



State Council
Representative
Report

General Secretary Report
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May 2025

Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	80%	21/25
TUSA Committees	Attendance	80%	2/2
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	80%	2/2
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TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	100%	4/4
Media Communications	Participation	-	
Conferences	Attendance	-	0/0
UTAS Events	Participation	-	0/0
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	100%	1/1



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Narrative update:

Hey Everyone!

It's been another busy and exciting month, with lots of great momentum across our projects and student engagement efforts!

I have started planning a series of People Insight meetings with the help of JOP for the team – these will give us a chance to check in on our goals, reflect on how we're tracking, and connect meaningfully with each other as we head into the mid-year period. Student Council team!! Please be prepared to receive your self reflection and awareness insight page, I can't wait to read all your amazing reflections and goals!!

One of the key projects I've been working on is the Youth Climate Action Fund grant and initiative, which is shaping up well. This is an awesome opportunity for us to support student-led environmental action, and I'm excited about what's to come.

A big highlight has been the appointment of our new International Student Officer. After some truly wonderful interviews (every candidate brought something unique to the table), we're thrilled to welcome Miraj into the role. We're looking forward to seeing how he makes the role his own and continues to elevate international student voices.

Recently, I also attended a Finance and Investment Workshop with the TUSA Board – a fantastic learning experience! I'm hoping to organise a session with Alison to bring this workshop to the Student Council team as well. Another key focus has been the TUSA Board Strategy Refresh workshop, which was a valuable space for reflection and future planning. There's a lot of exciting work happening at the strategic level, and we're also beginning to explore the development of a Student Council Strategy. The goal is to ensure continuity and clarity for future representatives, helping us keep student priorities front and centre



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The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign with Student Council is going strong! We're currently inviting students to submit portfolios to help co-create artwork, stickers, and posters for the campaign. It's been heartening to see students engaging with this important initiative – creating a safe, seen, and supported campus culture is something we're all passionate about.

We've also been continuing our student accommodation advocacy, working with college committees to ensure students are being supported, especially around 20 College Road, where we're keeping a close eye on how things are going. A big win recently – lock-out fees have now been officially abolished! We want to say thank you to the Student Accommodation team for listening to student feedback and acting on this.

Attending Vent Tents with Ruby has been a real highlight too. Ruby's connection with her fellow students is something amazing – we're learning a lot from the stories and feedback being shared. These casual chats have already sparked some small but meaningful changes, and we're looking forward to building on that momentum.

Now for some personal updates – I've been learning a lot through working more closely with our advocates in the team. It's been a privilege to collaborate with such dedicated people, and I'm gaining so much insight from their experience and passion.

From May 26th, I'll be starting my final placement. While I'll be a little less contactable during this time, I'll still be around and staying connected where I can.

Items of note;

Have Completed

TUSA Meetings

- Weekly Catch Up, J Oates Pryor – 14/04

- Kick-off the week - 14/04
- TUSA Strategy Discussion SC – 17/04
- McCanns Building Tour – 17/04
- Kick-off the week - 21/04
- Weekly Leadership WIP – 23/04
- Student Accommodation Discussion, S Loewy & R Fox – 24/04
- Weekly Catch Up, J Oates Pryor – 28/04
- Kick-off the week – 28/04
- International Student Officer Interview 1 – 28/04
- International Student Officer Interview 2 – 28/04
- International Student Officer Interview 3 – 28/04
- International Student Officer Post Interviews Discussion – 28/04
- GBV Campaign Planning Meeting SC – 01/05
- Check in with S Buelens – 02/05
- Weekly Catch Up, J Oates Pryor – 05/05
- Kick-off the week – 05/05
- Weekly Leadership WIP – 07/05
- Advocacy Meeting – 08/05
- Weekly Catch Up, J Oates Pryor – 12/05
- Weekly Leadership WIP – 21/05

TUSA Committees

- TUSA Board Strategy Refresh – 17/04



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- Equity Committee April Meeting – 24/04

UTAS Meetings

- SSAF Working Group – 17/04

TUSA Events and Training

- Finance/Investment Workshop – 17/04
- Hytten Hall Vent Tent, R Fox – 01/05
- Final Workshop Difficult Conversations and Leading with EQ SC – 02/05
- College Road Vent Tent, R Fox – 08/05

Community Events/Rallies

- What were you wearing? Rally against gender-based violence – 10/05
 - o Attended as a community member