



PRESENT:

Emily Mulroy (President), Thomas Sherrington (Vice President), Emily Gamze (Townsville Campus Officer), Cherie Lai (International Student Officer), Aaminah Khan (Equity & Diverse Officer), Garrett Swearingen (Acting Cairns Campus Officer), Peter Loa (Postgraduate Student Officer), Alison Edwards (General Manager), Kimberly Thornley (Staff Representative), Theresa Priddle (Council Secretary) Maree Dinan-Thompson (DVC Nominee)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Meeting opened at 3.05 pm on Thursday 3rd December 2020 by Emily Mulroy (President, Chair)

Acknowledgment of Country

1. Apologies and Proxies

Nil

2. Declaration of Conflicts Of Interest

Nil

3. Approval of Unstarred Items

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes & Flying Minutes

- 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 9th Ordinary Meeting of the 50th Student Association Council – 19th October 2020
- 4.2 Flying Minute Affiliation TBVC 23/10/2020
- 4.3 Flying Minute Financial approval to the General Manager (GM) for the purchasing of Clubs & Societies items over the GMs financial delegation limit

Moved On Block

Moved AK
Seconded TS
All in favour

5. Legal Matters

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 Finance Officer Report

Attached

6.2 President's report

Report to Council (1st Ordinary Council Meeting – 24/11/2020)

POSITION: President NAME: Emily Mulroy

EVENT / ACTIVITY DATE FEEDBACK / OBSERVATIONS

Speak with some Uni Hall students regarding concerns about new accommodation building

20/11/2020 Collected many questions from Uni Hall students about the new accommodation in Townsville building as Uni Hall will be closing down when this opens.

The most important questions were about the catering at the new accommodation (articles state it will be self-catered) and the price of rent. Students feel that if it's self-catered than the rent shouldn't be high, especially as there isn't a supermarket on-campus, so living off-campus would then be more preferable.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 02/11 – 1st Special Counting Meeting
- 02/11 – Remuneration Committee Meeting
- 02/11 – The Bullshead Editor Position Meeting
- 10/11 – Townsville Beach Volleyball Meeting
- 11/11 – JCU Rugby Meeting

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- 12/11 – Law Students Meeting
- 17/11 – The Bullsheet Contributor Payments Meeting
- 18/11 – Western Suburbs Meeting
- 20/11 – The Bullsheet Editor Shortlisting Meeting
- 23/11 – The Bullsheet Editor Interviews
- 26/11 – Market Day Planning Meeting
- 27/11 – JCU TSV New Accommodation Meeting

COMMENTS / PLANNING

Have been working on the O-Week Schedules to present the final version for the Council Induction. There will be an emphasis on mixed-attendance for some JCUSA O-Week events as it is important that external/rural students can get the opportunity to participate. Although there shall be more on-campus events for new students to become more engaged with JCUSA during O-Week as this is one of the most important period for our year.

The bookstore and JCU clothing merchandise have become great assets to our offices and growing popularity of the bookstore will place more demand to fight for more space in an adjacent building to sell them.

I have been following up with CAPA and CISA regarding our affiliation statuses, while motions were successfully move to affiliate with both organisations this year, they were not progressed. However, this allows us the 51st Council to progress these affiliations upon outcome of motions to affiliate.

Lastly, Alison (General Manager), Amanda (Marketing & Admin Officer) and I have been members of a selection committee to appoint the new Bullsheet Editor. The process has been going well and I look forward to working on revitalising The Bullsheet via the new online publication and tailor print publications.

- 6.3 Vice President report
- 6.4 Acting Cairns Campus Officer report
- 6.5 Townsville Campus Officer
- 6.6 International Student Officer report
- 6.7 Equity & Diversity Officer report
- 6.8 Postgraduate Student Officer report
- No other reports as is first meeting.
- 6.9 Sport and Recreation Officer report
- 6.10 Advocacy report attached at end of document

7. General Business

7.1 Motion – That Thomas O’Grady and Kyran Mellor be removed as bank signatories for all JCU Student Association bank accounts held at Westpac Banking Corporation and Bank of Queensland and that Emily Mulroy (President) and Thomas Sherrington (Vice President) be added to the Westpac Banking Corporation account and the following Bank of Queensland Bank Accounts: Account number 22117878, account number 22950390, Account number 22950405 and account number 22950406. Karina Goacher – Finance Officer and Alison Edwards – General Manager to remain as signatories on all accounts. Account number 23085570 (Sports Visa Debit Card) to remain as signatories of Karina Goacher, Alison Edwards and Jason Conn, and 23085577 (GM Visa Debit Card) to remain as signatories of Karina Goacher and Alison Edwards.

