



Hello JCUSA members,

The JCUSA Council wishes to inform you that it has received the resignation of President, Mr Edward Harridge, following unanimous findings against him of Breaches of Discipline, Conflict of Interest and a Loss of Confidence.

Edward's resignation letter, dated Wednesday 5th April, states:

"I am writing to tender my resignation as President of the James Cook University Student Association, effective from midnight tonight.

I have been honoured to serve as an elected student representative on the Association Council since 2015, and am proud of all that has been achieved in the past few years. I am very thankful for the support I have received from so many for so long.

In my role as President I have always done what I believed was in the best interests of the JCU Student Association and our members.

I wish the best of luck to the remaining members of Council, and I look forward to focusing on my final year of studies.

I look forward to continuing with my position as an elected Member of the James Cook University Council and will always be happy for any student to approach me regarding any issue relating to the University."

In addition, Ms Kimberly Rogers-Ford, the Vice-President of the JCUSA Council also tendered her resignation effective from 12pm Wednesday 5th April. The JCUSA Council would like to thank both Edward and Kimberly for their contributions to the Council in 2017.

This council has exercised its own due diligence and rejects any allegations it has employed any staff member who does not have a work entitlement. It is most unfortunate that Edward has chosen to breach the JCUSA staff member's confidentiality and have not afforded them natural justice. It is also disappointing that Edward has spoken to the media regarding his many unsubstantiated allegations, which have never been presented to a meeting of the Association Council.

The JCUSA Council is confident that the Student Association will move forward with positive leadership, clear student-focused objectives and a generous spirit to best serve the interests of Association members specifically and all JCU Students in general.

The Association council will now move to fulfil Edward and Kimberley's' vacated positions in accordance with Constitution and Regulations.

Any correspondence for the JCUSA Council can now be directed to the JCUSA Secretary email address Catherine.Fraser1@jcu.edu.au

Thank you,

2017 JCUSA Council