

EQUITY President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	N/A	5
TUSA Committees	Attendance	2	3
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	N/A	5
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TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	N/A	4
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	N/A	4
Media Communications	Participation	N/A	1
Conferences	Attendance	N/A	Nil
UTAS Events/Orientation	Participation	N/A	2
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	N/A	1

Narrative update:

February was a highly active period, marked by governance engagement, student-facing activities, and strategic discussions with University leadership. Alongside participation in State Council onboarding, Board of Management meetings, and professional development workshops, a strong focus was placed on issues impacting student wellbeing, inclusion, and access.

During this period, discussions with senior leadership supported institutional responses to the Racism Report, including coordination of student-facing communications to ensure that concerns were acknowledged with care and that messaging reflected accountability, safety, and a commitment to equity.

Engagements with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Equity & Success) also focused on key inclusion priorities such as the provision and accessibility of prayer spaces and the Multifaith Centre within the Forest Building. These discussions recognised the growing and diverse needs of students across faith backgrounds and reinforced the importance of culturally safe, visible, and appropriately resourced spaces.

The relocation of the Student Accessibility Study Centre (SASC) on the Sandy Bay campus was also raised, with emphasis on the need for meaningful consultation, clear communication, and accessibility-led decision making. Ensuring that students who rely on accessibility services are supported throughout periods of transition remains a core priority.

February also included visible participation in community-wide equity and inclusion initiatives. On 14 February, the TasPride Pride Parade was held in Hobart, bringing together participants from across Tasmania in a vibrant celebration of love, diversity, and inclusion. The parade served as an important moment of visibility and solidarity for LGBTQIA+ students and communities. TUSA's engagement in Pride activities was supported through the work of Bea, the LGBTQIA+ Equity Officer, reinforcing the Association's ongoing commitment to inclusion, safety, and representation.

February also coincided with major orientation and engagement activities, including Clubs and Societies Day and faculty presentations, providing valuable opportunities to connect with new and returning students. As the semester progresses, the focus remains on collaboration, visibility, and ensuring that equity work continues to be grounded in student experience and need.

As we move forward, my focus remains on strengthening collaboration, maintaining clear communication, and ensuring that equity work continues to be responsive, inclusive, and centred on student needs.

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Please don't hesitate to reach out in case of any queries, suggestions or feedback.

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