

TUU State Council

Minutes



11th of January 2016 at 1700

TUU South boardroom, Via Video link to Cradle Coast and Launceston

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Agenda Item 1.1
Acknowledgement of Country
Presenter: President

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Acknowledgement of Country - Hobart

In recognition of the deep history and culture of the island, the Tasmania University Union (TUU) wishes to acknowledge the Mouheneenner People, the traditional owners and custodians of the land upon which the University of Tasmania (UTas) Hobart campuses were built.

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

We also recognise the value of continuing Aboriginal knowledge and cultural practice, which informs our understandings of history, culture, science, the environment and in supporting the development of the Tasmanian community.



Introductory Items

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Agenda Item 1.2: Attendance, Apologies, Observers

Presenter: General Secretary

Present

Tomas Rolf, Abbey Studley, Simon Burnett, Caleb Dunn, Sue Kole, Liam Salter,
 Michael Tarbath (sports)

Apologies

Gaby Tregurtha (Sports), Cornas Liew-Foster, Abu Mahama

Absent

Observers

Ariel Wells (Aboriginal and Torres straight Islander officer SRC South), Thomas
 Robinson, Jamie Date, Jennifer Hart, Dan Probert

Agenda Item 1.3 Declaration of Interests

Presenter: General Secretary

None to report

Agenda Item 1.4: Items on Notice

Presenter: President

Agenda Item 1.5 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Presenter: President

Motion:

State council ratifies the minutes from 02/12/2015

Moved: Abbey

Seconded: Tom

All in favour

Motion Passed

Agenda Item 1.6 Matters Arising from Minutes

Presenter: President

Concerns of SRC south for the TUU renovations, discussion with Jenny.
 Consultation process with TUU S, regarding 'Fish-tank' to voice concerns, so we
 can provide a dot point list for Jenny to assist in the furnishing of the SRC area.

Agenda Item 1.7 Inwards Correspondence

Presenter: President



Proposals from TOGATUS:

1 - Back-pay

To the members of the State Council,

I would like to request that Nikita Riseley and Meghan Scolyer receive back-pay for their work in 2016 [for the period of 01/01 - 11/01/2016] Nikita had enthusiastically taken on the responsibilities of Digital Editor in order to help me have more time to take on the larger commitment of Editor in Chief. She took it on because of her Assistant Editor experience, and

I knew that she would be capable of looking after TogOnline with minimal supervision.

Meghan has continued to work tirelessly on getting the first edition of Togatus on track for our January deadline with no thought about the fact that she would not get paid until after her interview, which she had to delay due to work commitments. I was concerned that our deadline would be unrealistic because of the delays in appointing Togatus' staff, but thanks to Meghan's hard work, we are on track to have our first edition ready for semester one. I couldn't have done it without her.

Because both of Nikita and Meghan did this out of their enthusiasm for Togatus, and commitment to our deadline, I would like to see them paid for the work that they have already done so far this year. Neither of them took on the extra responsibilities under the assumption that they would continue their job after the interviews were completed it was entirely selfless of them to give up their time.

Our honoraria budget is the same as it was 2015, despite having no employees for the month of December, and because of this I don't think it is unreasonable for these two to be paid for the work they have already put in to 2016. The official start date of their contracts will be the 12/01/2016.

Further action:

TUU SC will endorse this with the provocation of the Monetary amount. We need to query jess, and then endorse via circular.

2 - Marketing

Togatus is attending orientation and O-week events at the Launceston and Hobart campuses. Daisy and Kendall have expressed interest in having marketing material for their stalls, and here in Hobart we are also working on initiatives to increase the visibility of the Togatus brand on the Sandy Bay campus and at the Hunter Street Arts School.

Visibility increases readership across Togatus' platforms, but more importantly i



t increases student participation and contribution. Togatus is one of the best way s for students to contribute to campus discourse as well as build their own portfolios, giving them writing and editing experience beyond their studies.

Togatus is looking to apply for marketing material which we will continue to re-use throughout the year and into the future. Material will be used at orientation and society day events, as well as to promote each new edition of Togatus. We will also attend the UTas open day and use material to recruit new contributors each semester.

Posters will be used to ensure Togatus is visible around campus and to announce the arrival of a new edition. We will have posters specifically designed to reach new contributors.

Breakdown:

Pull up Banners x 3 -

one for Launceston campus events, one for Sandy Bay events and one with a different design, to place in Hunter St. campus and recruit new illustrators, designers and photographers. = \$450 (\$150 x 3)

Incentive for Togatus' designers to design banners and poster material - cheaper than having printers design the material, and material will be visually consistent with our magazine = \$140 (\$70 for each designer for creation of 2 banner designs (\$50) and 2 poster designs (\$20)) - Non cash, so in form of gift card etc.

