TUU State Council

Agenda

5:30pm 23rd July 2015

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

Present
Gabriella Tregurtha (left early)
Heidi LaPaglia
Tomas Rolf
Clark Cooley
Sue Kole
George Holgate (arrived late)
Topher Webster (left early)

Apologies
Hina Durrani

Absent

Observers
Binod acharya
Ariel Wells

Agenda Item 1.3 Declaration of Interests
Presenter: General Secretary

Agenda Item 1.4: Items on Notice
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Agenda Item 1.5 Minutes from Previous Meeting
Presenter: President

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd June 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved Heidi, seconded Tom, all for.

Agenda Item 1.6 Matters Arising from Minutes
Presenter: President

Agenda Item 1.7 Inwards Correspondence
Presenter: General Secretary
Northern AMC officer resigned due to graduation

Agenda Item 1.8 Outgoing Correspondence
Presenter: General Secretary
**Motion:** That State Council ratifies all motions passed by circular since the previous State Council meeting.
Moved Heidi, seconded Topher, all for.

**Agenda Item 1.10 Work Health and Safety**
Presenter: President
Higher ed reforms
- Jacque still against the higher ed reforms
- Issues with it being so soon for organising it, but not much can be done about that due to senate sitting.
- Whether or not to use Compass for catering

**Motion:** That State Council approves up to $2000 (food, venue hire, advertising) for a political networking event on the 7th of August

Moved: Heidi La Paglia, seconded Gab, all for

**Motion:** State Council approve up to $1000 (food, advertising etc) for a National Day of Action in Hobart

Moved: Heidi La Paglia seconded Gab, 4 for, 2 abstentions, passed

**Motion:** State Council approve up to $500 for a BBQ for the National Day of Action in Launceston

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**Motion:** State Council approve $400 to offer 8 $50 vouchers as prizes for participating in the NUS ‘Talk About It’ Survey

Moved: Heidi La Paglia, seconded Topher, all for

Nus Affiliation – NUS president has offered to come down to talk to us about Ivory tower – NTEU want to host it with us as an educational program. Both here and in Launceston. Issues with funding for Launceston – not sure if the SRC could assist and unsure of just throwing money at the NTEU. There are issues with the date – as other barrels will be on etc. at the same time.

**Motion:** That State Council approve up to $1500 from the Higher Education Initiatives Budget for the Ivory Tower Screening in Hobart on the 28th of August

Breakdown:

Food (platters) - $1000
Venue hire - $300
Advertising - $200

Moved: Heidi La Paglia, seconded Topher, 6 for, 1 abstention.

Is there a need to put more pressure on the university for marriage equality support. Should we create a petition to foster this? Or other forms of pressure if this is not supported during the meeting.

Education council – SC needs to work out the distribution of honoraria now and then send it back to board.
Eligibility in the PD’s is too vague, it was suggested that a clause is entered in the PD’s in regards to rule 3 clause 3.4 of the university. It is probably necessary to do so.

**Motion**: to include the following in all position descriptions: “The candidate shall be a currently enrolled student at the University of Tasmania in the region in which they are seeking election, and remain a currently enrolled student for the duration of their term. A currently enrolled student is defined under Clause 3.4 of the University of Tasmania’s Rule 3 Admissions and Student Progress.”

Moved Heidi, seconded Tom, All for.

Tuu reunion budget was passed via board. Meeting for this soon.

Exemptions for autonomous positions – all approved, but need to work out the name for the Sexuality and Gender equality officers. This needs to be all organised before the next board meeting. There is still debate around what name to use.

**Went over travel budget** – does SC need to go over travel budgets to afford greater control over them.

**Motion**: that State Council approves an $100 increase to reimbursement to Clark for his Sydney trip
Moved Clark, seconded George, all for

Issues with funding for Northern events – SC cant subvert the SRC to approve the funding.

Issues with the current financial regulations

AMC SA run the seafarers bar in Launceston. AMC rep on the council has tended to always be a member of the SA, as such it should be fitting to change the name of the position to AMC SA.

**Motion:** The TUU approve $60 for the Campus President North to visit the Hobart Campus on the 10th Of August

Moved Clark, seconded Topher, all for.

