

Equity President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	N/A	26 **Includes SB Student hub 2 hour sessions x 8
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	N/A	2
UTAS Committees	Attendance	2	1
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	N/A	2
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	N/A	8
Media Communications	Participation	N/A	
Conference	Attendance	N/A	

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September has been a vibrant and impactful month for TUSA and the Equity Committee, marked by significant achievements, including my successful re-election as TUSA Equity President. This success is a reflection of my commitment to ensuring that the voices of all students, especially those from underrepresented demographics, are amplified across the university.

We have been working diligently on many fronts to enhance student representation and create a more inclusive environment.

The Equity Committee is progressing well in its initiatives, with each officer playing a key role in promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

We continue to engage closely with international students and students from multicultural backgrounds as well as other underrepresented groups, ensuring that their concerns are at the forefront of our agenda.

A large part of my role every month involves regular contact with students at the Sandy Bay TUSA Student Hub in Lazenbys. This provides valuable opportunities for me to hear firsthand the experiences, concerns, and feedback from students. These two-hour sessions, held multiple times throughout each month, have become a key part of fostering strong student engagement.

I also had the pleasure of attending the STEM Ball on the 21st of September. It was an exciting evening, full of great energy and community spirit, underscoring how important social events like this are for building networks and a sense of belonging among students.

Beyond UTAS and TUSA, I supported crucial legislative in the Tasmanian Parliament, by attending Parliament House to witness the passage of the Disability Rights Inclusion and Safeguards Bill. Being part of this historic moment reinforced the importance of advocacy work, both within and beyond the university setting.

As we look ahead, there are several exciting events on the horizon. We're eagerly preparing for the upcoming Diwali/Tahir celebrations and the Holi Fun Run, both of which promise to be highlights of our community calendar. These events not only celebrate cultural diversity but also foster unity within our student body.

Additionally, the National Union of Students Disability and Ethnocultural Conference is set to take place in Western Sydney at the end of October, and I look forward to attending. This conference will provide a valuable platform to discuss and address pressing issues faced by students from diverse backgrounds and I look forward to hosting as moderator one of the key sessions on NDIS support and how it relates to University students in light of its most recent changes.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the Distance Online Vent Tent is now up and running. This initiative allows students studying remotely to participate in discussions and share their thoughts on key issues.

September has been a month of achievement, connection, and preparation for even greater things to come. I look forward to continuing our work together as we drive positive change and ensure that TUSA remains an inclusive, supportive space for all.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!

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