

Undergraduate President of Education Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings Any meetings held with TUSA staff, Board members, or other student reps.	Attendance	75%	4/4
TUSA Committees This is attendance of any TUSA Committees (e.g. Board of Management, Governance Committee)	Attendance	75%	0
UTAS Meetings Any meetings you attend with UTAS staff whether they be one-on-one or team.	Attendance	75%	2/2
UTAS Committees Any UTAS-hosted committees you attend, such as Academic Senate and the Student Experience Committee.	Attendance	75%	2/2
TUSA Events/Trainings Any TUSA hosted events or training sessions you attended.	Attendance	100%	3/3
Miscellaneous Meetings Any other meetings you attended (for example, meetings with individual students or community members)	Attendance	N/A	0
Media Communications Any media communications (socials posts, media releases etc.) you participated in.	Participation	N/A	0
Conferences Any conferences you attended within your capacity as a State Council representative	Attendance	N/A	0
UTAS Events/Orientation Any UTAS-run or Orientation events you attended.	Participation	100%	0
Community Events/Rallies Any community events or rallies you attended in your capacity as a TUSA student representative.	Participation	N/A	0

Narrative update:

The beginning of semester two has kicked off! Like many, I'm still feeling particularly exhausted from first semester on account of the short break. That being said, it has been a fairly gentle re-introduction to work at TUSA, most of the finalisation of decisions relating to course work etc. occurred close to the end of semester one, creating an almost eerily quiet feeling where I find myself constantly checking my email inbox waiting for something to come through.

Nonetheless, I know this quietness is only temporary and I expect things to pick up again over the next few months. Our Southern Campus Pres. Ollie has begun rolling out vent tents, which as always, provide a great opportunity for students to give input on some of the main issues relating to Uni life, where the University can do better, and importantly, how TUSA can fight for students most effectively. Related to this, there is clearly a common set of issues that students are reporting, namely food insecurity and the cost of rent within our student accommodation. This was illustrated exceptionally well within the recent Togatus article; students are being pulled in different directions in ways that no one ever should. It's becoming the norm that students have to contend with a full-time study load and multiple jobs, all the while their rent and cost of living climb to unlivable standards around them. Amidst this, it's easy to forget that it is students who pay for the university! Students pay through the teeth to study, the university has an obligation and duty of care to them, it is unreasonable that the university behaves as a speculative property owner. Unfortunately, these are often intersecting issues which run exceptionally deep. Regardless, TUSA remains committed to facing these issues head on. The increasing severity of these issues is going to require us to take an increasingly bold stance.

In addition to this, as many of you may have heard, as a result of a National Enquiry into Antisemitism, Australian Universities have been put in a position where they must adopt a definition of antisemitism. This has understandably created some strong tension on campuses nationally. There is concern from many students and staff, including groups like the NTEU, that a definition which conflates criticism of Israel or Zionism with antisemitism itself will curtail free speech and academic freedom on campus, particularly for students wanting to advocate on Palestine. Equity Pres. Kashif, President Jack, and I have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure students and staff aren't disregarded in this conversation. We've been clear with the University that protecting students from antisemitism and all forms of discrimination, and protecting students' right to speak freely on political issues, aren't mutually exclusive. Discrimination continues to be a significant issue on campuses, so we need robust solutions that go beyond changing definitions and acting on political pressure, such as broadening reporting and actioning pathways for students, and increasing resources for students to seek assistance such as counselling. This is an issue we're watching closely, and we'll keep you updated as it develops.



Student Council Representative Report

It was an incredible pleasure to meet all of our new semester two students from all over the world and online! I can't wait to become more acquainted and work with some of you in the very near future. It's always exciting to see what new cohorts can bring to the university, and inversely how the university responds to changing student conditions and diversifying cohorts.

Serious business aside, I am really looking forward to playing Mario Kart this coming Tuesday with the Maths and Physics Society! I, unfortunately, am not very good at Mario Kart but it will be very fun nonetheless.

As always, if there is anything specific I can help you with, whether course issues, academic wellbeing, or otherwise, you can contact me at Undergrad.President@TUSA.utas.edu.au or solomon.doyle@utas.edu.au

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