Coffee machine in the postgrad lounge in Launceston has broken. – Gen Sec will send an email to Postgrad Council as a circular motion

**Motion:** that State Council approves $3,100 for the Cradle Coast 125th anniversary event

Moved Sue, seconded Heidi, all for

Clark wants a subsidy program for his 125th event for the ticket price if there is spare budget due to complaints by students at the price

Wants to sponsor a team in the Burnie 10 – all good by SC

**Motion:** to approve $300 for Sue to travel down for the tuu reunion

Moved Sue, seconded Heidi, all for

**Motion:** that state council approves $200 for each State Council member to travel to Launceston for a State Council meeting held up there.

Moved Heidi, seconded tom, all for

There is a lot of the budget that still needs to be spent

The bean bags at CC have had great reviews and students want more. Sue will see if she can get more and come back to SC with a proposal.

Ariel wells would like The TUU to send a thankyou and acknowledge the hard work of Aunty Phyllis Pitchford. SC agreed with this proposal and think that it is a great idea. It could also be a nice idea to send flowers or something along those lines.
Sports and societies would like a room to have meetings as currently they don’t have one, nor do they have easy access to a room that fits their needs. Vicki would be the one that controls access to the room (the one above the Comm bank). Everyone appears for the room being used for this purpose.

Could use the $10,000 for this potentially? Wouldn’t need all of the money, however, it should fit the category for it to be allocated. Need to work out a proposal and budget for it. CSD may help with renovations on this.

Cricket – was close to losing its accreditation. Need massive improvements to their grounds. Wanted $21,000 for that. They had to pay for the centre wicket – going through the uni to see if they will cover it or reduce ground hire costs.

There are a lot of issues with getting grounds maintained etc. for sports through Utas.

Will there need to be a different venue?

Going to speak with the university and unigym about this.

Scav hunt next week – want it out front lazenbys for the barrel. Looking at getting gazebos for it.
Agenda Item 4.1
Date of Next Meeting
Presenter: President

Tasmania University Union, Inc.
State Council Agenda

The date of the next meeting will be ______6th August 2015__________ .
Agenda Item 4.2
Close Meeting
Presenter: President
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**Presenter:** General Secretary

**Motion:** That State Council ratifies all motions passed by circular since the previous State Council meeting. Motions are as follows:

**Motion:** The TUU approves $3,000 for Stress Awareness Week
Passed 5 votes for

**Motion:** That SC approves Hina Durrani to attend the CISA conference instead of the postgraduate international officer.
Passed 7 votes for

**Motion:** That the State Council approves $5,400 for the Scavenger Hunt.
Passed 6 votes for

## Agenda Item 1.10 Work Health and Safety
**Presenter:** President
TUU State Council
President Report
Heidi La Paglia
July 2015

Higher Education Reform Bill
According to the most recent information on the HERR Bill, the Federal
government are still determined to deregulate universities. As before, I have
been keeping a close eye on the news, the HERR will be put to the House of
Representatives / Senate again in August.
I have talked to the southern education officer as well as the NUS education
officer about the plan of action for this and it was agreed that it is important that
we maintain contact with the cross bench senators in the lead up. In Tasmania,
the most obvious contact is Jacqui Lambie. In order to ensure they are still
against the reform. We are planning to hold an event just before Senate resumes
in August to talk to the senators. We are thinking this could take the form of a
networking evening event on the 7th of August (the last Friday before senate
resumes) with speeches from the senators and TUU / NUS.
Motion: That State Council approves up to $1500 (food, venue hire, advertising) for
a political networking event on the 7th of August
Moved: Heidi La Paglia

Diso Week
I would like to say well done to all office bearers on everyones great job running
Disoweek. – A great start to semester 2!

National Union of Students Updates.
National Day of Action (3)
The National Union of Students is planning its 3rd National Day of Action against
the Higher Education Reform Bill for the 19th of August 2015.
I am in discussions with the Education Officer/s and other relevant office bearers
for plans for this. Plans so far include having a BBQ with petition signing in
Launceston and having a media stunt in Hobart (e.g. Cakes to Vote down
deregulation)
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NUS TAS State Branch
As mentioned at our previous meeting, the NUS State Branch President recently resigned, and the NUS National Executive opened nominations for the position for two weeks as a result. At the end of the nomination period, the NUS Executive informed me that they had not received a nomination and asked if I would step into the position so that Tasmania was not left without a representative on their executive.

