



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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Figure 1 Student Representative Council with Australian College of Kuwait representatives, May 2017

New Student Representatives

The following students have been successfully elected to the Student Representative Council:

Two year term of office commencing on 16 June 2017:

- Mr Scott Gibson, Central Highlands Higher Education Representative
- Mr Matthew Wallis, TEPs (Tertiary Entry Program) Representative (Mr Wallis is also on the newly formed CQUniversity RAP committee (Reconciliation Action Plan) as an indigenous SRC member).

Two year term of office commencing 1 August 2017:

- Ms Paige-Ann Hunter, Mackay-Whitsunday Higher Education Representative
- Mr Grant Sheean, Undergraduate Distance Higher Education Representative
- Mr Jacobus Vorster, Postgraduate Distance Higher Education Representative
- Ms Claire-Marie Pepper, Townsville Region Higher Education Representative (elected into a second term of office).

Chair and Deputy Chair

Mr Jamie Danger McLovin, Rockhampton and Yeppoon Region Representative has been successfully appointment to the position of Chair, and Ms Anna Towan, South Australia Region Representative as the Deputy Chair. They both commence their term of office in these leadership positions from 1 August 2017.

Student Representative Council projects - May, June, July “You Said, We Did”

- 9 May 2017 Student Representative Council meeting held on Rockhampton Campus
 - Student representatives travelled from Adelaide, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Melbourne, Perth, Rockhampton and Townsville.
 - Completed a Social Innovation workshop presented by Lynda De George Walker
 - Completed DISC profiling, hosted a free campus BBQ, and participated in other SRC development activities.
 - Australian College of Kuwait representatives observed this meeting.
- Distributed the Student Representative Council *Engage and Advocate* June email newsletter, opened by over 8,000 students
- Implemented and developed a private SRC Moodle page to facilitate group work
- Developed Student Representative Council business cards
- Attended Term 2 Orientation Week across campuses
- Student Representative Council representation at CQUni TAFE Careers Expo on Tuesday, 27 June
- Student Representative Council presentation at TEP Residential School, Wednesday 26 July
- Nominated several students for the 2017 AIM Leadership Excellence Awards. Regional finalists associated with the SRC office include: Ms Erin Daley (Student Mentor), Mr Jackson Hughes (CQUniversity's overall Male Team Captain for Northern University Games), Mr Ben Brown and Mr Luke Sondergeld (both SRC members)
- Mr Luke Sondergeld, SRC Vet Representative, joined the Student Participation and Retention Committee.
- Luke also represented the SRC at the Rockhampton TAFE Careers Expo held on Tuesday 27 June. Feedback received from CQUniversity Marketing “...*he was a fantastic asset to the expo and shared wonderful and motivating information and knowledge with our prospects...*”
- Engineering student Mr Dylan Gannon came to the SRC requesting walking tracks. A 3km walking track has been created by DFM and is promoted by the CQUni Gym for all to enjoy.
- Continued to offer Justice of the Peace services to staff and students at the Rockhampton Campuses
- After many weeks of preparation, successfully conducted a trial project – Adjunct Care - Child Minding while Students Take an Exam, Term 1 2017 exam period in collaboration with Student Experience and Governance Social Innovation Team.

STUDENT SPORTS AND RECREATION

- 2nd May, Supported the Mental Health Day Rockhampton with volleyball and frisbee
- 2nd May, CQUniversity Law Society (CQULS) attended the Australian Law Students Association Conference Canberra with funding assistance from the Student Representative Council office.
- 15th May, EUS vs CQUPTS Dodgeball event Rockhampton
- 28th May, Rocky River Run
- 15th June, CQU Agricultural Society entered the young famers challenge at the Rockhampton Show.
- 28th July, Law Debate held in Bundaberg
- CQUniversity representation at the Australian University Games Soft Launch and 3x3 Basketball Finals
- Attended an Australian University Sport forum at Bond University.



Figure 2 Engineering Undergrad Society BBQ



Figure 3 Staff and Students at the Rocky River Run



Figure 4 Debate Society preparing first Bundaberg event



Figure 5 Engineering Society vs Physiotherapy Society Dodgeball

CQUniversity was proud to be the host university for the 2017 Northern University Games (NUG's). The Games were held on 2–6 July 2017 in Rockhampton and Yeppoon, and was a joint sponsorship arrangement between the University, the Rockhampton Regional Council, the Livingstone Shire Council and Australian University Sport.

130 CQUniversity students were among the 1200 students from 12 Queensland and northern NSW universities, who competed in 13 different sports in the Northern University Games.

Welcome Ceremony

The Welcome Ceremony was held on the Rockhampton North Campus and open to the general public. A report by lighting specialists National Hire Supplies, who installed a 1000m² fairy light canopy in the middle of the sports field, estimated 4000 people attended the event over the course of the evening. Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Scott Bowman, and special guests Mayor Bill Ludwig, Mayor Margaret Strelow and Olympian Anna Meares OAM welcomed the community to the campus and week-long event.



