

For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at of 1st May 2023 at 9AM AEDT

at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: L McLaren

Meeting opened: 9.15am

#	ITEM	APPENDIX
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS	
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	
	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.	
	Rostered member for rotating acknowledgement of country: S	
	Maddock	
	- I would like to acknowledge all custodians of this land	
	on which we reside, including traditional custodians	
	past, present and emerging. Specifically, I would like	
	to recognise the Muwanina people of the land on	
	which I meet you today and acknowledge that this	
	land was never ceded. I would also like to	
	acknowledge the custodians of the Bundjalung land	
	where I grew up, who shaped my perspective on our	



land and country. I would like to highlight noticeable Indigenous leaders from the Bundjalund area who continue to inspire and shape our culture, namely Craig Walker, Indigenous All-star player. I'd also like to recognise the Indigenous owned and printed Koori Mail which prints material of vital interest to Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander communities. Through this creation and continuation of work may we always recognise that the Indigenous people are the original custodians of this land.

#### 1.2 WELCOME

Chair – L McLaren

- Welcome everyone, and a special welcome to our new COBE and COSE TELs – Aree & Alec respectively.
- Welcome S Nolan our newest advocate in the North.

#### **1.3 ATTENDANCE**

L McLaren, S Maddock, T Hoare, R Stanaway, N Naz, A Lamont, Z Sabapathy

#### 1.4 APOLOGIES

L Castelletti

#### 1.5 ABSENT

#### **1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS**

Executive Assistant - E Knuckey State Council Campaign Coordinator – C Harris Student Advocates – S Nolan





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	College TUSA Experience Leaders – A Slamen (COSE), A	
	Heydaridayeni (COBE)	
	NUS General Secretary – S Gait	
	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.	
	Reminder to State Council to ensure their COIs are up to date.	
2.	MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	
	2.1 AMENDMENTS	
	2.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	APPENDIX A
	Motion:	
	that the minutes of the TUSA State Council held on <b>April 3</b> <sup>rd</sup> <b>2023</b>	
	be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of	
	that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website.	
	MOVED: S Maddock SECONDED: A Lamont	
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	See action items table	
	Ensure previous minutes action items captured.	
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	MINUTES	
	NUS Submission into the University Accords Discussion Paper	
	"On February 22nd The Australian Universities Accord Panel	
	released a Discussion Paper outlining the fundamental challenges	
	and opportunities facing the Australian higher education sector.	
	The Discussion Paper is structured around a series of prompt	
	questions spanning the Accord Terms of Reference. These	
	questions are intended to stimulate discussion about how	
	Government, the sector and other relevant stakeholders can work	
	together to deliver a higher education system that meets the	
	current and future needs of the nation.	
	I have attached the NUS submission into this process for reference.	
	We have mostly focused on the student experience aspect around	
	support while studying." - Sheldon Gait NUS Secretary	
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	3.1.3 Results from Nous Group's inaugural student experience	APPENDIX D
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- supports, to capture multi-prong approach for food security support students in crisis.
- N Naz asked whether there are supports for PG-students regarding housing in Launceston. S Nolan encouraged them to contact Anglicare for accommodation support, but ensure they also come to talk to the Advocates who can speak to student accommodation.
- L McLaren noted its an aim to in future ensure our initiatives aren't so Hobart-centric.
- Nutrition Lecturer Sandy Murray has taken on Freshie Bag distribution in North, with student volunteers and TEL R Pike. Communities are also going to be providing food, looking like breakfasts, in the North.
- I Anderson has indicated food security is a focus for him, and hopefully this will see UTAS take a more direct approach moving forwards.
- A Lamont notes that external issues mean Cradle Coast
  Freshie Bags are on a waiting list and they are following up
  with external providers but not making progress. Also note
  that the Cradle Coast café provider has pulled out of the
  campus since Easter 2023. A Lamont considering
  alternative options for student support.

#### **4.2 TEL MONTHLY REPORT**

#### S Maddock, A Slamen (COSE), A Heydaridayeni (COBE)

- Appointed two TELs so far COSE TEL, Alec, secretary of Eng soc. Aree, based in Launceston, is our COBE TEL.
- Aree noted she's already been contacted about PG issues, and will discuss with N Naz for follow-up.
- Three CoHM TELs recruitment ongoing. A Lamont notes that the good applicants are being discouraged by the length of the process.
- T Hoare enquired if there is capacity for a CALE TEL moving forward. L McLaren noted that CALE have indicated they do not want to fund a TEL at this stage.





