

Undergraduate Education President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	4	4
TUSA Committees	Attendance	1	1
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	0	0
UTAS Committees	Attendance	1	1
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	1	1
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	0	0
Media Communications	Participation	0	0
Conferences	Attendance	0	0
UTAS Events/Orientation	Participation	0	0
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	1	1

Narrative update:

During the end of January and start of February, things are starting to slowly pick up again after a quiet period at the end of December and start of January. Many meetings have been focused on preparation for the busier times ahead, with many exciting events to look forward to.

State Council Onboarding and DiSC Workshop

The past month has (yet again) been mainly a month of learning, not just about the many UTAS staff and committees, but also about me and the other State Council members. In the two days of attending the TUSA Onboarding (the 21st and 22nd of January), it was amazing to finally meet all my amazing fellow

student reps in person! Apart from some great teambuilding fun, these days deepened my understanding of student union and TUSA history, SSAF allocation, UTAS and TUSA committees, and general insight in efficient meetings and teamwork. We were able to immediately try out these newly learnt techniques in our January State Council meeting the next day. Through an additional meeting on the DiSC framework (on the 29th of January), I learned about my own personality style and how it fits within the TUSA Team, as well as understand how to make sure I work effectively with the other student reps.

Academic Round Tables

During the coming year, I want to ensure that students have a place to come and share their perspectives and experiences, as well as get to share their insight into heavily discussed topics at UTAS meetings to ensure I am adequately informed of the overall student opinion. This has led to the initiative to re-invent Academic Round Tables, a dedicated space for students to be actively involved in directing my student representation. I am aiming to organise cohort-specific Academic Round Tables for all students in semester 1 and roll them out as a regular occurrence in semester 2.

Hobart TasPride Parade

TUSA participated in the annual TasPride Hobart Parade on the 1st of February, and it was amazing to see so many people there to celebrate Tasmania's LGBTQIA+ Community! Having some students from the St. John Fisher College join us was wonderful, and it was nice to get to know them. It was amazing to see so many people, organizations, and allies come together in solidarity, making it a very vibrant and meaningful experience.

Gender-Based Violence Executive Oversight Committee

Alongside A Smith I attended the GBV Executive Oversight Committee meeting on the 4th of February, where the conversation was mainly situated around the finalisation and publication of the GBV Action Plan and the practical implications and enforcement of the highly needed mandatory Respect @ UTAS training sessions for UTAS accommodations. There will be further discussion with staff members as to what these will look like this semester and in the future.

I look forward to O-Week and the start of the semester, especially Clubs and Societies Day. I cannot wait to meet students and listen to their stories, as well as have fun!

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