

President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	75%	32/32
TUSA Committees	Attendance	75%	4/4
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	75%	77/78
UTAS Committees	Attendance	75%	9/10
TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	-	7
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	-	10
Media Communications	Participation	-	6
Conferences	Attendance	-	1
UTAS Events/Orientation	Participation	-	10
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	-	1

Narrative update:

Howdy guys, gals, and non-binary pals,

Month number six is now done. We're pretty much halfway there, though it feels like November the 30th is approaching far more rapidly than I anticipated...

Despite being the "more quiet" months of the year over exams and the winter break, it's been an incredibly busy time. Evidently the UTAS CALE Change Proposal was announced and decided upon, which led to very substantial media and community engagement, as well as pushback from students and staff. While we didn't do a perfect job by any means, I was pleased to see our commitment to and support of student voice. I did a number of Media pieces relevant to this. I've also begun meeting with the NTEU more, recently. TUSA will still be involved in this process on an implementation panel, but I fully expect we'll see more of these coming through over the next year. Disillusioning.

Additionally, the work on Students as Partners has taken a lot of my time and thinking recently. There's a long way to go, and the harder work is yet to come. It's affirming to see the commitment in principle from the university to substantiating student voice into the decision-making processes of the university at all its levels. However, we now need to produce a draft framework that will suit the Heads of Academic Units, before taking it to the University Executive Team for approval, within the Academic Division (learning and teaching) and Research Division (HDRs). I'm keen for this to be collaborative, so please let me know how you would like to be involved, and whether you can contribute some research/writing time.

It's worth also celebrating the outcomes of our Annual General Meeting, including the first budget surplus in a decade and the approval of the Constitution and the new Board membership structure. Additionally, we've signed our three-year funding agreement with UTAS, including a minimum of 40% SSAF paid to us, meaning greater long-term sustainability and strength for TUSA. We've also now got a regular seat at the University Strategic Forum, a key intra-staff communication meeting.

Plenty of other stuff going on. Cults. NUS and the Education Conference. Food Hub and Winter Warmers. Board. Upcoming Elections and the conclusion of our terms. Orientation Week events. Trying to stay on top of the Reconciliation Action Plan and the great and important work coming from it, with Mark and Shauna's leadership.

To all students (and to staff, and community, and media), I'm happy to share any more details etc, or to chat anytime, please always feel welcome.

Here's to friends, funding, and free food.

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Key Actions and Achievements from this previous month:

Meetings Attended and Participated in:

Key TUSA Meetings:

- Chaired the May TUSA State Council Meeting. 21/5
- Attended the TUSA Kick-Off the Week regular meeting. 26/5
- Met with SL Ward, R De Villeneuve, L McLaren, and SL Buelens, to discuss some TUSA positioning on the “Students as Partners” model, and what we would like to see from discussions with the Vice-Chancellor among others. 26/5
- Attended the TUSA Grants Committee Meeting Round 3. 27/5
- Attended the CUTER Committee Meeting, with J Bell et al, to work on events and engagements for Rozelle Campus students. 29/5.
- Attended the regular TUSA GM, President, and Chair, catchup with D Sutton and SL Ward, 30/5.
- Met with A Smith, for each of our respective “People Insight” meetings with each other. 3/6
- Attended the TUSA Board Meeting. 3/6
- Attended the regular TUSA Leadership WIP, with SL Ward, E Solis, and A Smith. 4/6
- Met with SL Ward Prior to the University Strategic Forum (‘USF’) to debrief, discuss our presentation, and plan for future steps. 5/6
- Attended the regular TUSA Leadership WIP, with SL Ward, E Solis, and A Smith. 11/6
- Met with H Robinson, the new TUSA Administrative Assistant, with A Smith. 11/6
- Met with Thierry, the new Rozelle Student Experience and Events Officer, with A Smtih. 11/6
- Met with SL Ward, K White, and R Fox, to discuss our Hobart City presence long-term. 11/6
- Met with J Bell. 12/6
- Attended the regular TUSA GM, President, and Chair, catchup with D Sutton and SL Ward, 13/6.
- Met with A Bissett-Stewart. 13/6.
- Met with A Smith. 13/6.
- Attended the TUSA Kick-Off the Week regular meeting. 16/6
- Attended the TUSA Annual General Meeting, chaired by A Watkins. With D Sutton, SL Ward, and C Harris. 17/6
- Attended the regular TUSA Leadership WIP, with SL Ward, E Solis, and A Smith. 18/6
- Attended the TUSA Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. 24/6
- Met with S Loewy and SL Ward, to discuss the ECA Melbourne Study Centres, and third-party arrangements that UTAS currently offer, and our approach to a submission to the National Student Ombudsman. 3/7
- Met with L McLaren to discuss the TUSA UTE Walking Tour events around Hobart during Orientation Week Sem 2. 10/7
- Attended the regular TUSA GM, President, and Chair, catchup with D Sutton and SL Ward, 11/7.
- Attended the TUSA Kick-Off the Week regular meeting. 14/7
- Attended the TUSA Board of Management Introduction to Governance Training Session. 17/7

