

Meeting 24/4.2015

Acknowledgement of country given by Ariel

Attendance

Gab

Heidi

Sue

Clark

Tomas

Observers

Ariel

Liam

Dan

Will

Apologies

George

Topher

Daniele

Conflict of interest – tomas rolf

Dan – wants an Education position on State Council

- Will be making a education council – launched mid may. Administered in the same way as the societies council and sports council. Needs to be a state wide issue.
- Will bring this up next week (next meeting)
- Feel free to email Dan
- Current education officers would be on the executive of the council – there will be some form of regional executive or president on the council.

Disability officer position

Will - read out letter submitted to SC.

- Argues that this is a large issue, and the TUU should have a role to address this
- There is a lack of resources for students with disabilities to utilise.
- Lack of specific scholarships directed for students with disabilities.
- There is no strategic plan from the TUU or UTAS to deal with this.

- All students have a shared belief for success in their studies – success and retention
- It is a mutual goal
- Argues that it should be a senior position in the TUU structure – aka one on state council due to the importance of the issue.
- Argues a lack of action is hurting students more and more.
- Should be restricted to a student that currently has a recognised disability to fulfil this role.

Proposition a position in general – but would prefer a SC position.

Sue – when it came to getting the information around the services – where did you get this information from?

- Spoke to the disability resource coordinator (spoke to officer from Launceston and CC).
- There is software on all computers

Is arguing for more specific facilities for students with disabilities (like wheel chair access etc.)

Mental illness is recognised as a disability by the university.

No clear data available for tracking student?

Most university unions do have a disability officer

There are difficulties for students to be aware of the support systems.

Would there be issues around the stigma for filling the role?

Having a rep on the SRC's would allow for better student representation.

The need for a hands on approach in regards to support.

There needs to be a change to how this issue is approached before the fact by the TUU and University

Concerns raised by Will around a welfare officer taking point on this. Agreed by Heidi.

Dan – have you considered giving advocacy for the carers who are students as well? Have you given any thought to having a requirement that the disability officer makes campus events more inclusive.

- Will – question one, he has not but he can. Second question. It wasn't something that was considered, as it is more focused on change within Utas than within the TUU. Issues again raised with the stigma around disabilities and having specific events. Perhaps like are you ok day etc.

Clark – all PDs have a clause that says they must submit a yearly plan by Feb first – this is far too late. Due to the SSAF process etc.

Ariel – I'm against not having the position just because it is hard to fill.

Seems that there is general agreement on supporting this role. Needs further development on the proposal for next week.

Gab- against the role being restricted to someone with a permanent disability.

Could change the PD to have signing a stat dec for identifying as having a disability for the role.

Moving to the sexuality and gender equality proposals

Clark – it was changed to SAGE before from its previous name.

- Essentially does not think changing the name to Queer officer as a desirable name for the position. Got a lot of feedback for the naming in student unions. Has spoken to a lot of people that do not identify with that title. Issues around the name Queer as being alienating.
- A little upset about that Clarks document was sent beyond SC, as it was given in confidence.
- This was done by Heidi – apologies given.

Anna –

- The biggest part of the proposal is the name change.
- Clark contacted a conciliator at the OADC for his reference from there.
- Main reasons why the name should change (aside from having students ask for that) it is a nationally used term by unions and other national bodies. This change would improve consistency with other unions. It is an umbrella term that would be inclusive. The current terms don't have the autonomy that Queer officer would. SAGE includes cis heterosexuals. Queer fulfils the necessity of a cover all term for the title as to be inclusive but still representative of the autonomous group. Has been supported nationally but a lot of other unions and universities.
- Issues raised by Clark around the term
- Gab – finds it offensive, also concerns that it might alienate people who really need that help but might not get it because of the name?
- The term isn't used internationally – Clark
- Still concerns around whether the name change would be offensive. Also whether or not conforming with the name other universities is representative.
- May need to postpone vote to next meeting
- Issues around whether or not there is enough consultation current to make the vote as some people are still unsure.
- Postponed to next meeting. – also needs to look at other potential names for the position if the term Queer officer was not accepted.

Media staff member –

Will need to remove the pubs and coms officer

Who gets the authority to use the staff members services?

This would still be covered by the media policy – hence it would be restricted in the provision of media advice to State Pres with releases etc.

Need a specific mention for the duration of e newsletter to be determined by SC.

Does it need to be face to face? – not necessarily

Motion that State Council endorses the creation of a marketing and communication officer as per the position description attached

- Moved by Heidi, seconded Gab – all for.

**Motion:** State Council amend the regulations to remove the positions: Publications and Communications Officer (South), Sports and Societies Convenor (North), Sports and Societies Convenor (Cradle Coast)

Moved Heidi, seconded Gab, all for.

**Motion:** That State Council confirm that candidates nominating for the positions of Women's Officer, Sexuality and Gender Equality Officer, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander officer must sign a statutory declaration stating that they identify with the relevant community

Moved, Heidi, seconded tom, all for

This would be signed at the time of nomination

The need for the PD for Sexuality and gender equality officer to used a unified term throughout the document

Sports– need an endorsement from an executive from a sports club (formal endorsement)

Motion: ADD: The incumbent is required to have been an executive member of a TUU affiliated society during their time at the University of Tasmania

Moved Heidi, seconded Clark, all for

Motion: that all references to councils or officers that no longer exist in PDs be removed

Moved, Heidi, seconded Tom, all for.

Need to change regulation to include posi

Motion: that the clause “- 1.3(a): Meetings of the SRC shall be chaired by the regional Campus President or a member of the SRC as assigned by a majority vote of that council” be accepted

Moved Heidi, seconded Gab, all for

Moved: that the clause “- 1. Interpretation (2. UTas: Shall mean the University of Tasmania)” be accepted

Moved, Heidi, seconded Gab, all for

Motion: that the reference to the TUU constitution shall refer to the most recent copy of that document

Moved, Heidi, seconded Sue, all for

Motion: to remove the position of general representative from the SRC north

Moved Clark, seconded Gab, all for

Motion: to remove the clinical school representative position from the SRC North and CC

Moved, Heidi, seconded Clark, all for