As a result of this, I am now the NUS State Branch President, and will be the liaison between NUS and the TUU for the remainder of 2015.

**NUS Talk About It Survey.**
I have recently been in discussions with the NUS Women’s Officer who has developed a National Survey called the “Talk About It” survey. This survey aims to collect data about the experiences of women across University campuses and included questions about campus safety and experiences of harassment etc. The survey will be open between the 8th of August and the start of September. Once this survey is complete each university will receive campus specific results.

I will be working with the Women’s Officer/s / relevant other office bearers to roll out the survey at UTas.
It has been suggested that state council pay for an incentive for students to participate in the survey

*Motion: State Council approve $400 to offer 8 $50 vouchers as prizes for participating in the NUS 'Talk About It’ Survey*
*Moved: Heidi La Paglia*

**National Union of Students Affiliation**
As discussed at our last meeting, we need to discuss affiliation to the National Union of Students. This is something that has happened every year for many years. For 2015, the TUU has $16 000 budgeted specifically for affiliation to NUS, but it is possible for us to increase this using our student representative budget. The original invoice was sent (per student EFTSL) for $80 000 with a process to decrease the amount according to budgeted affiliation. The new invoice for $16 000 was sent according to our budgeted amount. There are many benefits gained from affiliating to the National Union of Students – some of which are detailed in the NUS Affiliation pack attached.
Rose Steele, the President of the National Union of Students has also agree’d to discuss NUS affiliation in person with State Council.

**NUS Ed Con**
Between the 6th and 10th of July I attended the NUS Annual Education Conference (along with Clark Cooley and Liam Salter). The Conference included workshops and sessions on running student unions and effective campaigns, engaging constructively with media and building for the next National Day of Action among other things. It was also a great opportunity to network with office bearers from student unions around the country.

**Ivory Tower Screening**
The National Union of Students in collaboration with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) and student unions around the country is holding screenings of “Ivory Tower” – a film about the effects of University deregulation in the United States. Late last semester, the TAS NTEU branch approached me about the TUU being involved with screenings in Tasmania. The NTEU’s plan is to first hold a screening in Hobart, (on August 28th) and then one in Launceston if it is successful. The Southern Education officer is on board with this. The agreement with the NTEU is that we would provide food and venue hire for the event if they provide drinks.

**Motion:** That State Council approve up to $1500 from the Higher Education Initiatives Budget for the Ivory Tower Screening in Hobart on the 28th of August

**Breakdown:**
- **Food (platters)** - $500
- **Venue hire** - $300
- **Advertising** - $200

Moved: Heidi La Paglia

**Marriage Equality Support**
Following on from last meeting when council voted to support marriage equality, I signed the TUU up to the Australian Marriage Equality (AME) site with an open letter (http://www.australianmarriageequality.org) - our logo now appears under “Universities. I also set up a meeting between myself, the Vice-Chancellor Peter Rathjen and the TUU Sexuality and Gender Equality Officer, Anna Young. This meeting was approved for the 10th of August at 10am. I would like to thank Clark for initiating and helping with the process! Both letters are attached.

**NOWSA**
The Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) conference was held between the 28th of June and the 4th of July with registrations reaching over 180 (very close to the aim of 200). The conference included, speakers, workshop and discussion sessions on issues that face women students at Universities. A lot of relevant information can be found on the website www.nowsa2015.com. The Conference also gained media attention.

An article was published in the Mercury Newspaper about the conference on the 2nd of July and I participated in a radio interview about NOWSA with the ABC on the 1st.

In summary the conference went very well. The NOWSA committee and the TUU were given a lot of praise for our efforts. In 2016, the conference will be held at the University of Sydney.

**NOWSA Conference Floor**
At the end of NOWSA every year conference attendees participate in a session of conference floor during which motions are passed which inform the next NOWSA. This was held on the 4th of July 2015. While most of the policies passed were not relevant to the TUU, there was one passed condemning the Queer Collaborations National conference which required that the NOWSA organising committee ask student groups around the country to boycott the conference to promote the safety of Queer identifying students. While this is not directly related to TUU, it did raise some questions about TUU’s position on the matter
(especially given that TUU had recently approved money to send delegates to the Queer Collaborations conference). Due to my conflict of Interest on the matter, I made the decision not to pursue discussing this with council. I believe that it was / is best for the TUU not to have a position on the matter, and to remain a neutral party.