Key TUSA Events:

- Attended and spoke at the TUSA “Queen of Clubs” event, celebrating and farewelling Ingrid Lagerewskij after 21 years of work and service to the TUU and TUSA Clubs and Societies. 29/5
- Ran the TUSA ‘Hobart City Walking Tour’ UTE Trip. 15/7
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- Facilitated the quarterly TUSA Clubs and Societies Meeting #3. 21/7
- Supported and participated in the TUSA Hobart City Food Hub Launch. 23/7

Key UTAS Meetings:

- Met with N Farrelly, P Fay, and E Lickiss from the University, to discuss potential Muslim Prayer Room options going forward, with R Fox, and key executive members of the Muslim Society, including Kashif Azeem. 22/5
- Attended the UTAS Strategic Investments Advisory Panel, with C Barling, B Rose and their teams, as well as A Davison as the academic staff representative. 22/5
- Attended a UTAS Forestry Building HDR meeting, sharing information with Humanities HDRs about the move to Forestry. 22/5
- Met with the UTAS Campus Services leadership team, and R Fox, SL Ward and K White to discuss TUSA’s McCann’s Building plans. 23/5
- Met with J Brann to discuss upcoming University Strategic Forum Presentation. 23/5
- Participated in a “Campus Safety Walk” with M Brazendale and UTAS Security, as well as A Smith, R Fox, and V Yap. 23/5
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 27/5
- Met with A Castray, D Elvin, R Angus, K Perry, and SL Ward, to discuss UTAS Accommodation, UTAS Sport, and TUSA updates. 28/5
- Attended a CALE Change Proposal meeting update. 29/5
- Attended the GBV Executive Oversight Committee Meeting as a Proxy for SL Buelens, with J Brann and A Smith et al. 29/5
- Met with L Fletcher, regarding the CALE Change Proposal. 30/5
- Attended the Academic Senate Membership Working Group meeting, with K Harman et al, to discuss changes to the structure and membership of Academic Senate. 2/6
- Met with R Black, J Brann, K Huntington, R Ingliss, S Coull, and SL Ward, to discuss the upcoming University Strategic Forum presentation. 2/6
- Attended a Student Medical Disclosures meeting, led by B Ghosh, with J Lenthall et al. 2/6
- Missed the TUSA Social Supermarket and Café discussion with UTAS, SL Ward and K White on the 3/6.
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 3/6
- Presented at the International Students Pre-Departure Seminar. 4/6
- Presented at the University Strategic Forum (‘USF’), to over 180 of the key university leaders. Discussed the TUSA Food Hub and Food Sustainability Program, and received over \$1000 in donations that day. 5/6

- Attended the UTAS Forestry Tour, led by P Fay, with J Poelz, SL Ward, E Solis and B Brown, K White, N Kumar, SL Buelens, and R Fox. Saw the updates to the Forestry Building construction, as well as touring through some alternative UTAS spaces in the Hobart City, to look at location of TUSA Services in the interim period before the McCann's Building is operational. 5/6
- Met with L Bereznicki and SL Buelens for regular monthly catchup. 10/6
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 10/6
- Met with L Fletcher and J Chase, with R Fox, SL Buelens, N Kumar, H Shojaee Pour, and A Bisset-Stewart, to discuss the CALE Change Proposal. 11/6
- Met with D Hindle, to discuss Dogs on Campus, and the restriction of pets on University Grounds. 12/6
- Met with R Black, N Brown, J Brann, L Bereznicki, J Grant, and SL Ward, to discuss the 'Students as Partners' model, feedback, and key principles of implementation and engagement going forward. 16/6.
- Met with L Fletcher, J Chase, and student reps to discuss next steps in the CALE Change Proposal. 17/6
- Met with architects of the Forestry Library, to discuss design, and provide initial student feedback, with R Fox. 17/6
- Met with K Harman regarding the upcoming Student-Led Strategic Session at UTAS Academic Senate. 17/6
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 17/6
- Attended the Standing Academic Committee meeting, with K Harman et al. 18/6
- Attended the Cradle Coast Campus Experience Committee, with S Stanford, A Bissett-Stewart, and A Lamont. 18/6
- Met with C Chennatt, to discuss UTAS Libraries and Cultural Collections updates. 18/6
- Met with K Lee, to discuss the review of the Review and Appeals of Academic Decisions Procedure. 18/6
- Met with N Henning, to discuss the SSO Timetabling Transformation Project. 19/6
- Attended discussion with N Farrelly, P Fay, A Tavaszi, and SL Ward, K White and R Fox, discussing outcomes and positioning from TUSA on our future footprint and location, in Sandy Bay and in the Hobart City from Sem 1 2026, given 70% of Southern-based students will be located in the City from that time. 19/6
- Met with K Harman for regular catchup. 19/6
- Attended the 'Respect @ UTAS Mandatory Unit' working group meeting, as an outcome of the UTAS GBV Action Plan. 19/6
- Met with G Dent, the UTAS Student appointed to University Council. 20/6
- Attended the UTAS Sustainability Team luncheon, to celebrate the #1 in the World for Climate Action award for the third year in a row. 20/6
- Met with N Brodie, to discuss, among other items, student academic support at Jane Franklin Hall. 20/6
- Missed the UTAS Standing Academic Senate Meeting due to the NUS EdCon. 25/6
- Met with J Brann for a catchup in person, in Canberra. 27/6
- Attended a Pre-Academic Senate check-in with K Harman and K Rix. 3/7
- Attended the UTAS GBV Action Plan Executive Oversight Committee as a Proxy for SL Buelens, led by J Brann and with A Smith. 3/7

