



<h1>JCU Christian Students Cairns</h1>		 <div>JCU CHRISTIAN STUDENTS</div>
<b>Club/Society Overview:</b> <p>JCU Christian students is a group of university students from various backgrounds and churches that seek to make much of Jesus while studying at uni. We recognise the importance of living in a way that pleases God and seek to share the good news of Jesus with our friends and colleagues. Anyone is welcome!</p>		<b>Membership Fees:</b> <p>\$5</p>
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<b>Club/Society Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Weekly bible studies</li><li>- Prayer meetings</li><li>- Outreach bible talks</li><li>- Social events</li></ul>		
<b>How often does JCU Christian Students Cairns meet?</b>	Twice a week	
<b>Where do you meet?</b>	A1.018	
		

## **Constitution of James Cook University Christian Students Cairns**

### **1. Name**

The name of the association shall be James Cook University Christian Students Cairns, hereinafter referred to as CS.

### **2. Aims**

- a) To present students with the gospel as outlined in the Bible, in order to provide the opportunity for them to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b) To strengthen Christians in their faith and witness, and to encourage them to continually submit every aspect of their lives to the lordship of Christ, and thus to bring them up towards their full maturity in Christ.
- c) To present the challenge of Christian service.
- d) To uphold the fundamental truths of Christianity as contained in the Bible.

### **3. Affiliation**

- a) CS is a member of the Student Association of the James Cook University.
- b) CS is affiliated with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) and agrees with the Values, Objectives, and Doctrinal Basis of AFES, and is subject to them (see appendix 1).
- c) CS is non-denominational and (within the boundaries of the Aims, Objectives and Doctrinal Basis outlined in the appendix) is not controlled by, nor does it favour, one denomination or church.

### **4. Membership**

- a) Full Membership shall be open to all students of the James Cook University who:
  - i. Support the Aims and Objectives of CS, and
  - ii. Pay the Membership Fee (if any is established).
- b) Associate Membership shall be open to staff of the James Cook University and non-students who:
  - i. Support the Aims and Objective of CS, and
  - ii. Pay the Membership Fee (if any is established).
- c) Associate Members shall not comprise more than one-third of the total Membership.
- d) The Membership Fee (if any) shall be determined by the Committee.
- e) The Secretary shall keep a register of Members and Associate Members.

### **5. The Committee**

- a) The governing authority of CS will be vested in a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The office bearers shall consist of at least a:
  - i. President, who shall be the spokesperson for CS and shall represent CS whenever necessary.
  - ii. Secretary who shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of CS and the committee, maintain a register of members of CS, attend to CS correspondence and keep such other records as are required by CS or by Association Council from time to time.
  - iii. Treasurer, who shall keep a record of all monies received, and payments made by CS such as will permit an unqualified audit of the club's accounts for presentation to the Annual General Meeting, and shall present regular financial statements and accounts to the committee. All monies received by CS shall be paid in full into a CS account set up for the purpose, and disbursements shall be paid by internet transfer from the CS account, except those amounts which may be made by the Treasurer in the case of petty

cash disbursements. The Treasurer shall set up an imprest account for petty cash disbursement with an upper limit to be determined from time to time by the committee.

- c) The committee may create other positions they deem necessary to perform the work of CS, such as (but not limited to) Vice President.
- d) All office bearers must agree with the aims, values & doctrinal basis of CS.
- e) The outgoing committee shall gather expressions of interest and, in consultation with AFES staff and students, present suitable Godly members of CS membership, to the Annual General Meeting, as candidates for the committee for the following year. Office bearers must be elected by a two-third majority of the meeting. The new committee shall take over from the old committee on the day after the final day of exams in the second semester.

## **6. Powers of the Committee**

- a) The Committee shall be responsible for the finances and activities of CS.
- b) The committee shall have the power to make regulations and by-laws, in accordance with this Constitution.
- c) The Committee is at all times bound by the decisions of a General Meeting. Any Committee decision may be overturned by a General Meeting.
- d) The committee may ask persons not to take part in any meeting or activity of CS or represent it if their views are not in agreement with the doctrinal basis, aims and values of CS.

## **7. Meetings**

- a) General Meetings (GM)
  - i. An Annual General Meeting for CS shall be held every year.
  - ii. 7 days' notice shall be given as to the time and place of the Annual General Meeting by email and by such other methods as the committee may deem appropriate.
  - iii. Special General Meetings may be held if requested by the committee or by petition to the secretary from CS members equalling twice the number of the committee. It must be convened within 14 days of the request by the committee or petition and 7 days' notice shall be given as to the time and place.
  - iv. A quorum for a GM shall be 2/3 of the executive committee and five ordinary members. If quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the scheduled time of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same place and time of the following week at which those members present shall constitute a quorum.
  - v. Only members of CS may vote at the GM and each member will have only one vote each of equal weight.
  - vi. Resolutions and Motions shall be carried by a 51% majority of members present at the GM.
  - vii. The secretary shall convene all GM's and in their absence another member of the committee nominated by the secretary shall convene the meeting.
  - viii. The president shall chair all GM's and in their absence the vice-president shall chair or any other member of the committee nominated by the president.
- b) Committee Meetings
  - I. The committee shall meet at least once a semester.
  - II. Quorum for meetings shall be two-thirds of the committee.
  - III. The secretary shall give notice of all committee meetings to all committee members and a meeting can be called by the secretary alone or on the request of half of the membership of the committee.

