



NOTICE OF MEETING
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Location: Building 145; 032 (Townsville), JCUSA Cairns Office linked by Virtual Meeting Room.

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Catherine Fraser
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13th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
47th STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Meeting Opened at 1:02pm Monday 11th September 2017

PRESENT

Adam Tilbrooke (Postgraduate Officer), Catherine Fraser (Secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE

Aaminah Khan

CF explained that unfortunately quorum will not be achieved today due to 3 Council Members unable to attend. The meeting will be adjourned to take place on Monday 18th September at 1pm. This will be communicated to all members via Facebook.

Meeting ended at 1:34pm



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13th ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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Meeting opened at 1:01pm – Monday 18th September by Jesse Argent (Chair)

PRESENT

Adam Tilbrooke (Postgraduate Officer), Sydney Jones (Vice President & Acting International Officer), Teisha Condie (Acting General Manager), Catherine Fraser (Secretary to JCUSA Council)
Via Phone: Michael Kane (Townsville Campus Officer)
Via Video Link (Cairns): Jesse Argent (President & Acting Cairns Campus Officer), Hala Hijleh (Staff Representative)

IN ATTENDANCE

Aaminah Khan, Scarlet Bortolotto, Valarie Derwent, Edward Harridge

1. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Tara Gopal (Equity & Diversity Officer) – no proxy given
Stephen Naylor (VC Nominee) – no proxy given

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

JA starred 7.1, 7.2, 5.1
All other items are deemed to have been approved

EH entered the room at 1:04pm

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND FLYING MINUTES

- 4.1 Approved
- 4.2 Approved
- 4.3 Approved
- 4.4 Approved
- 4.5 Approved

5. LEGAL MATTERS

- 5.1 Legal Matters

RESOLVED

That Legal Matters be discussed after Question Time

Moved: JA
Seconded: SJ
All in Favour
(TG and SN abstention)



6. REPORTS

6.1 President's & Acting - Cairns Campus Officer Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Respect. Now. Always

- JCU will be flying me to Townsville again this Friday 22nd September for the Elizabeth Broderick Review Results. Elizabeth Broderick will be briefing Senior Management on the review and recommendations as a result and I have been invited to attend this as well as the media release afterwards.

Student Advisory Forum

- Attended the Student Advisory Forum in Townsville and discussed quite a number of questions, concerns and ideas raised by fellow students.
- Discussed plans with management that attended and how we can implement new processes etc to help the students.
- We discussed the advisory forum and the fact that all students currently on this committee will be continuing on for the next year as part of the 2yrs contract etc.

Bullsheet

- Worked on the Bullsheet with the Editor and Graphics Designer.
- Plan the Articles for the next edition of the Bullsheet

Chancellors Cup

- Attended the Chancellor's and Commander's Cup in Townsville over the weekend.
- It was an amazing game and the effort and support that the Sport and Rec team put in was extraordinary.
- Discussions with the VIP's that attended were all really good and they were pleased to see the effort that has gone into this game over the years!

ACTING CAIRN'S CAMPUS OFFICER REPORT

UCI Mountain Bike Championships

- The UCI Mountain Bike World Championships happened over Monday – Sunday 2 weeks ago and had an awesome response.
- We managed to organise for Sport and Exercise science students to have the opportunity to work with professional athletes from across the world in our JCU Recovery Tent and gain experience. This is leading into future opportunities.
- We had students get the chance to go into different areas and get professional experience with all aspects of events and coordination.
- Student Association manned the Red Bull drink tent and got profits out of it.

Clubs & Societies

- The Cairns Clubs & Societies have been going really well this semester and we have had a couple of new clubs start up with another 3-4 potential new clubs going through the start up process at the moment.
- Clubs have been a lot more active on campus this year and helping out with events.

R U OK Day

- The JCUUSA Attended R U Ok Day in Cairns and did the R U Ok Day BBQ. We went through about 150 burgers and the response was great.

International Ball

- Been working with the International Officer to get the international ball up and running. With tickets now being available for purchase.



