

TUU State Council

Minutes and PAPERS



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The Tasmania University Union pays respect to the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work.

The **Plairhekehillerplue**, of the land on which the Cradle Coast campus was built.

The **Panninher**, of the land on which the Beauty Point AMC campus was built.

The **Leterrermairrener**, of the land on which the Newnham, Inveresk, and AMC campuses were built.

The **Mouheneenner**, of the land on which the Sandy Bay and Hobart city campuses were built.

The **Wangal** and **Gadigal** people of the Eora nation, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which Sydney's Rozelle and Darlinghurst (St. Vincent's) campuses were respectively built.

We acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community, who have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their indigenous identity and culture.



Agenda Item 1.2-1.3
Attendance, Apologies, Observers
Presenter: General Secretary

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Present

Isaac Foster
Aarati Khanal
Olivia Jenkins
Saraswathy Varatharajullu
Cassandra Shim
Sue Kole

Apologies

Shanty Priya
Waqas Durrani

Absent

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Agenda Item 1.4
Declaration of Interests
Presenter: General Secretary

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N/A



Agenda Item 1.5
Items on Notice
Presenter: President

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Agenda Item 1.6
Items to be Starred
Presenter: President

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N/A



Agenda Item 1.7
Motions on Unstarred Items
Presenter: President

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N/A



Agenda Item 2.1
Minutes from Previous Meeting
Presenter: President

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Minutes from 10th March and 6th May – to be approved via email.

Move to accept 28th of April Minutes.

Move: Olivia, Seconded: Sue

No objections



Agenda Item 2.2
Matters Arising from Minutes
Presenter: President

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Matters Arising

- Most information is in the Togatus Article written by Saras.
 - Consolidation of science library with Morris Miller
 - Movement of Business faculty down to main campus
- UTAS is struggling with releasing this information and they would
- SLIMS
 - University is still struggling to cover the key issues that cover the students concerns
 - This would allow students to better manage their degree online

Observer Input

- Tabitha, Education Officer for South, came in to explain the National Day of Action and explained to North and CC what everyone is doing down South.
- There will be a stunt on the 21st of May (Spelling out a word or image)
- Handing out flyers



Agenda Item 2.3
Work Health and Safety
Presenter: President

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N/A



Agenda Item 3.1
Inwards Correspondence
Presenter: General Secretary

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N/A



Agenda Item 3.2
Outgoing Correspondence
Presenter: General Secretary

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N/A



Agenda Item 3.3
Motions by Correspondence
Presenter: General Secretary

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Agenda Item 4.1
President's report
Presenter: President

N/A

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Isaac Foster

Since our last meeting I have had a productive month which has seen some exciting jumps forward on key projects very close to my heart; the new Book room and study space; preparing to launch work into strategic planning and structural review, and pursuing work on my review of Board structure, which is almost ready to be brought to this Council for consideration. I make no bones of the fact that March-April was far slower and far less productive than I wished, and juggling our highest priority business with my committee memberships and my few academic obligations was simply too much to make extra room for these projects. It is deeply enlivening to have the space to return to them.

State Council Newsletter

I beg pardon for the skipping of our most recent internal communication; several weeks ago now my computer was flooded at a visit to my home on the Northwest Coast during Semester Break, which disabled me from accessing any work for a good week, and also resulting in the loss of that draft. I'm using an interim laptop whilst the original hard-drive is repaired and a new laptop is shipped. I apologise also for any communication which may have been missed due to this inconvenience.

I have pinged the idea of expanding such a useful format for keeping members and representatives up-to-date internally. I'm keen to discuss this further.

I have included in this report any news which was recovered from the draft of the last bulletin.

University Council

Council meets next on Friday 9th of May. Business to discuss will include graduations in absentia (standing item), updates relevant to the National Rental Affordability Scheme, progress reports relating to the TUU Restructure proposal, load reports, state literacy and numeracy projects. It highlights the need to move forward with the Board work, discussed more below.

