

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
TUSA Student Council
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For the meeting of the TUSA Student Council to be held at
August 5th, 2026, at 4pm AEST
held Online via Zoom.

Chair: J Oates Pryor

Meeting opened: 4:03pm

#	ITEM	APPENDIX
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS	
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY O Brancher I would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today. I pay my deepest respects to elders, past and present, of the Wangal people of the Eora nation, the Palawa Pakana people of Kanamaluka (Launceston), Pataway (Burnie) and Nipaluna (Hobart). In Nipaluna (Hobart), I pay respect to the traditional and original owners of this land, the Muwinina people, and pay respect to those that have passed before us. No Muwinina people are alive today due to invasion, war, and genocide. I also want to acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded. We are gathering today on lands that have been cared for, and where stories have been told and knowledge has been passed on for tens of thousands of years. I personally love Lutruwita/Tasmania for its beautiful landscape. But when I go bushwalking on this land, these places are not untouched wilderness. They're old country walked and known by Palawa Pakana ancestors long before we came to admire the views. Today I would also really like to share a story of the Palawa Pakana people, the dreamtime story of Dromerdeene and Luina the blue wren. In this story, Dromerdeene sets out to reconcile	

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with his brother Moihernee, but is attacked by the beasts that are guarding his brother. As Dromerdeene lies there injured, there is a tiny grey bird, a very little wren who overhears the beasts plotting to return and finish off Dromerdeene. The bird, even though it is very small, tries to rouse Dromerdeene and then, when the beasts return, it even goes so far as to fight them. The wren is immediately thrown against the gum tree, but its bravery sparks a response. All the other bush creatures come to help, and even the gum tree itself rains down the gumnuts on the attackers until eventually a star carries Dromerdeene to safety. In gratitude, Dromerdeene transforms each helper thanks to the star, but especially the bird, who he gives bright black eyes, a fan-like tail, and the radiant blue on its crown. From then on, this blue wren, Luina, symbolised courage and freedom. This story speaks quite deeply to me. It's a reminder that even the smallest acts of protection and care can really spark a great change. As we begin this meeting, I would like to hold space for those connections, to place, to each other, and to the stories that have always been there.	
1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE K Azeem I'd like to acknowledge the lived experiences that everyone is bringing into the room today. As always, I would like to remind everyone that each of us comes from different backgrounds, cultures, identities and different lived experiences, as well as life experiences that shape how we experience university life and engage with one another. For some, those experiences have included feeling welcomed and supported by TUSA and university students and staff. For other, they may include experiences of racism, discrimination, exclusion, or other barriers that are not always visible to those around us. It is important to remember that no single experience represents every student. As	

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	we try our best to be as inclusive and accommodating as we can, what we can do within our role is to listen with empathy, remain open to experiences that differ from ours, and ensure that the diverse voices within our student community are considered in the decisions we make. I hope that we approach today's meeting with respect, curiosity, and a genuine willingness to understand one another, so that together we can continue building a university, organisation, and student body where every student feels like they belong, and that is both for them and from them.	
	1.2 WELCOME Chair – J Oates Pryor	
	1.3 ATTENDANCE J Oates Pryor, O Brancher, L Street (left 4:53pm), H Anderson, K Fajrianto (joined 4:31pm), K Azeem, J van der Lee, S Doyle (left 5:32pm)	
	1.4 APOLOGIES M Doon,	
	1.5 ABSENT	
	1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS C Harris – Executive Support Administrator J Lenthall – Community Development & Advocacy Officer K White – Sustain & Support Manager	
	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	
	2.1 AMENDMENTS	
	2.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING <u>Motion:</u>	APPENDIX A

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	that the minutes of the TUSA State Council meeting held on July 8th, 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website. MOVED: K Azeem SECONDED: L Street <i>Passed with no abstentions.</i>	
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES • See action items table	
3.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	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 key statistics, including noting a jump of over double the number of cases in June 2026 as compared to June 2025. ○ He cited the change in timings of Semesters 1 and 2 as one of the key reasons behind this. • The Student Council raised the potential of seeing multiple years of statistics on monthly case numbers compared to one another. J Lenthall provided a graph that had been previously produced containing this data. • J Lenthall and the Student Council discussed pressures on international students during the semesters. • They also discussed the semester/trimester/term models, and the Student Council asked about which model affected students are mostly coming from. J Lenthall confirmed that the Advocates do not collect this information. • The Student Council discussed best dates for pulling data. It was noted that, while the large-scale facts are correct, the data around exact case numbers per month may have some	APPENDIX B

