Timeline of UQ correspondence – 24 July 2019

1. **4.38pm – media statement approved for distribution**

   Subject: UQ response to student protests
   Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 4:38:15 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time
   From: [redacted]
   To: [redacted]
   CC: [redacted]
   Attachments: image001.jpg

   Hi all – see below UQ response. Please can you distribute to your social media and networks. Thanks.

   [redacted] for media just remove the contact details for student services.

   University response to student protests on campus today

   One of the roles of universities is to enable open, respectful and lawful free speech, including debate about ideas we may not all support or agree with.

   The University expects staff and students to express their views in a lawful and respectful manner, and in accordance with the policies and values of the University.

   Earlier today, in response to safety concerns resulting from a student-initiated protest on campus, the University requested police support.

   On the advice of police, protestors were requested to move on.

   The safety of all students is paramount to the University. Any student requiring support should contact Student Services on (07) 3365 1704 or visit https://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/.

   [redacted]

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   Brisbane Qld 4072 Australia

2. **4.40pm – statement posted on UQ Facebook account**

   ![Facebook post](image002.jpg)

   The University of Queensland
   July 24, 2019 at 4:40 PM ·

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   3.1K 4.1K Comments 772 Shares
3. **5:46pm – email seeking internal review of message to be shared with Chinese Consulate**

Subject: Student protests - message to the Chinese Consulate  
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 5:46:26 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time  
From:  
To: DVC  
CC:  
Attachments: image001.jpg

[redacted] below is a proposed message for you to send to the Chinese Consulate for review. Once you are happy with this, I would also suggest we send a copy to [redacted] at the Confucius Institute as an FYI. Please let me know if you need me to send to [redacted]. Many thanks.

**Message to the Chinese Consulate - University response to student protests on campus today**

I am writing in response to the student-initiated protest on campus today. I would like to assure you that student safety was of paramount priority for the University.

In response to safety concerns relating to the student protest on campus, the University requested police support.

On the advice of police, protesters were requested to move on.

One of the roles of universities is to enable open, respectful and lawful free speech, including debate about ideas we may not support or agree with.

The University expects staff and students to express their views in a lawful and respectful manner, and in accordance with the policies and values of the University.

We have reminded our staff and students of these expectations. We have also reminded our students of the support provided by the University through our student services.

Any student contacting you, requiring support, should contact UQ’s Student Services on 1300 851 998 or visit [https://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/](https://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/).

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The University of Queensland  
Brisbane Qld 4072 Australia  
[Redacted]
4. 5.55 to 6.22pm - internal emails approving message to be shared with Consulate

From: [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Date: 24 July 2019 at 6:22:18 pm AEST
To: [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Cc: [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Subject: Re: Student protests - message to the Chinese Consulate

Yes

Sent from [Redacted] mobile device

On 24 Jul 2019, at 6:00 pm, [Redacted]@uq.edu.au wrote:

[Redacted], please can I confirm you will send to the Chinese Consulate, and [Redacted] at the CI?

Thank you.

[Redacted]
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CRICOS code: 00025B

From: [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 at 5:55 pm
To: [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Cc: DVC [Redacted]@uq.edu.au, [Redacted]@uq.edu.au, [Redacted]@uq.edu.au
Subject: Re: Student protests - message to the Chinese Consulate

This is fine

Thanks

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Message to the Chinese Consulate - University response to student protests on campus today

I am writing in response to the student-initiated protest on campus today. I would like to assure you that student safety was of paramount priority for the University.

In response to safety concerns relating to the student protest on campus, the University requested police support.

On the advice of police, protestors were requested to move on.

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5. **7.05pm – UQ response to protest on campus sent to the Consulate**

From: [uq.edu.au](mailto:uq.edu.au)
Date: 24 July 2019 at 7:05:28 pm AEST
To: [mfa.gov.cn](mailto:mfa.gov.cn)
Cc: [uq.edu.au](mailto:uq.edu.au)
Subject: Student protests

FYI - UQ’s response from VC.

Sent from mobile device

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