Moved EM
Seconded TS
All in favour
Motion Passed

7.2 Motion - That financial approval be delegated to the Executive Group of President, Vice President with the General Manager to cover the period from the last council meeting in November to the next scheduled Council meeting in 2021. This will facilitate ongoing work when most Councillors are away

Moved EM
Seconded EG
All in favour
Motion Passed

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7.3 Motion – That the JCUSA Membership Prices remain the same for 2021 as in 2020 (Townsville: \$45 for new members and \$35 for returning members. Cairns \$35 for new members and \$25 for returning members).

EM as Cairns have more sponsors on this year's membership card should we increase the price in Cairns. KT although there is an increase in sponsors they are not really beneficial to Cairns students. The most popular last year were Woolshed & Aroma Café and they are not listed this year. Was decided to keep prices as is.

GS when selling memberships to emphasise that the money goes towards SA events & campaigns.

Moved EM
Seconded AK
All in favour

7.4 Motion – That if JCU and the Queensland Chief Health Officer Public Health Direction allow for a face to face Market Day in 2021, that the prices and fees remain the same for 2021 as in 2020.

Moved EM
Seconded AK
All in favour

7.5 Motion – That the current Council Secretary, Theresa Priddle, continues in this role for 2021

AK Thanked TP for taking on the role in 2021

Moved EM
Seconded CL
All in favour

7.6 Motion – That to increase Cairns Petty Cash limit to \$1000 during peak times such as before O'Week S1 and S2, and \$500 all other times

The following is the wording for amended motion 7.6:

“That to increase Cairns Petty Cash limit to \$1000 starting 2 weeks before and concluding 2 weeks after the following peak times:

- *O week (SP 1 & 2);*
- *The start of social sports*
- *And other times as defined by the General Manager in consultation with the Cairns Campus JCUSA staff and Cairns Campus Officer.*

At all other times the Cairns petty cash limit will be \$500.”

Moved GS
Seconded AK
All in favour

7.7 Motion – That JCUSA closes all 4 credit card accounts (12027715, 12027723, 12070608 & 23195209) with Bank Australia (remove portion about Brenton new card)

Moved EM
Seconded TS
All in favour



7.8 Request for the 2021 TSV and Cairns Fitness Prices

We are requesting the pricing for Townsville to remain the same as 2020.

In regards to Cairns, we are looking to have the following pricing:

- Casual Visit - \$12
- 7 Day Pass - \$40
- 10 Visit Pass - \$65
- 1 Month Pass - \$65
- 3 Month Pass - \$165*
- 6 Month Pass - \$270*
- 12 Month Pass (Pay Up Front) - \$380*
- 12 Month Pass (Direct Debit) - \$10 per week*
- Academic Semester (20 weeks) - \$235*
- Academic Year (40 weeks) - \$320*
 - *Note: These memberships will require a joining fee on initial sign up of \$50 however that will be waived if they become an SA+ Member.

These amounts are based on pricing from other gyms around the Cairns Campus, what our pricing is in Townsville as well as the size of the facility/amount of equipment and the opening hours (similar to what we have in Townsville).

Moved AK
Seconded GS
All in favour

7.9 Motion - "That in 2021 George Roberts Hall students are offered a membership price of \$175 per student (total amount being up to \$35,000 including GST), with access to the Fitness Centre during the academic period from O Week (February 15 2021) until the exam period on November 19 2021."

Moved EM
Seconded AK
All in favour

7.10 The Remuneration committee unanimously agreed that they recommend that Council accept suggestion 2 for budget 90,000 for the 2021 budget which aligns to hours listed in suggestion 2

Moved EM
Seconded TS
All in favour

7.11 Motion- That JCUSA continues affiliation with CAPA 24/11/2020

DATE: 26/11/2020 FROM: Peter Loa Postgrad Officer

Motion to Council:

That James Cook University Student Association becomes a member of the Council of Australian Postgraduate Association Incorporated (CAPA) throughout the remainder of the 51st Student Association Council term for the 2021 calendar year.