6.2 Vice President report & Acting - International Officer Report

MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

- Never OK BBQ Lunch
- Free Breakfasts
- Sally Varnham Symposium
- JCUSA Election video planning meeting
- Commander & Chancellors Cup
- International Ball & Indigenous C.A. lunch meeting with Jesse & Tara

OTHER ACTIVITY:

- Cairns International Ball 2017- October 21st, Pullman Cairns Casino, 6:30- 11:00pm, Ready to launch ticket sales!
- Indigenous Cultural Awareness Lunch event- communicating with Tara in regards to plans for Townsville.
- Sally Varnham's National Teaching Fellowship's Symposium on Student Partnership in University Governance and Decision making: September 1st- I presented the outcomes of the JCU student advisory forum with Sally Kift in Sydney.
- Wrote script for JCUSA Election info video to provide information on the JCUSA and how students should approach the election, also wrote the questions for the candidate videos we will be uploading to facebook. Hopefully it will inspire students to be informed voters, in the past councils have barely advertised the elections which has caused a decrease in nominations and voters over the years, we are hoping these videos will help reverse that.

6.3 Townsville Campus Officer report

MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

- Meetings with College RSA's Regarding Grants (those yet to get one)
- Budget Meetings
- Working with GM to help with operational budget
- Liaising with clubs and Socs Regarding grants
- Attended Law Ball
- Attended Psychology Ball
- Uni Bar Meetings with Regan
- Meetings with Councillor's
- Policy work Re future JCUSA
- Chancellors cup

OTHER ACTIVITY:

- Researched other Universities Associations and their ssaf expenditure
- Bull sheet articles
- Assisting with room bookings
- Assisting with enquiries from clubs
- Free Breakfasts
- Posting events to facebook page
- Talking to clubs and societies regarding events and providing assistance
- Attended many club and societies events
- Attended student DVC forum.



6.4 Equity & Diversity Officer report

NeverOK day

- Spoke with Clark Cooley, combat sexual harassment on campus
- posters put up, free breakfast on August 22
- bull sheet article to inform students about day
- Spoke with library to let us use blue bulletin for the pledge, pledge materials(white board) bought, pledge for students to sign
- NeverOK fact sheet being written up
- poster for NeverOK day breakfast
- T shirts \$20, got sizes of t shirts for council members, Jesse is in the process of ordering shirts

Free Breakfast

- Bought food items with Jesse, posters around campus, helped run event, take down event etc. every week

Indigenous Lunch planning

- October 5, lunch outside library
- cost, venue(boathouse), food, decorations, posters,
- spoke with Prof Martin Nakata whom wants more than just a cultural event, put in contact with James the indigenous student rep of the indigenous centre, currently getting quotes for costs
- contact internal departments
- non-alcoholic
- interactive basket weaving, art displays, dancing, cooking
- security & estate

Indigenous BBQ

- planned with A21 Indigenous Centre on Sep 15, will help buy all food items, cook lunch and connect with students to recruit them for the Indigenous lunch

Indigenous excursions for future

- Prof Nakata is willing to find resources/funding for any other activities promoting indigenous culture (i.e. excursions, events, etc.) in conjunction with SA, must come to him with ideas first and he is willing to put it into action as long as it is student run

Redbull at Mountain Biking event

- helped sell drinks with SA as 50% revenue goes towards the SA-helped Friday/Saturday/Sunday

Mural supporting nationalities-planning (week long Sep 24)

- collected artwork, got flags from Jason-Woolshed
- compiled list of hello in different languages
- end the week with multicultural night

Mural for supporting LGBTQ community-planning (week long after Sep 17)

- have compiled images
- Tanner helping
- Plans: safe room? Halloween party? Womens day? International students day?



6.5 Postgraduate Officer Report

MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

- 14.08.17 Attended 12th Ordinary Council Meeting
- 17.08.17 Attended Graduate Research School Meeting
- 18.08.17 Attended & assisted Free Breakfast Friday (Medical Centre)
- 18.08.17 Attended Meeting with Regan Uni Bar
- 22.08.17 Attended & assisted with the Never Ok Campaign
- 25.08.17 Attended & Assisted with Free Breakfast (Library Green)
- 28.08.17 Attended all staff meeting
- 30.08.17 Meeting for CASE PG Students
- 31.08.17 Attended & presented at the Student Advisory Forum
- 01.08.17 Meeting with Milestones – Work Experience Placement office
- 01.08.17 Attended meeting with Book Coop for sponsored Games Night
- 01.08.17 Attended Free Breakfast Friday (Educational Central)

OTHER ACTIVITY:

- Assisted in the development of the Cairns Post Graduate Intellectual forum.
- Assisted in Refilling Tea / Coffee facilities.
- Assisted in the office when staff were unavailable (Covered two staff shifts)
- Assisted in media promoting events for clubs and societies, JCUSA on Facebook
- Research into CAPA for future reference information.
- Assisted in discussions / planning around the University not allowing extra events for the UNI Bar for additional events e.g. October FEST.

