



General Secretary Report
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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	80%	11/16
TUSA Committees	Attendance	-	0
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	80%	5/6
UTAS Committees	Attendance	80%	1/1
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	100%	17/17 <i>Inclusive of Orientation Week events</i>
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	80%	1/1
Media Communications	Participation	-	0
Conferences	Attendance	-	0
UTAS Events	Participation	80%	2/2 <i>Not inclusive of Orientation week events</i>
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	100%	2/2



State Council Representative Report

Narrative update:

Hey everyone, thanks in advance for reading my report, I had a lovely time writing this one as I was able to reflect on all the amazing work with both the team and I have completed during the whirlwind that was P-O Weeks, starting Uni and all the little things in between!

Orientation week was a real stand out this past month, having the opportunity to meet so many wonderful students, share our stories and make new friends has cemented for me the reason why I have come into the role of General Secretary. I hope that we were able to provide insight into what supports TUSA can provide and how we can amplify the student voice. I have to apologise to all the students who had to listen to my voice multiple times over the week, but you can't tell me that you don't know who TUSA is anymore 😊

Aside from Orientation Week the amazing event team pulled off yet another huge Clubs and Societies day which I was so grateful to be a part of! All our wonderful Clubs and Societies did such a wonderful job and work so hard to make the day what it was!

I was also able to take part in a few different community focused events over the last month, more specifically the events held in recognition on International Womens Day. Having the privilege to be invited to Riawunnas Women's Day breakfast was a highlight, I was in awe at the amazing women within our university community, their strength and resilience in the face of adversity is unmatched. The week was full of learning, tough discussions and real tangible change I'm extremely proud to be a part of a community that values and uplifts women. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute and to learn from such a diverse and passionate group of women within my role here at TUSA.

Additionally, I have been working closely with UTAS with the GBV (Gender-Based Violence) Executive Oversight Committee, where we have been working on the development and rollout of the GBV Action Plan. This action plan will be a critical tool in addressing and preventing gender-based violence within our university community, ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of all students is prioritised. We are currently in the final stages of preparing for the implementation of this plan, which will include clear strategies for education, support, and advocacy. It's exciting to see how this initiative will take shape in the near future.

In addition, I have been working closely with the team on the interview process for the upcoming roles being filled within the Equity Committee. This is an essential step in ensuring that we continue to foster a diverse and inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued. I am excited to see the new members contribute their unique perspectives and skills.

I've had the opportunity to work with the student accommodation student-led committees in conjunction with Ruby Fox – Southern Campus President, who is leading these collaborative discussions, where we are addressing the critical needs of students living on

campus. Ensuring that these students feel safe, supported, and part of a thriving community is something we're deeply committed to, and we are exploring various ways to enhance their experience and wellbeing.

This year, our team will be focusing on advancing initiatives centred around student safety, security, and wellbeing. These priorities are more important than ever as we continue to face challenges both within our university and across Australia in 2025. The growing attention on these issues—ranging from mental health support to physical safety—will shape much of our work, and we are committed to making a tangible difference.

Items of note;

Have Completed

Orientation Week

- New to Town Presentation – 17/2
- New to Town Expo – 17/2
- This is TUSA – Online – 18/2
- Climate Action at UTAS – 18/2
- Fine Arts Orientation – 19/2
- Hobart City Campus O-Day – 19/2
- Social Work Orientation – 20/2
- Sandy Bay Campus O-Day – 20/2
- Hytten Hall Residential Welcome Event – 20/2
- Medical Societies Expo - 21/2
- 20 College Road Residential Welcome Event – 24/2

TUSA Events

- Clubs and Societies Day - Prep, set up, pack down and attendance at the day–
Sandy Bay - 26/2
- Student Life Expo – Sandy Bay – 06/03
- ENGI Laneway – 14/03

UTAS Events

- Student Events and Engagement: Welcome Dinner – Sandy Bay – 27/2, 3/3,
- Riawunna International Women’s Day Breakfast – *luna* Scholarship fundraiser – 05/3

Other Completed

- Attended TUSA Student Council February meeting – 13/2
- Meeting with Student Council team to support with presentation skills and public speaking – 17/2
- Academic Senate: Induction, Pre Senate and Academic Senate Meeting – 27/2, 03/03, 07/03
- Gender Based Violence Executive Oversight Committee – 03/03
- UTAS Move discussions with key University stakeholders – 07/03
- Communicate with Influence: TCCI – Student Council Training – 07/03
- Operations meeting with R Fox, J Oates Pryor and S-L Ward – 07/03
- TUSA Team weekly meetings - Weekly Mondays
- Met with a Club member about compliance training and student representation
- Attendance at meeting with UTAS Student Accommodation & Sport Portfolio staff for general discussions – 11/03, 17/03 (Monthly)
- Meetings with Student Accommodation Committee Executives for general discussions – 12/03 (JFC, CC), 14/03 (JFH)
- Attendance at Student Hub on Sandy Bay Campus – currently twice a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Met with J Oates Pryor – 13/03
- Met with R Fox – 19/03
- Met with M Warrington – 19/03
- Campaign Planning Workshop with B Tuttle – 12/03, 19/03, 27/03

- Meetings with students surrounding issues such as; transport, accommodation, support and education – 06/03, 12/03, 14/04, 18/03

Working On

- Developing support systems for EC to help navigate the current ADHOC structure
 - o Flowcharts, step by step guides to events planning
- SSAF spending guide specific to the EC
- Events Planning and Booking support for current and upcoming EC events
- Position Description clarification for Deputy Chair role of EC
- Chairing the selection panel for upcoming EC interviews
 - o Working with M Warrington – Equity President
- TUSA – Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Meeting
- Working with M Warrington - Equity President
- Supporting Southern Campus portfolio in working closely with Student Accommodation Student led committees
 - o Working with R Fox – Southern Campus President and J Oates Pryor – President
- Attending and supporting the facilitation of upcoming Vent Tents across Southern Campuses
 - o Lead by R Fox – Southern Campus President
- Campaign planning with Student Council team
- Staff Retreat – 25-27/03
- Academic System Reform – Student Reference Groups

I'm very excited for what's ahead and look forward to continuing to support students across all areas of university life. As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or issues you'd like to raise, don't hesitate to get in touch!

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