New DPAC Secretary Membership at University Council

Following the election of the new State Government, Greg Johannes (formerly Deputy Secretary) has been appointed the new Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. I joined Council at our last meeting in recording our thanks for Rhys Edwards for his contributions to University Council since his appointment in 2007. I am looking forward to meeting Greg at the next meeting of Council. The presence of the Secretary of DPAC is a wonderful link between the State Government, Public Service and the University of Tasmania, allowing a link between the public sector, state ministries and the University's board of directors – one of the benefits of Tasmania being a one-university state.

Opening of Newnham Apartments

The Vice-Chancellor will be overseeing the official opening of the NRAS-funded Newnham apartments on Thursday the 8th of May; I will be present for the opening and Council are invited to attend if interested (3pm, May 8th at the Apartments).

125 Anniversary Advisory Committee – TUU Contributions

The 125 Anniversary Advisory Committee has been planning since earlier in the year to devise projects for next year's celebrations. This has led to a number of achievements, including the recent announcement that Crown Princess Mary of Denmark will serve as patron of the celebrations.

The committee is keen for student voice, and recent discussions have included talk of whether it might be possible for either the University or the Union to utilise the Student Services and Amenities Fee to put forward a proposal for student-oriented events or projects. I have been requested to investigate the viability of this kind of proposal, and to discuss with Council how we might like to direct our own efforts, aligning with the University's, to provide a strong student perspective to the celebrations next year.

University Reading Room

I have attached a working Terms of Reference and draft suggested membership for an Organising Committee to advance forward with the funds we have received from the SSAF proposal received for a co-operative book space. I must say that I am incredibly excited by the many purposes this space will be able to serve, which extends from a more permanent space for book trade (particularly given the recent corporate change in the used-books policy of the Co-Op bookstore) to much needed space for study and cultural exchange on campus.

Other Infrastructural Issues

The concept was raised during SSAF Consultation of pursuing a proposal to the Senior Management Team at UTAS relating to much needed refurbishments in some areas of our premises. David Sadler will be our point of contact to proceed with these discussions, which should include discussions with staff to review the needs highlighted in the previous proposal, as well as to address any new concerns or needs raised by student representatives. I have had discussions with our Southern Women's Officer to this effect, and I'm also cognisant of the many space limitations faced by

our representatives in the North. We should enter into discussions also as to how the Cradle Coast might potentially benefit from this broader discussion, given the absence of any space for student representatives on that campus.

Progress Report – Board of Management Restructure Report

I have had numerous meetings with the Chair of the Board of Management (Peter), as well as our Enrolment Status Member (Harry), and Board is anticipating from me a draft of proposed changes to the structure of the board, relating to membership and its relationship to State Council. As mentioned progress on this was delayed due to the heavy business of March to Early April, however one more week should be more than enough time for me to finalise the documentation to be discussed and endorsed by this Council, before being taken to the Board of Management. Council may wish to receive advice from previous student representatives, given that this is a recurring project from last year, and I would be more than happy to organise a discussion session if Council believes this would be of benefit.

Progress Report – Tasmania University Union Structural Report & Strategic Planning

We produced a wealth of knowledge at the TUU SRC Planning day which we can draw upon for a strategic plan.

I have almost arrived at a prepared draft of generalised questioning which we can implement in our discussions with student representatives, and I am keen to discuss with Council whether this would be best conducted in an individual, small-group or large-group format, or whether we should be flexible from council to council. I'd note that this year we benefit from a number of independent representatives who have acted autonomously in reviewing features of their own roles, including those of the Environment Officer and Sexuality & Gender Equity Officer. Their expertise is particularly useful.

In terms of a timeline for progress on this project, I anticipate that I will be able to work with Council chairs to fully conduct interviews for the relevant sourcing of expertise and opinion (barring exams) between now and the next formal meeting. That will be used to produce a wider survey; in terms of the final product of these reviews, I believe a formal report factoring in a large number of review recommendations would be beneficial for the Structural Report and for Strategic planning. This will also lead to a number of legislative recommendations affecting the regulations and constitution.

NUS Tasmania State Branch Forum

The Tasmanian State Branch of the National Union of Students has called a State Branch Forum for the 24th of May. This will include workshops and presentations from the National President (Deanna Taylor), General Secretary (Isabelle Kingshott), Women's Officer (Georgia Kennelly) and one of the two National Queer Officers (Bec Thompson).

