

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at
Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 4PM AEST
at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: S Maddock

Meeting opened: 4.08pm

#	ITEM	APPENDIX
1	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS	
	<p>1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</p> <p>A Lamont</p> <p>Today I come to you from Padaway country in Lutruwita. As someone exploring their First Nations heritage from country far away from here, I find it strange to talk about country that I was born in, that is not my own country from my heritage. This highlights the historical displacement that has occurred since colonial time and the struggle of those of First Nations descent to find place in Australia to call their own.</p> <p>Thus, it's important that we pay our respect to our elders past and present, to the many Aboriginal people who didn't make elder status, and to the Tasmanian and broader Australian Aboriginal population that continue to care for country.</p> <p>We recognise a history of truth which acknowledges the impact of invasion and colonisation on Aboriginal people resulting in the genocide and forceful removal from their lands. Our island is deeply unique, with spectacular landscapes with our cities and towns surrounded by bushlands, wilderness, mountain ranges and beaches.</p> <p>We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and</p>	

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<p>history, and a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights, paving the way for a strong future.</p>	
<p>1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE L McLaren</p> <p>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>	
<p>1.3 WELCOME Chair – S Maddock</p>	
<p>1.4 ATTENDANCE S Maddock, R Stanaway, N Naz, A Lamont, T Hoare.</p>	
<p>1.5 APOLOGIES L McLaren, L Castelletti, Z Sabapathy.</p>	
<p>1.6 ABSENT</p>	
<p>1.7 GUESTS & OBSERVERS Executive Assistant - E Knuckey State Council Campaign Coordinator – C Harris Student Advocates – J Lenthall, K Davey, S Nolan TUSA Experience Leader – S Lim</p>	

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<p>1.8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</p> <p>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.</p>	
2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING	
<p>2.1 AMENDMENTS</p>	
<p>2.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> that the minutes of the TUSA State Council held on July 10th 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website.</p> <p><i>MOVED: R Stanaway</i> <i>SECONDED: A Lamont</i></p>	APPENDIX A
<p>2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See action items table 	
3 CORRESPONDENCE	
<p>3.1 INWARDS</p> <p>3.1.1 Release of the Universities Accords Interim Report</p> <p>NUS – S Gait</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUS have commented on 60 of 180 considerations, and noted that the accords report is less committal than expected. 	APPENDIX B1, B2

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarised in the attached report their top 10 key considerations they believe all student representative bodies should provide comment on <p>ACTION ITEM: SC to please read through report and consider opportunities to provide a report to minister of education – reach out to Liam if interested</p> <p>3.1.2 Joint Statement – Worsening Rental Crisis National Association of Tenants’ Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUSA have signed on in support 	
<p>3.2 OUTWARDS</p>	<p>NIL</p>
<p>4 INTERNAL UPDATES</p> <p>4.1 Advocates Update J Lenthall, K Davey, S Nolan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 82 cases in July Financial concerns and academic integrity always a significant concern Academic progress reviews – 2; 15 academic integrity cases; 3 accommodation issues; 5 reviews of assessment; 1 exclusion listed; 9 fee issues; 24 financial concerns; 6 general concerns; leave of absence case; 2 non-utas related queries; 3 placement issues; 2 scholarship issues; 2 transfer issues The advocates noted concerns about new review of assessment process – students are frustrated, and possibly disadvantaged. In discussions with student admin and school deans. Also noted an uptrend in students seeking work and accommodation in line with current socioeconomic landscape. Brief discussion of AI academic integrity space, turnitin, and trends in cases. View that these tools, and the 	<p>VERBAL ONLY</p> <p>VERBAL ONLY</p>

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<p>ability to check for AI use in work, to be accessible to both students and staff.</p> <p>DECISION: Agreement to continue to develop a TUSA AI stance.</p> <p>4.2 TEL MONTHLY REPORT <u>S Maddock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No distance applications for new TEL role. • S Maddock is ensuring that TELs are representing TUSA on committees, and communicating to clubs and societies. • All COSE & COBE societies linked in, CoHM in progress. 	
5 COUNCIL REPORTS	
<p>5.1 PRESIDENT <u>Liam McLaren</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L McLaren noted as an apology • As per items discussed in incoming correspondence • L McLaren met with student advocates around SAFCU – important to note SAFCU reports to SAFCU in cases of complaints. • Met with Hobart City Council with S Maddock • Looking to cohost events with Reconciliation Tas • 2024 State Council PDs review underway • Met with John Fisher President and Dean to discuss potential reaffiliation with TUSA 	APPENDIX C
<p>5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT <u>Trenton Hoare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken as read, apology. 	APPENDIX D

