

For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at July 10th 2024 at 5pm AEST at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: L McLaren

Meeting opened: 5:08pm

#	ITEM	APPENDIX	TIME EST
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS		5 mins
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY		
	S Yu		
	In recognition of the deep history and culture of this island, I would like to acknowledge and pay my respects to the muwinina people, the traditional owners of this land. I pay my respects to this fertile land, to the rich variety of animals and plants, to support the development of all Tasmanian Aboriginal communities. As I've only been in this country for a year and a half, I have yet to thoroughly learn their history. However, for some experience, I decided to spend some time researching Tasmanian Aboriginal history through Reconciliation Tasmania. Through that, I became aware of more than 200 years of struggle and the time that had passed in the fight for the First People's rights and recognition, and how progress has gone back and forth, even until now. This also reminds me of the Aboriginal people's perseverance upon watching the film Rabbit-Proof Fence, in their struggle to make their voice heard and protect their culture from being built under a different principle. They know it will be even harder in the future, but they will continue to protect their culture and pass down their story generation by generation. I respect the knowledge and wisdom, and the efforts they make		



have their voices heard. Moving forward, I shall do my best	
o learn more about their history and culture.	
1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE	
M Warrington	
Alongside a reflection of how diverse our university	
community is, M Warrington provided the Acknowledgement	
of Lived Experience;	
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.	
1.2 WELCOME	
Chair – L McLaren	
1.3 ATTENDANCE	
L McLaren, M Warrington, J Oates Pryor, E Alsop, SY Yu, K	
Lertsinpakdee	
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1.4 APOLOGIES	
M Douglass	
1.5 ABSENT	
1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS	
Executive Assistant – C Harris	
Student Advocates – A Lamont	
SC Elections Returning Officer – E Knuckey	
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
	2.1 AMENDMENTS		
	2.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Motion: that the minutes of the TUSA State Council meeting held on May 1 st , 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the	APPENDIX A	
	proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website.		
	MOVED : L McLaren SECONDED : J Oates Pryor Passed with no abstentions.		
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTESSee action items table		
3.	CORRESPONDENCE		10 mins
	3.1 INWARDS 3.1.1 UTAS Sandy Bay Campus Relocation – Follow Up Meeting Minutes	APPENDIX B	
	3.2 OUTWARDS 3.1.1 Motions Passed via Circular Motion (to I Lagereskij)	NIL	
	<u>MOTION:</u> that the Tasmanian University Social Work Community Society and the North West Student Society be affiliated for the year 2024, subject to fulfilling the affiliation criteria.		
	MOVED: J Oates Pryor SECONDED: L McLaren Passed with no abstentions.		





	MINUTES						
4.	INTERNAL UPDATES						
	4.1 Advocates Update	VERBAL ONLY					
	J Lenthall, K Davey, S Nolan, A Lamont						
	• 49 cases in June, 79 in April.						
	 The majority of cases were around academic 						
	integrity and financial.						
	 Placement issues have increased – cases around 						
	professional conduct in workplaces for medicine and						
	social work students.						
	 Near equal balance between international and 						
	domestic, but still primarily domestic.						
	 The main issue for international students was 						
	financial concerns, followed by academic						
	integrity issues.						
	 International student academic integrity cases 						
	may be due to them not understanding what						
	academic integrity is at UTAS.						
	Case locations:						
	 Sandy Bay and Newnham tend to have equal 						
	amounts of cases. Hobart CBD is next, followed						
	by the rest of the campuses (including online).						
	 Majority of students coming from COHM. 						
	The State Council asked about whether there had been an						
	increase in concerns around visas from international students						
	due to recent visa changes.						
	Not much has been heard by Advocates or						
	communicated by Student Legal Service.						
	 There was an influx of cases when the changes were 						
	first announced, but this issue has gone quiet since						
	then.						
	The State Council also enquired if there were any updates						
	regarding student homelessness.						



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	 No updates regarding cases coming in, but Advocates reported that they are working on a program to help housing insecure and homeless students. The State Council asked for an update on the Winter Warmers program. The Winter Warmers program, collection, is over; some dispersion of items has already taken place, with more to be distributed in the early weeks of semester. When State Council asked what they could do, it was suggested that they let any students who may need help know that the program is available. 		
5.	COUNCIL REPORTS		10 mins
	5.1 PRESIDENT	APPENDIX C	
	L McLaren		
	Report accepted by State Council.		
	5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT	APPENDIX D1 &	
	M Warrington	D2	
	TUSA BoM Report		
	Report accepted by State Council.		
	M Warrington raised that the Equity Committee (EC) is very		
	one-directional: information only goes from EC to SC. It was		
	raised that this could be done both ways, so that SC can also		
	send information/questions back to the EC.		
	Discussion focused around whether this information		
	should go through the Equity President, or whether it		
	should go from the SC members to the EC directly. It		
	was also discussed whether there could be a threshold		
	from one to the other.		
	 It was decided that it was okay for State Council to reach out directly to Equity 		
	Council to reach out directly to Equity		
	Committee members, but there would also be		
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	Committee members, but there would also be more thinking about what the threshold might be for going to the Equity President if it were to		



exist.



