

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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For the meeting of the TUSA State Council held on
May 6th 2026 at 4pm AEST
Online via Zoom.

Chair: J Oates Pryor

Meeting opened: 4:01pm

#	ITEM	APPENDIX	TIME EST
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS		5 mins
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY L Street L Street provided an Acknowledgement of Country.		
	1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE J Oates Pryor I acknowledge that we are all coming from a variety of not only diverse backgrounds and experiences, but also a whole range of different lived experiences right now. I'm aware that there's so much going on in each of our worlds right now, both with study and TUSA and outside of it, and would like to acknowledge that we're all coming from different perspectives, and to encourage empathy and gentle curiosity throughout our meeting today.		
	1.2 WELCOME Chair – J Oates Pryor		
	1.3 ATTENDANCE J Oates Pryor, M Doon, O Brancher, L Street, H Anderson, K Fajrianto (left 4:33pm), K Azeem		
	1.4 APOLOGIES J van der Lee, S Doyle		
	1.5 ABSENT		

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	1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS C Harris – Executive Support Administrator J Lenthall – Community Development & Advocacy Officer		
	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 April 1st, 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website. MOVED: M Doon SECONDED: L Street <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 J Lenthall J Lenthall provided an overview of the statistics within Appendix B.	APPENDIX B	

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	- The State Council asked if there were particular things they could do to assist with advocacy around financial matters. - J Lenthall did not have any immediate action items, but noted the vital nature of food supports as prices continue to rise, such as the Food Hub and grocery vouchers. He mentioned potential adjustments in the Advocacy space to make vouchers available for more online students. - The State Council asked about fees for international students and if any support is available to them, noting that they are not eligible for HECS-HELP. - J Lenthall noted that international students can apply for a payment plan from the University once per year, which the Advocates can help with. However, he did express that there are unfortunately not a lot of options available for international students in this area.		
5.	COUNCIL REPORTS		15 mins
	5.1 PRESIDENT J Oates Pryor Report accepted as read by the State Council.	APPENDIX C	
	5.2 GENERAL SECRETARY M Doon - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - M Doon asked anyone who is unsure about reporting requirements to please reach out.	APPENDIX D	
	5.3 EQUITY PRESIDENT K Azeem - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - K Azeem thanked everyone for their support with the Equity Committee interviews and appointments. - K Azeem asked how other reps are following up on items that they raise during meetings. They discussed action items, discussion points, and directly chasing up	APPENDIX E	

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	relevant people via Teams and email between meetings as ways to ensure that items are addressed.		
	5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SOUTH O Brancher - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - K Azeem asked if it would be possible to have Vent Tents on different days, for reps who cannot attend on Tuesdays to be able to provide support. He also asked for an update on the Vent Tents. - O Brancher noted that the next Vent Tent at the Forest will be the last for the semester, and that the schedule will be altered for Semester 2 based on availability. - He stated he had received approximately 136 individual Vents from students across a range of areas, including isolation, lack of support for intrastate travel, and accessibility. - O Brancher noted he had taken complaints around parking from Vent Tents to University staff, and it was currently being investigated.	APPENDIX F	
	5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – NORTH L Street - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - L Street noted she is running a Vent Tent on the 7th at AMC and is planning one for Inveresk later in May. - L Street highlighted her interview with Channel 7 News about the Inveresk Food Hub. - She also noted the potential of using media to help progress long stagnant issues TUSA has been advocating for.	APPENDIX G	
	5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST K Fajrianto - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - K Fajrianto noted she is running a vent tent on May 14th. - K Fajrianto raised wanting to have a more direct communication point for students on the Cradle Coast	APPENDIX H	

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	and asked if other Campus Presidents felt the same. If so, she requested they reach out to her with any ideas on how to best achieve this.		
	5.7 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE H Anderson - Report accepted as read by the State Council. - M Doon asked if PaceMates had been changed from UTAS to TUSA. H Anderson confirmed a new logo is currently being worked on, and the name will be updated soon. - Club affiliation of PaceMates was raised, and while steps had not been taken, it was flagged as a potential option that could be explored.	APPENDIX I	
	5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) S Doyle Report accepted as read by the State Council.	APPENDIX J	
	5.9 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) J van der Lee Report accepted as read by the State Council.	APPENDIX K	
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		30 mins
	6.1 Key Messaging J Oates Pryor	VERBAL ONLY	
	6.2 University Council Student Membership Proposal J Oates Pryor - Following edits from the team, J Oates Pryor sent the letter to the University Council. He noted that it was discussed at the UC meeting last Friday but he does not yet know the outcome. - He stated that there may be a formal response from University Council, and would update the team when this is received. - K Azeem raised the potential of lobbying about this issue. J Oates Pryor noted its importance, though noted	APPENDIX L	

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	he had not done so in spaces where there is no decision-making power on the issue. ○ He noted he had spoken to the office of the Education Minister, stating it is likely that this change will come through in the review of the UTAS Act, but that the issue remains of what will be done in the interim.		
7.	OTHER BUSINESS		5 mins
	7.1 Semester Break & Leave • The State Council discussed semester break plans, to assess who would have capacity to work over the break and who would be taking some time off. ○ It was noted that they are only expected to work for 12 months of their 13 month contract, and were therefore able to take a month's worth of time off spread across the year.		

Meeting Closed: 4:46pm

Next Meeting: 4pm, July 8th, 2026

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ACTION REGISTER
 as at May 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 finalised for the launch of the new website launch as part of a refresh of Student Council webpages.	Ongoing

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
as at March 2026

#	Date of Meeting	Relevant Parties	Conflict of Interest	Comments	Status (Open/ongoing/closed)
1	06.12.23 Updated 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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				t and Faculty of Law	
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