

Programs 2021 Q1 Report - Jaz Parkyn

As part of my role as DC, I continue to assist the department teams in their day-to-day operations as well as helping them plan for their upcoming activities. I have attended at least one meeting for each team this quarter, and regularly review their Glip team chats and Google Drive folders.

The monthly Department meetings bring all Team Leaders and their assistants together and gives me an opportunity as their Department Coordinator to directly and immediately answer any questions that they have. It's a great way to keep the whole department up to date on activities across all of the teams and allows me to closer support them in working towards their goals.

This quarter has been a quiet one for me personally, as much of my time has been diverted to support close family members who are unwell. Thankfully it is not Covid related but the restrictions of the pandemic do make such situations even more difficult. My heart goes out to anyone who has been faced with a similar situation, especially in the midst of this global pandemic.

Outside of the Programs Department, I have also been working with a number of teams by helping them to achieve various things, including configuration, development and collaboration:

- Extensions Directory team - as Assistant Team Leader, I continue to work as part of the team processing extensions and tickets, as well providing support to the new Team Leader, Llewellyn. As part of the JED4 development team, progress has continued on the new JED component.
- Webmasters team - helping to review, advise on and implement various improvements and changes across all of Joomla's websites.

As a member of the OSM board, I have been able to add my input, viewpoint and experience to a number of matters relating to professionalism, corporate affairs, board commitments, policies, teams, sponsors, and more.

Joomla Certification Team (JCP)

The JCP team continues to progress on their long-term migration plan for the exams component, with Chris doing an excellent job of managing the process and the team. The team's fortnightly meetings allow it to remain focussed on the plan and the set deadlines provide good structure. During our department meetings, I have been able to give feedback and advice on the tools and procedures used as part of the process.

Volunteer Engagement Team (VET)

Patrick was elected as Team Leader in February, and is doing a great job of organising the team and their projects. The team continues to work on a range of tasks including onboarding, community openings, company engagement, and improvements to the Volunteer Portal.

As part of a planned reshuffle of team member roles and responsibilities within the team, I will work with the team to help define new roles that better align with their evolved position within our community. Following their internal restructure, I believe that the team's visibility within our community can be improved, and will collaborate with them to help analyse where adjustments can be made.

Educational Outreach Working Group (JEO)

Having previously defined their main goal for 2021, the JEO team had a small number of questions about the implementation of their educational materials hub. I presented their questions during a Board meeting, and sought the Board's feedback to rely back to the team. During the meeting, I also initiated a discussion on the location of the hub itself along with the various considerations that need to be reviewed as part of the process.

After summarising the conversation in a document, I then attended the team's next meeting to review the feedback with them. The team was glad to hear about the Board's continued support of their project and are now re-energised to formulate a plan for their hub. The team hopes to have the first draft of this plan available to review before their team meeting in May. I look forward to seeing their plans, and providing ideas, support and feedback where possible.

Joomla Translation Program (JTP)

Since the translation teams previously under Production and Marketing have transitioned over to one team under the Programs Department in March 2021, I must thank Wilco for his hard work in making the migration as smooth as possible and in providing support to the translators. In the coming months, I will work with Wilco and the translation teams to better understand their process and evaluate where and how I can help them.