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	variance depending on how long after the end of the month it is pulled.	
5.	COUNCIL REPORTS	
	5.1 PRESIDENT J Oates Pryor Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX C
	5.2 GENERAL SECRETARY M Doon - Report taken as read by the Student Council. - J Oates Pryor noted that M Doon was on personal leave. He encouraged Student Council members with any key items they would need support with in her absence to contact either himself or C Harris.	APPENDIX D
	5.3 EQUITY PRESIDENT K Azeem Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX E
	5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SOUTH O Brancher Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX F
	5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – NORTH L Street - Report taken as read by the Student Council. - L Street raised conversations with staff about gaining more donations for Food Hub, both in terms of food and funding. She noted that the Inveresk Food Hub has seen increasing demand across the year. - The Student Council carried this into their discussion in Item 6.2.in terms of food and funding.	APPENDIX G
	5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST K Fajrianto Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX H
	5.7 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE H Anderson Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX I

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	5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) S Doyle Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX J
	5.9 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) J van der Lee Report taken as read by the Student Council.	APPENDIX K
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	6.1 Key Messaging J Oates Pryor - J Oates Pryor raised the creation of a Key Messaging document, allowing for cohesion and consistency of messaging across the Student Council. - The Student Council discussed key topics for messaging, such as cost of living (including paid placements, food security, housing, and transportation), international student fees and visas, Students as Partners, University Governance, racism and antisemitism, AI, and discrimination, including gender-based violence.	VERBAL ONLY
	6.2 Food Security Program (FSP) Campaign K White - Prior to K White joining the meeting, the Student Council briefly discussed the funding landscape for the Food Security Program (FSP). This included discussions of TUSA gaining Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for the FSP, and the UTAS Staff Giving Fund as a short-term funding option. - The Student Council discussed the benefits and risks associated with making part of TUSA a foundation. - They also discussed duty of care from the University to students, particularly around basic needs such as food, and the risk to the University associated with students not being fed. - K White joined the meeting and updated the Student Council that the Food Security Program will run out of its existing funding at the end of 2026. This has happened alongside a sharp increase in students accessing the program in 2026.	VERBAL ONLY

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	○ K White noted that the University has not made a promise to fund the program, and that there have been no grants to apply for since May 2025. • K White raised pitching to University Council for a 3-year funding agreement, as well as applying to government grants. She noted that some external organisations see it as the responsibility of the University to fund the program, which may make grant funding difficult. ○ The Student Council discussed the likelihood of the University Council providing funding to the program. ○ K White and the Student Council also discussed TUSA making a commitment to fund part of the program, which would need to be decided by the Board of Management. K White noted she wanted the funding proposal to be similar to a partnership. • K White also raised more external-facing campaigns, both through students and Togatus, and media by TUSA itself. • The Student Council discussed options for gathering student feedback and building more support and testimonials/real life experiences for a campaign. ○ They suggested meeting students in-person, whether it be at Food Hub or other events, to find out what impact cost-of-living is having on them, and to gather testimonials about what Food Hub means to them. • The Student Council discussed getting Clubs & Societies involved in gathering feedback and testimonials. They also discussed student knowledge around SSAF funding, who gets it and what it's used for, particularly in the Food Security space.	
	6.3 TUSA Constitution S Ward & C Harris • J Oates Pryor flagged that some small typographical discrepancies were found within the Constitution, which need to be amended. • C Harris sent the Constitution to the Student Council via circular motion for their review and approval.	VERBAL ONLY

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	○ Following Student Council approval, the changes will be reviewed and approved by the Board, before being approved via circular resolution by members of the Annual General Meeting.	
7.	OTHER BUSINESS	
	Nil.	

Meeting Closed: 5:37pm

Next Meeting: 2 September 2026.

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ACTION REGISTER
 as at August 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. Discussed in August meeting, with key items to be initially drafted and returned to the Council.	Ongoing

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
as at August 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