

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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For the meeting of the TUSA Team to be held at
4:00pm on Thursday 17th of March 2022
via Online/TUSA Conference Rooms.

Chair: State President – Sophie Crothers

Meeting opened:

#	ITEM	APPENDIX
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS	
	<p>1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY <i>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.</i></p>	
	<p>1.2 WELCOME Chair</p>	
	<p>1.3 ATTENDANCE L Clegg, S Crothers, V Surapaneni, A Ross-Hodges, T Wijeratne, A Ross-Hodges, A Moore.</p>	

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	1.4 APOLOGIES M Yu P Whelan – resigned for full time work (see below)	
	1.5 ABSENT	
	1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS E Knuckey	
	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> that the minutes of the TUSA Team Meeting held on 24th February 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting. <i>MOVED: V Surapaneni , SECONDED: A Moore .</i>	APPENDIX A
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
3.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	3.1 INWARDS Nil	
	3.2 OUTWARDS Nil	

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4. COUNCIL REPORTS	
<p>4.1 PRESIDENT <u>Sophie Crothers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read • Thank you to everyone for continuing to define their roles and settle into their work • Discussed TUSA Vent Tent, as per TUSA Teams Meeting; SC reviewed the vent tent survey structure; UG and state president to pick out trends and create reports to put to UTAS. • Ongoing issue - supporting students living in accommodation 	APPENDIX B
<p>4.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT <u>Veda Surapaneni</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read • Development of LGBTQIA+ TUSA page • Student Voices Program will progress with the International Queer Student Experience research topic • Sarah Hallowell (Accessibility Advisor for Accessibility Support Services at UTAS) to work with Veda to create a society for disabled students, with subgroups for neurodivergent students, those with physical disabilities and so on. • Out together – a pre-existing multicultural queer support group, with whom Veda looking to partner with to run sessions at UTAS. <p>ACTION: Veda to liaise with Out Together ACTION: Development of Disability Student Society</p>	APPENDIX C
<p>4.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - SOUTH <u>Liam Clegg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken as read • First C&S meeting last Monday • Continued working group development with Catherine Elliot from Sustainability Team at UTAS. • Carmen (chair of sustainability committee UTAS) request for promotion of biannual survey closing March 20th, for potential bulk email from Ingrid. 	APPENDIX D

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Liam from the Environmental Society: Can TUSA be a signatory in the 'say no to scarborough gas' petition? • Briefing on societies for affiliation, motion passed (see: 5.6.1) <p>ACTION: Environmental Society follow-up from Liam</p>	
<p>4.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - NORTH <u>Miao Yu</u> Taken as read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miao's student voice project was unable to progress this semester due to loss of students to the program 	APPENDIX E
<p>4.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST <u>Patrick Whelan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great numbers from C&S • BASHES to go through Ingrid before being brought for affiliation, and will now fall under Miao; disregard motion for current cycle 	APPENDIX F
<p>4.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SYDNEY <u>Amy Ross-Hodges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy has been working to liaise with the Community Engagement Leaders, Societies and academics at Rozelle campus • A Rozelle paramedicine tutor expressed interest in organizing an event with a speaker – alternating events between Sydney and Hobart • Rozelle campus not largely damaged by Sydney floods, but some confusion and concern from students about attending campus in person – getting to and from campus. • Approached about a disability collective; referred them to counsellor for now and accessibility advisors 	APPENDIX G
<p>4.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) <u>Kuku Wijeratne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended university committees: • Academic senate – State president, PG and UG presidents about the impacts on students; Reiterated the importance of diversification of academic senate for students and staff 	APPENDIX H

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent course changes in units UG President has seen, aren't in conflict with UTAS At CAC, UG President debunked that TUSA representatives should be present on course advisory committees – rather, TELs to find students to represent boards from given school 	
	<p>4.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) <u>Ariane Moore</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a post-grad specific UTE Engaged in community events as TUSA representation Completed overdose response training through harm reduction Tasmania Following up issues with practical legal training diploma Pursuing ways to do research for post-grad – vent tent survey for data Promotion of three month blood challenge – promote at C&S and working with Leanne at Life Blood and Sally Fulsang in Communities model 	APPENDIX I
5. GENERAL BUSINESS		
	<p>5.1 Clubs and Societies Day <i>TUSA position on health restrictions for off-campus events</i></p> <p>Some learnings from C&S meeting on March 7th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve food first next time, and try to keep the meeting shorter <p>State Council discussion about TUSA Position on health restriction for off-campus events, before elevation to the board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background context: UTAS have their own set of restrictions, which community have to abide by on campus, these are not necessarily in line with public health. TUSA considered taking C&S off campus, but UTAS asserted that 	

