

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

For the meeting of the TUSA State Council to be held at
March 6th 2024 at 5PM AEST
at the TUSA Building Boardroom, Sandy Bay TAS [with zoom access].

Chair: L McLaren

Meeting opened: 5:03pm

#	ITEM	APPENDIX	TIME EST
1.	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS		5 mins
	1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY E Alsop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kanamaluka is the traditional name of the Tamar River in the palawa kani language. This is why Kanamaluka is one of the suggested ideas for the name change of the Batman Bridge. • The naming of this bridge after John Batman in the 1960s has recently been the subject of debate as more light is shone on the land's history. • John Batman, renowned for his humanitarian efforts with aboriginal people, would likely be better described as a profit driven businessman. Few incidents of violence related to aboriginal people were reported in the North, likely because Launceston did not have its own newspaper until 1829. • This lack of resources meant that knowledge of many encounters and casualties were lost to all but those involved. Anything that was reported was biased, failing to include details of the atrocities aboriginal people faced by white colonisers. • If we take this into consideration, then the small amount of information we have on Batman's early treatment of aboriginals would likely be even worse. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This all highlights the importance of connecting and collaborating with the aboriginal people of the land where we reside, especially when there are still so many dark secrets hidden in the land’s history. • With this in mind, I pay my respects and offer recognition to the aboriginal community, the traditional owners and custodians of the land I currently reside on, and those that I may encounter in future travels. 		
<p>1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE M Warrington</p> <p><i>We would also like to acknowledge that everyone in this meeting today, has their own personal lived experience they bring to discussion. We as a committee respect and value every individual member’s lived experience and will take that into consideration during our discussions.</i></p>		
<p>1.2 WELCOME Chair – L McLaren</p>		
<p>1.3 ATTENDANCE L McLaren, M Warrington, J Oates Pryor, M Douglass, E Alsop, SY Yu, K Lertsinpakdee, L Johnson</p>		
<p>1.4 APOLOGIES</p>		
<p>1.5 ABSENT</p>		

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1.6 GUESTS & OBSERVERS Executive Assistant – C Harris National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) National Councillor – R Sudewo National Union of Students (NUS) General Secretary – J De La Pena <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R Sudewo and J De La Pena both sat in for the duration of the meeting in order to understand discussions and issues occurring at UTAS. 		
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		5 mins
2.1 AMENDMENTS		
2.2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING <u>Motion:</u> that the minutes of the TUSA State Council held on February 7th 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and approved for upload to the TUSA website. MOVED: <i>M Warrington</i> SECONDED: <i>M Douglass</i> Passed with no abstentions.	APPENDIX A	
2.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See action items table 		

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3.	CORRESPONDENCE	10 mins
	3.1 INWARDS	APPENDIX B
	3.1.1 NUS Education Officer, Grace Franco introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence acknowledged by SC 	
	3.2 OUTWARDS	APPENDIX C
	3.2.1 Letter to Minister 485 Subclass Visa Changes, signed by TUSA President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence acknowledged by SC 	
	3.2.2 Motions Passed via Circular Motion (to I Lagereskij)	NIL
	<p><u>MOTION:</u> that the Catholic Student Society be accepted for 2024, subject to fulfilling all the affiliation criteria:</p> <p><u>Moved:</u> J Oates Pryor <u>Seconded:</u> L McLaren Passed with no abstentions</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> that the Postgraduate Gallery Society be accepted for 2024, subject to fulfilling all the affiliation criteria:</p> <p><u>Moved:</u> E Alsop <u>Seconded:</u> L McLaren Motion passed, K Lertsinpakdee abstained.</p>	
4.	INTERNAL UPDATES	
	4.1 Advocates Update	VERBAL ONLY
	<p>J Lenthall, K Davey, S Nolan, A Lamont</p> <p>Update provided by M Warrington in absence of advocates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standout area for February was financials, followed by fees. • 26 domestic students, 19 international students. • 10 cases from Hobart CBD, 10 from Newnham, 15 from Sandy Bay, 4 Rozelle, 3 distance, 5 Cradle Coast. • COHM: 24. COSE: 13. 	

