

**TASMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION
TUSA State Council
MINUTES**

For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at
of 2nd March 2023 at 4PM AEDT
at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: L McLaren

Meeting opened: 4:05pm

#	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 McLaren, S Maddock, L Castelletti, Z Sabapathy, T Hoare, R Stanaway, N Naz.</p>	
	<p>1.4 APOLOGIES K Davey – Leave A Lamont</p>	

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	1.5 ABSENT	
	1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS Executive Assistant - E Knuckey State Council Campaign Coordinator – C Harris Student Advocates – J Lenthall	
	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 State Council held on February 2nd 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website. <i>MOVED: T Hoare SECONDED: L McLaren</i>	APPENDIX A
	2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See action items table 	
3.	CORRESPONDENCE	
	3.1 INWARDS	NIL
	3.2 OUTWARDS Media Statement – Empty Homes Levy	APPENDIX B

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4.	<p>INTERNAL UPDATES</p> <p>4.1 Advocates Update J Lenthall, K Davey</p> <p>4.2 TEL MONTHLY REPORT COHM – Eloise & COSE – Liam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment process extended to March. 	VERBAL ONLY
5.	<p>COUNCIL REPORTS</p>	
	<p>5.1 PRESIDENT <u>Liam McLaren</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to be taken as read Networked with Tasmanian politicians on key issues Met with student living and student accommodation in discussion about cost of living and rental options. Noting UTAS submissions to ongoing inquiry - Thank you to all of State Council for the significant time and effort in our TUSA orientation calendar in semester 1. 	APPENDIX C
	<p>5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT <u>Trenton Hoare</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read Working on SHAG event planning with Southern President <p><u>MOTION:</u> Passed via circular motion prior to this meeting of the State Council.</p> <p><i>The State Council agrees to lead a parliamentary e-petition regarding the Empty Homes Levy, which will be sponsored by the Member for Clark, Ms O'Connor. This petition will be open for all Tasmanian residents to sign. Both State Council and Ms O'Connors office are in agreement that both parties will not use any TUSA or Greens logos or anything of that nature, in the promotion of this e-petition.</i></p> <p><i>The e-petition is as follows:</i></p>	APPENDIX D

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The petition of the undersigned Citizens of Tasmania, draws to the attention of the House -</i> • <i>Tasmanian rents are at crisis point and unaffordable for many, the Housing wait list continues to grow with little hope in sight for those most in need, and unchecked short-stay accommodation has ripped significant housing stock from the rental market.</i> • <i>There simply aren't enough homes to go around, but some are just being left empty. TasWater data shows there are more than 2700 homes sitting empty across Hobart, Glenorchy and Launceston alone.</i> • <i>The Tenants' Union of Tasmania and a collective of community sector organisations has called on the Rockliff Government to introduce a vacant property levy, as a way of encouraging owners to return empty homes to the rental market. This is tried and tested policy which would have zero impact on everyday Tasmanians.</i> • <i>Thousands of Tasmanians are struggling to find a home or pay their rent. Any increase in available rental properties would deliver more homes and ease rental pressure.</i> • <i>Your Petitioners therefore request the House to increase the immediate supply of housing by introducing a levy on vacant properties as governments have in Vancouver, Scotland, Ireland and Melbourne.</i> <p>Moved: T Hoare Seconded: L McLaren</p>	
<p>5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - SOUTH <u>Stella Maddock</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read • Networked with Tasmanian politicians on key issues • Working on SHAG event planning with Equity President <p><u>Motion:</u> that the Tasmanian University Electronic Music Society be disaffiliated, following the ongoing concerns identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of knowledge about basic procedures regarding running a society • Lack of response regarding concerns of event risks – both monetary & accidents that may occur as result TUEMS involvement in stage set up and management of bringing acts in 	APPENDIX E

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	<p>to Tasmania from locations around Australia to feature at co-hosted events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tickets scanned via QPay for events held (Christmas Party 16.12.22, Taz-Mania 3.12.22, Back to School ft Lister 23.2.23), therefore no visible record for safety in case of emergency contact/financial reporting obligations/transparency/accountability as an affiliated club/society. Risk assessment lodged via QPay for an event ‘Back To School ft. Lister’ held at Observatory Bar on 24.2.23 was not approved. RA lodged 8.2.23 & rejected twice due to lack of information and no signed declaration on event notice or RA form. Emailed for additional information, reminded President at C&S Day & RA resubmitted afternoon before event occurred but still missing information & declaration. Emailed again but no further information received. As far as we know event proceeded with TUEMS as co-host who handled artists bookings and management, stage production and ticketing for an expected crowd of 200-300. Without a risk assessment, TUEMS involvement in this event was not covered under our General Public Liability insurance & this event could have caused a financial liability for TUSA. There are concerns that our insurance GPL certificate could be used for other events that TUEMS is involved in, without approved risk assessments & our consent. On Clubs and Societies Day 22.2.23 TUEMS President was cautioned for giving away free alcohol. When questioned, he was giving away alcohol based on whether ‘he liked people or not’. The C&S Officer had been informed that TUEMS’ membership deals would be \$15 WET which included 1 drink & an event ticket to ‘Back To School ft. Lister’. This total disregard of our rules around alcohol could have jeopardised the whole event, ruining it for all the C+S & students on the day. <p>As TUSA has a duty of care to its affiliated C&S including their members, and our due diligence regarding TUEMS, we intend to action disaffiliation of the society following on from State Council’s feedback of our concerns.</p> <p><i>MOVED: S Maddock SECONDED: Z Sabapathy</i></p>	
	<p>5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT - NORTH <u>Ryan Stanaway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read 	<p>APPENDIX F</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern focus on transition to Inveresk campus and meeting the needs of current and future students in this move. 	
	<p>5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST <u>Alec Lamont</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read 	APPENDIX G
	<p>5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE <u>Lucy Castelletti</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read Noted assistance from Z Sabapathy on resolution of some student feedback Likely more events coming up on Rozelle in collaboration with academic staff and student societies. 	APPENDIX H
	<p>5.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG) <u>Zachary Sabapathy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read Noting upcoming commitments impacting capacity, but resolution of academic complaints working well and ongoing. 	APPENDIX I
	<p>5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) <u>Nousheen Naz</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report taken as read Noting the popularity of N Naz’s Shut Up & Write sessions. Limited capacity in the approach to completion of her thesis. 	APPENDIX J
	<p>5.9 Projects Register <u>C Harris, E Knuckey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects register to be updated moving forward and based on the campaign work being undertaken by State Council 	APPENDIX K
6.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	<p>6.1 Key Messaging Document L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><u>Motion:</u> that the key messaging document for March 2023 be accepted for publication.</p>	APPENDIX L