 It was suggested that Equity Committee members 	
potentially be invited to a future State Council meeting,	
to better integrate them into the community.	
 This is entirely voluntary; they do not have to 	
attend but can if they are interested.	
 A monthly State Council report/update was suggested 	
for each Equity Committee meeting.	
 It was raised whether the State Council would be able 	
to attend Equity Committee meetings.	
 This was expected and welcomed. 	
5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SOUTH	APPENDIX E1 &
J Oates Pryor	E2
Report accepted by State Council.	
5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – NORTH	APPENDIX F
E Alsop	
Report accepted by State Council.	
 The State Council requested an update on a meeting 	
with Sonya Stanford, as well as the new Launceston	
VC	
 These were short, casual updates; however, 	
there are plans to formally meet with the new	
Launceston VC soon.	
 The State Council also asked about the recent 	
announcement of a trial shuttle bus in the north.	
 This is correct – the bus is currently under a trial 	
period and, if successful, will be built upon.	
 It was noted that the current bus is not 	
accessible, as it was rushed through for the	
start of semester. If it continues beyond the	
trial, it will be made accessible.	
5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE	APPENDIX G
M Douglass	
Report accepted by State Council.	





5.6 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG)	APPENDIX H
K Lertsinpakdee	
Academic Senate Report	
Report accepted by State Council.	
State Council asked for an update around the NUS	
Education Conference (EdCon) attended by K	
Lertsinpakdee.	
 There is some disillusion in the national space around the application of rules. 	
 The Conference ended up being closed earlier 	
than anticipated.	
 It was suggested that the State Council look 	
inward and consider their future affiliation with	
the NUS	
 Concern was raised around Tasmania's 	
position in this national space.	
 There were a lot of interesting and important 	
initiatives, particularly around misogyny and	
racism.	
The State Council also enquired as to the outcomes of	
a meeting with the CoSE TEL regarding categorisation	
of student complaints. o This meeting consisted of discussion of why	
 I his meeting consisted of discussion of why and how complaints are categorised, and the 	
flow on of complaints from TELs to Education	
President/s.	
 Notion was suggested as a platform for 	
tracking and organising student complaints – it	
is free, and a CRM can be set up within it for	
this purpose.	
5.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG)	APPENDIX I1 &
SY Yu	12
Report accepted by State Council.	
 S Yu provided an update on HDR events funding. 	
 A final proposal has been sent by the 	
Postgraduate TEL, and they are now awaiting a	
reply.	
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	The State Council enquired as to the effectiveness of		
	Shut Up & Write sessions – are the sessions effective		
	for those attending, and how can they be supported by		
	the State Council?		
	 Attendees of the sessions like to be able to join 		
	the Zoom and study independently wherever		
	they are located – in-person sessions were not		
	something these attendees wanted.		
	 There is potential to promote the sessions again 		
	in Semester 2 to see if more students are		
	interested.		
	 The State Council enquired as to the feelings of 		
	postgraduate students around UTAS' Evidence level		
	being dropped from 2 to 3, as well as feelings around		
	recent visa changes.		
	 Not many student responses were received, as 		
	this was not a major issue for PhD students		
	after visa changes affecting them were		
	reversed.		
	5.8 Projects Register	VERBAL ONLY	
	C Harris		
	 For discussion of items for update/creation in project 		
	register.		
	ACTION ITEM: all State Council members to have Projects		
_	Register updated by next month.		
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		40
			mins
	6.1 Key Messaging Document	VERBAL ONLY	
	L McLaren		
	No key messaging document provided; to be done by circular		
	before the next meeting.		
	The State Council discussed several potential items of key		
	messaging, including:		
	Gender-Based Violence update		





• Equity Committee

The State Council also discussed the encampment on the Sandy Bay campus, as well as a potential future piece of messaging aimed toward the Federal Government regarding their lack of support for Gaza.

