

Equity President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual January	Actual February
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	N/A	9	
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	N/A		
UTAS Committees	Attendance	2	1	
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	N/A	1	
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	N/A	3	
Media Communications	Participation	N/A		
Conference	Attendance	N/A	1	

NARRATIVE UPDATE

TUSA Equity President Report – February 2025

As we gear up for another exciting academic year, I wanted to share what I've been working on as your TUSA Equity President over the past few weeks and give you a glimpse of what's ahead.

Recent Activities

January and February have been incredibly busy, filled with opportunities to connect, learn, and advocate on behalf of students. Some highlights include:

- Invasion Day March and Rally (26 January):** I attended the march in Hobart, standing in solidarity with First Nations communities to reflect on the ongoing impact of colonization and the importance of truth-telling and reconciliation.

- **TUSA State Council Meetings (23 January & 13 February):** As part of my role, I've been attending these meetings to ensure equity remains at the forefront of TUSA's priorities.
- **Engaging with Equity Officers and Collectives (29 January):** I held catch-ups with our Equity Officers, discussed the AGM planning for the Disability Students Collective (DiSCo), and attended DISC training, strengthening our collective advocacy efforts.
- **Pride Parade (1 February):** I proudly joined the Pride Parade in Hobart, celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community and reaffirming TUSA's commitment to inclusivity.
- **National Union of Students (NUS) Presidents Summit (5–7 February):** Representing TUSA as a proxy, I had the chance to meet with student union leaders from across Australia. It was a fantastic opportunity to exchange ideas and learn from their successes. Notably, our TUSA Food Hub program gained significant interest, with RMIT inspired to adopt a similar initiative to tackle food insecurity among students.
- **Disability Advocacy and Inclusion:** I participated in the UTAS Disability Inclusion Campus Reference Group (11 February), continuing our push for a more inclusive campus, and worked on planning an AGM for DiSCo with L Maloney.

Looking Ahead

O-Week and Equity Information Sessions

Orientation Week is just around the corner, and we're excited to welcome new and returning students to campus! This year, TUSA will be hosting a series of equity-focused events and information sessions to help you learn more about the support available to you.

In March, I'll also be facilitating sessions with the Tasmanian Commissioner's Office of Discrimination to provide students with valuable insights into their rights and avenues for addressing discrimination.

Reconciliation Action Plan

I'm thrilled to share that we're in the early stages of developing a TUSA Reconciliation Action Plan. This initiative will guide our commitment to fostering meaningful relationships with First Nations communities, promoting cultural safety, and embedding reconciliation into our work.

A Big Thank You!

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to TUSA's equity initiatives so far this year. Whether through events, meetings, or informal conversations, your passion and ideas keep us moving forward.

As always, my door is open if you'd like to share your thoughts or get involved. Let's make 2025 a year of progress and collaboration!

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