The Motion read as follows:

(6) NOWSA Condemns Queer Collaborations 2015

Preamble
1. In the lead-up to Queer Collaborations 2015, concerned parties have expressed serious concerns that the 2015 QC Organising Committee has failed to adequately prioritise or respond to concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of delegates.
2. The QC 2015 Organising Committee have in multiple instances failed to respond to correspondence by multiple parties expressing concerns relating to the Committee’s willingness to enforce a ban on previously removed delegates, as is usual practice.
3. The reasons ranging for multiple delegates’ removal from Conference in 2014 included:
   · Bullying and harassment of women, targeted especially towards trans women, indigenous women, women of colour and low SES women;
   · Forcibly outing trans women to TERF communities by TERFs
   · Both overt and covert threats of bodily harm;
   · Extreme harassment online, including hacking into individual’s social media and disclosing personal conversations;
   · Misogynistic behavior, such as continually speaking over women and refusing to respect physical, emotional and sexual boundaries; and,
   · Disrespecting the autonomy of marginalised groups, including specifically, sex workers, low SES women, indigenous women, women of colour, and trans women.
3. Representation have been made to concerned parties by the QC 2015 Organising Committee which cited “legal” barriers raised by their Solicitor to enforcing a restriction on previously barred or removed delegates, and subsequently refused to release details providing evidence of these claims.
4. Multiple concerned parties, including student unions responsible for the transport and safety of their members to to QC2015 have subsequently been misled by members of the QC2015 Organising Committee to the effect that concerns raised had arisen from miscommunication and that concerns for delegates’ safety had been addressed. This has proven subsequently not to be the case.
5. An QC2015 Organising Committee official correspondence to a concerned party also dismissed an instance of nonconsensual, sexual and predatory touching, stating, “We don’t believe that these claims constitute a clear and significant threat to the wellbeing of QC delegates,” relating a request to enforce a ban on a delegate who was removed from QC 2014.
6. In light of serious and life-threatening events at previous queer collaborations, failure to absolutely prioritise the safety of delegates at Queer Collaborations 2015, either maliciously or through failure to devote appropriate time and resources to communication and resolution of delegates’ concerns, is a damning and unacceptable reinforcement of patriarchy and inequality by the Organising Collective of QC 2015.

Policy
1. NOWSA2015 condemns the organisers of Queer Collaborations 2015 for their refusal to value or respect the needs and safety of women at their conference.
2. NOWSA2015 calls on the queer community and allies to boycott Queer Collaborations 2015.
3. NOWSA2015 calls on National and State Officebearers of the National Union of Students, Council of Australian Postgraduate Student Associations, Council of International Students Australia, Blacademy, Australian Student Environment Network, state-based Queer Student Networks, community organisations, student unions and the Australian Queer Student Network to withdraw their support for QC2015 as a sign of respect to all delegates no longer attending due to concerns over their safety.

Actions
1. The Organising Committee will immediately communicate the substance of this motion in an open letter to NOWSA registrants and members of the list, and to all other organisations and individuals identified herein.
2. The Organising Committee will immediately issue a public letter through its social media platforms and through all other appropriate venues to ensure the community is informed, taking into account the very near date of Queer Collaborations 2015.

3. The Organising Committee will call on the organisations listed in this motion to make public their stance through their social media platforms, and to provide transparency for the community by publicly clarifying whether they will be in attendance or boycotting QC 2015.

**Moved:** On Ee Chin  
**Seconded:** Innes Finn

**Northern Women’s Officer**

Since the controversy regarding the TUU Northern Women’s Officer, the position has not been filled. While this not a particularly topical matter, it was picked up by several media outlets during the week of NOWSA. I had several calls from media personnel questioning why not having any women’s officer is better than having a man. The ABC informed me that this attention to the issue was spared by a letter which was sent by James Ritchie (the male who was elected to the Northern women’s officer position in the 2015 by-elections) to all Tasmania media outlets. I avoided most of the media attention around this, but did speak briefly to *The Examiner*. The linked article subsequently appeared” [http://www.examiner.com.au/story/3184845/no-female-applicants-for-womens-officer/?cs=95](http://www.examiner.com.au/story/3184845/no-female-applicants-for-womens-officer/?cs=95)

**BOM Update**  
**Education Council**

The proposed introduction of an Education council was approved in principle by the BoM but sent back for State Council to work out the Honoraria that each new representative would be paid. It was asked that SC work out the new distribution of the honoraria pool (a total of $115,000) and put the proposal back to board.