6.2 SC Strategy Update

All State Council

- 1. Expand Student Representative Number E Alsop
 - a. Vent tents and a survey were suggested as ways to get in touch with students and see what they want, and how this can help us to increase those numbers.
- 2. Improve Handover Process L McLaren
 - a. See item 7.2.
- 3. Address Operational Inadequacies L McLaren
 - a. The General Secretary (GenSec) role will be brought in from next year.
 - b. The Equity President has been allocated an extra .5 FTE to better align with the responsibilities of the role.
- 4. Improve C&S Relationships M Douglass
- 5. Implement a Volunteer Management System S Yu
 - There is potential to combine a Microsoft Form with a new registration/management system for volunteers.
 - b. There is also the potential ability to send upcoming volunteering opportunities to existing volunteers.
- 6. Influence TUSA Strategy 2025 & Beyond K Lertsinpakdee
 - A strategy Board session is being planned for September.
- 7. Engaging already established student representatives
 J Oates Pryor

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STRATEGY



- a. There was some discussion around where the line is drawn with student representatives, as well as what the threshold for engagement is.
- b. It was decided that a roadmap should be the next step in this strategy.
- c. A database of UTAS-involved student representatives is currently in progress.
- d. TELs were suggested as a potential starting point for finding student representatives, as they sometimes put together their own lists.
- 8. Implement Equity Committee M Warrington
 - a. The intention is for the Committee to meet once a month, with some replication of what is done at State Council (having reports, not speaking to them & instead focusing on collaboration).
 - i. It is yet to be decided whether meetings will be at the same time each month (e.g. last Thursday of each month)
 - Opportunities for them to attend UTAS
 meetings, and to get involved within the
 university community through things such as
 running events.
- 9. Make SC Appealing to Student Leaders
 - a. Currently being brainstormed by L McLaren; may tie into elections.

6.3 State Council Election Strategy

E Knuckey

- Primary aim is to seek feedback on current State Council's experience of elections, in order to make any necessary adjustments for this year.
- The current election plan has not been locked in, allowing a level of flexibility in line with State Council feedback.
- The election will be commissioned on August 23rd, and polling will occur September 23rd, closing the end of that week.

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- As it was last year, the nomination period will be 2 weeks.
- E Knuckey requested feedback from the State Council around their experience of elections last year. Topics discussed were:
 - The debate. It was suggested that this may need to be adjusted from last year.
 - Discussion touched on ensuring the moderator has strong control of the room, and ensuring that candidates were only debating against others going for the same role rather than everyone speaking at the same time.
 - Difficulties communicating with TUSA regarding eligibility were raised due to APR status.
 - Students wanting to nominate must be in good standing with academic progress, while most other universities only require good behaviour.
 - Good standing is often assumed to be behavioral but, as this is not the only thing considered, it should be explicitly stated.
 - Accessibility was also raised in this discussion; there are many reasons why someone may not have a "good academic standing".
 - It was suggested that the Returning Officer be the one to meet with nominees, rather than the CEO or General Manager.
 - Influence from staff members was raised around nominations – State Council discussed how much input it was fair for TUSA staff members to have.





- o It was raised that people on tickets had promotional materials approved, but some people not on tickets did not have their material approved before it was circulated. More communication around the requirement for promotional materials to be approved was suggested.
- The ballot for voting by students was described as inaccessible by students – it was a clunky process, and accessibility issues were raised.
 - The clunky nature is due to the platform used – the current platform is free, which is why it is used.
 - State Council discussed moving the survey done after voting onto another platform.
- The question was raised around campus-based presidents being voted on by everyone, when they represent one campus.
- Due to online students and the difficulty in changing study location, trying to bar voting for certain roles by campus may be worse.
- Some of the Code of Conduct around campaigning could be made clearer to ensure that conduct is up to code and things such as personal attacks are not allowed.
- Events schedule for election period:
 - Previously, events were run during the nomination period, but not the election/voting period.
 - It was suggested that there be an information night for those interested in nominating, and then there are events during the voting period to encourage higher voter turnout.
 - This would run similar to sausage sizzles and bake sales that occur during





	elections in Australia, and be a space to		
	drum up awareness that voting is		
	happening.		
	 These would need to happen on all campuses 		
	to be fair.		
	 There was discussion around the kinds of foods 		
	that could be offered, as well as making sure		
	that the offering of this food is not conditional		
	on someone voting.		
	 State Council also discussed the possibility of having 		
	above the line voting for NUS delegates to try and		
	reduce the dropout rate of votes in this category.		
	 This was taken away as something to be 		
	considered.		
7.	OTHER BUSINESS		5
			mins
	7.1 Teaching Matters 2024: Calls for Eol	VERBAL ONLY	
	L McLaren		
	 Expressions of Interests put out: theme is Education 		
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- The annual reports being presented last year at onboarding was helpful, but it did not feel like enough; having more time with the outgoing State Council may assist with onboarding.
- It was noted that this year's onboarding session is at the beginning of December, rather than the usual November session.
- Clarifying and unifying handover processes would be a positive; ensuring it is written and not just verbal as well could be important.
- The most important thing is that the new members of the State Council are left in a better position than the prior State Council were in when they started.

