

TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Board of Management
AGENDA

For the meeting of the TUSA Board of Management to be held on
Monday 28th of March 2022 at 5:30pm
via ZOOM video conference and Hobart Boardroom, TUSA Building, Sandy Bay.

Chair: D. Bartlett

Meeting opened: 5:32

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

- Thank you to the student representatives and staff in this last month of complex decision-making for the organisation.

1.4 **PRESENT**

D Bartlett, S Crothers, J Newman, A Moore, B Broad, R Mawad, T Wienker, P Ratcliffe

1.5 **APOLOGIES**

1.6 **ABSENT**

1.7 **STAFF, GUESTS & OBSERVERS**

T Robertson, E Knuckey, S Gorringe

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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.

2.0 Minutes & Matters Arising

2.1 AMENDMENTS

2.2 MINUTES

2.2.1 TUSA Board of Management Meeting Online APPENDIX A

Motion **Moved:** S Crothers **Seconded:** T Wienker
that the minutes of the meeting of the TUSA Board of Management held on **28.02.22** 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:** J Newman **Seconded:** R Mawad
that the minutes of the **28.02.22** meeting are approved to go online, withholding appendices and any sensitive discussions.

2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.0 Correspondence

3.1 INWARD CORRESPONDENCE

3.1.1 Letter from UTAS re: C&S Day APPENDIX B

- Taken as read
- For use in 4.1 discussions

3.2 OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

4.0 Matters for Discussion

4.1 UTAS/TUSA PARTNERSHIP DISCUSSIONS

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Sam Gorringer & Sophie Crothers

4.1.1 Hobart C&S Day Report (Verbal)

S Gorringer:

- **Background:** TUSA planned to run the signature Clubs & Societies (C&S) Day on the UTAS oval in Hobart, as it was run in 2021. TUSA liaised and consulted with UTAS and a decision was made to postpone the event to late March, given it was expected covid transmissions would peak in February when the event was originally scheduled for. The Launceston February C&S event was cancelled for the same reason.
- UTAS covid policy necessitated revising the planned format considerably for the event to proceed, albeit an plans met Department of Health guidelines. After weighing up the importance of student engagement and outcomes against the measured risk of an outbreak occurring as a result of the event, TUSA decided as an organisation to pivot, notifying UTAS that the Hobart March C&S event would instead occur at the Good Shed in Hobart.
- The March C&S event was very successful. Students (as TUSA stakeholders), found this event very valuable, even acknowledging the complexity of the situation that this creates for and with UTAS.
- Public health representatives were present at C&S Day. Public health considered this a low-level event and noted that rapid antigen testing (provided as a risk mitigation strategy at final stages of planning) was increasing risk of transmission more than benefit added by identifying positive cases.

ACTION: Ongoing UTAS-TUSA discussions post C&S Day.

4.1.2 Executed Funding Agreement (To be provided once received)

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S Gorringe:

- Previously TUSA received baseline funding and SSAF, but now just receives SSAF. This means that we can ensure SSAF is spent solely on SSAF related activities (as per SSAF Guidelines). This equates to less than 50% of TUSA's activities, with the remaining operations to be covered through the use of TUSA funds (including UTE program, student development and student representative honoraria and activities). UTAS have expressed intent to sign on this funding agreement.

4.1.3. National Safety Survey Response (Verbal)

S Crothers:

- 2016 and 2021 surveys were largely incomparable due to changed survey questions, but 2022 the paper released in 2022 contains more statistically robust and credible survey questions. Incidences of sexual assault and harassment at universities has not changed, and at UTAS in a few key areas they were worse – particularly there is a lack of students who know about reporting services available (~50% of students didn't know how to report, or that SAFCU exists).
- Crothers met with UTAS VC and had a joint media-release with UTAS, and other media releases on the topic.
- It is important that UTAS consider why their measures over the last few years e.g. SAFCU, haven't led to substantive differences in student safety.
- TUSA believes that this release necessitates consultation with students, and needs to be incorporated into a long-term strategy for the BoM for TUSA to ensure UTAS accountability on this issue.

4.1.4 TULS/Law School Issues (President Brief)

S Crothers:

- **Background:** Student-faculty tensions escalating. State Council last year took the stance that it was supportive of online learning given it was on a case-by-case basis,

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but this has not been the case. Emphasis is being placed on a lack of resources and staffing support being the key issue.