That James Cook University Student Association appoints the current JCUSA Postgraduate Officer as the delegate to represent JCUSA in general meetings of CAPA.

Issue:

The previous council (50th Student Association Council) agreed to become affiliated with CAPA, however did not progress to being a financial member. This motion seeks officially gain the title of a member of CAPA. This will allow JCUSA to provide a regional postgraduate student's voice to CAPA.



Becoming a member of CAPA will require a member fee (there is a Fee Remissions process available) to affiliate and to appoint a JCU postgraduate student to become a delegate.

Background Information:

The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) is the peak body representing the interests of the over 400,000 postgraduate students in Australia. We represent coursework and research, as well as domestic and international, postgraduate students.

Founded in 1979, CAPA is a membership based non-profit organisation. We are comprised of 28 university and campus based postgraduate associations, as well as the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (NATSIPA).

As the national voice on postgraduate issues, CAPA communicates the interests and perspectives of postgraduate students to the Federal Government, Federal Opposition and minor parties, and higher education peak bodies.

CAPA's activities are supported by quality research. CAPA continues to play a leading role in higher education as an authoritative source of information on postgraduate issues.

Information, support and advice are provided to individual postgraduate students by CAPA's affiliated member organisations on university campuses in each state and territory. CAPA's members also elect regional representatives to assist in coordinating activities and information sharing between postgraduate associations.

Moved PL
Seconded TS
All in favour

7.12 Motion – Pill testing 24/11/2020

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

DATE: 24/11/2020

FROM: Emily Mulroy (President)

Motion to Council:

That JCU Student Association follows in the path of other student unions, by investigating the costs of offering pill-testing kits to students prior to the Groovin the Moo festival at Townsville Murray Sports Complex on 02 May 2021 and a music festival in Cairns (eg The Grass is Greener) once dates for 2021 are confirmed.

And, That JCU Student Association does not condone the use of illicit substances, but recognise that students may partake in drug use regardless and the best way to prevent drug-related harm is through harm reduction and health focused programs.

Issue:

The health and wellbeing of students are one of the key concerns of the JCU Student Association as proven by a number of programs that JCUSA conducts for student's health and welfare. Every year we hear reports of avoidable hospitalisations and deaths of people during the festival season. While pill testing does not guarantee a person's safety, it can provide a more informed decision on drug taking.

Background Information:

Pill testing programs have been conducting overseas since the early 90's, although the first program conducted in Australia was at Canberra's Groovin the Moo festival in 2018. This first pill testing program found two samples that were flagged for their potential lethality and the second trial in 2019 potentially saved seven lives through more flagging of pills containing dangerous ingredients. Therefore, both trails in Canberra were a success by reducing the potential harm. In Queensland, many doctors including the Australian Medical Association Queensland has called for a controlled pill-testing trial in the state. With the re-elected Queensland State Government including pill testing trails within their policy platform, the development for implementing these trails seem to be progressing within Queensland too. Therefore, this motion seeks to gain support for JCU Student Association to investigate the costs and possible health concerns that will need to be considered if able to offer pill testing kits to student prior to the Groovin the Moo festival.

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Moved EM
Seconded EG
All in favour

7.13 Motion – Campaign for Increases SSAF 24/11/2020

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 24/11/2020

FROM: Emily Mulroy (President)

Motion to Council:

That JCU Student Association will continue the commitment to campaign for a greater proportion of the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) at JCU to be apportioned to and allocated by JCUSA. And,
That JCU Student Association will continue the commitment to campaign for a greater proportion of the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) at Queensland universities to be apportioned to and allocated by democratically elected student bodies at those universities, as described within their respective universities Act's.

Issue:

The previous 50th Association Council moved a motion to agree to campaign for an increase in the SSAF contributions that the JCU Student Association receives. The current process of SSAF allocation is determined by the University, with very little student consultation and requires the JCU Student Association to bid for SSAF contributions, competing with non-student run, JCU departments.