#### 5. COUNCIL REPORTS

#### **5.1 PRESIDENT**

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#### Liam McLaren

- Busiest month of the year for meetings.
- Met with UTAS VC team on how we can implement Students as Partners at the highest level of the university. This was a few days before we released our new stance on the City move. Proposed putting together an advisory group of our choosing that is there to advise the university on how to communicate with students. Short of there being more positions for students on the University Council this is the best option. However, we've had no follow-through yet, so it's important to chase this for outcomes. Using this group we then develop what student consultation looks like on the ground level. Could be viewed as a duplication of SC in some ways, but would provide clear benefits.
- Has been working on developing stronger relationship with Unions Tasmania. They're focusing on growing youth membership. We are essentially the only youth union in Tasmania (accepting our diverse cohort), and there is a lot for us to gain in advocacy and representation, making sure we don't duplicate work already done. Highlighting that people require supporting in training and university before they enter the workforce, and they won't retain people if they don't know they exist before they enter the workforce. Will be co-hosting an event about student rights on placements and pracs with them, discussing work casualisation and work theft. L McLaren identified these topics as essential to capture and engage student focus.
- Met with the federal assistant education minister to discuss UTAS relevance in ongoing accords process, in conjunction with Jeff Malpas, UTAS Philosophy Professor.





- L McLaren emphasised that public transport in Tasmania was not effective, in response to minister arguing the city move was good because of availability of public transport.
- Met with I Anderson for introductory meeting to introduce TUSA. Listed our key issues – food security, housing, medical access. Seeing gradual progress from UTAS in housing support space.
- Met with Hobart City Council Deputy Mayor
- A Lamont: will food security movement from UTAS encroach on Freshie Bag/food security efforts from TUSA?
- L McLaren: we will continue running our programs while the university investigate their planned approaches to the issue.

#### **5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT**

#### Trenton Hoare

- - Pushed for UTAS communications department to ensure that their marketing does not misrepresent minority students.
  - Extending deadline with Michelle for equity poster competition.
  - Updated the equity pages on website, including making a video on how to use the unimaps to locate all gender bathrooms on campus.
  - Got approval for proposal for pronoun pins for all TUSA hubs – Cradle Coast & Hobart have received so far. Comms coming.
  - Acknowledgement of Country posters have been ordered.

#### 5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - SOUTH

#### Stella Maddock

- Onboarded two of our new TUSA Experience Leaders
- City hub space in Hobart Apartments ongoing consultation about improving student-friendly space, has been quite

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successful. Also note good ongoing UTAS plans for continued improvement.

• SHAG progress – ideally multi campus-wide event, and opening to collaboration from other Presidents.

#### Motion:

that the following societies' affiliation be accepted for 2023, subject to fulfilling all the affiliation criteria:

#### **QUADBALL CLUB**

The objects and purposes of the Club shall be:

- To provide Tasmanians with the opportunity to learn, play, and compete in Quadball tournaments at both a local, and national level.
- To help expand Quadball's presence as a sport in Tasmania.
- To provide a welcoming and inclusive sporting space for all those interested in playing.
- To represent University students in Tasmania at relevant Quadball events nationally.

MOVED: S Maddock SECONDED: A Lamont

#### TASMANIAN STUDENTS FOR PALESTINE SOCIETY

The objects and purposes of the Club shall be:

- To create an interactive network of a social and educational nature centered on advocacy for Palestine. This is to be achieved through the organisation of social and cultural events in collaboration with the Palestinian community such as: film screenings, quiz nights, seminars, traditional food preparation workshops and knowledge sharing events.
- To increase education and awareness in Tasmania of Palestine's history and current struggle for full international recognition.
- To cultivate solidarity with Palestinians worldwide and to engage in active support of the Tasmanian Palestinian community.
- To engage in advocacy for worldwide decolonization and human rights, in recognition of Lutruwita/Tasmania and Palestine's shared history and reality as occupied territories.

MOVED: S Maddock SECONDED: L McLaren

 With specific regard to the Tasmanian Students for Palestine Society, TUSA State Council accept that student





societies are entitled to hold independent voices to the State Council, so far as they uphold our broader constitutional rules and values that our societies agree to align to, and that this applies broadly to those societies with political opinion, which may or may not vary from the TUSA State Council's Key messaging.

#### **ANALOGUE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

The objects and purposes of the Club/Society shall be:

- Making fine art film photography practices accessible to all interested society members who commit to ongoing engagement within the society.
- Facilitating experimentation within the medium of film photography that translates to practical outcomes and creative output.
- Assisting students to transition into an autonomous film photographic art practice following on from graduation if that is something that they want to pursue.
- Fostering a supportive, constructive, and critical environment for students to provide and receive peer feedback.
- Providing reduced cost film photographic materials, in an exchange for crit and workshop participation.