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<p>5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - SOUTH</p> <p><u>Stella Maddock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current situation regarding Hunter Street – no communication from them. • Visited Launceston for opening of Inveresk Campus. • Assisted SHAG and lets get events • Issues with Menzies and culture – in ongoing conversations with Menzies and student advocates. <p>MOTION: Moved: S Maddock Seconded: R Stanaway that the SALUT Club’s affiliation be accepted for 2023, subject to fulfilling all the affiliation criteria:</p> <p>The objects and purposes of the Club shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of SALUT is to advocate for the replacement of the capitalist system with one in which the fundamental elements of the economy are socially owned and controlled and democratic systems of popular power established. Only these radical measures will enable us to deal with the economic, ecological and social crises of the 21st century • SALUT aims to campaign, and protest in co-operation with all workers, First Nations, environmental, anti-racist, and other social movements, and to propose an alternative to the corporate control of society. A sustained mass campaign of total opposition to capitalism should aim to create the conditions to bring about a transformation to a socialist society that is based on co-operation, democracy and ecological sustainability. • SALUT aims to support working-class struggle and other adjacent social movements • SALUT will campaign for students’ rights, including, a stronger voice for students and University staff in University affairs. <p>The TUSA State Council move to accept affiliation of SALUT, reflecting the rights of student to protest. However, the TUSA would like to assert that student societies’ political views are not reflective of the TUSA, and that the TUSA expect all societies to abide by policy and procedure of both the TUSA and UTAS in political affiliation and action.</p>	<p>APPENDIX E</p>
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<p>MOTION: Moved: T Hoare Seconded: A Lamont</p> <p>#IDerserveSafety Campaign on State Council social media and A Fair Agenda Petition Signing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.instagram.com/reel/CvbBED8BA1u/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA== • https://l.messenger.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fairagenda.org%2Funi_safety&h=AT27MOFwEMKE53d1Pr5sa457mPsYrYjQY0e5wRclthrzUI5Kf8Plw_LtCZ0x8foV48XxB0uVaFWczvdcS_HYCF2yCwyLUa8g5IHEHfCvQIN3tw7vWww85iQn-j7KJa4i5i3Oig 	
<p>5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - NORTH <u>Ryan Stanaway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read, work ongoing 	APPENDIX F
<p>5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST <u>Alec Lamont</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read 	APPENDIX G
<p>5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE <u>Lucy Castelletti</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late apology, report not submitted 	APPENDIX H
<p>5.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) <u>Zachary Sabapathy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read • Working with COSE & A Slamen on transparency 	APPENDIX I
<p>5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) <u>Nousheen Naz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read 	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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.tusa.org.au/state-council-projects/ 	
6	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	<p>6.1 Key Messaging Document</p> <p>L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document from July attached, unchanged. • Drafted topics for brief discussion <p>DECISION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council view to prioritise electricity discussion • State Council view to update messaging to reflect signing housing petition, and safety campaign as above. 	APPENDIX K
	<p>6.2 NUS Affiliation Passed via Circular Motion 02/08/23</p> <p>L McLaren</p> <p>MOTION: NUS Affiliation</p> <p>Following the passing of the motion back in May for the State Council to negotiate in good faith with the NUS for reaccreditation, we have since come to an agreement of an affiliation fee of \$5000 (below the motion limit set at \$6000).</p> <p>During this time, we have also seen the publishing of the Accords Interim Report which has called for a National Student Safety Charter, a re-evaluation of SSAF and how much goes to student unions, a reflection on student placement and work-integrated learning, and a call for the re-evaluation for student welfare and support. All of which, could be largely attributed to the NUS' own submission and the submission of their member associations. We have also seen a Federal Senate Inquiry into Universities Australia, and particularly their handling of student safety on campus that has seen NUS partnering with End Rape on Campus to reignite calls for a Federal Student Safety Taskforce to truly address the issues at hand that were revealed by the 2021 NSSF results. Reaccreditation with the NUS will allow TUSA State Council to have a louder voice in the national forums of which so many of the issues we seek to address must be fixed at the root cause of the problems, be that student welfare, student safety on campus, or student placements, to name a few. Additionally, annual reaccreditation allows for State Council each year to</p>	