Meeting Closed: 7:04pm

Next Meeting: August 7th, 2024



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TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION TUSA State Council MINUTES ACTION REGISTER

as at July 10th 2024

#	Date of	Action Item	Responsibl	Action	Progress to	Status
	Meeting		e Party		Date or	
					Further Action	
					Required	
1	03.04.24	Key messaging document	L McLaren	Consideration of a potential new format for the key messaging document circulated in State Council meetings.		Ongoing
2	03.04.24	Vent Tents	J Oates Pryor, E Alsop, M Douglass	Campus Presidents to organise times for vent tents on their campuses.	Scheduling currently in progress.	Ongoing
3	03.04.24	Meeting attendance table	C Harris	Meeting attendance table to be implemented on the State Council webpage by June.		Ongoing
4	01.05.24	Prayer/multi faith and parenting rooms	E Alsop	To report back by next meeting as t the status of	Included in representative report.	Closed





				prayer/multifai th and parenting rooms at the Inveresk campus.	
5	01.05.24	UTAS Financial Hardship Scheme	L McLaren, M Warrington	To enquire as to the accessibility of the UTAS Financial Hardship Scheme.	Ongoing
6	01.05.24	SASH Key Messaging	L McLaren, K Lertsinpakd ee	To develop and provide a circular motion for SASH key messaging in the week following the meeting.	Ongoing
7	10.07.24	Update SC Projects Register	Entire State Council	To update the Projects Register before the next State Council meeting.	Open

TUSA STATE COUNCIL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER

as at July 10th 2024





#	Date of	Relevant	Conflict of Interest	Comments	Status
	Meeting	Parties			(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.	10.01.24	L McLaren	State Branch President NUS		Ongoing
5.	20.11.23	M Warringto n	Current President of Disability Students Collective (DiSCo)	Aleah Clarke is the Vice President	Ongoing
6.	20.11.23	M Warringto n	Member of the UTAS Disability Inclusion Campus Reference Group (DICRG)	Paid casual rate for attendance at meetings usually spaced six weeks a part for three hours at a time.	Ongoing
7.	01.12.23	M Warringto n	Board Member of Disability Voices Tasmania		Ongoing





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8.	01.01.23	M	Member of Blind		Ongoing		
		Warringto	Citizens Australia				
		n	(BCA) and				
			Committee				
			member of the				
			BCA National				
			Policy Committee				
9.	06.12.23	J Oates	Member of the		Ongoing		
		Pryor	Tasmanian University				
			Law Society.				
9A	5.3.24	J Oates	Associate Member of		Ongoing		
		Pryor	the Law Society of				
			Tasmania				
10.	06.12.23	J Oates	Paid Casual UTAS	Including various	Ongoing		
		Pryor	Staff Member	roles: Student			
		·		Ambassador;			
				OSCE Role			
				Player; Casual			
				Staff Member for			
				both Theatre			
				department and			
				Faculty of Law			
11.	10.01.24	J Oates	University of	racarty or Law	Ongoing		
11.	10.01.24	Pryor	Tasmania contact		Oligonia		
		1 1 901	for NUS Change				
			the Age campaign				
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12.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Former Social Media	Disbanded as of	Closed		
	- 0.22.20	_ /p	Officer/TUSA Rep for	31.12.2023.			
			Tasmanian University				
			Climate Action				
			(TUCA).				
13.	06.12.23	L Alsop	UTAS casual staff	Disability	Ongoing		
			member.	Inclusion Campus			
				Working Group			
				(DICWG).			





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14.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Committee member of Disability Students Collective (DiSCo).		Ongoing
15.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Member of the Tasmanian University Environmental Society (TUES).		Ongoing
16.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Sustainability Committee.		Ongoing
17.	03.04.24	L Alsop	Member of Australian Maritime Engineering Student Association.		Ongoing
18.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	UTAS casual staff member	UConnect student enquiries officer	Ongoing
19.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of the National Tertiary Education Union		Ongoing
20.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of the Tasmanian University Medical Research Students' Society	Former President, Vice President, and First Year Representative	Ongoing
21.	06.12.23	K lertsinpak dee	UTAS casual staff member	Former Student Ambassador	Closed as of 01.01.2024.
22.	10.01.24	K Lertsinpa kdee	State Branch Educational Vice President		Ongoing
23.	06.03.24	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of the Tasmanian University Medical Students Society (TUMSS)		Ongoing





24.	06.03.24	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of Tasmanian Labor	2024	Ongoing
25.	06.12.23	S Yu	Member of the Student Living University Gardening Society (SLUGS)		Ongoing
26.	06.12.23	S Yu	Coordinator of TUSA Food Hub		Ongoing
27.	06.03.24	M. Douglass	Member of Student Paramedic Union Rozelle Society		Ongoing