

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at
April 1st 2026 at 10am AEST
held at the Royal Yacht Club Tasmania, Sandy Bay

Chair: J Oates Pryor

Meeting opened: 10:01am

#	ITEM	APPENDIX	TIME EST
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS		5 mins
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY J van der Lee I'd like to pay my deepest respects to the traditional owners of the lands in which we live and work, and these are the lands of the Muwinina. They were friendly, calm, passionate, and nurturing people. They lived, laughed and loved on this country for thousands of generations. They were in harmony with Mother Earth and Mother Earth was in harmony with them. In a tragic turn of events, colonial settlers pierced their waterways and broke into their shores, committing genocide with their guns and foreign diseases. No Muwinina people survived this devastation, but we live today, knowing that they continue to sing and dance in Sky Country above us, forever connected to this Country. To the traditional custodians, the Palawa people of Lutruwita, I also pay my respects. I acknowledge and offer my thanks to the Muwinina elders past and the Palawa elders present and future. I also acknowledge the many respective Tasmanian Aboriginal communities that exist across Lutruwita today. I pay my deepest respects from the bottom of my heart to all their elders and knowledge holders, and the collective strength, wisdom and love they hold for their communities, and these lands, waterways, and skies.		

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Though we are all meeting together in Nipaluna/Hobart, I would also like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands we are all usually based on across the country; Kanamaluka/Launceston, Pataway/Burnie, and for those of us meeting on the lands of the Gadigal people in the Eora nation up in Rozelle. J van der Lee also provided a personal story of a cultural experience on Lunawuni/Lunawanna Alonnah (Bruny Island).		
1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE K Azeem As we come together today, I want to acknowledge that each of us brings a different lived experience into this room. We come from diverse cultures, identities, communities, and personal circumstances, and those experiences shape how we see the world and how we show up in our roles. Some of us may be carrying pressures or challenges that aren't visible. Others may be balancing study, work, family responsibilities, or health. Whatever we bring with us today, this space works best when we meet one another with respect, patience, and care. As we move into our discussions, let's listen openly, speak honestly, and be considerate of others.		
1.2 WELCOME Chair – J Oates Pryor J Oates Pryor noted that the current State Council are approaching the halfway point of their terms and stated that he was looking forward to seeing and encouraging more action between now and the end of November.		
1.3 ATTENDANCE J Oates Pryor, M Doon, O Brancher, L Street, H Anderson, J van der Lee, S Doyle (left 10:29am), K Azeem (left 11:01am)		

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	1.4 APOLOGIES K Fajrianto		
	1.5 ABSENT		
	1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS C Harris – Executive Support Administrator		
	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 <u>Motion:</u> that the minutes of the TUSA State Council meeting held on March 4th, 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website. <i>MOVED:</i> M Doon <i>SECONDED:</i> O Brancher <i>Passed with no abstentions.</i>	APPENDIX A	
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES See action items table		
3.	CORRESPONDENCE		10 mins
	3.1 INWARDS	N/A	
	3.2 OUTWARDS	N/A	
4.	INTERNAL UPDATES 4.1 Advocates Update	APPENDIX B	

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	J Lenthall - The State Council noted the sharp increase in Advocacy cases in March, as well as noting increased student access to the Food Hub. - The State Council discussed sponsorship opportunities for TUSA, alongside the desire to have the University be responsible for supporting students, not external organisations. - It was noted that more funding for TUSA is needed, whether it comes from the University or externally. However, the State Council discussed concerns around treading carefully in a sponsorship model, by ensuring that there are strong Policies and Procedures that govern how this is done. - They also raised concerns about becoming answerable to external organisations through dependency, with the suggestion that Policies and Procedures ensure this does not occur. - They also discussed petitioning the University for more SSAF via empathy and storytelling.		
5.	COUNCIL REPORTS		15 mins
	5.1 PRESIDENT J Oates Pryor Motion passed via circular on 17/03/26; here for noting only. MOTION: That the TUSA State Council endorse the change of their name from State Council to Student Council. <i>Moved:</i> M Doon <i>Seconded:</i> H Anderson Passed with no abstentions.	APPENDIX C	
	5.2 GENERAL SECRETARY M Doon Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX D	
	5.3 EQUITY PRESIDENT	APPENDIX E	

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K Azeem • K Azeem raised ongoing Equity Committee recruitment, noting that there have been applications from across regional Tasmanian campuses and online. He stated intention to ensure that Officers not based in the south are kept well-engaged, noting that almost all roles have been previously based on Southern Tasmania. ○ The State Council discussed whether there should be requirements around having a certain number of Officers based on regional campuses/online. While they were highly supportive of having representation across non-Southern regions, they agreed that the process needs to remain merit-based. • K Azeem raised concerns about lack of progress on prayer spaces across multiple campus locations, noting more work is needed. ○ The State Council provided their support and agreed to bring it up as frequently as possible in as many spaces within the University as they can, including mass emails from students via a template.		
5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SOUTH O Brancher • Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX F	
5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – NORTH L Street • Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX G	
5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST K Fajrianto • Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX H	
5.7 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE H Anderson • Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX I	