IDAHOBIT (International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia)

This is an event being organised by the Queer Department of the National Union of Students, scheduled for May 17th. I had a productive conversation with the State Branch President (Liam), the South Women's Officer and Saras (South Campus President) relating to how we could factor this into the calendar; Heidi is also getting in touch with the Women's Officer in the North, as well as Nathan Blake. Tentatively we are planning for a photo campaign to stretch across May 16th to 19th.

National Day of Action (NUS Education Department)

Sarah Garnham (National Education Officer) has called for a National Day of Action in response to the Federal Budget and Commission of Audit. This will take place on May 21st. An awareness raising day will take place on May 14th.

Discussion during the meeting:

- **Forum for NUS**
 - Come along to the forum to meet the NUS national team.
 - Cass and Sue can come down to the South Campus to get involved and council could reimburse them
 - **IDAHOBIT**
 - Received materials from Bec (NUS Queer officer)
 - Got support from QSOC and Women's Collective from the South
 - Thank Heidi, Liam, Vino and Saras for their help
 - Jess from North will be involved
 - It's a Photo Campaign
 - **31/5- 9/6**
 - Isaac will be in Brisbane on his own expenses
 - Ad Hoc interviews for Structural Reviews
 - Compare systems with other Unions and look into what improvements can be made to the TUU structure
 - **State Council Newsletter**
 - It was suggested not necessary to do an email
 - Just report in state council meetings
 - IF it is urgent, a newsletter would be fine
 - **125 Anniversary Advisory Committee – TUU Contributions**
 - To go into more depth in discussion about bringing a proposal to tie in with the celebration
 - Discuss this further in our next meeting
- 2014 committee to set up a lead in for the 2015 TUU committee



Waqas Durrani

SUBWAY or other Fast Food Outlet at UTAS

The cafes in the University do not cater to the dietary requirements of all students, are very high priced and the quality is definitely not in line with the price.

I am working on getting "Subway" or some other fast-food outlet at UTAS (as I noticed in the mainland many universities have such options). This would not only give students another food outlet that serves their particular dietary requirements, affordable, fresh food, but at the same time it would create employment opportunities for the students on campus across the state. The agreement that I am putting forward is to offer a student discount on the prices of products and employ majorly UTAS students in the on campus outlets.

Careers hub training for business softwares

I have noticed that upon completion of our study from the University, students are very well prepared with the knowledge in their field of study but are not very well equipped with the business softwares and applications. I am getting the UTAS Careers Hub to have a free training & orientation session of familiarizing the students with the kind of softwares they are expected to know to use in their specific field of study and provide free training session over the semester break across all campuses.

Muslim prayer room

With the increasing number of international students at UTAS, Tasmania is truly becoming multicultural and diverse. Because of the increasing number of Muslim students at UTAS, they need a bigger prayer room as to what they have at the moment. Currently, students were also posed with a WH&S concern since the prayer room was smaller as compared to the number of people being accommodated in the room. I have gotten the approval of arranging or building a bigger prayer room for the Muslim students.

Friday noon prayer is when the all the students amalgamate and pray together therefore as a temporary resolve, the students have been relocated to the Activities Centre for Fridays. A calendar has been prepared to ensure that during examination time period alternate arrangements are made.

Library café

The library has a no hot food policy and therefore we cannot have a microwave set up in Morris Miller. For the time being, the Morris Miller has made the arrangement for students to have hot drinks and cold snacks in the libraries, in line with the Library Rules, but reheating or cooking food in microwaves will cause a number of problems e.g. setting off smoke alarms, cleaning issues, smell issues. Therefore “Refreshment Stations” have been established in Launceston and Morris Miller Libraries and they now offer facilities to make hot drinks and storage for cold snack foods in the fridges.

However the University is highly receptive of student concerns and acknowledges that this would be considered in the future. An option that I have presented is to use the Muslim Prayer room downstairs (in the library) once the Muslims get a bigger space. This will be considered in the long term plans for UTAS expansion.

