

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Management**  
**AGENDA**

For the meeting of the TUSA Board of Management to be held on  
**Monday 29th of November 2021 at 5:30pm**  
via ZOOM video conference and Hobart Boardroom, TUSA Building, Sandy Bay.

**Chair:** D. Bartlett

**Meeting opened:** 6:01pm

## **1.0**    **Introductory Items**

### **1.1**    **IN-CAMERA SESSION (as needed)**

### **1.2**    **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*We pay our respects to elders past and present, to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status, and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country. We recognise a history of truth which acknowledges the impacts of invasion and colonisation upon Aboriginal people resulting in the genocide and forcible removal from their lands. Our Islands are deeply unique, with spectacular landscapes with our cities and towns surrounded by bushland, wilderness, mountain ranges and beaches. We stand for a future that profoundly respects and acknowledges Aboriginal perspectives, culture, language and history; and a continued effort to fight for Aboriginal justice and rights paving the way for a strong future.*

### **1.3**    **WELCOME**

Chair.

D. Bartlett acknowledges the contribution of the departing board members, and thanks them for their work.

### **1.4**    **PRESENT**

D. Bartlett, S. Crothers, S. Syed Rohan, R. Mawad, T. Wienker, P. Ratcliffe, R. Meredith, B. Broad

### **1.5**    **APOLOGIES**

### **1.6**    **ABSENT**

### **1.7**    **STAFF, GUESTS & OBSERVERS**

M. Kumar, T. Lippis, S. Gorringer, E. Kleiner.

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Management**  
**AGENDA**

**1.8 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Board 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.

R. Mawad records a conflict of interest.

B. Broad raises a conflict of interest as he was intending to undertake paid work for the University College. He has abstained from voting in Motion 6.3.

**2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising****2.1 AMENDMENTS****2.2 MINUTES****2.2.1 TUSA Board of Management Meeting Online** APPENDIX A

**Motion**                      **Moved:** T. Wienker                      **Seconded:** R. Mawad  
that the minutes of the meeting of the TUSA Board of Management held on **25.10.21** be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**2.2.2 TUSA Board of Management Meeting Minutes Online**

**Motion**                      **Moved:** T. Wienker                      **Seconded:** R. Mawad  
that the minutes of the **25.10.21** meeting are approved to go online, withholding appendices and any sensitive discussions.

**2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**APPENDIX B**3.0 Correspondence****3.1 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**3.2 OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
Board of Management  
AGENDA**

## 4.0 Matters for Discussion

### 4.1 REVISION OF 2021 BUDGET & UPDATE ON FUNDING APPENDIX C

Sam Gorringe

Proposed 2022 budget and TUSA strategy was presented to the University Executive Team (UET).

Intention is for future is that budgets will be determined mid-year to allow for consultation with key stakeholders (TUSA & UTAS) prior to funding proposals being made.

Given level of funding approved by UTAS, and the impacts this has on resourcing, TUSA needs to ensure we prioritise spend and target resources in activities where there is limited or no potential cross over with UTAS resourcing i.e. representative, advocacy, SSAF based component will be high priority. This may have implications on delivery of events and activities if not being student/C&S led.

Congratulations offered to S. Gorringe, Sophie C and B. Broad for the presentation given to UET from those who attended.

**RECOMMENDATION: FRAC supports the proposed budget for 2022 and recommends the proposed investment portfolio drawdown is approved.**

**DECISION: The Board of Management approves the 2022 Budget.**

## 5.0 Matters for Noting

### 5.1 TUSA STRATEGIC REPORT APPENDIX D

Report taken as read.

Student Representative appointment to University Council did not include consultation with the TUSA, as legislation requires. University Council will be sending the new proposed process to the TUSA by the end of the year.

**ACTION:**

**Current President should ensure this if followed up so as not to be lost in transition from 2021 to 2022.**

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Management**  
**AGENDA**

**5.2 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REVIEW**

A brief review was given to the BoM regarding the recent Student Leadership Conference, as well as explaining the changes in the Student Development budget. Congratulations to Renee De Villeneuve for a fabulous job,

**5.3 STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

APPENDIX E

Taken as read.

**5.4 FINANCE UPDATE**

APPENDIX F

Efi Kleiner

Investment reconciliation was not included in this spotlight report as the portfolio is in a transition stage. This process should be completed in the coming weeks.

**5.5 FRAC UPDATE**

Tyson Wienker

**6.0 General Business**

**6.1 ONLINE LEARNING DISCOURSE**

The BoM was given a brief update regarding the recent discourse in the media and amongst students regarding online learning changes the University have proposed.

Consultation with the TUSA regarding the changes was undertaken by the University several weeks in advance to the announcement by the Uni. The TUSA engaged with students (current and alumni) through several methods following the media discourse to hear the response of students.

Representation of the issue and comments made by TUSA Student Representatives was taken out of context by the media at several stages.

The current TUSA position is that the Association is in support of the proposed UTAS changes, provided the promises made are followed through on.

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Management**  
**AGENDA**

Noted there were issues on the UTAS side regarding consultation in advance of the announcement of the changes, and that UTAS communication requires substantial improvement.

The TUSA can play a part by acting as a filter – clarifying the messages from UTAS for students.

Longer term strategic consideration is that UTAS monopoly on higher education may decline in the coming years, and that the TUSA needs to consider if they are a Tasmanian student association, or a UTAS student association.

**ACTION: Sam Gorringe to request access to media monitoring service from UTAS**

**ACTION: R. Mawad to work with incoming president (Sophie C) to develop holding lines and position statements in regard to Online Learning**

## 6.2 OTHER UPCOMING TUSA EVENTS

January retreat is planned for incoming Student Reps and staff to undertake operational planning.

## 6.3 STUDENT LED RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Motion**                      **Moved:** R. Mawad                      **Seconded:** J. Newman  
 To spend \$16,500 from State Council's Strategic Initiatives budget line to support the Student Voice project.

## 6.4 CHRISTMAS PARTY! 🎅🎄🎁

## 6.5 OUTGOING BoM MEMBERS

S. Syed Rohan was thanked for her contribution to both the Board over the past three years, as well as in her roles over the course of five years. It was recognised that the BoM would not exist in its current form without the work of Sharifah.

B. Broad was thanked for his work on the Board for the past two years, and for his contribution to the Association more broadly.

S. Syed Rohan and B. Broad both thanked the BoM and particularly S. Gorringe for the work and support provided over their time at the TUSA.

Confidential



TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
Board of Management  
AGENDA

Motion passed by acclamation.

**Meeting Closed:** 7:06pm

**Next Meeting:** 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Management**  
**AGENDA**

**ACTIONS ARISING**

as of 23/8/21

	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1	29.11.21	Media Monitoring Service	S. Crothers			Open
1	29.11.21	Online Learning Position Statements	R. Mawad	Holding Lines and Position Statements to be developed for media facing Student Reps in relation to Online Learning		Open
1	25.10.21	Sanctions in Student Rep Elections	E. Kleiner	Efi to contact Chris to find out the number of student eligible to vote.	Completed and attached.	Closed
2	25.10.21	Key Messages for Funding Negotiation	S. Gorringe	Set of key messages to be drafted by Sam and shared with all BOM members to enable consistent messaging to be delivered via formal and informal channels		Closed
3	25.10.21	Tas Ethical Training Sessions	E. Kleiner	Efi to discuss with Renee when such a session might work as part of broader Student Development Program	Ongoing	Open
4	26.10.20	Investment Reports	FRAC	Review current Investment Reports to communicate required changes	Ongoing	Open