



MEETING MINUTES
51st STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

5th **Special Council Meeting** of the 51st Student Association 12pm Thursday 9th September 2021

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Meeting opened at 12.38pm on Thursday 9th September 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

2. Declaration of Conflicts Of Interest

Nil

3. General Business

3.1 20210510 Motion Regulation Fax amendment 2nd Vote

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 10/05/2021 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This regulation is out of date in terms of practically.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:

While reading through the regs, I noticed that fax is still an option to notify Meeting Members when and where a meeting is to be reconvened. Fax machines are a thing of the past and very few people have, let alone use, a fax machine. I'm happy to amend this reg to replace the word fax with something else but if not it should be removed altogether.

Proposed JCUSA Regulations Amendment List:

1. Amend Section 3.19.2 from:

"3.19.2 The Chair must attempt to notify in writing, or if that is not practicable, by telephone or fax any Meeting Member not present of the time and place the meeting will be reconvened."

To:

"3.19.2 The Chair must attempt to notify in writing, or if that is not practicable, by telephone any Meeting Member not present of the time and place the meeting will be reconvened."

Moved: TS
Seconded EG
All in favour
Motion Passed 2nd Vote

3.2 20210512 Motion to approve Regulations- Minutes amendment 2nd vote

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 12/05/2021 FROM: Thomas Sherrington (Vice President)
Motion to Council:

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

Issue:

Just a small modification for transparency and for the records.

Background Information:

Currently, at the moment, this particular regulation stipulates that it is currently optional to record the for and against of every vote in the minutes. I would like to see a change where every vote that is not unanimously agreed or disagreed has

to be recorded in the meeting minutes. It would not include for instance include who voted for and against but just the numbers. It would be more reference for the council and future councils how the vote of each motion went.
Proposed JCUSA Regulations Amendment List:

1. Amend Section 4.5.5 from:

"4.5.5 The Meeting may decide that the number of votes for and against are to be recorded in the minutes"

To:

"4.5.5 The Meeting should record in the minutes the number of votes for and against of every vote that is not unanimously agreed/disagreed upon"

Moved: TS
Seconded EG
All in favour
Motion Passed 2nd Vote

3.3 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.

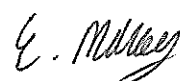
To:

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 **Elected or an** Appointed Office Bearer who has financial management skills;
- and
- (e) one additional Elected Office Bearer appointed by the Association Council.

(2nd Vote)

Moved: TS
Seconded CL
All in favour



Motion Passed
unanimously 2nd Vote

3.4 20210602 Amendments to Constitution re Gender Neutral Pronouns 2nd vote
Motion to Council:

That the JCU Student Association approves the 4 (four) amendments to the language of the JCUSA Constitution to be updated to inclusive gender neutral pronouns.

The 4 (four) amendments to the Constitution are in Part 7 within Part 7.1(d), 7.3.5 and 7.4.3.

Issue:

Current language of the JCUSA Constitution is not inclusive to the entire JCU student community and therefore, should be amended to reflect the diversity of our student cohort. Changing the pronouns will be inclusive to all students as it is applicable to all people, not gender specific.

Background Information:

In the current state of the Constitution, when referring to office bearers it uses the pronouns 'his' or 'her', therefore I propose that these be amended to 'their' when talking about their position. I believe this an additional step that the JCU

Student Association to continue becoming more inclusive, respectful; and overall benefit gender-diverse equality on campus as the student leaders w

Moved: EM
Seconded TS
All in favour
Motion Passed
unanimously 2nd Vote

3.5 20210902 Motion to extend Nomination period for the 4 Appointed Office Bearers to 16th September 2021

Motion to the James Cook University Student Council DATE: 02/09/2021 FROM: Emily Mulroy (President)

Motion to Council:

That the JCU Student Association agrees to extend the nomination period 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 new nomination closing date proposed is Thursday 16th September 10:00am.

Issue:

Extending the nomination period for the four non-voting positions should allow JCUSA council more time to advertise within various avenues to students.

Background Information:

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.

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 to 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.

Moved EM
Seconded TS
All in Favour
AK Abstained

Meeting closed at 1.07 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