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	<p>re-evaluate the value of NUS accreditation and decide on the merit of it in that given year.</p> <p>Moved: L McLaren Seconded: S Maddock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 For, 3 Against, so the motion is passed. 	
7 OTHER BUSINESS		
	<p>7.1 Youth Law Australia T Hoare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested Matt from YLA receive invitation to State Council to discuss ideas for campaigning <p>ACTION ITEM: YLA invitation to SC consideration</p> <p>7.2 Progress update on SSAF Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift to next meeting for L McLaren to coordinate discussion. 	VERBAL ONLY

Meeting Closed: 5.13pm

Next Meeting: September TBC

ACTION REGISTER
as at 9th August 2023

#	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1.	03.04.23	Rozelle TUSA FB Group	L Castelletti		Created and ready to go – for start after exams. Concerns about oversaturation of	Ongoing

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					Facebook groups.	
2.	01.05.23	Security Issues Paper	L McLaren, R Stanaway	L McLaren requested R Stanaway to draft a letter to deliver with L McLaren to I Anderson.		Closed
3.	01.05.23	Housing Crisis Forum	Z Sabapathy	Z Sabapathy to coordinate with Anya Hilkemeijer regarding housing crisis forum development	Z Sabapathy not present – update for next meeting.	Ongoing
4.	21.06.23	Student communications committee ToR	L McLaren, E Knuckey	L McLaren and E Knuckey to draft by end of week.	Draft completed and sent to UTAS	Closed
5.	21.06.23	SSAF petition	L McLaren	SSAF petition for follow-up at next SC meeting		Closed
6	21.06.23	Tas Ethical investment messaging	T Hoare	Develop Tas Ethical messaging		Ongoing
7	21.06.23	Lived experience acknowledgement	E Knuckey	Add lived experience acknowledgement to future SC minutes		Closed
8	21.06.23	AI – SC Stance	A Lamont	Develop key messaging in consultation with L McLaren, T Wienker, M Parsell, and student advocates		Ongoing
9.	10.07.23	Development of security unit for accommodation	R Stanaway		Working with Joel – transformed from lecture into a quiz	Ongoing

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					Discussed ongoing advocacy for resolution through police for student victims of breakins	
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**TUSA STATE COUNCIL
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
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#	Date of Meeting	Relevant Parties	Conflict of Interest	Comments	Status (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 Science & Engineering	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
3.	10.07.23	L McLaren	Member of Tasmanian Labor since 2023		Ongoing
4.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Treasurer of TULS 2022	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
5.	02.02.23	Z Sapabathy	Researcher to Rick Snell	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
6.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Assistant Director Masterpiece Fine Art Gallery		Ongoing

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7.	02.02.23	T Hoare	Member of the Greens Tasmania since 2020		Ongoing
8	02.02.23	S Maddock	Jane Student Club Committee, Vice-President		Concluded
9	02.02.23	L Castelletti	First year representative for Student Paramedic Rozelle Society (SPURS)	Current	Ongoing
10	02.02.23	L Castelletti	Current student ambassador for the University of Tasmania		Ongoing
11	02.03.23	T Hoare	Individual member of Landcare Tasmania	Current	Ongoing
12	02.03.23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co-Convener	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co-Convener (Role ended January 2023)	Closed
13	02/03/23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Clark Branch Co-Convenor	Current	Ongoing
14	02.03.23	T Hoare	Pride Society of TUSA Advocacy Coordinator	Role ended January 2023	Closed
15	20.06.23	T Hoare	Hobart City Welcoming and Inclusive City Committee Member	Ongoing	Open