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<p>4.2 TEL MONTHLY REPORT TBC based on TEL model in 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending appointment of 2024 TELs. • CoSE TEL is in the process of being re-appointed. • CoBE TEL is in the process of being rehired. • CoME TEL is continuing at Cradle Coast, and North is being rehired. • Now going back to CALE to re-engage them for 2024. 	NIL	
<p>5. COUNCIL REPORTS</p>		
<p>5.1 PRESIDENT L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • The State Council thanks E Knuckey for putting together and distributing the new report structure. 	APPENDIX D	
<p>5.2 EQUITY PRESIDENT M Warrington</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • As President of DiSCO, M Warrington is writing a media release in response to the Australian University Accords as they relate to disability. 	APPENDIX E	
<p>5.3 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – SOUTH J Oates Pryor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. <p>MOTION: Motion to release \$250.00 from the State Council budget to purchase materials for the ‘Change the Age’ Campaign, including sticker paper for CTA stickers and merchandise at SLE, two-minute noodles as merchandise in exchange for sign-ups at SLE, provisions for on-campus campaign meetings, and provisions for campaigning such as documents for flyering or meetings with politicians.</p> <p>MOVED: J Oates Pryor SECONDED: L McLaren Passed with no abstentions.</p>	APPENDIX F	

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<p>5.4 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – NORTH</p> <p>E Alsop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • State Council asked E Alsop what they felt would be the biggest issue over the next month for Northern students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Security. Break-ins and hijackings on the Northern campus are a continuing issue. ○ Cost of living is also a big issue – there has been a 27% increase in rent for some students on Northern campus. Students are struggling because of this. 	APPENDIX G	
<p>5.5 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – CRADLE COAST</p> <p>L Johnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • There has started to become a working group of staff and students to run the ball at Cradle Coast. Funding has not yet been organised, but staff already have some things – funding will mainly be for items such as catering and a DJ. • State Council asked L Johnson what she felt would be the biggest issue over the next month for Cradle students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safety concerns have been raised, as there is no physical presence of a security guard on campus. 	APPENDIX H	
<p>5.6 CAMPUS PRESIDENT – ROZELLE</p> <p>M Douglass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • Working on DUS issue: 70 students were enrolled into a \$10,000 program where only 30 will make it to the Bachelor program. 	APPENDIX I	
<p>5.7 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (UG)</p> <p>K Lertsinpakdee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. 	APPENDIX J	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council asked K Lertsinpakdee for her thoughts on the Graduate Capability Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A meeting has been scheduled for a working group ○ Current uncertainty around where it's going to go; there will be a re-examination of what they're doing due to Australian University Accords being released. <p>ACTION ITEM: socials post promoting Pathways to Politics for Women (C Harris)</p>		
<p>5.8 EDUCATION PRESIDENT (PG) SY Yu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report taken as read. • Meeting (with M Warrington) last Thursday with graduate research office about research access action plans – previously, HDR students have not had access to learning access plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State Council suggested SY Yu and M Warrington run draft action plan past HDR students to ensure it meets their needs. 	APPENDIX K	
<p>5.9 Projects Register C Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion of items for update/creation in project register 	VERBAL ONLY	
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		40 mins
<p>6.1 Key Messaging Document L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be passed via circular motion. 		
<p>6.2 Tas Ethical – Investment Update T Robertson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes for this item have been omitted due to the discussion of sensitive financial information. 	VERBAL ONLY	
<p>6.3 Cradle Coast Leadership Report</p>	VERBAL ONLY	

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<p>L Johnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Council accepted the report from L Johnson on the Cradle Coast Leadership Committee. There has not yet been a meeting, so there are no updates for this committee. 		
<p>6.4 Student Experience Co-Design Working Group Report</p> <p>L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Council accepted the report from L McLaren on the Student Experience Co-Design Working Group. An invitation has been sent out for this meeting, but it may be scrapped. Current timing is also an issue due to the upcoming TUSA Retreat. 	VERBAL ONLY	
<p>6.5 Monitoring & Assurance Committee Report</p> <p>L McLaren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Council accepted the report from L McLaren on the Monitoring & Assurance Committee (MAC). The MAC falls within the remit of the Academic Senate as a subcommittee. It was highlighted that the Australian University Accords (AUA) will be a major focus for this committee. 	VERBAL ONLY	
7. OTHER BUSINESS		5 mins
<p>7.1 Appointment of New State Council Executive Assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C Harris has taken over the role of Executive Assistant from the previous EA, E Knuckey. 	VERBAL ONLY	
<p>7.2 TUSA Team Retreat & Alumni Event</p>	VERBAL ONLY	
<p>7.3 State Council Volunteering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L McLaren raised the idea of the State Council reaching out for volunteers through their own platforms. Overarching concerns were then raised by State Council that there is a lack of information for and communication with students interested in being involved with TUSA. 	VERBAL ONLY	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State Council discussed the potential of taking on volunteers within the SC, allowing a volunteering experience more focused on policy.• The TUSA State Council are aiming to trial a volunteer program to create better community connections and allow for opportunities for interested students to be involved in TUSA. <p>ACTION ITEM: Google Form by Tuesday next week with questions for potential volunteers (L McLaren)</p>		
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Meeting Closed: 6:05pm

