

University of Canberra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff and Alumni Chapter

3 Feb 2022 – Minutes

Attendees

Auriel Bloomfield, Robert Carloff, Ashley Harrison, Patrick Malone, Josh Pryor, Craig Sams, Lizelle Scifleet, Stirling Sharpe, Wendy Somerville, Karel Williams, Kaye Price, Kirsten Tapine, Caitlin Judd, Melinda Green

Apologies: Russell Stewart (Chair), Tarran Lee Backhus

General Business

Welcome Caitlin Judd	Acknowledgement of country, overview of Chapter
Introductions	Name, where are you from, what did you study at UC, when did you graduate, what are you looking to get out of the chapter?
Common themes from discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students don't feel that there is a sense of community that they can connect with – want to use the Chapter to drive this sense of community • Create a safe space for students • Encourage students to get involved with Faculty • Utilise personal and professional networks to build WIL opportunities, help next generation into career opportunities • Be mentors/coaches to students and other members
Ngunnawal Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeling that there is a disconnect between the Ngunnawal Centre and students and faculties – how can the Chapter assist to support this integration? • Aim for 80% of the centre to be active in the Chapter to drive community spirit
Other suggestions for the Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural story telling sessions, one hour long • Have a guest speaker, who can talk about their life, achievements, what they have overcome, share knowledge

Action Items

Confirm TORs reflecting objectives and themes discussed at the meeting	All	By 1 March
Executive to set up meeting with Ngunnawal Centre to discuss mentoring opportunities	Russell & Alumni & Community Engagement Advisor (ACEA)	By 4 March
Chapter members to confirm distribution list and indicate interest in mentoring students or requesting a mentor	All	By 1 March

Review list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alumni – where do they work, who could we tap into, who is interested? Distribute this to group.	ACEA	By 4 March
Look into possibility of branded merchandise	ACEA	End March
Speak with students about what they would like from the chapter	Ngunnawal Centre – Josh?	Combined with mentoring meeting
Create a distribution list using a shared document	ACEA	By 4 March
Creation of quarterly newsletter – include updates from CIRI, Ngunnawal Centre, Faculties, Alumni	ACEA	14 April
Chapter members to provide contribution to the newsletter	All	7 April
Cultural Story Telling Session – confirm if anyone would like to volunteer/knows someone who would like to do the first session between meetings?	All to provide input to ACEA	By 4 March

Next Meeting

Thursday 5 May, 2022 – online via Zoom