6.6 Finance Officer Report

SSAF funding and operational spending on track according to budget forecast for 2017.

Grant payments have been made to all clubs and societies with outstanding grants.

The JCU SSAF working group requested we have our 2 year SSAF bid completed and handed in by Monday 25th September. The working group decided that a 2 year SSAF bid would help all those areas who heavily rely on SSAF bids to maintain some stability from year to year. Council worked very hard and had some very in depth and well thought out debates, to settle on a sustainable SSAF budget/bid with the best possible outcomes for JCU students despite the predicted drop in SSAF funding. The final budget came in at just over \$1.2 million. Very similar to 2017's approved SSAF allocation. This amount may not be approved, but Major changes were in increase in SSAF funding to go towards offsetting the cost of Fisher shield. Reductions in some operational areas that have not had the 2017 allocation spent on them.

We added the \$25,000 insurance cost for clubs and societies into the SSAF bid this year instead of it coming from our revenue as it did this year, increasing the total clubs and societies funding bid to \$135,000. We added the cost of the Part time sport and recreation staff member (runs social sport and all night time activities) to the SSAF bid instead of paying them from the profits of social sport and removed some funding for Uni games given the changed competition structure in 2018 and therefore the reduced cost. We also increased funding for sport and recreation activities on the Cairns campus given the opening of the new student accommodation in 2018.



7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Crowe Howarth Offer

JA received an offer from Crowe Howarth on August 18 to provide the JCUSA with a Fraud Health Check and Governance training.

Discussions took place about the benefit of the training with questions about the cost. EH mentioned that Crowe Howarth have previously been the external auditors but this was changed to Jessops after the refectory was shut down. The previous council decided on this change as Crowe Howarth were still charging the same price even though there were fewer services to audit.

It was noted that the JCUSA is not locked in to using Jessops as the auditors and it was noted that there questions to be raised of Jessops in regards to the service and their previous checks not being thorough enough.

It was discussed that reviews of financial procedures are currently underway. All in attendance agreed the Governance Training would be very beneficial as part of the new Council Induction to assist new Council Members in understanding the gravity of the decisions they make. It was discussed that there may be a possibility to apply for a competitive SSAF bid to fund the training or perhaps given the immense benefits JCU may be supportive of assisting with funds. It was decided that TC would obtain three (3) quotes from providers so that Council can make a decision.

7.2 Update on Uni Bar

AT informed that JCU have refused to allow an Oktoberfest event at the Uni Bar. TC mentioned that she needs to take a different approach to getting approval for such events as it seems Middle Management are blocking them without taking the ideas further up the chain. It was discussed that RA has provided the university with substantial safety plans to minimise risk but the University is still refusing the event saying it promotes all day drinking and is not something they want on campus. Discussions took place that providing a safe place on campus for students to drink and socialise was a lot safer than other venues as security is provided, safety checks are made and students can be monitored.

TC mentioned that we are still able to host private Clubs and Societies events at the venue but the university becomes reluctant with big scale events as they believe it creates an atmosphere of binge drinking. AK stated that the Veterinary Students are being told by their Heads of Faculty that they are not allowed to host drinking events. It was discussed this may be a decision of individual faculties but that Clubs could contact MK who could link them with RA to discuss their needs. SB stated that he was on a few different Societies and wasn't aware this was a possibility. TC stated that RA has met with all Colleges to give details on what can be provided at the Uni Bar. This was done as a starting point and more work will take place to communicate this to all Clubs and Societies as well.



8. QUESTION TIME

8.1 *Received from Aaminah Khan*

Dear Jesse and Catherine,

The following is a question I would like addressed during question time at the next meeting of the JCUSA Council regarding the proper use of JCUSA funds.

The information I am seeking to verify was divulged to me voluntarily by the Townsville Campus Officer on the 17th of May after a meeting of the Council. At this time, the Townsville Campus Officer made me aware that the Council had made a decision to retain legal counsel at a cost of fifty thousand (50000) dollars in proceedings against a JCU student. I was assured that the money for this would be made available through a claim against the JCUSA's insurance policy, and would therefore not directly impact any funding for student services or facilities; however, it is my understanding that insurance claims of any significant size generally result in an increase in insurance premiums in years to come. When I asked why the Council felt the need to spend such a sizeable amount on legal counsel, I was told that the Council would - and I am quoting verbatim from the Townsville Campus Officer's response - "wipe the floor with [the student]."

