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Part One: Executive Officer Position Description Duties

1.1 Ensure Te Roopū operates in accordance with this constitution;

We've been operating in accordance with the constitution and consulting it in preparation for our first Hui Motuhake (SGM) and the procedure that is required to pertain a bi-election aspect of our Hui Motuhake.

1.2 Act as Māngai for Te Roopū at local, regional and national levels;

I will be speaking at the Māori scholarship evening on the 26th of March alongside Te Rito. Te Rito were involved with the running of the process of the first year pōhiri. After the pōhiri, Te Rito held it down at the TRM whare and showcased what Te Rōpū Māori have to offer ki Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka. Us as Te Rito have acted as a māngai for Te Rōpū Māori, through hall visits, events and various other kaupapa.

1.3 Represent Te Roopū as a delegate at Te Mana Akonga Hui;

The first hui for Te Mana Akonga was on 12/03/24. At this hui I was present via zoom. The first Te Mana Akonga hui kaiarāhi is in Ponkeke from the 12th to the 14th of April. I will attend this planned hui alongside my Āpiha Ahurea. We will discuss the certain kaupapa surrounding whakanui ngāi māori and Te Huinga Taurira among other issues.

1.4 Set policies with the Tumuaki Tuarua regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of Te Rōpū consistent with section 8 of the constitution;

At this very moment in time we do not have a Tumuaki Tuarua (vice president) or Tumuaki Takirua (co-president). Alongside my Te Rito, us as a collective have started the mahi for this role. There have been no new policies set at this present time.

1.5 Carry out any duty that from time to time, may be defined by Te Rito and/or all operations of Te Rōpū;

I am first aid qualified after completing my First Aid refresher course.

I have met with Michelle Taiaroa, Tumuaki of Te Huka Mātauraka (Māori Centre). Due to reasons beyond my control, I have not been able to formulate a stronger relationship due to my week absence from university during the first official academic year. Further meetings are required to solidify this relationship. This will include the solidification of the terms within our MOU, this is inclusive of a plan to meet as Te Rito with Te Huka Mātauraka to further solidify the relationship.

I have also met with Karin Fraser and everyone from the Office of Māori Development (OMD). I have also met with Rhonda Bryant who is the current interim director at OMD. Again, further hui will be scheduled. But due to actions beyond my control. Further meetings are required to solidify this relationship.

I met with Donna Jones (Secretary of OUSA) and several OUSA executive members to establish relationships and ensure that TRM is represented on OUSA committees.

I have met with Keegan Wells (President of OUSA) and have attended various OUSA hui. We are set to begin the solidification of the MOU between and us two parties.

I have met with ex-Tumuaki from prior years to get more awahi and information in regard to my role.

I have met with the OUPISA President Telekalafi Likiliki to establish a relationship and have extended the support of Te Roopū Māori to her should they need it.

I attended and had the chance to address the first year taura at the Pōhiri at the beginning of Orientation Week. Te Rito later helped run the afternoon BBQ following the Pōhiri at Māori Centre and were kaimahi of the Māori kāi Festival.

I will speak at the Māori Scholarships Evening addressing certain topics that are deemed important for the betterment of taura māori.

1.6 Be an ex-officio member of the OUSA executive, and is responsible for Te Roopū Māori adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OUSA;

We have yet to sign an MoU between OUSA and TRM.

1.7 Each semester, submit at least (2) report to OUSA in accordance with the OUSA Constitution;

Each semester two reports are to be submitted. This is the first of two reports to be submitted through to OUSA for this semester.

1.7 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA;

I am a member of the University BoGS, senate and will be on other committees that are required to be on via the Te Rito policy.

1.8 Sit on the OUSA Blue and Gold's Committee;

I have not attended an OUSA Blues and Gold's hui yet.

1.9 Will maintain a good working relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the University, and will be responsible for the adherence to the MoU with the Te Huka Mātauraka and the Office of Māori Development;

The relationship with Te Huka Matauraka and the University is very positive. But further input on my behalf is required. This needs to be put in place to further solidify and build a greater foundation for these relationships. We worked alongside Te Huka Mātauraka for the pōhiri for the first year and kāi festival for taura māori during o-week. We also co-ran an event during O-Week that brought students to join in the festivities. Coming up with OMD is the scholarship dinner for first year taura.