**Student Cooperative Funding**

The $22,000 that was secured for a student cooperative in 2014 is still in limbo. BoM / David Sadler has informed that

**TUU Eligibility – Enrolment Status**

There has been some confusion about the what specifically is meant by the clause in all of the TUU position descriptions that requires that all representatives are enrolled as students. It has been clarified by BoM that this means that all TUU representatives must be enrolled in at least one unit for first and second semester.

In order to clear up any confusion, Jenny has suggested that the wording of the clause in the position descriptions be changed to:

**The candidate shall be a currently enrolled student at the University of Tasmania in the region in which they are seeking election, and remain a currently enrolled student for the duration of their term. A currently enrolled student is defined under Clause 3.4 of the University of Tasmania’s Rule 3 Admissions and Student Progress.**

This refers to the UTas definition of enrolment under Rule 3 which states the following:
3.4.1 A valid enrolment requires that -  (a) the student has been admitted to a course or has enrolled in a unit or units of a course; and

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(b) the enrolment in a unit or units, if relevant, has been approved by the relevant dean or head of school; and

(c) where relevant the student has fulfilled their obligations under the Higher Education Support Act 2003; and

(d) where relevant the student’s enrolment complies with the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000; and

(e) the student has paid any applicable fees; and

(f) the student has not withdrawn from a course or unit by the specified census date.

“ Relevant Updates from University Committees

ULTC
Attended a planning day with the University Learning and Teaching committee on the 21st of July in Campbell Town. This included planning for the next 12 months in areas such as the ULTC’s role in the curriculum renewal project and the reinvigoration of Evaluate

Student Experience Committee
The main work I am currently doing with the Student Experience Committee involves the renewal of the Student Experience Plan. Specifically, I have been working with the Student Experience Plan Review Committee to help ensure that the renewed student experience plan is inclusive of all groups of students. In order to ensure student succeed at University, it is essential that the plan meets the specific needs of different groups, particularly those that are more disadvantaged.

Curriculum Renewal
Work in the curriculum renewal committee is continuing and the University is starting to make plans for consulting with relevant stakeholders around the changes – in particular – the broader staff and student body. I have discussed having another forum (similar to the one held in Semester 1) in second semester 2015.

125 TUU Events
125 Student Ball Hobart
Went very well!

TUU REUNION
A budget of $10,000 for the TUU reunion was approved by BoM to come out of the TUU “special projects. The budget is as follows:

Food and drinks package = $32 p person for 1.5. hours
= $6400 (for 200 people)

Venue Hire = $300
Advertising (tickets etc) = $1000
Entertainment (band ) = $600
Decorations = $1000

Sundry = $700
Total = $10,000

**Exemptions for Autonomous positions**

Myself, Clark, Tomas and Gaby met with the anti-discrimination commissioner (on behalf of state council) on the 16th of July to discuss the applications (ATTACHED) that were made for exemptions from the anti-discrimination act in relation to the following TUU positions:

- Women’s Officer
- Sexuality and Gender Equality Officer
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer
- Disabilities Officer
- International Officer

After discussing the reasons with council, the commissioner was willing to grant the exemptions to TUU to allow each of these positions to be autonomous. These exemptions will be granted with the following conditions:

1. TUU Provides evidence of adhering to the exemptions within the following 6 months (e.g. elections)
2. TUU provides adequate training for staff and representatives so that the exemptions are understood (it was agreed that the anti-discrimination training would be run yearly)
3. State Council considers changing the name of the sexuality and gender equality officer as soon as possible, to better reflect the position. Names suggested included Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) officer, Queer Officer, or Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex (SOGI) officer. State Council will consider these proposals within the next month

**TUU Position descriptions**

There are still a couple of TUU position descriptions that have been flagged as in need of editing / updating. It would be good to either do this in our next meeting or organise a special meeting for it,

We also need to decide the honoraria distribution.