MOVED: S Maddock SECONDED: A Lamont

#### 5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - NORTH

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#### Ryan Stanaway

- Report taken as read.
- Noting the car break-in on Newnham Campus last week, including multiple motorbikes stolen. The security response to this issue was disappointing, and consultation is ongoing with UTAS and security contractors to hold them more accountable for security in the Northern Campus. Several reports from students have indicated many broken promises from the security team, and a significant number of students feel unsafe on the Northern campus. This will be a key focus for Ryan in the next few weeks.





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Zachary  • F  • Z	CATION PRESIDENT (UG) Sabapathy Report taken as read. Z Sabapathy also wanted to highlight discussion with Anya Hilkemeijer, Constitutional Law Lecturer, who indicated she would be happy to organise a forum about the ongoing Housing Crisis for students.	APPENDIX L





• Discussed role of TELs in addressing unit/college issues and importance of securing TELs in positions earlier in the year in future.

**ACTION ITEM**: Z Sabapathy to coordinate with Anya Hilkemeijer regarding housing crisis forum development.

#### **5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG)**

#### Nousheen Naz

- Hiring process ongoing for a Post-Grad TEL with funding from Post-Graduate office, to ensure N Naz well supported and covered from her leave in May-June.
- Report taken as read.

#### 5.9 Projects Register

#### **C** Harris

- For discussion of items for update/creation in project register
- SC to please ensure they're contacting Chloe and ensuring their projects are listed on the website.

#### 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### **6.1 Key Messaging Document**

#### L McLaren

• Two new sections – first around Newnham campus breakin, second around HECS & HELP loan indexation.

#### Motion:

that the key messaging document for March 2023 be accepted for publication.

MOVED: L McLaren SECONDED: T Hoare

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#### 6.2 NUS Affiliation

L McLaren, S Gait

- S Gait introduced himself as the Gen Sec of the NUS.
   He notes his background at RMIT, and that he is calling from the lands of the wurundjeri people.
- The NUS are the peak representative body for students across the country, representing over 1 million students across Australia.
- An update on the work the NUS have done so far.

  NUS goal this year is to engage in national campaigns with the federal government Centrelink, access to youth allowance and rates, housing crisis, particularly topical campaign this year has been about student debt indexation, including media with ABC, the guardian, and local radio and news. We've also met with 31 members of federal government and some opposition and cross benchers e.g. Zoe Daniels.

  Aiming to put these issues on the national agenda. As much as the NUS can offer services on campus, e.g. at RMIT offered foodbank, these are ultimately stop-gap fixes that are financially limited, and truly require systemic changes to allow students to earn liveable centrelink to keep a roof over their head.
- Between Gait and NUS President B Riley they've visited 22 organisations across the country – all four universities in WA, rural NSW, SA, QLD and Tasmania. Engaged with about 3,500 students across these campuses directly, and supported welfare and equity reps at each of these campuses to run our national campaigns.
- Happy to answer any questions the SC have about the NUS.

#### VERBAL ONLY



- At the moment we have no representation in Tasmania and would really like input from Tasmania to bring to the table local issues that don't affect mainland cities. Position vacant since 2017. TUSA would have a national position (single seat) guaranteed if they take up this affiliation.
- L McLaren now that FTE has been announced, would we have 6 or 7 delegates? Gait: the cutoff is 18,000 delegates for 7, if not 6.
- A Lamont: concerned about the level of representation if we join the NUS. We are the sole body representing students for the whole of Tasmania. If there was another university in, for example, NSW, that represented the whole of NSW they would have a much larger seat at the table as they are representing the whole state. Our current proposed seat does not feel like it reflects we are the sole body for students in Tasmania. Can we have more representation?
- S Gait: 27-odd elected positions. E.g. Sheldon's role.
   National executive as proportionally elected. There are state branches elected the same as other states, and your issues would be at the same level as them, and we can run for other positions if we like.
- A Lamont: I understand, however we are far more isolated. The guaranteed spot is superceded by the national elect all living close together and working together.
- N Naz: dynamics of Tasmania are very different to other states, including their international population.
   As a part of the broader PG community, N Naz is limited in her ability to engage there because of there being too many voices.





- S Gait: there is no representation in Tasmania currently, and we need input into the issues at the local level. I grew up in Perth, so I appreciate the sense of isolation, but I feel NUS represents isolated communities effectively. National executive currently represent everyone except NT and Tas. Regional and remote, UG and PG. We make sure everyone is heard. Unless I'm talking to L McLaren, we have no input about the local concerns of Tasmanian students without this representation.
- A Lamont: How many people are there from WA on the national executive?
- S Gait: 3 the state branch president, the vocational education officer, and one of our national exec from UWA. 2/15 national office bearers, and 1/12 national executive members.
- L McLaren: can you explain how the board works compared to the office bearers?
- S Gait: Board comprised of 6 state branch presidents and the 12 general executives. It actually operates quite similar to the TUSA board compared to other student unions. Responsible for governance and strategy. The national office bearers are responsible for implementing campaigns, policy and speaking to reps. The national executive is generally student leaders from around the country. They'll take what is discussed back to their local student unions to discuss as well.
- A Lamont: How much would the NUS want TUSA to affiliate?
- S Gait: Enthusiastic to have the TUSA, really enjoyed visiting Hobart during orientation. We want to ensure





we are national, and we are missing a founding state of the country.