Pens -

due to their popularity, we only have 100 of the 500 pens that were ordered last year left. We would like to process another order of pens for 2016, and use them for students who express an interest in contributing to Togatus. We would like to order twice as many, because last years order arrived at the end of semester one , and we are almost all out, and we would also like to send some boxes to our Launceston team for distribution. = \$631

Total: \$1221

Motion: that state council endorses passing \$1221 for marketing purposes, from the Togatus funding line.

Moved: Tomas

Seconded: Michael

All in favour.

Motion Passed



<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item 1.8 Outgoing Correspondence Presenter: General Secretary N/A</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item 1.9 Motions via circular Presenter: General Secretary</p> <p>State council moved the following motion(s) via circular:</p> <p>Motion: <i>The state council approves the amount of \$2,500.00 for five UTas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to attend the Indigenous Cultural and Educational Exchange Program, funding will come from the TUU SRCS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer's Budget. Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Motion: State Council moves a motion to ratify all motions passed via circular between the 02/12/15 and the 11/01/2016.</p> <p>Moved Tom, Seconded Abbey</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>Motion Passed</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item 1.10 Work Health and Safety Presenter: President</p>



Agenda Item 2.1
President's report
Presenter: President

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Amendments to TUU regulations

Tom brings forth some amendments to the regulations, so as to avoid confusion. This will move all other council regulations in line with the SC. These amendments move the quorum calculations to be in line with that of SC, whilst maintaining the clause of 'current members holding office'.

Motion: *That state council approves the following amendments to the TUU regulations.*

Amendment 1: to amend s1.3(f) to read as the following:

Quorum for meetings of the SRC is the next number greater than half of the number of the current members holding office.

Amendment 2: to amend s2.3(f) to read as the following:

Quorum for the meetings of the Postgraduate Council is the next number greater than half of the number of the current members holding office.

Amendment 3: to amend s3.3(f) to read as the following:

Quorum for the meetings of the Education Council is the next number greater than half of the number of the current members holding office.

Moved: *Tomas*

Seconded: *Abbey*

All in Favour

Motion Passed.

TUU advertising update

As per our last meetings request Tom has been in contact with the Head librarian Karmen to discuss TUU advertising in all university libraries. Karmen is happy for us to put TUU advertising in Morris Miller library and in other campuses libraries. She would allow us to place pull up banners in the library, have posters up, run adverts (all be it generic ones) for the TUU on their TV screens, and possibly other material that we may want to try and distribute. We have also been offered a wall in the kitchenette of the Morris Miller to advertise on. Tom would like to thank Karmen for her generous offer to allow the TUU to advertise. We should aim to get this material up before semester 1 commences.

Committees

Still deliberating on members to sit on committees, please contact Tom with any preferences.

Directors Training

Tom is trying to organize a directors training for SC members. Tom will update the council.

**NUS President's summit**

Tom was invited to the NUS President's summit beginning on the 19th of January. He is unable to attend due to his directors training. The summit is to be held in Sydney, with a \$350 registration fee. Tom suggests someone attend, suggests Simon (education president) as it's a new position; to gain some insights into the role, and represent the TUU.

Motion:

State council moves a motion for up to \$1750 to send the Education president to the NUS presidents' summit conference on the 19th of January 2016.

Moved: tom

Second: Sue

All in favour

Motion Passed**O-Week**

Deliberation over Oweek and its theme.

All SC members voice support for advanced organisation to avoid a poorly prepared week, and encourage a great year. SC is happy to help SRC's with this.

After deliberation with campus presidents, a beach/ surf theme was decided upon. Everyone likes the idea of a beach, summer theme. With Hawaiian shirts.

We need to appoint someone to organize O-week, from SRC south to act as a proxy for Cornas (south pres) & Wesley (Activities officer) as they are away, and we need to have a unified O-week with a theme, and need to have some advertising done ASAP.

To form a committee to assist in this. Suggestion of a sub-committee to run and organize o-week. Suggestions of all SRC south members put on the committee with a meeting late this week to appoint a head in the south, and organize theme and branding.

Motion: *That state council creates a sub-committee to initiate management of o-week in the absence of the campus president and the Activities officer in the south.*

Moved: Michael

Second: Tom

All in favour

Motion Passed



Agenda Item 2.2
General Secretary's report
Presenter: General Secretary

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Nothing to report



Agenda Item 2.3
Postgraduate President's report
Presenter: Postgraduate President

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N/A



Agenda Item 2.4
South Campus President's report
Presenter: South Campus President

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N/A



Agenda Item 2.5
North Campus President's report
Presenter: North Campus President

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On the 7th of December last year I attended the National Union of Students National Conference in Melbourne as an NUS Delegate. I found the experience to be extremely valuable. I gained insights into the many issues universities are facing across the nation. It gave me a great opportunity to network with students from various universities, and gain inspiration from those at larger campuses with regards to events and union activities.