Next Meeting: April 3rd 2024

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ACTION REGISTER

as at March 6th 2024

#	Date of Meeting	Action Item	Responsible Party	Action	Progress to Date or Further Action Required	Status
1	08.11.23	C&S Banking Provider Stance	Liam McLaren	Consideration of initiation of shift from Commonwealth Bank to Bendigo as per suggestion by Tas Ethical.	Raise at Clubs & Societies meetings to explore C&S views on Commonwealth Bank (with a lens of ethical investment practices). To raise after C&S Day.	Ongoing
2	06.12.23	TEL- Education President Connectivity	K Lertsinpakdee, SY Yu	To connect with R de Villeneuve in 2024 once 2024 TEL program is established to develop a feedback mechanism for issues identified by TELs requiring	For input next meeting	Ongoing

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				academic advocacy		
3	06.12.23	Metro service extension (North)	L McLaren, E Alsop, M Warrington	Contact Grace Johnston (Campus Services) to discuss increasing Metro Service to Inveresk afterhours.	May need to find another UTAS contact, consideration of Uni Hopper model, and loop in M Warrington	Ongoing
4	07.02.24	Australian University Accords	L McLaren, E Knuckey	For provision of finalised AUA Report to SC once published.		Ongoing
5	07.02.24	SC Strategy Measures	L McLaren, E Knuckey	Table review of SC strategy measures for TUSA Team Retreat as a State Council strategic output.		Ongoing
6	06.03.24	Pathways to Politics for Women socials post	C Harris	Create and distribute a post for State Council social media about the Pathways to Politics for Women program.		Open

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7	06.03.24	Volunteering Form	L McLaren	Create a form containing questions for potential TUSA State Council volunteers.		Open
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**TUSA STATE COUNCIL
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGISTER
as at March 6th 2024**

#	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.	10.07.23	L McLaren	Member of Tasmanian Labor since 2023		Ongoing

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4.	10.01.24	L McLaren	State Branch President NUS		Ongoing
5.	20.11.23	M Warrington	Current President of Disability Students Collective (DiSCo)	Aleah Clarke is the Vice President	Ongoing
6.	20.11.23	M Warrington	Member of the UTAS Disability Inclusion Campus Reference Group (DICRG)	Paid casual rate for attendance at meetings usually spaced six weeks a part for three hours at a time.	Ongoing
7.	01.12.23	M Warrington	Board Member of Disability Voices Tasmania		Ongoing
8.	01.01.23	M Warrington	Member of Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) and Committee member of the BCA National Policy Committee		Ongoing
9.	06.12.23	J Oates Pryor	Member of the Tasmanian University Law Society.		Ongoing
10.	06.12.23	J Oates Pryor	Paid Casual UTAS Staff Member	Including various roles: Student Ambassador; OSCE Role Player; Casual Staff Member for both Theatre department and Faculty of Law	Ongoing

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11.	10.01.24	J Oates Pryor	University of Tasmania contact for NUS Change the Age campaign		Ongoing
12.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Former Social Media Officer/TUSA Rep for Tasmanian University Climate Action (TUCA).	Disbanded as of 31.12.2023.	Closed
13.	06.12.23	L Alsop	UTAS casual staff member.	Disability Inclusion Campus Working Group (DICWG).	Ongoing
14.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Committee member of Disability Students Collective (DiSCo).		Ongoing
15.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Member of the Tasmanian University Environmental Society (TUES).		Ongoing
16.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Sustainability Committee.		Ongoing
17.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Member of the UTAS Car and Motorcycle Society.		Ongoing
18.	06.12.23	L Alsop	Member of the UTAS Geology Society.		Ongoing
19.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	UTAS casual staff member	UConnect student enquiries officer	Ongoing
20.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of the National Tertiary Education Union		Ongoing

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21.	06.12.23	K Lertsinpa kdee	Member of the Tasmanian University Medical Research Students' Society	Former President, Vice President, and First Year Representative	Ongoing
22.	06.12.23	K lertsinpa kdee	UTAS casual staff member	Former Student Ambassador	Closed as of 01.01.2024.
23.	10.01.24	K Lertsinpa kdee	State Branch Educational Vice President		Ongoing
24.	06.12.23	S Yu	Member of the Student Living University Gardening Society (SLUGS)		Ongoing
25.	06.12.23	S Yu	Coordinator of TUSA Food Hub		Ongoing