



State Council
Representative Report

General Secretary Report
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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	80%	25/36
TUSA Committees	Attendance	-	1/1
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	80%	12/17
UTAS Committees	Attendance	80%	1/1
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	100%	1/1
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	80%	
Media Communications	Participation	-	
Conferences	Attendance	-	
UTAS Events	Participation	80%	4/6
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	100%	2/2
PLACEMENT	PARTICIPATION	100%	Days off so far = 1



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Narrative update:

It's been a huge month of action, lots of collaboration, maybe a few too many Matcha lattes and long nights :)

On a personal note, I've started my final 4th year social work placement at the RHH, working 8:00–4:30 everyday (arghh!), I'm definitely struggling to see the sun some days. It's meant I haven't been on the ground as much as usual or as I would prefer, but I'm loving the experience and learning a lot about the sector I hope to work in post-Uni. That said, there's still a long road ahead this year in amplifying the student voice.

The highlight of this month has absolutely been the preparation for the rollout of the TUSA Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Awareness Campaign – Safe. Seen. Supported. This project has been months in the making and is a true testament to what we can achieve when we work together. Led with S Buelens (Undergraduate Education President), C Harris (Executive Support & Media Administrator), R Fox (Southern Campuses President), H Shojaee Pour (Northern Campus President), and A Bisset Stewart (Cradle Coast Campus President), and developed in support with UTAS, this campaign is aiming to put visibility, support, and action at the centre of student safety on all of our campuses. We've worked closely with the incredible student artist H Jewel, who brought her unique talent and vision to the campaign. We're so proud of the art she's created it's bold, bright, and deeply meaningful.

Keep an eye out across campus for posters and stickers that carry this important message forward.

We're sharing real, accessible information on how to report something, where to get help, and how to be a better ally. The core message is: If something feels off, trust your instincts. You are not alone. You will be supported.

Alongside this campaign, I've continued my engagement with the UTAS Gender-Based Violence Executive Oversight Committee and meetings with campus safety leaders, contributing to the university's broader GBV Action Plan and wider security concerns.

We've also continued to work hard on the Clinical Placement Payment (CPP), particularly supporting Nursing and Social Work students who have been deeply impacted by the ongoing delays. We've had multiple meetings with key UTAS staff, and while progress has been slow, we're finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel. I've provided some very



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strong and some very direct feedback to UTAS leadership about the communication breakdowns students have been experiencing, especially regarding the lack of clarity around the application timeline. With the support of the Tasmanian university Social Work Community (TUSC) and T Wickert (TUSA Placement Student) we recommended that students are kept at the forefront of these decisions affecting US. You have all been so incredibly patient and persistent (Thank you for all your wonderful emails and testimonials). If you still have questions or need help navigating the process, please reach out to TUSA. We are here for you!!

I've also had the opportunity to represent students on high-level governance bodies including the TUSA Board of Management and Academic Senate, where I spoke to the challenges students face in placement and financial insecurity. I was proud to speak alongside J Oates Pryor, whose ability to advocate for students with clarity and compassion is always inspiring. J Oates Pryor emphasised the importance of embedding a students as partners model across the university, and surprisingly (or perhaps not), the appetite from UTAS to explore this further is real.

Have Completed

TUSA Events

- TUSA "Queen of Hearts" Event, farewelling I Lagerewskij – 29/5

TUSA Meetings

- TUSA Team Meeting – 21/5
- TUSA State Council May Meeting – 21/5
- GBV Campaign Meeting – 22/5
- M Warrington People Insight – 2/6
- A Bisset Stewart People Insight – 3/6
- J Oates Pryor People Insight – 3/6
- Leadership WIP– 4/6
- S Luelens People Insight – 4/6
- H Shojaee Pour People Insight – 5/6

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- Leadership WIP – 11/6
- Meeting H Robinson, new TUSA Administrative Assistant – 11/6
- Catch up with H Jewel – Student Artist Concept meeting – 12/6
- Catch up with J Oates Pryor – 13/6
- Catch up with H Jewel – Student Artist Progress meeting – 16/6
- PD's Discussion with L McLaren – 18/6
- Catch up with M Warrington – 18/6
- GBV Campaign Meeting – 18/6
- Catch up with J Oates Pryor – 18/6
- Catch up with M Warrington – 25/6
- Catch up with H Jewel – Student Artist Progress Meeting - 27/6
- Catch up with H Shojaee Pour – 2/7
- Final Meeting with H Jewel – Student Artist – 09/7
- CPP Meeting Preparation Meeting with T Wickert – 11/7
- Catch up with C Harris to discuss GBV Campaign – 14/7
- CUTER Committee Meeting – 16/7

UTAS Events

- Bachelor of Social Work Student Orientation Presentation – 15/7
- UTAS Sustainability of Campus Orientation Presentation – 15/7
- O'Day Hobart City – 16/7
- CAM Welcome Session – Hunter Street Orientation Presentation – 15/7

UTAS Meetings

- GBV Campaigns meeting with J Brann – 23/5
- Campus Safety walk with V Yapp and R Fox – 23/5



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- Complex Case Manager Interview – 27/5
- Monthly Catch Up – Accom/Sports - 28/5
- GBV Executive Oversight Committee – 29/5
- Complex Case Manager Interview – 30/5
- Student Medical Disclosures Meeting - 2/6
- Change Proposal for the College of Arts, Law and Education Meeting – 11/06
- Change Proposal for the College of Arts, Law and Education Meeting – 17/06
- Meeting with B Pike to discuss CPP – 19/06
- GBV Executive Oversight Committee – 3/7
- GBV Campaign Role out with J Bran, J Homer and J McCallum – 14/7

Committees/Boards

- TUSA Board of Management – 3/6
- Academic Senate – 4/7

Other

- AYFICE Rural Youth Climate Network Project Meeting – 5/6
- AYFICE Rural Youth Climate Network Project Meeting – 8/6

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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