Discussion during meeting:

- **SUBWAY or other Fast Food Outlet at UTAS**
 - Prefer to have a local business be supported it
 - An independent business would be better vs large corporation
 - Worries about long term leases
 - This project should be discussed with the TUU State Council first before engaging anyone
 - We can discuss this further



Araathi Khanal

1. Postgraduate Quiz night

Taspostgrads organised a quiz night on 9th of April 2014 at the University club in collaboration with the UTAS alumni. We had about eighty participants who attended the event with great enthusiasm. The event was well received.

2. Postgraduate morning tea

As Taspostgrads communication initiatives, we organised morning tea at various faculty buildings.

- 28th April at 10 am, Engineering Tea room, Level 3.
- 29th April at 10 am, CODES conference room
- 30th April at 10:30 am, IMAS, the gallery
- 1st May at 10 am, Life Science building conference room.

These were free events open to all postgrads from any faculty. We had the opportunity to interact with about 250 postgrad students. The first morning tea was held at the school of Engineering and major participants were from school of Informatics, Law and Engineering. The second one was organised at CODES conference room and we had postgrads attending from SFL, geography, geology, mathematics and physics. The third one at IMAS building was a turned out to be a good platform for Antarctic and marine science postgrads to interact. The final one was organised at the Life Science building where we had a large number of students attending from school of plant science and zoology. The morning teas were successful, the turnout was satisfactory and we managed to introduce the council to many postgrads who were not aware of it.

We obtained various concerns from the students on (a) Graduate Certificate Units structures (b) Candidature Rules (c) role of graduate research coordinators (d)conference and travel grants (e)research skills developing units (f)graduate research conference. We will be bringing these issues to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and training) in our next meeting.

3. Research College Board Meeting

The Research College Board Meeting was held on Monday 28 April 2014 at Chemistry Building, Hobart. I attended the meeting as a postgraduate student representative. The Board were advised of recent changes to the research portfolio. Andrew Wells has relinquished his role as the Dean of Graduate Research and has

transitioned to a new strategic planning unit (60%). He retains his role as the PVC (Research & Strategic Planning) (40%). Richard Coleman has been appointed as the PVC (Research Infrastructure, Partnerships & Collaborations). Imelda Whelehan has been appointed as the PVC (Research Training). A new scholarship distribution model has been introduced this year – scholarship distributions are now more centralised. Sixty-seven out of the 85 available APAs have been offered. The VC introduced the graduate research coordinator (GRC) support day that was recently held. The introduction included his thoughts on the postgraduate space in the University which focused on 1. questions to do with sustaining quality; 2. the postgraduate experience; and 3. Research Themes / interdisciplinary team research and how a Graduate Research Faculty may be something that can support this. From the postgraduate (research) perspective, I emphasised on the fact that research students are unaware of the role of graduate research coordinator (GRC) in their candidature journey. This issue was well received and the PVC commented that in near future they will carry out a structured training session for GRC, supervisors and bring uniformity in number of coordinators in each school.

I also raised the issue about availability of travel grants to students, the re- structuring of graduate units.

The Ongoing issues in the research training portfolio:

- The Graduate Research certificate has moved in the right direction but progress still needs to be made
- Professional doctorates – requirements need to ensure consistency and quality
- Postgraduate experience
- Research preparation - Honours
- Introduction of SLIMS

4. Academic Senate

The academic senate meeting was held on Friday 11 April 2014 at Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Launceston Campus. I attended the meeting in my capacity as the TUU Postgraduate President.

Several issues were discussed and the followed are of particular relevance to the Postgraduate Council;

- The Acting Vice-Chancellor highlighted the award of three of the seven ARC Industrial Training Centres to UTAS, congratulating the Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology and the Australian Maritime College on their success. He noted the Centres will result in 30 new PhD candidates.
- Change to Academic Structure Policy: Increase in number of elected students' representatives at the academic senate.
- UTAS Progress with Compliance with the Australian Qualifications Framework: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) advised that the University was more actively engaging in improving its rankings particularly in relation to the qualitative components in the QS Rankings. A consultant has been engaged to assist.

