



NOTICE OF MEETING
47th STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the 6th Ordinary Council Meeting of the 47th Student Association Council (5/47, 5/17) to commence at **3:30pm Friday 12th May 2017**. Video Conference Cairns, JCUSA conference room- building 133 Townsville

1. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

The Chair will invite members to indicate which unstarred items they wish to star.

Thereupon, all unstarred items will be deemed to have been approved or noted as approved or noted as presented.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES & FLYING MINUTES

- 4.1 Ordinary Council meeting 13th April 2017 (4/47;4/17)
- 4.2 Flying minute approved 19th April 2017 – Approval of 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting minutes
- 4.3 Flying Minute approved 28th April 2017 – Approval of Finance Report
- 4.4 Flying Minutes approved 28th April 2017 – Approval of SSAF Budget
- 4.5 Flying Minute approved 8th May 2017 – Approval of close of Membership Roll for Nominations

5. LEGAL MATTERS

6. REPORTS

- 6.1. President's report
- 6.2. Vice President report
- 6.3 Cairns Campus Officer report & acting Diversity Officer Report
- 6.4 Townsville Campus Officer report
- 6.5 International Student Officer report
- 6.6 Acting Postgraduate student officer report
- 6.7. Finance officer report

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Changes to JCUSA Constitution

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.

Catherine Fraser
Secretary to JCUSA Council



MEETING MINUTES

6th ORDINARY MEETING of the 47th STUDENT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL (6/47; 6/17)

Meeting was opened at **3:37pm on Friday 12th May 2017** by SK (Convenor)

PRESENT

Sydney Jones (Acting – Vice President, International Officer), Michael Kane (Townsville Campus Officer), Teisha Condie (Staff Representative) Catherine Fraser (Secretary)

Via Phone: Sally Kift (VC Nominee, Convenor), Claire Holland (Acting – Postgraduate Officer), Benita Bosch (General & Finance Manager)

Via Video: Jesse Argent (Acting - President, Acting – Equity & Diversity Officer, Cairns Campus Officer)

IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Kern (University Secretary), Kimberley Rogers-Ford, Edward Harridge, Aaminah Khan, Garrick Flynn, Christine Mayes, Megan Carey, Maclane Schloss

1. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Nil

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

SK – VC Nominee

CH – JCU Employee

MS, MK, KRF, CM, GF, EH, MC – Members of various clubs and societies funded by JCUSA/SSAF grants

3. APPROVAL OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

MK – starred item 7.1

MS – starred items 4.4, 4.5 and 8

All other items (Items 4.1 to 4.3, 6.1 to 6.7) are approved

MS: noted that there a quite a few members present today who do not usually attend so it would be disappointing if Question Time did not happen

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES & FLYING MINUTES

Items 4.1 to 4.3 are approved and ratified by Council

5. LEGAL MATTERS

None to discuss

6. REPORTS

Items 6.1 to 6.7 are noted as presented and approved

RESOLVED

That the agenda item 7.1 be discussed first

Moved: SK
Seconded: SJ
All in Favour



7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Changes to JCUSA Constitution

- SK: stated the JCUSA council is reviewing the constitution in the interest of good governance as it is has not been amended since 2012
- JA: Presented and read a letter to all present in regards to the proposed changes to the constitution.
- JA: I move that the proposed amendments to the Constitution be endorsed and circulated to all members to be read for a second time at meeting scheduled for 8am Monday 29 May 2017
- MK: I Second
- EH: Raised concern that the notice of amendments was not given 7 days prior to being tabled and questioned why there has been no consultation with students
- SK: stated 7 days notice of the meeting was given that the proposed amendments would be tabled at this meeting and after this there would be 14 clear days before the next meeting to allow for feedback from members
- MS: Point of Order 5.3 of the Constitution states Ordinary members are entitled to view documents of the association. States he was denied the right to have an electronic copy of the agenda or the proposed changes prior to the meeting, now a 7 page letter and a 13 page documents of amendments are being presented but members cannot be expected to be able to make informed comment on the proposed amendments without time to view them.
- SK: Proposed amendments will be discussed today and endorsed with 14 clear days before the next meeting to allow for feedback
- CH: A copy of the proposed amendments will be distributed to all members for comment
- MS: I move that the meeting be adjourned for 7 days so members can comment
- EH: I second that
- SK: Discussions with JCU Council is that they have to presented and approved by them. Council does endorse these proposed amendments to the constitution which was lacking. The regulations will be amended also.

Discussions took place over the use of the word 'endorsed' concerned this was too strong. It was suggested by MC to use presented. MK stated the constitution specifically uses the word endorsed.



UNRESOLVED

That the current meeting be adjourned for 7 days to allow members to comment on the proposed amendments

Moved: MS
Seconded: EH
All votes against

EH: raised concern over who were voting members on Council

SK: This has been mitigated many times and is clear in previous council minutes

Further discussions about proposed amendments took place. Concerns raised by Ordinary members:

- proposing that anyone can be removed except the president appears to be no recourse to members. In a public company shareholders remove the directors so it should be the same for the JCUSA.
- concerned about removing the provision of a referendum
- concerned about no appeal process if an office bearer is removed
- believes office bearers should be required to do work and submit timesheets and not be honorarium office bearers
- concerns first past the post voting is undemocratic

SK: Stated that concerns are valid and members are invited to put them in writing to the secretary for consideration by council.

MC: If there are substantial amendments made between now and the second meeting on 29 May would there be another 14 days for comment and feedback from students?

SK: advised she would follow up.

MK: stated if there were significant changes between the 2 meetings Council would be open to further consultation

AK: queried if this was possible then why was MS motion not passed

SK: advised that motion has already been dealt with and discussion has already taken place.

RESOLVED

That the proposed amendments to the Constitution be endorsed and circulated to all members to be read for a second time at meeting scheduled for 8am Monday 29 May 2017

Moved: JA
Seconded: MK
All in Favour

RESOLVED

That the letter from Acting President Jesse Argent and the proposed amendments to the Constitution be emailed to all members and posted on the JCUSA Facebook page by 9am Monday 15 May.

Moved: MS
Seconded: MC
All in Favour



SJ left meeting at 4:30pm

Quorum disestablished – Meeting Lapsed

MS: raised concern that he had been denied access to the SSAF budget.

Discussion took place that parts of it are confidential and cannot be viewed by ordinary members such as staff wages.

CF: stated the MS had already been told this and was told he is welcome to view the parts of the budget he is entitled to by making an appointment with the Finance Officer

SK: Queried if this offer was taken up.

CF: confirmed it was not

BB: also confirmed MS or EH or anyone with concerns could make an appointment with the Finance department to view the allowed portions of the budget

Meeting closed at 4:48pm

Catherine Fraser
Secretary to JCUSA Council

Sally Kift
VC Nominee – Convener