

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
TUSA State Council
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For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at
Of July 10th 2023 at 9AM AEDT
at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: L McLaren

Meeting opened: 9:06am

#	ITEM	APPENDIX	TIME EST.
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS		5 mins
	<p>1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY L McLaren <i>We pay our respects to elders past and present, to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status, and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country. We recognise a history of truth which acknowledges the impacts of invasion and colonisation upon Aboriginal people resulting in the genocide and forcible removal from their lands. Our Islands are deeply unique, with spectacular landscapes with our cities and towns surrounded by bushland, wilderness, mountain ranges and beaches. We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history; and a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights paving the way for a strong future.</i></p>		
	<p>1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE L McLaren We would also like to acknowledge that everyone in this meeting today, has their own personal lived experience they bring to discussion. We as a committee respect and value every individual member's lived experience and will take that into consideration during our discussions.</p>		

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1.2 WELCOME Chair		
1.3 ATTENDANCE L McLaren, S Maddock [Via Zoom]: R Stanaway, L Castelletti		
1.4 APOLOGIES Z Sabapathy, A Lamont, T Hoare		
1.5 ABSENT		
1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS Executive Assistant - E Knuckey State Council Campaign Coordinator – C Harris Student Advocates – K Davey, S Nolan		
1.7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST State Council members are reminded of the requirements of clause 6 of the TUSA's Conflict of Interest Policy (instituted on 28 November 2019) which requires members to identify and disclose any conflicts of interest including gifts.		
2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING		5 mins

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial counselling an ongoing concern, especially for international students. Good outcomes for some of our international students that came to us. • Extreme financial hardship committee for post-grads met on Friday, had 5 cases raised. • A few behavioural issues cropping up – often lengthy/resource intensive cases. • Met with student learning team – staff numbers very low (one online student learning advisor) and some staff. Presents problem when servicing 30,000 students. • In the North, Loaves & Fishers are looking to provide food for freshie bags as is being done in the south! For further movement in August <p>4.2 TEL MONTHLY REPORT <u>S Maddock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoHM TELs not yet met their UTAS contacts – projects ready to take on. • S Maddock working on long term projects within their cohorts where they can make change. • TELs to be present at academic society meetings with Undergrad president 		
5.	COUNCIL REPORTS		30 mins
	<p>5.1 PRESIDENT <u>Liam McLaren</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUSA AGM with Chancellor • Inveresk and Newnham Vent Tents with Ryan, Trenton • Hobart City Move stakeholder meeting with Stella, NTEU, Save UTAS, UTAS, and Hobart City Counsellors • Met with Federal Senator to discuss student experience 	APPENDIX C	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating a lot of student media messaging – one on national ABC news. • Met with Rufus – student complaint system needs review. Rufus requested he compile information about it. • Ongoing work on cost of living and rental crisis with Communities to assist students in crisis 		
<p>5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT <u>Trenton Hoare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	APPENDIX D	
<p>5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - SOUTH <u>Stella Maddock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council meeting as above • A lot of management meetings with TELs • Trying to create stronger consultation processes for student cohorts who have moved into the city • Let's Get Soup'd and SHAG • C&S meeting 	APPENDIX E	
<p>5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - NORTH <u>Ryan Stanaway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official security MyLO unit • Let's get cruisy preparations • Security staffing, lighting on campus ongoing issues • Unihopper advocacy ongoing • C&S meeting 	APPENDIX F	
<p>5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST <u>Alec Lamont</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report as read – apology • Running TUSA team 10,000 steps challenge 	APPENDIX G	
<p>5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE</p>	APPENDIX H	

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	<p><u>Lucy Castelletti</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paramedic placement issues – now the specific placement has been cancelled • Nursing staff to identify students for a Sydney nursing society • Analysing data from Vent Tent 		
	<p>5.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) <u>Zachary Sabapathy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read 	APPENDIX I	
	<p>5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) <u>Nousheen Naz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read • PG TEL now in place 	APPENDIX J	
	<p>5.9 Projects Register C Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion of items for update/creation in project register 	VERBAL ONLY	
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
	<p>6.1 Key Messaging Document L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times Higher Impact Ranking Statements, Voice to Parliament Referendum statement • World Ranking, Electricity Price Increase, UTAS Annual Report to be drafted yet for later approval. <p><u>Motion:</u> that the key messaging document for June 2023 be accepted for publication.</p> <p>MOVED: L McLaren SECONDED: S Maddock</p>	APPENDIX K	5 mins
	<p>6.2 UTAS AI position email recently released – raised by A Lamont in June meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alec flagged would be good to have a stance as a SC • For action as per action items 	VERBAL ONLY	5 mins

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put out some of DiSCO's stances as well. 		
	<p>6.3 SSAF is for Students Campaign L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching today with video campaign, online posts, posters on campus, Lots of initial work in first stages Creative ideas to promote the campaign 	VERBAL ONLY	5 mins
	<p>6.4 Voice to Parliament Referendum – Encouraging Conversation L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Reconciliation Tasmania to encourage open conversations through stalls and workshops – in contrast to UTAS' highly academic discussions Encourage students to update electoral enrolment and updated details 	VERBAL ONLY	5 mins
7.	OTHER BUSINESS		
	<p>7.1 Reflection on State Council term so far</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 months in! S Maddock – feels like you are always 'at work', learning curve in scheduling her time; good learning to become more assertive. R Stanaway concurs, especially assertiveness with UTAS staff. Complicated by staff turnover at UTAS as well. Importance of handover identified – needs more detail! <p>7.2 Strategic direction moving forwards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Strategy Meeting presentations for 20th July; speak from lived experience of yourself or your students <p>7.3 What we need to be successful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't have an active EAP – as no one historically utilised it. Conflict with speaking with UTAS 	VERBAL ONLY	15 mins

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<p>counsellors in these roles as we work with them at times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We need more support in terms of staff. Especially for the North, Rozelle, and SC support/content creation• <p>7.4 2024 State Council structure (positions, recommended pay format – wage vs honoraria, role capacities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some prefer honoraria• Hours much larger than PD – hours don't reflect a lot of learning required of reps. Organising around sporadic meetings, attending meetings, reading around meetings. A lot of time.• Would wages motivate reps better for sense of formality/priority?• Conclusion maybe not beneficial to change.• For ongoing conversation in leadup to next elections for potential PD changes.		
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Meeting Closed: 10.00am
Next Meeting: August 9th 2023