**Documentation**

In order to avoid confusion, I have created a drive with all TUU position descriptions and other relevant documents in it. New position descriptions will
be uploaded. Anyone with the link can view the drive but only individuals 
admitted by the president can edit it.
https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0SFH6CiV11fIw2UnzFwDNWjlaWGdINDktLVBXEQ0SWsanFkdG8xNnhPSDM1ZGZBNmM&usp=sharing
I have been performing my duties as secretary of this Council.

I have been working a guide for TUU secretaries. This is to act as a general guide alongside Roberts Rules of order for secretaries in this organization so that they are not just met with little to no guidance in their roles. It is currently being checked over to see if anything else needs to be added to it. It should hopefully be done soon for SC to look over.

13th July 2015

President Report – May, June & July 2015
Since my joining on 4th May 2015, here is a summary of the main activities of myself and PG Council.

Activities Held & Attended during my tenure
Hobart:
Participated in National Day of Action held on 20th May 2015
Participated in Stress less Breakfast 26th May 2015
Supported financially SEG president for Iceland Trip $300/-
Supported financially Biological Sciences Society $400/- for ‘Crib Tournament’ held on 29th May 2015
Attended CISA Conference 6th to 8th July 2015.

**Launceston:**

Social Events Budget approved $ 5,050/- which includes the below mentioned for the year.

- 10 x 10 Presentation skill building and networking
- Social coffee morning
- Social late afternoon tea
- Summer annual dinner BBQ
- Winter annual sit down dinner

**Meetings Attended**

- ✔ State Council Meeting & all other mandatory meetings for the PG Council President to attend.
- ✔ PG Council Meetings:
  - Postgraduate Council 15th May (1st Meeting)
  - For the month of June as most of Council members were busy in Exams preparation / holidays so we couldn’t have formal meeting.
Agenda Item 2.4
South Campus President’s report
Presenter: South Campus President

Tasmania University Union, Inc.
State Council Agenda
CRADLE COAST CAMPUS PRESIDENTS REPORT
19th July, 2015

Well semester two has now started. We held a welcome back morning tea to kick start the start of the semester. We currently only have 3 events planned for this semester. 18th August we are holding a morning tea for Blue Stocking Day. R U ok pizza lunch in September and Stress less day in October.

Plans for our 125th Anniversary event have been fully organised. We are holding a special public forum “Supporting today’s youth for a brighter future”. Mr Vince De Santis from the Elphinstone group is our speaker. We are aiming to attract around 80 people to this talk.

I have a motion for expenses for this event.

$180.00 Thank you gift – special boxed set from Hellyer Distillery.
$21.50 pp x 80 = 1,720 – Catering for the event.
$500 for advertising – Advocate newspaper

Total $2,400

The date for this event is Friday 21st August. Invitations will be sent out within the next two weeks.
I have started to canvas students in an attempt to get interest for people to nominate for SRC when the nominations are called. Hopefully we can get some extra people on the SRC next year.

Sue Kole
Campus President Cradle Coast.
Background of Sports and Societies

Currently there are over 114 different clubs and societies affiliated to the TUU in Hobart, with thousands of student members and associate members. This year alone there have been 16 enquiries for starting new societies, so there are potentially more societies to be affiliated.

Clubs and Societies play a vital role in campus life, making a significant contribution to student retention, and both campus and ‘wider-community’ culture (through both on-campus and off-campus events). Last year, the support of the faculty societies led to strengthening of links between the TUU and UTAS, with a strong presence of University staff at club and society events.

Motivation for a Student Sports/Societies Room

TUU affiliated Clubs and Societies struggle to find a suitable room after hours to hold their Annual General Meetings (a requirement for affiliation), General Meetings and workshops.

For security reasons we currently can’t allow clubs and societies to use the TUU Boardroom in the TUU building after hours. Ingrid receives a lot of enquiries regarding use of a room after hours and repeatedly states that we are unable to assist them with the request, which is really bad considering all they do voluntarily to make uni life fantastic for everyone.