Background Information:

Currently, the SSAF Income Allocation Working Group which consists of predominately of JCU staff and departments, and invited representatives of the JCU Student Association (only 1 student, the out-going President) meet every two years to examine all the bids for SSAF contributions. There is no appropriate level of student consultation undertaken by the University of the exact breakdown of the SSAF Expenditure Plan before it is officially approved. Therefore, all departments and the JCU Student Association provide bids for SSAF contributions, while the responsibility of making the final decision is undertaken by the DVC Students on what bids are approved and by how much. The only major involvement by the University is sending JCUA students an online survey every 2 years. Not only is the SSAF expenditure plan funding programs that were previously and should be in the future, funded by the Universities core funding, rather than through the SSAF contributions. In addition, some events approved for SSAF contributions do not meet the detailed Federal Legislation Guidelines such as "providing food or drink to students on a campus" as some SSAF funded events occur off-campus.

Another important note is that the only study body organisation of democratically elected students, run for students, as described in the James Cook University Act 1997 under Part 4 – Bodies connected with the University – Division 2 – Union, must still compete on the same level with JCU departments to bid for SSAF contributions, the funds that are by core, paid for by students for students.

Moved EM
Seconded AK
All in favour

7.14 Motion to continue Accreditation Membership with NUS 24/11/2020

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 24/11/2020 FROM: Emily Mulroy (President)

Motion to Council:

That the James Cook University Student Association continues the status of being an accredited member of the National Union of Students Incorporated throughout the remainder of the 51st Student Association Council term for the 2021 calendar year.

Issue:

The previous council (50th Student Association Council) agreed to become re- accredited after a number of years not being a member of NUS. This motion seeks to continue this membership through the 51st Council's term.

Becoming an accredited member of the National Union of Students includes the responsibility of conducting a democratic election for delegates to meetings of National Conference at its annual elections as stated in the NUS Constitution.

Another benefit is to have access to the support from NUS with running advocacy higher education campaigns and the ability to network with other student unions around the nation.

Background Information:

The National Union of Students is a Union of students, by students, and for students. At the core of NUS as an organisation is the belief that collective action is the best way to achieve the solid and tangible outcomes for ordinary



students. The National Union of Students was formed in 1987 after students saw the benefit of forming one over arching peak representative body for students that would be strong and effective in being the voice for students. Therefore, it is important the James Cook University students get the opportunity to have a seat at the table at NUS Conferences by democratically electing JCU delegates to influence the campaigns run by NUS and provide strong regional student voices to the floor.

Moved EM
Seconded CL
All in favour

7.15 POL100 Booking and Use of Townsville Sport Facilities 25/11/2020

Moved EM
Seconded TS
All in favour

7.16 Motion for Council to become members of the Council of International Students Australia CISA

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE:26/11/2020 FROM: Cherie Lai (International Officer)

Motion to Council:

That James Cook University Student Association becomes a member of the Council of International Students Australia (CISA) throughout the remainder of the 51st Student Association Council term for the 2021 calendar year.

That James Cook University Student Association appoints the current JCUSA International Officer as the delegate to represent JCUSA in general meetings of CISA.

Issue:

The previous council (50th Student Association Council) agreed to become a member of CISA. This motion seeks to continue this membership through the 51st Council's term

Becoming a member of CISA requires a membership fee of \$440/year to be paid and appoint JCU international student to become a delegate.

Background Information:

CISA is recognised as the national peak student representatives body for international students studying at the postgraduate, undergraduate, vocational and educational training (VET), English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) and foundation levels. CISA is a not-for-profit, non-politically and non-commercially aligned incorporated association that is independently run by international students, for international students. It is formed in response to the need of a unified voice among international student.

Moved CL
Seconded GS
All in favour

7.17 Approval of gym membership offer John Grey Hall

Based on approximately 200 students at George Roberts in 2021, we can offer \$175 per student (total amount being \$35,000 including GST).

Students will have access to the fitness centre from O Week (February 15) until the exam period on November 19

Moved AK
Seconded TS
All in favour



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.

NIL

Meeting Closed at 4.10 pm

Minutes confirmed by Emily Mulroy
President, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E Mulroy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Theresa Priddle
Secretary to JCUSA Council

Minutes Prepared by Theresa Priddle
Secretary to JCUSA Council