1.10 Chair all Hui a Te Rito, and ensure that Tikanga Māori is upheld during these Hui;

I have chaired Te Rito hui. When I had to go away for whānau reasons, kaiwhakahaere tari chaired the hui. I have ensured that Te Rito has maintained professionalism in these hui and that it is a safe environment for other executive members to express and share their thoughts on matters.

1.11 Support the Tuarua with Te Haerenga organisation and Komiti formation;

n/a this quarter

Where practical will work no less than 15 hours per week, with a minimum of 5 hours designated to 'Office Hours'.

My office hours have been set for Wednesday. I have been in the office when I am able to. But am in the middle of playing catch up due to the family commitment. The time for work has included attending OUSA executive meetings, hui with Office of Maori Development, Te Huka Mātauraka, other committee hui, meeting with staff and University events.

1.12 Be a mandatory signatory for the Te Roopū bank account;

I am a signatory for the Te Roopū bank account.

1.13 Attendance at Te Huinga Taura is compulsory unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved through a vote in a Te Rito Hui.

I plan to attend Te Huinga Taura. I am apart of the organising committee.

Part Two: General Duties of All Executive Members

2.1 Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are expected to assist as volunteers for OUSA events and functions, including, but not limited to:

2.1.1 Assisting at the OUSA Tent City marquee and other activities during Summer School, Orientation and Re-Orientation;

I assisted the OUSA team in their tent during Orientation, the possibility of formulating more events between OUSA and TRM.

2.1.2 At an individual Executive Officer's discretion, be a safety contact during Orientation, Re-Orientation and other OUSA events throughout the year;

n/a as TRM run our own events at these times.

2.1.3 Collecting for the capping charity; and

n/a

2.1.4 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate, including but not limited to advertising the election and collecting votes.

n/a at this time.

2.2 Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are to be available for Executive meetings, national conferences, national and local campaigns, Executive training sessions and Executive planning sessions.

During the year, we will formulate specific steps in the appropriate order. We will take all the reasonable steps forward to make availability slots.

2.3 All Executive Officers with control of budget lines, or who have been allocated a budget line, shall maintain detailed budgets and not exceed their budgeted expenditure.

Not applicable for my position.

2.4 All Executive Officers, where possible, shall maintain regular, publicised office hours, and are expected to regularly check and respond to all correspondence received.

These are publicised and published through Te Rōpū Māori but are separate from OUSA.

2.5 All Executive Officers shall every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community.

Helping at Te Huka Mātauraka with O-week kaupapa and other kaupapa when required

Attend as many hui as I can both at iwi and tertiary level

Part Three: Attendance and Involvement in OUSA and University Committees

OUSA Ex-officio Member: As indicated above

Senate: As described above

Blue and Gold's when it starts up

Part Four: Progress on Goals

Te Rōpū Māori constitutional objectives

To abide by all principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Due to the act that was passed in 2020, Education and Training Act 202. The primal focus is more on the basis of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, rather than the principles within a tertiary space.

To support and encourage education and wellbeing for Māori students enrolled at the University of Otago and to provide a safe environment for Māori students to prosper

To provide a kainga rua for our tauira is something that we believe is deemed crucial. It will enable a space for our tauira to be unapologetically Māori. To provide a space within the domains of our education system for the betterment of Māori is and will for be a goal.

Te Rito have had discussions on what we can do better in terms of the physicality of the whare. During mid semester break, us as Te Rito plan on revamping the whare. We are also wanting to free up the last room in our whare to make that another space for our tauira.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, us as Te Rito had to get rid of a lot of our kai in our storage cupboard. But because of this, we will try to keep our cupboards full of kai to enable greater foot traffic of tauira.

To liaise with the broader Māori Community at local, regional and national level

At the local level, we are beginning kaupapa for our tauira weekly. As well as the other kaupapa we have done during O-week. This will enable engagement at the local level by providing assistance for the whakanui of our tauira.

At a regional level, we have begun building a closer relationship with one of mana whenua. For the remainder of the year we plan on building closer relationships with the rest of mana whenua.

At national level, we will be attending hui kaiarahi in Poneke. This is kaupapa that all of the presidents and vice presidents of the different Māori student organisations from around the country all meet up and report to each other on what the current status within their own region and university. In June, this specific kaupapa will be held in our takiwa.