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	<i>MOVED: L McLaren SECONDED: S Maddock</i>	
7.	OTHER BUSINESS	
	7.1 Budget Update L McLaren <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSAF allocation to TUSA in 2023 was under the expected ask from the proposed 2023 TUSA budget, meaning that the TUSA executive team are reconsidering budget allocation and optimising to allow for this reduced income. • It is important that the State Council are consulted on this process and have input into the decisions made. • Revised budget for discussion at board in March. • Important to look at how UTAS have allocated SSAF this year and any spaces the TUSA can serve that the TUSA does not currently receive funding for. • State council recognise the potential risk of eroding our capacity to meet current operational needs through these budget changes, and emphasise the importance of maintaining student serving roles/operations as a priority. • Indepth discussion about wages spread across the TUSA, potential avenues for SSAF and external funding opportunities, and potential options for budget decisions (e.g. broad operational costs across the organisation or significant cut of specific services) • Highlight L Castelletti recognising the frustration felt in Rozelle campus by students who don't feel supported by current SSAF services both catered from UTAS & TUSA. • The team note that there may be opportunity to further promote the online services the TUSA offer to ensure needs are being met at all campuses. 	VERBAL ONLY
	7.2 Rep Reports E Knuckey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council to please ensure they label their rep reports according to title and month. 	VERBAL ONLY

Meeting Closed: 6:39PM 2nd March 2023

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Next Meeting: April 3rd 2023

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ACTION REGISTER
as at 2nd March 2023

#	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1.	12.12.22	Campus Tours	L McLaren	L McLaren to organise tour in Launceston during Grindelwald team retreat in March & Hobart tour for relevant reps	Organised for retreat – confirming dates to send to Eloise	Ongoing
2.	12.12.22	Senate Education & Employment Committee Submission	L McLaren & T Hoare	T Hoare & L McLaren to liaise re: senate submission.	Due in May	Ongoing
3.	12.01.23	Academic Complaints Register	L McLaren & Z Sabapathy	Item to monitor progress of form added to TUSA website to make sure we don't forget.		Ongoing
4.	12.01.23	Indigenous Acknowledgement Amendment	T Hoare & L Castaletti	To add indigenous acknowledgement rozelle campus		Open
8.	13.01.23	SEN Board Training	All SC	Highly encouraged SC to all do this training.		Ongoing

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11.	02.02.23	Orientation Roster	All SC	State Council to review orientation timetable and commit to events on the Southern O-Week	Orientated actioned	Complete
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**TUSA STATE COUNCIL
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
as at 2nd March 2023**

#	Date of Meeting	Relevant Parties	Conflict of Interest	Comments	Status (Open/ongoing/closed)
1.	02.02.23	L McLaren	Former President; Ongoing committee member of Tasmanian University Environment Society		Ongoing – 2023.
2.	02.02.23	L McLaren	Former TUSA Experience Leader of the College of Science & Engineering	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
3.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Treasurer of TULS 2022	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
4.	02.02.23	Z Sapabathy	Researcher to Rick Snell	Role ended December 31 st 2022	Closed
5.	02.02.23	Z Sabapathy	Assistant Director Masterpiece Fine Art Gallery		Ongoing

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6.	02.02.23	T Hoare	Member of the Greens Tasmania since 2020		Ongoing
7.	02.02.23	S Maddock	Jane Student Club Committee, Vice-President		Concluded
8.	02.02.23	L Castelletti	First year representative for Student Paramedic Rozelle Society (SPURS)	Current	Ongoing
9.	02.02.23	L Castelletti	Current student ambassador for the University of Tasmania		Ongoing
10	02.03.23	T Hoare	Individual member of Landcare Tasmania	Current	Ongoing
11	02.03.23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co-Convener	Tasmanian Young Greens Southern Co-Convener (Role ended January 2023)	Closed
12	02/03/23	T Hoare	Tasmanian Young Greens Clark Branch Co-Convenor	Current	Ongoing
13	02.03.23	T Hoare	Pride Society of TUSA Advocacy Coordinator	Role ended January 2023	Closed