Campus

KT thinks we will have a need for another advocate as the stat trend is that more students are seeking assistance from an advocate and it is increasing each year by a significant amount.

AE will be having a planning meeting with all the advocates to address these concerns

AE is having discussions re Singapore students using advocacy as they are not SSAF funded there. Singapore students are a challenge for us being based in Australia as the external process are vastly different in Singapore difficult to handle as there are no advocates there.

AK Due to the Trimesters do anticipate an increase in work.

KT will create and increase in some aspects as some student really struggle with transition and that effects their pass rates and that effects their progression. It also has the potential to stretch the workload out so we are not getting as many at midyear or end of year but will be challenging as will be running them at very tight deadlines.

TO In March, April, May June Why was there such an increase in cases in Cairns

KT There has always been a high number of Cairns students that are dissatisfied and they think they are an afterthought with most of the resource going to Townsville, also due to working from home the process of allocating the Advocacy cases was changed as they were allocated to the Advocates in a rotation and not by Campus.

7. General Business

7.1 KT Motion to Council re; changes to regulations regarding Proxies 18/09/2020

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 18 September 2020

FROM: Kimberly Thornley – Staff Representative

Motion to Council:

That clause 4.3.1 of the Regulations be amended.

The clause 4.3.1 which currently reads:

4.3.1 A voting Meeting Member of the Association Council who is unable to attend a meeting of the Association Council may delegate their voting rights to any voting Meeting Member(s) of the Association Council by proxy in writing.

Should be amended to:

4.3.1 An **elected** voting Meeting Member **as specified under 6.2.1 of the Constitution** of the Association Council who is unable to attend a meeting of the Association Council may delegate their voting rights to any voting Meeting Member(s) of the Association Council by proxy in writing.

4.3.2 An **appointed voting Meeting Member as specified under 6.2.2 of the Constitution of the Association Council who is unable to attend a meeting of the Association Council may delegate their voting rights to any voting Meeting Member(s) of the Association Council or an alternative individual within their organisation by proxy in writing.**

To clarify: the Vice Chancellor's nominee may appoint an employee of JCU as their proxy, the JCUSA Staff Representative may appoint a staff member of JCUSA as their proxy, and a community specialist may appoint another individual within their organisation as their proxy.

Issue:

The appointed office bearers are appointed as representatives; the DVC's as a representative of JCU and the Staff Rep as representative of JCUSA employees. The current wording of our regulations does not allow the appointed office bearers the opportunity to delegate their proxy to an alternative person in a similar position to them that will ensure that representation is maintained. This means that if an appointed office bearer is unable to attend they must either forfeit their voice or delegate their proxy to one of the elected student councillors.

Background Information:

The appointed office bearers provide an important function on the JCUSA Council, they insure that JCU and the JCUSA Staff are given a voice which promotes collaboration and transparency.

It would be inappropriate for me as a staff representative to delegate my proxy to someone who is not a JCUSA employee and therefore would not be representative of the staff's voice. This makes it difficult to exercise my duties as the staff representative if I am unable to attend due to illness, leave, or work requirements. It is important to ensure that the staff at JCUSA continue to be heard despite temporary absences of the staff representative.

I do not wish to comment on the DVC position or perspective as it is not my place but it is unlikely that the DVC Represented would be permitted to delegate their proxy to a student. Since Maree has become the DVC nominee she has had limited availability to attend council meetings but has always ensured that Maria is present so that Maree can remain up to date on what the JCUSA Council is doing.

As I am proposing a change to how I can delegate my proxy, it only seems fair that the proposed change apply to all appointed office bearers under 6.2.2 not just the staff representative to ensure equity and consistency.



Clarification on in camera discussion and proxy for VC nominee

AK left meeting @12.55 proxy given to TO
AN left meeting @ 12.55 proxy given to KM
NT left meeting @ 12.56 proxy given to EM

AN returned to meeting @ 12.58

Need to communicate the changes with VC nominee as most often the VC nominee is unable to attend the Council meetings.

TO to send the process of proxies in an email to VC to update the changes to 4.3.2

Amended wording

4.3.2 An appointed voting Meeting Member as specified under 6.2.2 of the Constitution of the Association Council **with the exception of the Vice Chancellor's nominee** who is unable to attend a meeting of the Association Council may delegate their voting rights to any voting Meeting Member(s) of the Association Council or an alternative individual within their organisation by proxy in writing.

TO moved that the amendment to this amendment

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TO moved to accept amended motion 7.1

Motion was passed pending amendments made to the following 4.3.2

Moved TO
Seconded RA
All in favour
Motion Passed
pending amendments

7.2 Motion to extend Cairns Campus Officer Duties until casual nominations
TO declared Motion invalid as the 50th Council cannot appoint a 51st Council member.
Special council meeting for the 51st Council has been scheduled to appoint an acting Cairns Officer

7.3 WHS Report from 23/07/202 to 22/09/20
3 sporting injuries reported. Nil Hazards

Moved TO
Seconded EM
All in favour

7.4 PRO039 Facility Booking Procedure.
Motion 1 – Bookings only accepted if emailed to sport@jcu.edu.au
Motion 2 – \$50 Flat fee for events is not waived if field marking occurs.
Motion 3 - Affiliate field hire \$30 per hour. Other Clubs \$45 per hour.
Motion 4 - 72-hour notice for all bookings and changes.

Moved on block

Moved TO
Seconded EM
All in favour



- 7.5 Motion Hire/ Use of the Townsville Fitness Deck 13/10/20
7.6 Motion Townsville Deck not to be hired/ Used for private functions due to COVID restrictions 13/10/20
7.5 & 7.6 Moved on block

Moved TO
Seconded RA
All in favour

TO thanked the 50th Council for a fantastic performance in which has been a very difficult year especially with all the challenges that have come up, mainly COVID. Congratulations to all the graduating members' thank you and wish you all the best for the future. Congratulations to the members that have been re-elected and wish you all the best for the next year.

TO also welcomed the 51st council and wished them luck in the upcoming year.

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 1.30 pm

Minutes confirmed by ~~Kyrán Mellor~~
Vice President, Chair

Tom O'Grady

Minutes Prepared by Theresa Priddle
Secretary to JCUSA Council

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