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students & Education) highlighted the recent launch of the 'Let's Explore Tasmania' program which provides international UTAS students and their families with a discount card for use at Tasmanian Tourism attractions.
- Information Technology Strategy 2014-2024: Targeted to support quality learning and teaching, Support excellence in research, deliver quality information for strategic enhancement, and build high standard infrastructure.

5. Meeting with Acting Dean of Faculty of Arts

A meeting with Prof Noel Frankham, Acting Dean Faculty of Arts was held on the 9th April 2014. Meeting was attended by myself, and the state council President, Mr Isaac Foster. We discussed about the student representation in the Arts' Faculty Board in accordance with the Academic Structure Policy approved by Senate and Council in late 2013. The faculty boards will be established:

- to provide a forum for discipline-informed collegial discussion and consultation on academic matters
- to provide regular reports to Academic Senate, ensuring that disciplinary views are represented within the broader UTAS context.

The Faculty Board comprises a Chair, the Dean (if not Chair), Heads of Schools within the Faculty, Heads of Disciplines within the Faculty, undergraduate and postgraduate student representatives and any other members determined by the Dean and approved by Academic Senate. We suggested one undergraduate representative and two postgraduate representatives (research and course work) to be included in the faculty board.

6. Tutoring opportunity for Postgraduates

A meeting was held with Todd Sculthorpe Aboriginal Higher Education Officer, UTAS Riawunna Centre to discuss about the opportunity for on-campus employment for postgraduate students under Riawunna tutoring scheme. This scheme allows the postgraduate students to take the role of the tutors and help out the undergraduates students with their studies. Postgraduate students will be paid \$50 an hour with a maximum of eight hours week to help tutor aboriginal students in their respective field. This opportunity is to be advertised to soon and the interested postgrads will undergo selection process to work as a tutor.

7. Activities at Launceston campus

This was our first initiative to reach out the postgrad students at the Launceston campus. At a Trivia Night held at Launceston campus on 30th April 2014, we came up with a postgraduate student's team. All participating postgraduate participants were given gift cards for participation. A bus tour to Cradle Mountain is being

organised on 10th May 2014, jointly by CFNP North and Postgraduate council at Launceston campus.

7. Expression(s) of Interest

The Postgraduate Council has called out for Expression(s) of Interest for its vacant positions. Submissions are due 5.00pm on 15th May 2014.

The Council will vote on the submissions in a secret ballot on the same day at 5.30pm.

Discussion during the meeting:

- **Academic Senate**
 - Of importance to the Postgraduate Council was the scholarships were distributed



Saraswathy Varatharajulu

Past Events

My SRC have completed several events to date that include:

- Women's Toast
- Medical Faculty Toast
- Starving Artist Arts Soiree + Toast
- Telling Amy's Story: Domestic Violence Movie screening
- Nepal Volunteer Information Session
- I'm not Australian but I have an Australian Story
- Harmony Day
- TUU second hand booksale

Important Matters

1. Mailing List
Finally compiled an entire mailing list of about 600 people to send out emails to if we require volunteers or to just update them weekly about the events we have.

2. SSAF Information
I'm working with Jenny (by this meeting would have all the information I need) to release to students all info we have about SSAF. At the moment, I do not have accounts for all the money we have received (38% of total SSAF) so am getting information from the staff to be able to update students. The university has yet to release any information on SSAF and I have emailed Stephanie Taylor to ask why that is so. The students should know by now where their overall SSAF has gone to.

I am also almost done finalising how much each of my SRC team members are receiving for their portfolios. At the moment, the way this is done is by reviewing their SSAF applications made at the beginning of the year. But because these applications were made by us without a lot of knowledge, I'm also having one on one talks and group chats with them to determine how much more money they would require on student initiatives and events.

3. Article in Togatus about SCRAP
I wrote an article for Togatus as I looked into the SCRAP initiative that CSD was implementing. This included the move of the Business faculty

down to the main campus, the move of the science library to morris miller and several other infrastructure changes. I had spoken to Jacinta Young for that article and am following up on the article in terms of space constraints with movement of students down to the main campus and parking spaces being limited.