I was and am not privy to any legal proceedings in which the Council was or is involved and I understand if members of the Council cannot speak on them for reasons of confidentiality; however, I find it difficult to believe that, short of criminal charges or some other equally serious matter, a student at JCU could have committed some offence so serious that the JCUSA needed legal counsel costing \$50000 to either prosecute or defend against them. As a student who pays SSAF contributions and a member of the Student Association, I would ask that the Council justify this level of spending, particularly in light of the funding cuts to clubs and societies and the lack of second round grant allocations to clubs and societies this year. Surely there are better uses of the Association's money - indeed, the students' money - than "wiping the floor" with its own members. I look forward to hearing the Council's response to my enquiry.

Yours faithfully,
Aaminah Khan

8.1.1 *Response from JCUSA Council President*

Good Morning Aaminah,

Thank you for your email and question.

Unfortunately, I am unsure how the Townsville Campus Officer would be able to make such comments to yourself with regards to a legal process that he was not a part of. Due to the strict confidentiality there were 3 JCUSA Representatives including: Claire Holland – Acting Postgraduate, Karina Goacher – Finance Representative, Jesse Argent – Acting President, Cairns Campus officer. These people were in the ones involved with the proceedings and therefore are the ones that have the full knowledge of the process. I can assure you that the cost of the legal process was definitely not near \$50,000. I have also spoken to Michael, and he refutes any claim about using students money to purposely destroy and go after someone as mentioned in your email.

As mentioned previously in meeting the amount of funding to Clubs & Societies is quite similar to last year's funding. We are aiming to have a second round of grants ASAP, as you can appreciate the Association has been



quite busy keeping our day to day operations, events and breakfast for students while dealing with the 2 main issues this year. All of council have been doing countless hour of volunteering to ensure that we can continue to

accommodate for our students. Unfortunately, because the Clubs & Societies committee has been quite busy with each of their own roles n responsibilities it hasn't been possible to get it out just yet. We have been having to fix up the clubs & societies handbook and forms from last year as a lot of important information was removed and some clubs were having difficulty understanding everything as was the case when the previous Vice-President handled the forms, over 75% of the clubs had to be followed up for the correct forms as clear information on what was required was not given.

Thank you for taking the time to send through your question and I hope this has helped answer it for you.

Kind Regards,

Jesse Argent
JCUSA President

8.2 *Received from Edward Harridge*

Dear Catherine,

I have the following questions for the SA Council:

Michael Kane

- How many hours per week would you say you are physically in the SA office or manning a BBQ, on average?
- Have you ever claimed more than 40 hours per fortnight on a Timesheet, and if so, how many hours over this have you claimed so far this year?
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- Given the conviction of former General Manager Benita Bosch for defrauding the JCUSA, do you now accept that the decision to terminate her employment on 10 March 2017 was in the best interests of the JCUSA and its members?

Jesse Argent

- Have you ever claimed more than 60 hours per fortnight in wages from the JCUSA, and if so how many hours over this have you claimed so far this year?
- Given the conviction of former General Manager Benita Bosch for defrauding the JCUSA, do you now accept that the decision to terminate her employment on 10 March 2017 was in the best interests of the JCUSA and its members.
- Why have you not released a breakdown of the JCUSA's 1.2 million SSAF allocation online, as has been done in every other year?

Thank you
Edward Harridge



8.2.1 *Response from JCUSA Council President*

Dear Mr Harridge.

Thank you for submitting your questions to the JCUSA council secretary. JCUSA council Members are in the office/officially acting in their roles on an as-need basis. Some weeks councilors are required more than others depending on the JCUSA activities that are planned, their role specific duties at the time, university workload and outside work schedules (if applicable). As a general student association members, I can assure you that no current member of council has claimed over their fortnightly allocated hours as a student Councilor, and that every current councilor is working hard to obtain the desired outcomes for all JCUSA students and SA members.

In relation to your question on the termination of Ms. Bosch. Actions taken to attempt to terminate the employment of Ms. Bosch on the 10th of March 2017 was, in current JCUSA council's opinion, not acting in the best interest of the JCUSA at the time, considering it would be against legal advice received by members of council to do so. The matter of fraud against the JCUSA was identified and dealt with by following correct legal and internal processes and is now resolved. You can rest assured that JCU students and JCUSA student members alike, have continued to receive the best possible standard of services, representation and events from the student association with the aim of constantly continued improvement.

