



MEETING MINUTES
51st STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

4th Special Council Meeting of the 51st Student Association 12pm Thursday 12th August 2021

PRESENT:

Emily Mulroy (President), Thomas Sherrington (Vice President), Emily Gamze (Townsville Campus Officer), Cherie Lai (International Student Officer), Garrett Swearingen (Cairns Campus Officer), Kimberly Thornley (Staff Representative), Alison Edwards (General Manager), Theresa Priddle (Council Secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Maria Edmondston (Observer)

Meeting opened at 12.03 pm on Thursday 12th August 2021 by Emily Mulroy (President, Chair)

Acknowledgment of Country

1. Apologies and Proxies

Maree Dinan-Thompson (DVC Nominee)
Peter Loa (Postgraduate Student Officer) proxy EM
Aaminah Khan (Equity & Diversity Officer), proxy TS

2. Declaration of Conflicts Of Interest

Nil

3. General Business

3.1 20210726 Motion to Council re; JCUSA no longer lends BBQ to any entity that is not a JCUSA affiliated Club/society

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

Date: 26/07/2021

From: Alison Edwards

Motion to Council:

That JCUSA no longer lends its BBQs to any entity that is not a JCUSA affiliated Club/society. This would therefore exclude JCU departments and users nominated by JCU, such as Red Frogs.

Issue:

JCU staff booking to use a JCU BBQ and completing the acknowledgement when in fact another entity were going to use the BBQ. Misleading as to who the user is and the other entity would not be aware of the disclaimer that has been agreed to. BBQ training has to be provided by JCUSA and food handling would not be our responsibility.

Issue – wheels came off new BBQ when Student Transitions and Engagement were using the BBQ Wednesday 21st July 2021. Safety concern for all users. Wheels have been fixed 26/7/2021.

Background Information:

JCUSA purchases BBQs from SSAF funding for Clubs and Societies, Free Brunches and Councillor or Advocate led events.

JCU staff used their name to acknowledge the disclaimer about the use of the BBQ, BBQ transportation and safe food handling.

Via email on 26/7/2021 documented that the BBQ was in fact going to be used by another entity.

2. Email 26/7/2021. The front castors of the new BBQ have a grey plastic section that should insert and click/stay in place inside the legs, however they either haven't been put in far enough for them to stay in place, or the wonderful pathways at JCU make it so they rattle back out again. We found they had a tendency to fall out when we borrowed the BBQ back in May for Exam Plan, but thought we'd managed to get them to insert fully. I'm not sure if it's been used since then (did you use it during Stress Less??), but both castors fell out when we took it out of the shed last Wednesday.

We managed to get them back into place and to Ed Central Amphitheatre with no further issues, though apparently they had some trouble when they returned it to the shed. I wasn't with my staff member when they returned it on Wednesday after the breakfast, but was told that a JCUSA staff member assisted with getting the castors back in place and the BBQ back into the shed.

3. The Cairns Campus has 5 static BBQs and Townsville has 1. JCU Departments can use the static BBQs or in Townsville use Internationals BBQ or purchase their own.

Moved: TS
Seconded EG
All in favour
GS Abstained
Motion Passed

3.2 20210727 Motion to Council re: proposed amendment to the JCUSA Regulations

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 27/07/2021

FROM: Thomas Sherrington (Vice President)

Motion to Council:

That the JCU Student Association approve the proposed amendment to the JCUSA Regulations.

Issue:

This regulation is out of date in terms of practically.

Background Information:

In conversation with our General Manager, it was brought to our attention that requirements for the member of the committee to be selected under subsection (d) of this section is outdated. There are only two appointed office bearers currently who could fill this role and due to their capacity, it makes it near impossible for them to be a part of the committee. This change will aim to make this member of the committee easier and more practicable to pick.

Proposed JCUSA Regulations Amendment List:

1. Amend Section 5.5.1 from:

5.5.1 There will a Finance and Audit Committee which will consist of the following voting members:

- (a) the President (ex-officio);
 - (b) A Finance Department Representative (Chair);
 - (c) the General Manager;
 - (d) an Appointed Office Bearer who has financial management skills;
- and
- (e) one additional Elected Office Bearer appointed by the Association Council.

To:

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- (a) the President (ex-officio);
 - (b) A Finance Department Representative (Chair);
 - (c) the General Manager;
 - (d) an **Elected or an** Appointed Office Bearer who has financial management skills;
- and
- (e) one additional Elected Office Bearer appointed by the Association Council.



(1st Vote)

Moved: TS
Seconded EM
All in favour
Motion Passed
unanimously

3.3 20210729 Motion to Council re: Market Day Stall prices

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council

Date: 29/7/2021

From: Alison Edwards, General Manager

Motion to Council:

That the Council approve the existing price for Market Day Stalls and Political Organisations, who are not a club or a NFP with the ACNC, have a fee of \$50.00.

Issue: Market Day prices for 2021 and a fixed price for all political parties to ensure consistency and fairness.

Background Information:

1. Would like to start advertising Market Day SP 1/2022 and would like to have the stall holder prices approved in order for us to commence advertising.