4. Parking on Campus

I've emailed Stephanie Todd (space planning officer at CSD) to ask about how the parking allocation was derived on campus. Students were not informed when the parking permits were being distributed and students want to know how many do staff have. There were the questions sent to Stephanie Todd:

- a. How many parking spaces are available on campus at the moment? How many of the permits obtained are held by students and how many by staff?
- b. When the system of showing your student ID cards then obtaining a permit was implemented, was a mass email sent out to students to inform them of the procedure? When was this system first implemented? And why was it implemented?
- c. What is the ratio of staff to students parking now on campus with these parking permits? Because the concern from students now is that because they weren't informed earlier, staff received the permits first and students got what was left over. I do understand that staff obviously have a right to permits. But I think the questions that students have is why wasn't the information about the permits given out to students and staff at the same time?
- d. Is anything being done about the lack of parking spaces?
- e. With the parking spaces up at the accommodation services, students are unhappy that although they had to pay for parking spaces, there are sometimes insufficient spots that they have to park up the backflat. Why was the parking fee for accommodation services implemented this year? How was the cost determined? How many parking spots are there up there? How many parking permits were paid for up there?

5. SSAF Allocation

I have sent an email to Stephanie and Marita about SSAF allocations not being made public on the UTAS page yet. Students have been questioning this process as it is not transparent and is taking far too long for this information to be made public. The email I sent is as below:

I hope you are doing well. I would just like to follow up on the SSAF allocations. My SRC along with students have been asking when the SSAF allocations will be made public on the UTAS page.

At the moment only the fee allocation is available but not the approved allocation for 2014: <http://www.utas.edu.au/students/student-services-and-amenities-fee-ssaf/fee-schedule-2014>

The questions that have been posed to me by students is why this is taking so long.

Upcoming Events

There are several upcoming events for SRC South before the exams begin

- IDAHOBIT: Snapshots supporting sexuality: 12/5- 19/5
- Movie Screening at UniBar plus free food: 15/5
- Conservatorium Commons Event + Toast: 16/5
- Feed Your Brain Toast: 29/5
- Sports and Societies Toast: 30/5
- International Masquerade Party: 30/5

Discussion during the meeting:

- **Toast for Societies And Sports Clubs**

- Olivia expressed concern that her executive is stretched thin so they might not be able to help out.



Cassandra Shim

With the exception of Easter Week, there were a few things that have happened on our campus.

Majority of the Student Representative Council North made a trip down to the South for a strategic workshop that was organized by Saraswathy, the southern campus president. It was a huge success if the number of positive responses were anything to go by. It was held with the aims to not only give the councils' a chance to meet their regional counterparts but to give all SRC members a better understanding of the who, what and how of the TUU.

The SRC North also welcomes our new Sexuality and Gender Equality Officer, Nelson Gilmour. He aims to create more awareness regarding gay rights on our councils. In relation to that, we were able to host our welcome back barbecue with enough members to take different shifts throughout. Another one will be held at the Inveresk Campus for the students there on the 12th of May. It was stated in a meeting that the students there be given equal attention as well.

The Women's Collective held their first meeting which was a success from the number of turnouts. It was discussed and agreed that their meetings will be held at a weekly basis. Also, this has inspired other council members to follow suit in the second semester. The winners of the "I'm Not an Australian but I Have an Australian Story" competition have been selected and will be proceeding into their second phase of the project soon.

There were other events that have happened since the last report submitted such as laser tag hosted by the Badminton Club, the Cake Massacre by the Uni-M8s, the all traditional and famous Mamak Night by the Malaysian Student Association and the Women's Dinner done by the Student Association of Australian Maritime College.

Other issues that need mentioning include the refurbishment of Saltz have yet again been moved to a further date that has yet to be confirmed.

That is all from the North.



SUE KOLE

We are now well into semester one, with the mid-semester break now over, the pressure is now on most students with major assignments being due. To help alleviate this SRC is participating in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday 20th May. We currently have a Cancer Council collection box at the counter in the Student Centre, which is being moved to being on the counter of Graze Café, which we are very appreciative of their support for this event. We have an informal planning meeting this Thursday to finalise the details of the event. We will be providing sandwiches as part of the morning tea and will be asking for a gold coin donation on the day.