- Met with L Fletcher and S Wilson-Basset, to discuss the outcomes of the CALE Change Proposal. 3/7
- Attended, presented at, and facilitated a session at Academic Senate. 4/7
- Attended the UTAS Student Equity and Success Working Group meeting number 2. 8/7
- Missed the UTAS Campus Services Quarterly Catchup and TUSA Update as I was on leave. SL Ward spoke instead. 8/7
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 8/7
- Met with K Harman. 10/7
- Attended a debrief-session with K Harman and K Rix, after the Academic Senate Strategic Student-Led session we ran. 10/7
- Met with N Herbert, to discuss Students as Partners. 10/7
- Attended a pre-meeting for the UTAS 'New to Online' presentation. 10/7
- Attended the UTAS 'Assuring Student Learning' meeting, led by A Adams, regarding Programmatic Assessment tasks transformation. 22/7
- Met with J Brann and SL Ward, for our regular catchup. 22/7

Key UTAS Events:

- Attended the UTAS x TUSA Winter Warmers celebration and hand-over. 3/6
- Presented at the UTAS 'New to Town' session, with M Warrington, to approximately 300 students. 14/7
- Attended the UTAS 'New to Town Support Services' market. 14/7
- Presented at the UTAS 'New to Online' Zoom session. 14/7
- Presented at the UTAS 'CAM' session in the Hedberg. 16/7
- Attended the UTAS Hobart City O'Day. 16/7
- Presented at the UTAS 'Bachelor of Arts Orientation' session. 17/7
- Attended the UTAS Sandy Bay O'Day. 17/7
- Attended the UTAS 'Eats and Beats' evening event. 18/7

Key External Meetings/Events etc:

- Attended the National Reconciliation Week Breakfast, with M Warrington, organised by Reconciliation Tasmania, with key speakers including Uncle Jim Everett, and Dewayne Everettsmith. 3/6
- Met with the Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) President, P Ting, to discuss student representation and collaboration with our universities. 3/6
- Met with J McCormack the Tasmanian State President of Rotary, to discuss public speaking workshops run with or through TUSA. 3/6
- Missed and proxied vote to M Meyers for NUS National Executive Monthly meeting. 4/6
- Met with the Assistant General Secretary of DUSA, A Wright. 9/6
- Attended the Australian Human Rights Committee meeting regarding the National Racism on Campus survey, with J Brann, 10/6

- Met with P Ting, DUSA President, to discuss Students as Partners, and a presentation of SaP at the upcoming NUS Education Conference. 12/6
- Met with L Fox to discuss a 'Small and Regional Campuses' presentation at the upcoming NUS Education Conference. 16/6
- Attended the National Union of Students 'Education Conference', held at the ANU, from the 21st to the 27th of June.
- Attended the NTEU Log of Claims Meeting. 25/6
- Met with three different media outlets (Seven News, ABC, and the Examiner) to discuss the CALE Change Proposal Outcome. 3/7
- Met with a student who is keen to develop an online system for like-minded students to connect and grow. 14/7
- Met with L Fawcett, NUS Welfare Officer, to discuss TUSA and NUS collaborations going forward. 21/7 and 22/7.

Key Goals and Actions for the next month:

It's T-minus **4 Meetings** to go! Absolutely insane.

- One focus will be to continue to expand this year's Student Council's messaging and presence with Students. This means working on the SC Instagram, our website pages, and being present at as many Clubs Events as I can.
- I will also be focusing on the Students as Partners project, and trying to land it within the Academic and Research Divisions by the end of this year.