

President Report

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Item	Measure	Target	Actual
TUSA Meetings	Attendance	N/A	11
TUSA Committees	Attendance	6	5
UTAS Meetings	Attendance	N/A	13
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TUSA Events/Trainings	Attendance	4	4
Miscellaneous Meetings	Attendance	N/A	8
Media Communications	Participation	N/A	0
Conferences	Attendance	0	0
UTAS Events/Orientation	Participation	1	2
Community Events/Rallies	Participation	N/A	3
Student Voice Initiatives	Attendance	N/A	0

Narrative update:

- Preparations for presentation to University Council in early May, Board Risk Register Workshop, and rescheduled Alumni Event.
- Development of TUSA SC 2024 Strategy.
- Attendance at TUSA Planning Retreat – facilitation of SC breakout sessions to develop SC Strategy.
- Attended the Students for Palestine production by lead B Rivers, amazing work from a society!
- Eight individual meetings with students to hear their concerns and work with them to address things.
- Attended first Student Equity and Success Working Group – with the groups key focus being overseeing the government funding the University receives across the Equity space – including Higher Education Participation Partnerships Program Funding – UTAS receives the highest in the country \$10M. As well as developing a draft strategy for the Student Support Policy by Nov 2024.

- Met with M Parsell and T Sidoryn to discuss Students as Partners, outlining that COSE is the standout in the space – and not COHM – plans for COSE and myself to present to the next academic heads meeting in May-ish.
- Hosted the National Union of Students General Secretary for our Student Life Expo, as well as other meetings with individual State Council members and with Board Chair D Sutton.
- Attended first Academic Senate of 2024, presented our Palestine Statement to Senate, received overwhelming positive feedback – especially from more junior staff – ongoing conversations with PVC Student Equity & Success around pushing for a statement of supporting those effected from UTAS.
- Attended the Official Opening of Hytten Hall with J Oates Pryor.
- Attended National Union of Students National Executive Meeting as State Branch President.
- Ongoing concerns around Unihopper South being at capacity – multiple reports of all day capacity.
- Attended first Student Experience Committee meeting of the year, impressed by strategy presented from UTAS surrounding plans out of their Gender Violence Independent Audit, however disappointed by the lack of engagement from the committee on the topic. Similarly, frustrated with the crickets received around our raising of accommodation concerns.
- Met with UTAS Staff member around the Enrolment Transformation Program that is currently underway, pleasantly surprised by the scope of the project and what has been captured, gaps still existed, however. Is a multi-year program with 7 separate ‘projects’ within it.
- Met with Acting Head of Libraries and Head of Cultural Collections, a fascinating conversation and think a space in which we can support each other moving forwards – extremely receptive to feedback, strongly advise campus presidents to reach out and meet with them.
- Attended TUSA BoM March Meeting – two independent Board Member vacancies currently exist – Board restated their commitment to supporting student reps and staff and suggested if resourcing is an issue, a paper simply needs to be submitted to Board to request additional funding.
- NOTE: 1 Week of personal leave taken in March – hence the slightly lower quantitative statistics.