The next event that we have planned is the traditional Stress Less Day on Wednesday 28th May, with live entertainment, massage and reflexology and we are going for stress less foods like fruit, chocolate and other goodies. In the past it has been a successful day, and I predict that it will continue to be the same this year.

Two SRC members travelled to Hobart for the workshop day that Saras organised and they found the experience worthwhile and remarked how great it was to meet up with other SRC members from across the state. With this in mind, I think it would be a great idea if we as a State Council could organise an end of year BBQ event – perhaps in Launceston, some place like Launceston Gorge as a get-together day and also as a way of us saying thank you to our respective team members this year, and all the hard work they have done.

We are in the middle of planning OWEEK for semester two, and will be holding another breakfast as that was extremely successful. It won't be as full on as first semester as half the SRC will be out on various placements for the degree requirements.

I have been having no luck in attempting to recruit a representative for the Postgraduate Council, which is a shame. I have placed flyers around the campus with mine and Aarati's details, but no feedback as of yet. I also advertised a Postgraduate meeting to get to meet students and have their feedback on events for the year, and only had one person turn up, which also was disappointing.

- Supported Cradle Mountain Trip by Postgraduates. Thanks to Postgraduate Council for getting CC involved

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on State Council for your extremely kind words, support, and thoughts after my car accident which occurred after the last meeting whilst I was travelling home from Hobart. I know we are going through a difficult time as a council right now, but this has to show that when really needed to we can come together as a team, and support each other when it really matters and is needed. So THANK YOU all.

I hope everyone is travelling well with their teams, and are surviving the Assignment Blues.



Olivia Jenkins

Currently we've pushed back the release of the newsletter as we just did not have enough responses so far. Instead we'll release the publication in Dis-O-Week almost as a Clubs and Societies version of a orientation handbook so that new students learn about the clubs and societies on offer and also as a good way to remind students about the clubs and societies available at the university. As such we're going to make it a larger publication, with a "what have you been doing in first semester" type of part to it so that students can learn about the sort of activities that are undertaken by the clubs and societies throughout the semester so that students know what to listen out for.

Now that we (almost) have our budget it's easier to determine what we can and cannot spend on societies grants. I would like to remind everyone to tell societies to remember to put their claims in asap, but also that we cannot in most situations pay the full amount asked for and that societies should not be relying on us to pay the full amount when they are planning their events, we're aiming for self-sufficiency for the societies!

Other than that I've been sorting through a few society issues that aren't relevant for State Council at the moment, but I'll let you all know if these are things that need to be brought to the attention of the Council.



Shanty Priya

UniGames

Sports Council has set aside money to secure accommodation for students who are representing at the AUG. Futsal, Netball, Tennis, Basketball, Cross country, Frisbee and Squash have committed to going to the AUG.

University has been helpful in providing funding. They are to provide hoodies and track pants to all players and would also possibly provide funding towards playing uniforms. I have suggested to my executive committee that since we have the capacity to fund, we can contribute towards playing uniforms. This motion will be put to Sports Council on 12 May 2014.

There will be an information session regarding the UniGames on 20 May 2014 at 12noon and 5pm which will be held at the law school (lecture theatre 2). Melissa from UniGym is coordinating this.

Storage Space for Clubs

I have managed to secure a storage space at UniGym for Clubs. So far the space is being used by Netball, Kendo, Futsal and Tennis. Badminton and Basketball have also expressed interest in that storage space and so the necessary arrangements are being made.

UniGym Subsidy for Venue hire

Through SAFF negotiations, I have managed to put across a convincing argument to the committee to increase the subsidy available to clubs (with more than 51% students). Thus, now Clubs can enjoy 30% instead of 15% subsidy on venue hire. Also, as requested by the Soccer Club in previous years, we have managed to secure a lump sum for their Olinda Grove venue hire. The Soccer Club now receives \$6,000 to support their cost relating to venue hire (thus they are not entitled to the 30% subsidy).

Spare Room that was previously used for Community and Friends

Sports Council would like to check if that unused space could be given to clubs and societies who want to hold their AGM or general meetings. As currently, there is no space available for such purposes.