JCU is updating their website in the next coming days to detail the planned expenditure of the JCUSA SSAF allocation. This link will then be shared on the JCUSA website once we have received confirmation this has been completed. We have chosen to share the information in this manner to ensure the most accurate and up to date information is being distributed.

Kind regards,

Jesse Argent
JCUSA President

8.3 *Received from Aaminah Khan*

Dear Jesse and Catherine,

The following is a question I wish to put before the Council during question time at the next meeting. During the Council meeting on the 14th of August, the Townsville Campus Officer mentioned during his report that he approved a second round grant application for Western Courts. It's very encouraging to hear that residence halls have been successful in having their grant applications processed this semester; however, I have several queries related to this.

Firstly, it has been my understanding after talking to committee members from various clubs and societies that there will be no second round of grant applications this year - is this no longer the case? If this is not the case, could the Council explain why so many clubs and societies have been unsuccessful in their grant applications and been told that there will be no second-round grant applications this year? (For example, INSAKA had their grant application denied and was told that this was because second round applications were being denied this year.) Secondly, after speaking to the presidents of other residence halls, it transpires that Western Courts is the only residence hall to have had a grant application approved this semester. Is there a reason that Western Courts in



particular was singled out for funding? As students from all the colleges are equally active participants in Fisher Shield and other aspects of campus and college life, it seems inequitable that only one residence hall should receive funding.

I look forward to hearing the Council's response to my enquiry.

Yours faithfully,
Aaminah Khan

8.3.1 Response from JCUSA Council Townsville Campus Officer

Dear Aaminah,

I am not sure what you are speaking about regarding your first point, only 1 club was unsuccessful in their grant because of the nature of what the money was going to be spent on. Secondly, I have spoken to the Treasurer of INSAKA and he has no idea what you are talking about, the reason INSAKA first round grant was not done was because the former Vice-President Kimberley Rogers-Ford did not forward me all the relevant grants upon her departure (I chased up at least more than half of them myself), therefore meaning the club missed out until they emailed me questioning why they had not received their grant. This point has been expressed to INSAKA treasurer in my emails with him and they seem aware of that fact from my phone call with him. The clubs grant is before the clubs and socs committee right now.

To your second point, Breakdown for amounts paid to colleges for the ENTIRE YEAR below; John Flynn, \$2500, Saints \$2000, Western Courts \$2000, Rotary \$2000 (Pending approval), Uni hall Grant forms sent and not received (pending however after my meeting with them), George Roberts – Spoke to their Pres and Social rep, being sorted. Western has only received one grant worth \$2000, there is no second grant for Western courts and it is not mentioned anywhere as a second grant. Record levels of funding were given out in the first grants they received.

Cheers

Michael Kane
JCUSA Townsville Campus Officer

8.3.2 Response from Aaminah Khan

Dear Catherine,

Thank you for your reply. Unfortunately, receiving this reply by email highlights why I was hoping to have my questions answered in person during a meeting of the Council rather than by email. To be told simply, "Michael refutes the idea that he said [x]" when I have a very clear recollection that he did and provided not only a verbatim quote but the exact date that he said it, for example, is frustrating. It feels akin to being told that I must be lying or making things up. I'm glad to know, though, that he was mistaken as to exactly how much money was being spent on legal proceedings, and that the cost to students was not nearly as great as the Townsville Campus Officer led me to believe. On this point, my concerns are mollified and I thank the Council for doing so.



Regarding grant funding, my question was about funding for this semester only, not for the entire year, and to that end, I do not believe I have received a satisfactory answer to my question. I'm also frustrated by the Townsville Campus Officer's attempts to shift blame to people who have not served on the Council for several months, especially since I asked a question about funding this semester and the outgoing Vice President has not served on the Council at all this semester. If possible, I would like an answer to the question I actually asked, which was about grant funding this semester, not for the year to date, and about the role of current members of Council, not members of Council long departed.

Regarding my final question, I was hoping to see more concrete action in terms of advocacy or even crisis support for LGBT students who have been targets of bullying and harassment on campus, as has happened to several of my friends since the postal vote was announced, but I do appreciate what efforts have been made thus far. If it would be possible for my responses to be published alongside my questions, I would greatly appreciate that, as had my questions been answered during a meeting, the ensuing discussion would also have been minuted.

Regards,
Aaminah Khan

8.3.3 Response from JCUSA Council Secretary

Dear Aaminah,

Thank you for your email.

