

CONSTITUTION
of the
CENTRAL QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

1 Preliminary

- 1.1 The Central Queensland University Student Association established by and under the [Central Queensland University Act 1998](#) (Qld) is herein after referred to as the Association.
- 1.2 This Constitution shall take effect on the date of 23 August 2021 following approval by the Council of Central Queensland University.

2 Definitions

- 2.1 In this Constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:
- 2.1.1 "Association" means the Central Queensland University Student Association.
- 2.1.2 "Member" means those persons who are members of the Association pursuant to Part 5 of this Constitution.
- 2.1.3 "Returning Officer" means any person employed by the University appointed to conduct the Association's Annual Elections.
- 2.1.4 "Secret Ballot" means a method of voting that allows a vote to be recorded but which does not disclose how any particular person voted.
- 2.1.5 "Student" means a person recognised as such by Central Queensland University.
- 2.1.6 "Enrolled" means an enrolled student who has a current enrolment in a unit or course and is studying in a unit and who has paid any fees or charges required by the University.
- 2.1.7 "Enabling" means a non-award course that prepares a student for general and/or discipline-specific university study.
- 2.1.8 "Student Representative Council" means the Student Representative Council elected by members pursuant to Part 5 of this Constitution.
- 2.1.9 "University" means the Central Queensland University established by the *Central Queensland University Act*.
- 2.1.10 "Vice-Chancellor and President" means the Vice-Chancellor and President of Central Queensland University.

3 Interpretation

- 3.1 This Constitution is in all respects subject to the provisions of the *Central Queensland University Act* and the Statutes made there under.
- 3.2 Except to the extent that such interpretation shall be excluded by or be repugnant to the context, in this Constitution words imputing the singular or plural shall be deemed to include the plural or singular number respectively.

4 Objects of this association

- 4.1 The Central Queensland University Student Association will be concerned with the improvement of the student experience for all University students across all campuses of the University and ancillary locations and students studying online. This will involve consulting with, and providing an avenue for, students to provide feedback and recommendations in regards to:
- 4.1.1 student amenities and services
- 4.1.2 the University's policy documents regarding student life

4.1.3 student life for students based on campus or via distance education/online, and

4.1.4 the University's physical, cultural and technological learning environments.

4.2 The Association, through the Student Representative Council, will make recommendations to the relevant University Senior Executive regarding the use and proposed use of proceeds from the student services and amenities fee as per the [Higher Education Support Act 2003](#) (Cwlth) and the [Student Services, Amenities, Representative and Advocacy Guidelines](#) (Cwlth) for the provision and improvement of student services and amenities.

4.3 The Association will be independent of religious or political organisations and affiliations to those organisations.

4.4 The Association adopts the University's [Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom Policy](#).

5 Membership

5.1 The Association is a voluntary membership organisation to which all students enrolled in any award or enabling course of the University are entitled to membership.

5.2 The period of membership will be their term of enrolment at the University.

5.3 Members shall have the right and privilege: to stand and vote in elections to the Student Representative Council conducted in accordance with the [Student Representative Council Terms of Reference](#).

6 Student Representative Council

6.1 The Student Representative Council Terms of Reference shall set out:

- the Council's functions and responsibilities
- membership and election of members
- election of the Chair and Deputy Chair
- processes for dealing with casual vacancies
- meeting requirements
- appointment of the secretary
- member conduct requirements, and
- processes for the removal of members and appeals against removal decisions.

7 Indemnity

7.1 The University has no legislative obligation to indemnify members of Student Representative Council for their actions done in good faith. In practice, the University maintains adequate levels of Directors' and Officers' Insurance cover, reviewed on an annual basis. The level of indemnity provided to members of the Student Representative Council is set out in the Student Representative Council Terms of Reference.

8 Alteration to the Constitution

8.1 This Constitution may be amended, rescinded or added to from time to time provided that no such amendment, rescission or addition shall be valid nor of any effect until same shall have been approved by the Association and by the Council of Central Queensland University.

9 Property of the Student Association

9.1 Subject to the *Central Queensland University Act*, the Association in accordance with the general intent and schemes of this Constitution shall not hold any funds, property or chattels whatsoever.

10 Approval

10.1 This Constitution was approved by the Council of Central Queensland University on 18 August 2021, effective 23 August 2021.