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	<p>they would want TUSA to follow their guidelines even off campus, as an affiliated organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We specifically acknowledge that UTAS are doing their best to protect the community and understand their perspective, but fundamentally believe in students' right to live their lives freely off campus • We know that university associations/equivalent across Australia went ahead with their market days and had thousands of students come to some of their events (e.g. UQ, Sydney); learnings from the student experience network have found that other universities don't intervene, and would face pressure from their given student associations if they did intervene. • If UTAS furthers itself from the Tasmanian Health Covid-19 policy stance, students will become increasingly dissatisfied. • Students reported they were happy to hear that TUSA's stance on covid policy has relaxed – this may be building better rapport with our student cohort • Some clubs and societies were concerned at the C&S meeting about us not abiding by utas restrictions – which is why we are running an online version of C&S as well <p>ACTION: Update TUSA Key Messaging to encompass stance on UTAS Covid Policy</p>	
	<p>5.2 Vent Tent: Unit Content and Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in President's report • Leave as standing 	
	<p>5.3 Togatus 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Togatus have an enthusiastic and engaged group of publishers and writers this year • Togatus has a fluctuating budget every year, and their budget comes from TUSA • Togatus want to ensure their independence of TUSA, just as TUSA do UTAS 	

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<p>5.4 Student Representatives: Political Neutrality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TUSA has a social media policy about what is and isn't appropriate for student representatives and staff members; you can do whatever you like on your own social media, as long as it is clear this isn't in your capacity as a representative. However: hatred and extremism, discrimination isn't in line with the TUSA values and this may prompt further discussion. 	
<p>5.5 Thank you and Farewell to Patrick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A big thank you from everyone to the work that Pat made to the team 	
<p>5.6 Student Representative Motions</p> <p><u>5.6.1:</u> Society Affiliations for 2022 MOVED: L Clegg, SECONDED: S Crothers .</p> <p><u>5.6.2:</u> State Council affirms the independence of Togatus and their right to publish their own independent views. MOVED: A Moore, SECONDED: S Crothers .</p>	APPENDIX J
6. OTHER BUSINESS	
<p>6.1 Save UTAS Campus Campaign</p> <p>Background: Discussion on save UTAS campus – a movement from staff, students and residents who don't want Sandy Bay campus to move into city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Council discussed what they had heard from students' opinions on the move and respective movement TUSA have not taken an active position for or against – the approach that we have taken up until this point has been that we think the move into the city is very likely to happen, so we are putting our energy into the move ensuring it is as good as it can be 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• However, if lots of people feel otherwise we may consider discussing their stance.• Conclusion: More research into topic necessary before we can take a definitive stance on UTAS Move and Save UTAS Campus Campaign. <p>ACTION: Ongoing research into the Save UTAS Campus campaign for further discussion</p>	
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Meeting Closed: 5:00

Next Meeting: 14th April 2022

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ACTION REGISTER
as at Thursday 17th March 2022

#	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1.	17.03.22	Out Together Collaboration	V Surapaneni	Liaise with Out Together to create on-campus group sessions		Open
2.	17.03.22	Disability Student Society	V Surapaneni	Support Sarah Hallowell in the foundation of a Disability student society		Open
3.	17.03.22	Environmental Society Query	L Clegg	Follow-up petition support request with society		Open
4.	17.03.22	Key Messaging Update - Save UTAS Campus	S Crothers	Update Key Messaging to reflect stance on UTAS Covid Policy		Open
5.	17.03.22	Save UTAS Campus Stance	S Crothers	Ongoing research into the Save UTAS Campus campaign for further discussion	For elevation to BoM discussion	Ongoing
6.	24.02.22	Ally+ Training for Sydney	V Surapaneni	Investigate running an Ally+ training session for Sydney reps and C&S	Discussions ongoing	Ongoing

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7.	24.02.22	Training Feedback	Student Reps	To provide feedback to S Crothers regarding recent training undertaken by student reps		Ongoing
8.	24.02.22	Regular availabilities	All reps	To provide S. Crothers with timetables of regular availability		Ongoing