

## Southern Campuses President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	75%	5/5
TUSA Committees	Attendance	75%	1/1
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	75%	1/1
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TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	75%	NA
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	NA	5/5
Media Communications	Participation	NA	1/1
Conferences	Attendance	NA	1/1
UTAS Events/Orientation	Participation	75%	NA
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	NA	2/2

### Narrative update:

Hello everyone, I can't believe we've made it to February already! Things are slowly getting busier as we head towards O-Week in two weeks' time. This month was full of fun in the community. I joined the State Council marching in the Pride Parade on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb, joined by John Fisher College and some of our enthusiastic community members.

The invasion day rally (26<sup>th</sup> of Jan) provided a beautiful opportunity for the Hobart community to come together, to stand in solidarity with our Tasmanian Indigenous neighbours and show our regard for the cruel colonial history of the land on which we live and work. The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre organised a well-rounded, inspiring and respectful ceremony which was well received by all who turned out. I am proud to stand with the State Council in support of the #ChangeTheDate campaign. We acknowledge that this land always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

This month we had our first Food Hub Expansion Working group of 2025, during which we discussed the expansion of our cost-of-living relief services to more campuses in the South, and onto our Northern Campuses. This year as Southern Campus President I'm excited to support Food Hub "pop-ups" on all campuses in Hobart throughout the year. During this first meeting we also discussed an extension of the Food Hub services, in collaboration with key local community groups, to provide pre-prepared fresh and frozen meals for students at an easily affordable price. We are seeking to extend our community connections this year, to source food donations from local grocers and farmers, so please reach out to the team if you have any leads in this space.

Mark (Equity President) and I made it to Melbourne for two days (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February) for the National Union of Students (NUS) Annual Presidents' Summit. It was encouraging to convene with our counterparts from across Australia to share likeminded progresses towards shared issues. We received updates from key tertiary education bodies around the country, enabling a better understanding of grievance mechanisms and union initiatives in the sector. The experience also allowed us to better understand where our funding of the NUS is being spent, and Mark and I raised encouragement for the Union to better track the progress of their national representatives over their term.

Finally, UTAS is running regular meetings with the University community and wider Taroona community this year, to address queries and concerns about the campus development. Current plans involve movement of some Undergraduate Marine Resource Management Courses to the Taroona from Semester 2, 2025. I encourage anyone who may be affected to consider the change and reach out with your opinions.

So, to our students in Hobart, thank you for reading and please never hesitate to contact me at any time. All members of the state council embody your voice in your education, so please, anyone and everyone, let us know how and when we can serve you better.