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	5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) S Doyle Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX J	
	5.9 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) J van der Lee Report accepted as read.	APPENDIX K	
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		30 mins
	6.1 Key Messaging J Oates Pryor	VERBAL ONLY	
	6.2 State Council Role Titles O Brancher - O Brancher raised potentially changing the names of Campus and Education Presidents to Representatives. He raised clarity for students as the key reason behind the change, citing that it can be confusing to have 8 'Presidents'. - It was noted here that the TUSA President would remain unchanged, with only Campus and Education roles to become 'Representatives'. - Greater role clarity was raised as a more general area that needs further work, so that students better understand the different roles and how to distinguish between them. - The State Council noted that this would come into effect from November, for the next State Council, should it be approved by both the State Council and the Governance Committee. This would only be able to happen if it is approved and finalised in Position Descriptions prior to the Elections. - The State Council briefly discussed handover. - The Postgraduate role was raised as one of specific concern around the name change, as there is not as much connectivity with Postgraduate students as there was pre-COVID (for example, there is not a current Postgraduate Committee).	VERBAL ONLY	

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	- The State Council acknowledged that most other Unions do not use 'President' for all their roles, with most using the term 'office bearer'. - The State Council agreed to preferring Representative over office bearer. - The State Council expressed general support for the change to 'Representatives' for the campus and education roles, though raised concerns about changing Equity due to the Equity Committee sitting underneath the Equity role. - The State Council did raise concerns about the name change meaning they may not be taken as seriously, and that there may be some value behind the authority of 'Presidents.' They also noted that, with some UTAS staff, they are already referred to as student representatives instead of Presidents. - They raised the potential alternative of remaining officially as Presidents but referring to themselves as Representatives when talking to students. It was stated that some State Council members already do this in some instances. - To be discussed with Shauna-Lee Ward before return to the State Council for further discussion and final decision. Elections were highlighted as a key time for increasing role clarity regardless of the final naming decision.		
	6.3 TUSA Student Council 2026 Strategy J Oates Pryor - The State Council discussed Roadmap Items from the 2025 Retreat to gauge interest in continuing the initiatives. - Placement Packs for all students, but with a focus on those undertaking unpaid placements. - H Anderson to undertake initial research to find out what students may need and how viable the project is.	VERBAL ONLY	

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	○ Linens/Bedsheets for international students in uni accommodation. ▪ O Brancher to take this up with Student Living. ▪ Study Tasmania was raised as a potential collaborator here, through the International Students Officer once the new Equity Committee is onboarded.		
7.	OTHER BUSINESS		5 mins
	Nil.		

Meeting Closed: 11:10am

Next Meeting: 4pm, May 6th, 2026

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ACTION REGISTER
 as at March 2026

#	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1.	23.01.25	Project Register (linked)	All Reps	To update the Projects Register.	To be revisited for a refresh by J Oates Pryor, M Doon and C Harris. Removed from the website until further progress.	Paused
2.	02.12.25	Conflicts of Interest Register	All Reps	To update the Conflicts of Interest Register prior to the February State Council meeting.	To be finalised by end of March, noting any new affiliations with C&S.	Closed
3.	04.02.26	Cradle Coast Medical Program	C Harris	To source information regarding the Cradle Coast medical program.		Closed

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
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#	Date of Meeting	Relevant Parties	Conflict of Interest	Comments	Status (Open/ongoing/closed)
1	06.12.23Updated 19.08.25	J Oates Pryor	Member of the Tasmanian University Law Society. ; Member of the Tasmanian Students for Palestine. ; Member of the Tasmanian University Medical Students Society. ; Member of the Tasmanian University Environment Club.		Ongoing
2	06.12.23	J Oates Pryor	Paid Casual UTAS Staff Member	Including various roles: OSCE Role Player; Casual Staff Member for both Theatre department	Ongoing

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3	23.01.25	J Oates Pryor	NUS State Branch President (unpaid)		Ongoing
4		K Fajriant o	Past Honorary Secretary and Welfare Officer of Tasmanian University Medical Students' Society		Closed (November 2025)
5		K Fajriant o	Philanthropy Officer of Tasmanian University Medical Students' Society		Ongoing
6		Solomo n Doyle	Secretary of the Lutruwita Socialist Alliance		Ongoing
7		Solomo n Doyle	Member of Resistance Lutruwita		Ongoing
8	2/12/25 Updated 3/2/26	Molly Doon	Member of the Tasmanian University Student Association;		Ongoing; awaiting renewal for 2026 period.

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			Treasurer of the Tasmanian University Labor Society; Member of the Tasmanian University Environment Society; Member of the Bottom of the Earth Society; Secretary of the Tasmanian Students Science Communicator s Network Society		
9	2/12/25	Molly Doon	Member of Tasmanian Labor		Ongoing
	2/12/25 Updated 3/2/26	Molly Doon	Part-time staff member for Senator Richard Dowling		Closed (Dec 2025)
	2/12/25	Molly Doon	NUS Tasmanian Delegate		Ongoing
		Jeppe van der Lee	General member of the Tasmanian University White Water Rafting Club,		ongoing

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			member of the tasmanian University Mountaineering Club, member of the Tasmanian University Bushwalking club		
		Oliver Brancher	Former president of christ college student club (2025)		No longer going
		Oliver Brancher	Member of UTAS rugby club		ongoing
10	16/12/25	Kashif Azeem	Member of Tasmania University Union Muslim society	Will be stepping down from the President Position by the end of January 2026.	Ongoing
11	16/12/25	Kashif Azeem	Graduate Teaching Fellow (Paid Part-time Staff Member)		Ongoing
12	16/12/25	Kashif Azeem	Higher Degree by Research (HDR) representative		Ongoing

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			for School of Engineering		
1 3	16/12/25	Kashif Azeem	Chair, IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Tasmanian Subsection		Ongoing