- IV. Resolutions and Motions shall be carried by a two-thirds majority of committee members present at the meeting.
- V. The committee is encouraged to organise a planning day for each semester, open to all members.

## **8. Dismissal or expulsion**

- a) A member of the committee shall be removed from office by resolution of a GM if they are in disagreement with or continually acting contrary to, despite reproach, the aims, values, or doctrinal basis of CS.
- b) The process for dismissing a Committee Member may begin with a motion of the Committee, or a petition bearing the names of at least ten members of CS. At the next Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, a motion shall be put to dismiss the Committee Member, provided that at least five academic days notice has been given to the Members, and the Member concerned, in writing. The Committee Member shall be given five minutes to speak before the vote is taken. If the motion passes, the Committee position becomes vacant and a new election shall be held immediately.
- c) The process to expel a CS Member is the same as for a Committee Member, with the result being the voiding of the membership.

## **9. Finance**

- a) CS shall open a Bank, Building Society or Credit Union account, to be operated upon by the signatures of three (3) members of the Club's executive. These members shall be the Treasurer, and any two (2) of the President, Secretary, or Vice President.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of all monies received and spent by CS. Such accounts are to be audited annually and presented to the AGM and are to be available for examination by any member of the committee at any time.
- c) As a matter of principle, no expense shall be incurred unless there is sufficient in hand to pay for it.
- d) No member of the committee of CS shall be appointed to any salaried office paid by fees. No remuneration or other benefits in money or monies worth shall be given to any member of the committee except as repayment for out-of-pocket expenses, proper rent for premises let or reasonable payment for professional services provided to CS.
- e) The executive shall ensure that the Student Association regulations in respect of Club and Society finances and reporting are satisfied.
- f) The financial year of the Club shall end 31 December each year.

## **10. Property**

- a) All property of CS shall be held for CS purposes. In the event of the dissolution of CS, any property of CS purchased with JCU Student Association funds shall return to the Student Association. Any other property shall go to AFES. In the event of the dissolution of AFES the property shall go to IFES [International Fellowship of Evangelical Students].

## **11. Liability**

- a) Neither CS, its officers, nor the membership shall be liable or responsible for the actions of any member of CS or for an injury suffered by any member of CS while such member is participating in CS activities.

## **12. Amendments to the Constitution**

- a) This constitution shall not be altered unless the following requirements are complied with:

- I. Notice of proposed alterations are circulated to members for at least thirty days prior to the GM called to deal with such alterations.
- II. Amendments to this constitution shall require a two-thirds majority vote at a GM.
- III. Amendments to the doctrinal basis cannot be amended even with a majority vote except where changes are approved by AFES.

### **13. Dissolution**

- a) CS shall be dissolved, should it fail to hold its AGM, or on the decision to do so on a two-third majority of members present and voting at a GM for which due notice has been given.

### **14. General**

- a) In any matters not specified in this constitution or in the regulations enacted by the executive under this constitution, the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations of the James Cook University Union shall apply.

## Appendix 1:

### AFES Doctrinal Basis:

- a) The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct;
- b) The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead;
- c) The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation;
- d) The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit and his birth of the virgin Mary;
- e) Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death, as our representative and substitute, of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God;
- f) The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;
- g) The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective in the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ;
- h) The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer;
- i) The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### AFES Values

- j) **Lives Transformed by God's Grace;** AFES rests on the saving and transforming riches of God's grace freely given through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
- k) **The Bible Shaping Our Mission, Message, and Methods;** AFES values expository Bible teaching and study, Biblical theology, and humble submission to the Bible to shape our mission, message, and methods of ministry.
- l) **National Gospel Unity and Local Distinctiveness;** AFES values being affiliated with a national movement united in the gospel as reflected in our Doctrinal Basis, and values the freedom to conduct our Mission with local distinctiveness.
- m) **Training by Modelling;** AFES values every activity in our mission as an opportunity to train others through modelling godly character, convictions and competency, particularly through apprenticeships.
- n) **Students and Staff in Partnership;** AFES values students leading our mission through partnership with long-term, campus-based AFES staff.
- o) **Partnerships in Prayer and Finances;** AFES values our partnerships in the cause of the gospel on campus with supporters, graduates, and churches.
- p) **Local Churches;** AFES values local churches as the primary expression of the body of Christ, and so values every student and staff-member having a love for, and a committed involvement in, a local church.
- q) **Commitment to Christ's Global Mission;** AFES is committed to raising up and sending disciple-making disciples for global mission in partnership with local churches and mission agencies.