There were many issues other universities are facing that are present for UTAS, for instance late enrolment fees, and also issues that we may face in the future, such as sexual assault on smoke free campuses. This was an issue faced by a large number of campuses across the nation, where designated smoking zones on campus are isolated with inadequate lighting and security. I believe that this is a great concern that we must consider should UTAS make the move to become a smoke free University.

An issue raised at NUS was the lack of consideration for student parents. Universities around the nation have allegedly been under supporting those students with children, whether it be a lack of facilities or family friendly activities. Due to our large number mature aged students, as well as the young parents enrolled, this may be something that the TUU should take into consideration.



The issue of the naming of the Queer Officer position was also raised at the NUS. A passionate debate ensued, resulting in the National Union of Students moving to rename the position upon constitutional changes, due to the discomfort that it causes LGBTI people to feel, particularly those from regional areas. I have been in discussions with Sue over the issue, and we believe that the TUU needs to follow the NUS seeing as we have affiliated with them.

I believe that the NUS National Conference is of great value with regard to the experience and greater outlook gained. It is well worth the TUU sending delegates and observers, and I believe that it would be very worthwhile for future TUU Representatives to attend as observers. I received many comments during the conference, commending Tasmania's strong presence.

I attended the University Graduation ceremony in the North. It was an excellent opportunity to commemorate our leaving students, and to give them a fitting farewell. Attending in my role gave me ample opportunity to meet and network with the heads of faculty, whom I look forward to working closely with in the year ahead.

Plans for Welcome and O-Week for the North are taking shape. We have been collaborating with the University itself and the AMC Student Association. We have many joint events between all three bodies, such as a Launceston Gorge Day, Welcome Dinner, Market Day, outdoor movie night, bubble soccer, and more. By working together, we have filled a schedule over the two weeks with various events and activities, hopefully providing good information and entertainment for students consistently throughout. At our previous meeting Cornas raised the issue of the naming of Welcome / O-Weeks, this causes much confusion within the University community, I believe that it would be in our best interest to bring this discussion to the table once again.

Agenda Items:

- Rename Queer Officer position title to LGBTI Officer to reduce offence taken by identifying students.

This was discussed last year, however there is much debate. Need more notice to change the amendments. A separate meeting was discussed to discuss the name-change.

- Rename O-Week to Welcome Week in order to reduce confusion.

All support the change however it seems to be too late for this year's changes. More discussion at the o-week meeting.

- \$50 travel allowance for myself and Thomas Robinson to attend State Council and SRC North meeting, we are required to travel from the North-West Coast in order to do so, as a consequence will be left out of pocket.

**Motion:**

State council approves the amount of \$50 for Caleb Dunn and Thomas Robinson for reimbursement for travel to the SRC north Meeting & the SC meeting.

Moved: Caleb

Second: Michael

All in favor

Motion Passed



Agenda Item 2.6
CC Campus President?
Presenter: CC Campus President

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Presidents Report Cradle Coast Campus – SRC

At the end of last year I had the privilege of attending the National Union of Students National Conference held from the 7th December to the 11th December at Mannix College in Melbourne. This was a fantastic opportunity to not only meet many students in representative roles from around Australia, but to network and share ideas, and discuss some of the issues that are faced by other student organisations.

Many topics seemed to be a common occurrence. Restructuring of university services with more often than these restructures led to major forced staff redundancies, cuts to vital student services, especially for universities that have small and regional campuses. This highlighted to me the importance of this portfolio, and as a result I decided to nominate and was elected as the NUS Tasmania Small and Regional Campus Officer.

In this role I hope to work with various state representatives in this portfolio and work on policies and ways we can improve not only communication between the university and smaller/regional campuses like Cradle Coast and Rozelle and Darlinghurst in Sydney, but improve the quality of services and support for these often neglected campuses.

The days of the conference were extremely long, and I had my first experience in observing open debate over various policies. It was great to see many passionate discussions occurring over a variety of topics, from education, welfare, and autonomous areas like women's, disabilities, etc.

I found the week a very valuable experience and would like to thank last year's State Council and the Board of Management for allowing myself to attend the conference as an official observer.