Sports Council Meetings

We have finally managed to get the North onboard to video conference in at our meetings. As such the Sports Council meetings from hereon will be held at the Arts School.

Discussion during meeting:

- Shanty has asked Isaac to keep in mind to maybe use the Uni Bookroom for meeting spaces for Societies and Clubs

University is going to sponsor \$5000- \$8000 for Playing Uniforms

Reports Received

Motion to receive all reports:

Move: Olivia

Seconded: Sue

No objections: 0



General Businesses

- **Name Badges: Sue Kole**
 - Student Engagement Leaders have them and it would look more professional
 - TUU is looking into it for its staff and we could look into it for our councils
 - SRC South had suggested that the name badges just have the title and not the names so that the badges can be passed on
 - This is to be brought up at our next meeting as matters arising.
 - Sue to look into it further
- Reimbursement for Cradle Coast representative from last year
 - Paper work was filled out correctly and handed over to the campus president (CC) but the reimbursement was never received
 - Jenny said she cannot remember receiving the documentations so she suggested that state council just approve it
 - **MOVE to reimburse the amount of \$20 to Heather for 2013**

Saras

Olivia

Passed

- **Conditions Document: Saras**
 - Document to be circulated with State Council and Board of Management
 - If SRCs or councils want to view it they can come and see their respective presidents to view it.
- **SSAF allocation review (Arts initiative and ColourFest) and TUU accounts by Jenny : Saras**
 - Saras suggested that every SRC invite Jenny in to explain SSAF
 - Infogram to be released (pie charts) to explain
- **State Council inclusivity**
 - Saras talked about following up on inclusivity as suggested

by Sue

- **National Day of Action**
 - Tabitha came in at the beginning at the meeting to explain this
- **CISA Affiliation : Saras**
 - Move to approve \$250 for CISA re-affiliation
 - Moved; Saras, Seconded: Cass, Objections: 0
- **Statement**
 - Circulated and endorsed by midday tomorrow (13/5)
 - We should have 2 statements; one from State Council and one from Statewide President himself
 - Isaac to draft it up by tonight and send it out to state council and for state council to respond by tomorrow morning and for this statement to be endorsed by Jenny, Jason and the BOM and for the statement to be released ASAP tomorrow morning (13/5)
- **Ally Network**
 - Saras explained the network and Cass and Sue will also be attending the information session
 - State Council is supportive of this and will encourage any activities we might want to organise with them in the future
- **List of Committees**
 - Isaac to release this list tomorrow
 - To get involved in all committees
 - Isaac to share the committees with the rest of the State Council members
- **Safety Net Review Committees**
 - Current Committee Members are Isaac and Dan
 - Revisit who should sit on it
 - Saras is concerned that she does not receive any reports about it
 - Cassandra is going to inform her welfare officer and ask if they would be interested in sitting on it.
 - Saras could replace Dan
 - Isaac to ask about the expansion of student representation
- **Massive Thanks**
 - State Council will like to thank the SRC South members who have had to resign and thank them for their contributions and hard work they have put in this first semester
 - Sue suggested a Thank You BBQ for all reps to show appreciation to the reps

- **What Committees are the rest sitting on?**
 - Sue: CC zero
 - Cassandra: Not sure if Michael is sitting on the sustainability committee and Cass is going to check and get back to us
 - One of the key roles of the TUU is that we are involved in several committees. Isaac is suggesting that everyone finds out with their respective SRCs who sits on what committees

- **Board Reviews:**
 - Isaac to come in to SRC meetings and explain the board reviews

- **Publications and Communications Officer**
 - Freedom to be given to Togatus but a review process to be in place
 - Isaac to create a document to explain this committee and its purpose by this week
 - Lewis as pubs and comms officer to chair it together with representation with North and CC as well as Staff to sit on it

- **Circular for Sue's monthly phone bill**
 - Sue uses her phone to do most of her work and requires reimbursement
 - Since we do not have a quorum, Isaac will send this out as a circular
 - Motion to approve \$30 a month for Sue to be sent out via circular



Agenda Item 6.2
 Close Meeting
Presenter: President

Tasmania University Union, Inc.
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 Monday, May 12th, 2014

The meeting closes at 8pm.