#### Motion:

that the Tasmanian University Student Association moves to begin negotiations on accreditation with the National Union of Students (NUS) with intention to become accredited:

- Currently proposed affiliation fee \$40-50,000, S Gait has indicated this is not the amount to be paid numbers listed from \$4,500 7,000, not noted anywhere in writing. Current negotiation cap that cost would not exceed \$7000.
- L McLaren perspective some representation is better than none at all.
- Z Sabapathy there are those who make money off capital and those off wages. We can see the class based split in university and student divide. This inherent power imbalance is only worsening. Unionism can challenge this power imbalance, and student voices congregate to allow us to have our say. Students are at crisis point. We have both local and national issues, and we can make our contribution to the fight against the homelessness crisis, rampant inflation, and university power imbalances.
- R Stanaway: Why did they disaffiliate in the first place? If we were affiliated since the inception of the TUU.
- L McLaren: mostly because of the political alliance of the State Council at the time, somewhat anti-union. There may have been other reasons, but we don't know them.
- R Stanaway: the NUS may be allowing us to promote the Tasmanian voice, but how loud is that voice? The national issues change form factor between states, so the impact of the Tasmanian voice in these discussions may be negligible.
- A Lamont: concerned by the effectiveness of our voice in these conversations. That's why I asked how much the NUS want us to affiliate – do they want us to be truly and properly represented in the national grand scheme. If they're wanting us truly, they'll give us a bigger representative slice or reduce our fees.
- N Naz: sits within PG union. People frequently just fight for executive positions and its ineffective. Need to make sure





we aren't a tick-box, and that we retain our uniqueness and voice Tasmanian's individual problems and demographics.

MOVED: L McLaren SECONDED: Z Sabapathy

Meeting Closed: 10:50am

Next Meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June





# TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION TUSA State Council MINUTES ACTION REGISTER

as at 1st May 2023

#	Date of	Action Item	Responsibl	Action	Progress to	Status
	Meeting		e Party		Date or	
					Further	
					Action	
					Required	
1.	03.04.2	Indigenous Acknowle dgement Roster	L McLaren, E Knuckey	Move to monthly roster for acknowledge ment next month	Roster distributed	Closed
2.	03.04.2	Northern Vent Tent	L McLaren, SC.		Trenton & Liam, +/- Zac will be travelling to the North for Ryan's vent- tent. Liam will be zooming into AGM that day.	Closed
3.	03.04.2	Rozelle TUSA FB Group	L Castelletti		Apologies; for update next month.	Open
4.	01.05.2 3	Security Issues Paper	L McLaren, R Stanaway	L McLaren requested R Stanaway to draft a letter to deliver		Open





				with L McLaren to I Anderson.	
5.	01.05.2	Housing Crisis Forum	Z Sabapathy	Z Sabapathy to coordinate with Anya Hilkemeijer regarding housing crisis forum developmen t	Open

### TUSA STATE COUNCIL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER

as at 1st May 2023

#	Date of	Relevant	Conflict of	Comments	Status
	Meeting	Parties	Interest		(Open/ongoing/closed)
1.	02.02.23	L McLaren	Former President;  Ongoing committee member of Tasmanian University Environment Society		Ongoing – 2023.
2.	02.02.23	L McLaren	Former TUSA Experience Leader of the College of	Role ended December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	Closed





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3.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Treasurer of TULS 2022	Role ended December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	Closed
4.	02.02.23	Z Sapabathy	Researcher to Rick Snell	Role ended December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022	Closed
5.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Assistant Director Masterpiece Fine Art Gallery		Ongoing
6.	02.02.23	T Hoare	Member of the Greens Tasmania since 2020		Ongoing
7.	02.02.23	S Maddock	Jane Student Club Committee, Vice- President		Concluded
8.	02.02.23	L Castelletti	First year representative for Student Paramedic Rozelle Society (SPURS)	Current	Ongoing
9.	02.02.23	L Castelletti	Current student ambassador for the University of Tasmania		Ongoing
10	02.03.23	T Hoare	Individual member of Landcare Tasmania	Current	Ongoing
11	02.03.23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co-Convener	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co- Convener	Closed





				(Role ended January 2023)	
12	02/03/23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Clark Branch Co- Convenor	Current	Ongoing
13	02.03.23	T Hoare	Pride Society of TUSA Advocacy Coordinator	Role ended January 2023	Closed