Plans for O'Week/Welcome week is well underway. At this stage we have two days of major activities happening. Monday being the traditional welcome back BBQ, but this year instead of a BBQ lunch, we will be doing a Champagne breakfast (without the alcohol, servicing non-alcoholic drinks). Wednesday will be the traditional Market Day. I am also considering re-doing a bus trip to Launceston for the Comedy night like I organized in 2014. I hope to start advertising this within the next two weeks so I can really get it promoted and hopefully a great response. I will be working closely with Caleb and the SRC North for this to occur.

There is also some possibility that unigym will be running some activities on Monday 15th February – Orientation day which we will be assisting with. I think this is a great idea, and will be advertising/promoting this on the SRC Facebook page.

One thing that I would like to bring to State Council's attention is the issue that I have had in the past when it comes to getting TUU merchandise/promotional items. Cradle Coast has in the past received very little of this type of items. I personally think that this is part of the problem of promoting the TUU at the Cradle Coast Campus. I would like with State Council's support to canvas that Cradle Coast receive more items that can be used as a marketing tool to promote the TUU, and hopefully engage the students on the North West Coast. I am hoping that by having some form of promotional materials to hand out, that I will be able to hold/run random competitions throughout each semester as a way of engaging the students. By having a supply of items on hand will make the running of these events easier, than having to chase after these items before I would like to hold these events.

I will be sitting in on the Education Committee throughout the year until the position of education officer at Cradle Coast can be filled. I have also expressed interest to Tomas in regards to extra committees that I am interested in sitting on, being Academic Misconduct, Student Complaints. I am also this year part of the Student Health Safety And Wellness Working Group.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year period, and have enjoyed the bit of a break away from Uni and TUU. I look forward to working with you all this year, and envision that we will all achieve many great things both at our respective regional campuses but also at a state level.





Report – Liam Salter - Societies

- Mainly tying up existing grants, however the council did agree to spend unclaimed grant money on furnishings for the new clubs and societies room, equipment, and clubs and societies branded merchandise, including TUU labels.
- Will be having an Council Exec meeting this month.
- Attended NUS National Conference, at Mannix College, Monash University as an observer – It was good to see such a large Tasmanian delegation this year, from a small state.
- Upcoming Events: Market Day + Societies Day 2016, will be working with the SRC, with O-Week preparations - will need volunteer's for the day.
- Writing a "Word from Prez" article for the first issue of Togtaus.



Agenda Item 2.8
Sports Council President
Presenter: Sports Council President

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Utas now sees value in sport, has elected a sporting president to the student experience council.

Vice chancellors cup has been revived and was successful.

North south competition is looking to be launched in 2016, in all sports, to try and illicit some competitive rivalry between campuses.

The university is launching a Sporting hall of fame.



Agenda Item 2.9
Education Council President's report
Presenter: Education Council President

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Ed council meets officially for the first time on the 12th of January, they are hosting their first meeting in Launceston and request some reimbursement for travel.

Motion

State council moves a motion for \$150 for 3 members of education council for travel and food for the first Education Council meeting on the 12th of Jan 2016 in the north.

Moved: Tom

Seconded: Michael

All in favor

Motion passed



Agenda Item 3.0
Motion on Reports
Presenter: President.

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Agenda Item 3.1
General Business Items
Presenter: President.

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Furniture for offices: *Reps to notify Tomas what they would like for offices statewide.*

Reps also to notify Tomas, as to which committee's they would like to sit on.

FLAG POLES

Arial wells (Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander officer – South) needs some assistance to get the ball rolling with CSD in the development of flag poles, outside of the doctors surgery in the grassy area, Motions approved last year to gain monetary assistance. As this is a new year with budget he may need to get approval through SRC south again.

Ariel has been emailing CSD for around 6 months with little or no reply, since initial meeting.

He requests assistance in keeping this rolling, as ideally it would be good to have them up by survival day. Representation of flags on campus, is it an issue that there is only aboriginal flags represented? Should we also have a Torres Strait islander flag as well. Getting university support to get the flags on ALL campus'. Deliberation over where and what flags are displayed.

We strongly support the representation and recognition of both Aboriginal AND Torres Strait islanders

Motion:

State council would like to endorse and support the implementation of flags (Australian and/or Tasmanian flag, the Aboriginal flag & the Torres strait islander flag) across all campus' UTas wide.

Moved: Tom

Seconded: Abbey

All in favor

Motion Passed



Caleb brings forward the point of another car for the North of the state to travel between campus', the use of these cars are for safety of students, and the reduction of wear and tear on personal cars.

The point of hiring UTas fleet car could serve this purpose.

We should look into both venues to find a solution. Caleb and Tom to talk to Jenny.



Agenda Item 4.1
Date of Next Meeting
Presenter: President

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The date of the next meeting will be decided via email correspondence.



Agenda Item 4.2
Close Meeting
Presenter: President

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Meeting closed at: 1918