- The Board agree that TUSA should support TULS in advocating for the maintenance of the PLC in its current form.

4.1.5 Save UTAS Campus – TUSA stance (Verbal)

S Crothers:

- **Background:** At current time, TUSA's stance on the move to the city (Hobart) is still that it is very likely the move will happen and we want to make sure we have as much input as possible. However, we want to make sure we are staying informed about alternative views and their concerns (eg. the Save UTAS Campus) where they relate to students.
- Sam discussed with a member of the campaign about meeting to hear each other's stances and look for common ground. Students are an important stakeholder in these conversations. Sophie is waiting on a response from the SUC leadership.

ACTION: Ongoing monitoring of community stances.

4.2 UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Tyson Wienker

- Taken as read
- Noted the new terms of reference for the FRAC

4.3 INVESTMENT UPDATE

APPENDIX E

Tom Robertson – Ethical Wealth Advice (EWA)

- Queried the structure of report that the BoM would like moving forward – e.g. a monthly update about ethics and what is happening in the economy, in the detail and focus (eg ethics vs information).

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- Selling down current portfolio to move into the recommended portfolio - just over 20% through the process of transitioning the entire portfolio. Expected to be complete in the next fortnight.
- Expect upcoming rising interest rates to curb inflation post-covid, recovering money given out from central banks in the last few years. Returns to be much more modest – 5.5-6% predicted return over the next few years.
- Investment in ethical companies means they have a social license reduces risk from fossil fuel sectors.

4.4 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE UPDATE

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Recruitment of Operations Manager

Sam Gorringe

- Gorringe took the recent resignation of an executive as an opportunity to create the operations manager role to mitigate the impact of staff turnover in the future, and clearly delegate executive roles.

4.5 BOM STRATEGY/RISK WORKSHOP

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Sam Gorringe

- Taken as read
- Provide feedback outside of this meeting through polling for workshop availability.

5.0 Matters for Noting

5.1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

APPENDIX H

Sam Gorringe & Sophie Crothers

- Taken as read
- Pat Whelan, Cradle Coast President, has stepped down. Thank you for his contribution to the team
- Gorringe and Crothers to meet to address vacancy in the next few months

ACTION: Crothers & Gorringe to address vacancy

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5.2 FINANCE AND INVESTMENT REPORTS

Sam Gorringer & Efi Kleiner

- Taken as read

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5.3 FRAC UPDATE

Tyson Wienker

- Hasn't had a meeting since previous BoM – next FRAC meeting upcoming before next BoM meeting.
- Recognises a need to bolster the FRAC committee.

6.0 General Business

6.1 KEY MESSAGE REVIEW

Sam Gorringer & Sophie Crothers

- Items discussed today (e.g. Save UTAS Campus TUSA stance) for consolidation into this on a rolling basis

ACTION: Key message reporting structure for discussion between CEO & Chair.

Meeting Closed: 7:29pm 28/03/22

Next Meeting: 5:30pm 2/05/22

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ACTIONS ARISING
as of 28/03/22

	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1	28.02.22	FRAC ToR	FRAC	Revised terms of reference to be provided at the next BOM Meeting	For tonight	Closed
2	28.02.22	Audit Report Review	FRAC	FRAC Committee to review the Audit Report and provide recommendations for BoM	FRAC to meet before next BoM meeting	Open
3	28.02.22	TUSA Comms Signup	S Crothers & S Gorringe	To revisit the TUSA Comms sign-up project and update the BoM	Meeting with university on Thursday, utas open to continued work on project	Open
4	28.02.22	Key Messaging	S Crothers	Deliver updates to key messaging to the BoM	Key messaging report for update next BoM meeting by Sophie as regular item	Closed
5	26.10.20	Investment Reports	FRAC	Review current Investment Reports to communicate required changes	FRAC to meet before next BoM meeting	Open
6	28.03.22	Ongoing UTAS-TUSA discussions re: C&S	S Gorringe	Follow up on what actions were taken post- C&S month		Open
7	28.03.22	Save UTAS Campus – Community Intelligence	S Gorringe & S Crothers	Ongoing monitoring of community stances	For addition into key messaging	Closed
8	28.03.22	CC President vacancy	S Gorringe & S Crothers	To address CC President vacancy		Open