The Clubs and Societies committee was able to meet on Tuesday (19th) there were a number of outstanding grants approved for Colleges, interest groups and sporting clubs. The outcome of these applications is yet to be communicated with the clubs but we can assure you this will be done in a timely manner. The vast majority of clubs and societies grant funding pool has been allocated in round 1 but further to that round 2 will be opening very soon and all clubs will be contacted regarding these round 2 funding opportunities.

In regards to advocacy or crisis support for LGBTI students I would welcome the opportunity to listen to your ideas of what we could do to further support our students and see if this is achievable. Currently JCU offers free Counselling support to all student on campus. If students are feeling bullied or harassed, JCUSA advocacy staff can assist them in submitting a formal complaint to the University.

Again, thank you for your continued involvement in the JCU Student Association.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Fraser
Secretary to JCUSA Council

8.4 Received from Edward Harridge

Dear Jesse,

I note that the JCUSA has published a factually incorrect statement that "prior to Thursday 29th June, no evidence of impropriety or fraudulent activity was brought to the JCUSA council's attention."



This is factually wrong as I brought a wide range of evidence to yourself and the rest of the Council regarding fraud and impropriety committed by Benita.

Can you please immediately correct the record.

Kind Regards,
Edward Harridge

8.4.1 Response from JCUSA Council President

Dear Edward,

The JCUSA Council stands by the statement that no evidence of impropriety or fraudulent activity had been presented to Council prior to Thursday 29th June.

The JCUSA Council stand by this statement.

Kind Regards,

Jesse Argent
JCUSA President

8.5 Received from Aaminah Khan

Dear Jesse and Catherine,

Thank you for your prompt responses to the questions I have submitted for the Council's attention thus far. I have another question I would like tabled for discussion at the next meeting. Forgive me if this is already on the Council's agenda.

Given the recent report by the National Mental Health Commission that young LGBT Australians are being adversely affected by the toxic rhetoric surrounding the postal vote on same sex marriage, what steps is the JCUSA taking, either through the Equity and Diversity Officer or through other means, to support LGBT students and their loved ones on campus?

I look forward to hearing the Council's response to my enquiry.

Thanks and kind regards,
Aaminah Khan

8.5.1 Response from JCUSA Council President

Good Afternoon Aaminah,

I apologise I have been in a meeting this morning and just got out now.

I have CC'd our Equity and Diversity Officer Tara Gopal into this meeting as I know she is currently working on a few things for this semester. I know personally that she is currently coordinating to do an LGBTQI++ display with



information and a few other things to accommodate it. She will be able to provide you with further information when she gets a chance to respond. As well as working with the JCU team in setting up the Ally Program which is to provide support and guidance for fellow LGBTQI++ students, staff and visitors throughout the Campuses. When Tara gets a chance I'm sure she will be able to provide further details on the topic.

Kind Regards,

Jesse Argent

JCUSA President

8.5.2 Response from JCUSA Council Equity & Diversity Officer

Dear Aminah,

I apologise for the late reply as I have been occupied these last couple weeks and haven't gotten a chance to respond.

The association has supported students with endeavours supporting the LGBTQI++ community. On the 18th of August, a stall was held on the Cairns Campus & Townsville Campus, in which JCU students supporting equal rights in response to the postal vote that had recently arisen. The JCUSA supported the group and supplied tables, signs and paint for the students as they engaged with the JCU student body.

As Jesse aforementioned, we will be having a display put outside the office in the coming weeks with the aims to educate the JCU student body about gay rights including the current status of same sex marriage in Australia as well as information for those seeking support. In addition, I am in the process of organising Spirit Day for late October in association with the Ally group which is to show support for LGBTQI++ students and staff.

A Bullsheet article is scheduled to be written in support of legalizing same sex marriage which is issued to be published to further educate JCU students and staff on the matter.

I hope that answered your questions, thank you for your enquiry.

Kind regards,

Tara Gopal
JCUSA Equity and Diversity officer

RESOLVED

That the meeting be moved in camera to discuss Item 5.1 Legal Matters

Moved: JA
Seconded: SJ
All in Favour
(TG and SN abstention)

Meeting moved in camera at 1:52pm



RESOLVED

That the meeting be moved out of camera

Moved: JA
Seconded: SJ
All in Favour
(TG and SN abstention)

Meeting moved out of camera at 2:26pm

Meeting closed at 2:26pm

**Prepared by Catherine Fraser
Secretary to JCUSA Council**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Argent', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Confirmed by Jesse Argent
Chair, President & Acting Cairns Campus Officer**