Currently Clubs and Societies have a limited number of options to hold meetings and workshops. UTAS charge a venue hire fee for afterhour’s use of classrooms/facilities to cover the cost of security to let members into their rooms. Use of Library study rooms is no longer ideal with increased use of library facilities due to the condensing of facilities, the 6pm closing time and the 24 hour booking period for rooms. Clubs and Societies often have to go to a pub (not a preference for a lot of students, particularly international and under 18 students) or someone’s home. Issues may arise, where minors are involved in a club, with holding meetings in members’ homes due to the Working with Children Act.

A lot of planning goes into holding Sports and Societies events and having a meeting space would be ideal and one less barrier for groups to face in arranging events for students.

History of Sports/Societies Room
In 2014 the Sports Council President, Shanty Priya and the Societies Council President, Olivia Jenkins asked the TUU President, Isaac Foster if porting Clubs and Societies (c/s) could utilise the room on the other side of the TUU walkway above the Commonwealth Bank for a clubs and societies meeting room.

I believe this was discussed at State Council and Isaac said he’d raised this topic with Samantha Todd from the Commercial Services Department (CSD) and that everyone thought it was a great idea. We believed that CSD were fine with the proposed use of the room and that Samantha was waiting on Isaac to finalise arrangements. Unfortunately nothing progressed any further until this year when the idea was reinvigorated.

Outline for Sports/Societies Room
The room in question is currently an under-utilised room in the TUU building which remains open and secure later at night than other University facilities. It has secure access to bathrooms, disability access, internet access, security, is close to the bus route and access to an ATM.

Our intention for this room would be to make it into a comfortable and suitable environment for all Utas students to access as a bookable space. To streamline its management the bookings could be made through Vicki Blackburn in the TUU Contact Centre so that Clubs and Societies could get priority use for meetings and general social events. As it would be a completely public space groups such as Togartus and other student organisations external to Sports and Society councils would also get a lot of use from this meeting area.
Motion: That all reports delivered in writing or verbally under Section 2 be accepted.
Moved [], Seconded [], All opposed [], All in favor []
The date of the next meeting will be [Date].

Meeting closed at [Time].
Appendix A

Tasmania University Union

23 June 2015

We, as representatives of Tasmanian University students, would like to write to express our support for Marriage Equality.

Australian universities have an important role to play in promoting inclusion and tolerance. We support diversity in the higher education sector and recognise the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students to learn, live and work, free of prejudice and discrimination. We believe that supporting Marriage Equality is an important step towards achieving this reality.

Australia is a robust democracy with a proud history of social reform. We believe this should continue, with all citizens being treated equally, including those who are currently excluded from the institution of marriage.

Australians are increasingly supportive of marriage equality, with a recent Crosby Textor survey showing seventy-two percent of Australians are in favour of legal reform.

Globally, nineteen countries have passed laws to allow same sex marriage, including countries that are culturally similar to ours such as New Zealand and Great Britain. These countries passed this important reform with a lower level of public support for marriage equality than exists in Australia right now. In the United States, thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia have legalised same sex marriage.

On May 22nd, the Republic of Ireland held a referendum to sanction same sex marriage. A Yes vote was supported by the Government, all major political parties and the voters themselves. In June of this year, the U.S. Supreme court is likely to return a judgment in favour of legalising same-sex marriage across that nation.

These two events will see Australia isolated amongst countries where English is spoken as a first language as the last nation to recognise equal marriage rights.

Equal Marriage is the only truly fair way forward and it is important for creating a climate where knowledge, achievement and intellectual output can flourish. Equality in places of higher learning is fair and just. Discrimination is not.
Signed:
Heidi La Paglia
President, Tasmania University Union
12 July 2015

Dear Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania.

We, as representatives of Tasmanian University students, would like to write to express our support for Marriage Equality.

Australia is a robust democracy with a proud history of social reform. We believe this should continue, with all citizens being treated equally, including those who are currently excluded from the institution of marriage.

Australian universities have an important role to play in promoting the inclusion and tolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) students and staff. We believe that supporting Marriage Equality is an important step towards achieving this reality.

On the 23rd of June 2015, the Tasmania University Union signed up to the Australian Marriage Equality movement on http://www.australianmarriageequality.org/academic-support/.

With your agreement, we would like to meet with you to discuss the possibility of University of Tasmania signing up to the movement.

Yours Sincerely:

Heidi La Paglia Anna Young
President Sexuality and Gender Equality Officer
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