Mascot

The University Mascot was well received. A naming competition open to the general public revealed Birdy McBirdface as the most popular name, a reference to the 2016 [social media story](#) where 'Boaty McBoatface' lead the online vote to name a £200m research vessel for the UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). The name was naturally shortened to 'Birdy', receiving chants on the sporting field. It is also easily marketable through hashtags on social media; easy to spell and easy to say. The mascot's cheeky personality boosted team spirit. In future, it is hoped that the Mascot will be utilised at all events across the entire CQUniversity campus footprint.

Uniforms

Uniforms were designed by Ms Natalie Turner, Ms Victoria Roome and Mr John Back from CQUniversity Bookshop, incorporating the University logo and feature indigenous art by Chaboo Designs, 'The Waves', which represent the water around each university campus. As the Northern University Games were held in the same week as NAIDOC week, it was one way to meaningfully acknowledge indigenous culture as part of CQUniversity's sporting ethos.

Results and Closing Ceremony

After four days of intense competition, CQUniversity were victorious. The final results saw Samuel James in Squash receive a gold medal (11 matches played, undefeated), as well as the CQUniversity's men's touch football team.

CQUniversity's women's hockey team, coached by Student Advocacy Officer Ms Sharon Connor, achieved silver medals, along with Grant McBurney in Tennis. And finally CQUniversity's men's 3x3 basketball team, men's football team and Jessica Upton in Tennis, all achieved bronze medals.

The Closing Ceremony was held at the CQUniversity Rockhampton North Campus Birdcage Bar, where CQUniversity was awarded the Spirit of the Games trophy. Voted by Australian University Sport officials, umpires and all competing teams, this trophy is awarded to the university that displays good sportsmanship and fair play - a true reflection of CQUniversity's values.

Media

The Northern University Games was covered 43 times in print, radio and TV news coverage. There were 16,000 views of Northern University Games content on Snapchat, and 20,000 points of engagement across corporate social media channels (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook) across 5 days.

Acknowledgments

The 130 CQUniversity students had well-organised accommodation, transport, meals, uniforms, social photography, team coaches and cheer squads on the sidelines.

- Jenny Roberts, Su Jensen and Jo Perry's executive support was integral to secure funding and special guests Olympian Anna Meares OAM and Taipan's players Alex Laughton and Stephen Weigh.
- University team managers Victoria Roome and Natalie Turner, with the support of fellow Student Representative Council staff members Brittany Winter, Sharon Connor and Tanya Rutherford, ensured the event was the huge success. Ms Connor successfully coached the women's hockey team to silver.
- A special thank you to Lucas Read from CQUniversity's Department of Facilities Management, who drove a bus of students from Bundaberg and Gladstone and stayed for the week, helping transport students daily between accommodation and sports venues. Mr Read also provided coaching assistance to the CQUniversity Futsal team and refereed Futsal finals.
- CQUniversity had one staff member volunteer present at each sporting venue, each day, to enhance the presence of CQUniversity. Thank you to all who attended.
- Entire departments, such as the Bookshop, Birdcage Bar, Student Residences, Student Communications, Corporate Communications and Social Media Team, all greatly contributed to the success of the games.

The Northern University Games was successful in terms of achievements on the sporting field as well as enhancing the overall student university experience. The games are a precursor to the national's event in September at the Gold Coast, the Australian University Games. The Student Representative Council office will begin organisation of this next event immediately. It is hoped that the momentum from these events will see continual growth of sport at CQUniversity in the future.



Figure 6 Netball Team



Figure 7 Basketball Team

STUDENT MENTOR & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Student Mentor and Leadership Program, continues to develop leaders among the Student Mentors and supports student Mentees with transition to university assistance. Works are underway to develop a digital media project in consultation with students to celebrate the program's 21st birthday.



Figure 8 Student Mentor presence at Term 2 O'Week

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2017 #CQUNIASPIRE

Scheduled for Tuesday 31 October to Thursday 2 November at CQUniversity Mackay, the #CQUniAspire Conference returns to engage tomorrow's leaders with themes relevant to CQUniversity's values. Overarching themes include CQUni values, Human-Centred Design and Change-Making (including both innovation and entrepreneurship). This year's program will feature guest speakers including:

- [Naomi Arnold](#). Naomi is an award-winning business and life passion coach, entrepreneur, writer, speaker, Engaging Women Ambassador, and human rights activist.
- [Tara Diversi](#). Tara has been a professional athlete, award-winning writer, specialist dietician, counsellor, executive coach and manager of a successful small business.

STUDENT ADVOCACY

Awareness of the Student Advocacy service continues to grow with the number of students seeking support more than doubled compared to Term 1, 2016. During Term 1, 2017, the Student Advocacy Office received 294 student cases, which consisted of:

- 95 General Enquiries
- 28 Responses to Allegations of Academic Misconduct
- 44 Review of Grade applications
- 43 Monitoring Academic Progress letters
- 84 Academic Appeal applications

THANK YOU

The Student Representative Council is appreciative of the continued support of the University Executive, and would like to acknowledge the increasing attendance of University Senior Management at Student Representative Council meetings and the subsequent flow of collaboration. Furthermore, we are pleased to advise that the expanded and increased profile of the SRC team is resulting in us being increasingly being called upon by University staff for advice in connection to students for various University initiatives.