Current Prices:

Townsville:

- JCUSA Affiliated Club or Society (in receipt of affiliation confirmation letter from JCUSA) – Free
- JCU Department – Free
- Registered Charity (upload copy of ACNC Registration) - \$25
- Not for Profit (required to have documentation evidence for NFP status) - \$25
- Non-Affiliated Sporting Club or Recreational Club - \$25
- On-campus Retail Tenants - Free
- Hobby Stall - \$25
- Government Organisation - \$50
- Roving Promoters - \$100
- Small Commercial Business (local, non-franchise) - \$150
- Large Commercial Business (state wide or national) - \$300

Cairns:

- JCUSA Affiliated Club or Society (in receipt of affiliation confirmation letter from JCUSA) – Free
- JCU Department – Free
- Registered Charity (upload copy of ACNC Registration) - \$25
- Not for Profit (required to have documentation evidence for NFP status) - \$25
- Non-Affiliated Sporting Club or Recreational Club - \$25
- On-campus Retail Tenants - Free
- Hobby Stall - \$25
- Government Organisation - \$50
- Roving Promoters - \$50
- Small Commercial Business (local, non-franchise) - \$75
- Large Commercial Business (state wide or national) - \$150

2. Political Party Stall holders applications from Townsville for SP 2/2021 were all different in the type of entity and one price for all political parties would ensure clarity for the person completing the form and a consistent price for all parties.



- 1 Party: For Small Commercial Business (local, non-franchise) - \$75
1 Party: \$50 Government organisation and the resubmitted as a large commercial for \$150
1 Party: Non-Affiliated Sporting Club or Recreational Club - \$25
1 Party: Not for Profit (required to be registered as non profit/charity with ACNC) - \$25

AE would like to open up registrations Market Day SP1 2022 as the date is already set. Would like to clarify the prices for

Moved: TS
Seconded GS
All in favour
Motion Passed
unanimously

3.4 20210802 Ratification of Flying Minute- Affiliation of Aquaculture Association
Ratified

3.5 20210802 Motion to Council re: Amend Constitution (Optional Preferential Voting)
Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 30/07/2021 FROM Emily Mulroy
(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.”

to

“All elections, including Annual elections, shall be conducted as an electronic election and in accordance with the “optional 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 and are less democratic.

Background Information:

Optional preferential voting allows a more fair election where each voter is able to rank candidates from most preferred to least preferred and enables a candidate to become elected with definite majority support, different to how first past the post can allow for a candidate to win without majority support.

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.

In a local context, JCU students utilising this optional preferential voting system can choose to preference candidates from either Townsville or Cairns, where as previously with only one vote in the first past the post voting system the perception of a student from a particular campus would tend to use their vote for a candidate based in the same campus as them. Whereas JCU Students can utilise this system to preference a student from another campus higher than others as they can place candidates from most preferred to least preferred.

FUSA Election Guide has been collated in the other pages for reference.

(1st Vote)

Moved EM



Seconded TS
All in Favour
KT Abstained

3.6 20210802 Motion to Council to open nominations for 4 non-voting Council Positions

Motion to Council: Emily Mulroy (President)

That the JCU Student Association calls nominations for the four appointed Officer Bearers as stipulated in the JCUSA Constitution under 6.2.4. These positions are non-voting and can represent a variety of student interests.

The nomination opening date proposed is Friday 13th August 9am. The nomination closing date proposed is Friday 27th August 4:30pm.

The four (4) proposed appointed Officer Bearer positions are: Sport and Recreation Officer*, Indigenous Officer**, Remote and External Officer*** and Environment Officer.

*The Sport and Recreation Officer must be filled by a student who is enrolled at the Cairns or Townsville campus.

**The Indigenous Officer must be filled by a student who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Officer.

***Remote and External Officer must be filled by a student who is enrolled as an External Student at JCU Online or enrolled on at a study centre that is not Cairns or Townsville.

Issue:

The JCUSA Student Council can call for nominations for non-voting positions to support and grow the interests of the Association and can be tailored to different student interests. This is an opportunity for JCUSA to expand on portfolios of passion to the Association that could increase our visibility, outreach, representation and engagement with students.

Background Information:

Over the past decades, the JCU Student Association had more positions on the JCU Student Council. Unfortunately, due past budget limitations and other factors, reforms occurred to reduce the number of positions on the council. However, each year the JCU Student Council can call for nominations for up to 4 positions (non-voting and volunteer based), to represent different student interests. While certain positions historically tend to receive more interests from students, I believe it is still important for JCUSA to open nominations to give students greater opportunities to be involved in the JCU Student Association.



Nominations to open 13/08/2021
Close 01/09/2021 4:30pm
Nominations to be put at Special Meeting 5 on 02/09/2021

Moved TS
Seconded CL
All in Favour
KT Abstained

3.7 20210623 Motion to Council re; Regulation amendment to Elections 2nd Vote
Motion to the James Cook University Student Council
DATE: 23/06/2021 FROM: Thomas Sherrington (Vice President)

Motion to Council:

That the JCU Student Association approve the proposed amendments to the JCUSA Regulations.

Issue:

This regulation is out of date in terms of practically.

Background Information:

The definition of election still currently includes a paper based elections which for many years has not occurred and with the advancement of technology will likely continue not to occur.

Proposed JCUSA Regulations Amendment List:

1. Amend Section 2.1 from:

"Elections" includes a paper based and electronic election.

To:

"Elections" includes **an** electronic election.
(2nd Vote Motion passed)

Moved: EM
Seconded TS
All in favour
Motion Passed
unanimously

3.8 20210804 2021 Draft Operational Budget with account listing
Ratified

Meeting closed at 12.40 pm

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.

Theresa Priddle
Secretary to JCUSA Council

