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# PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

## Duties of the President

### Be the official spokesperson for the Association.

### I have done this to the best of my ability! These comments have been given to: ODT, TVNZ, RNZ, Critic Te Ārohi, Newstalk, Herald Op ed, Stuff, and probably a few I’m forgetting. I really enjoyed talking to everyone around budget day. I even got 2 critic covers this quarter – hoping for 3 next quarter.

I guess it falls under this tab as well but I have visited both Northern Campuses and talked to student leaders and represented OUSA at all.

I’ve also made 2 submissions this quarter on the future of universities for UAG as well as the submission on Māori wards.

### In liaison with any appropriate affected parties, coordinate and oversee all interactions with other student associations, media organisations, the University of Otago, the Dunedin City Council, the Government of New Zealand, local authorities and any other external organisations and their representatives

### I have done this with the media outlets mentioned above, the University, both ORC & DCC, NZUSA (where applicable), and the other students’ associations. I have met with the mayor a few times so far! In regards to the DCC, I had one meeting with the lovely Steve Walker who has been helping with some issues around AirNZ.

### I’ve also been in contact with Councillor Elliot Wier from ORC in talks about the regional long term plan of the regional council. We are setting up a meeting in the next coming weeks with the new engagement advisor which will be good.

### I engage with MP Rachel Brooking who I have a close working relationship with. The Hon Rachel Brooking and I have meetings set every 6 to 8 weeks to discuss any matters arising and work together to tackle the issues in North Dunedin (glass). I’ve also sent letters to Hon Chris Bishiop and Hon Goldsmith this year in regards to members of parliament. I am trying to keep a good relationship with previous mayor Aaron Hawkings but sometimes I feel he doesn’t like me. I also travelled to Wellington for The Hon Francisco Hernadez’s maiden speech.

### This quarter I have worked closely with VUWSA, TMĀ, Te Tira Ahu Pae, and LUSA in talks about NZUSA reforms. These students associations have been the backbone of NZUSA. Outside of NZUSA however we have a new presidents chat which meets monthly to discuss what each student association is doing.

### Forming NZUSA National Council (alongside me evidentially) and keeping the lights on at NZUSA while major constitutional reforms and strategic reworks happen. We meet semi-regularly but communicate more in the chat.

I’ve worked quite closely with a few students and student groups throughout the semester which isn’t really mentioned in any section oddly enough. I helped a science communication student get special permission to finish their minor, worked with ALM Med student president on club finance questions and structure questions, Tramping club had a few questions about the new changes under the charity commission, and heavily consulted with the MNSc students.

### Maintain a good working relationship with the Otago Polytechnic Students’ Association (OPSA) and coordinate joint activities when relevant or practical.

I have met with Sarah at the start of the year and are planning a social event between the two of the associations!

### Be the Association’s official representative on relevant external boards, committees or executives, including, but not limited to:

### Council of the University of Otago (and requisite sub-committees);

### Yep!

### University of Otago Senate;

Yep!

### New Zealand Union of Students’ Association’s National Council; and

Yep!

### Any other national student body affiliate where applicable.

I am the NZUSA Representative for CUSPaC. We have had one meeting so far!

### Hold membership and, where reasonable, attend all internal committees of the Association.

I have attended every one that has run so far! Polcom is doing great (shot Emily), FESC is running, and academic committee was attended even though I was late and left early. But I am aware of all the proceedings of these meetings.

### Be given first opportunity for appointment as a director of any company where the Association holds the power to make such an appointment, excluding OUSA Holdings Ltd and its subsidiaries, if the executive chooses not to appoint an external director. This must occur in accordance with the OUSA appointments policy.

I got first choice!

### Chair all meetings of the OUSA Executive and ensure that the standing orders of the Executive are adhered to.

Done. I thank the incredible Donna Jones for everything this women does. And for people who read the papers before hand so it’s not a quiet abyss.

### Ensure that an adequate level of consultation between the Executive and staff is maintained on all relevant matters of interest to the Association.

I believe this has been happening! Debbie and I have a great working relationship. We have standing meetings but more likely just have a chat around any matter that arises in this arena. I also have catch up with most every other department in one way or another, all of which are informal but good to know what’s going on. I share my praise and admiration to Dwaine as I think he’s just the greatest.

### Where relevant matters arise, prepare verbal reports to the Executive and a written summary for the Executive, of all relevant matters of interest to the Association.

Haven’t yet to yet luckily!

### Report on NZUSA activity at regular OUSA Executive meetings.

NZUSA is briefly reported to the executive when deemed necessary. It is not usually reported on as it is moving quite slowly. I update the executive as necessary without boring them to death.

### In conjunction with the Finance and Strategy Officer and Political Representative, oversee any political campaigns undertaken by the Association actively seeking to inform the student body and general public on student issues and concerns.

I have tried my best to be available to discuss campaigns with executive members when necessary. I hope I’ve helped Tara and Liam with their ideas.

### Maintain a good working relationship with the Administrative Vice-President, Finance and Strategy Officer, Academic Representative, and Welfare and Equity Representative, meet with them weekly and, where reasonable, liaise with them on daily basis.

I think we all have great working relationships, mostly. I see Emily the most due to the nature of the roles but also have enjoyed my time with each of them. I have standing weekly meetings with some and fortnightly set with others just as some demand more consistent catchups.

### Maintain a good working relationship with all other Executive Officers and, where reasonable, liaise with them individually on a weekly basis.

I believe I am working well with everyone! Liam yaps my ear off the most and Hanna and I have been through bank administration hell as of recent. I think I’m all good with everyone as well? Let’s hope!

### Maintain a good working relationship with Te Rōpū Māori Tumuaki and uphold the duties of the President as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students’ Association and Te Rōpū Māori.

Gemella my queeny! I chaired the TRM SGM this quarter and continue to work towards a stronger te tiriti partnership. We also signed the MoU this quarter!

### Maintain a good working relationship with University of Otago Pacific Island Students’ Association President and uphold the duties of the President as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students’ Association and University of Otago Pacific Island Students’ Association.

Tele my darling! I learn so much from Tele constantly and I am in awe of her kidness and leadership. We also signed the MoU this quarter and best believe we will be having a social soon.

### Maintain a good working relationship with the Vice Chancellor and uphold the duties of the President as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students’ Association and the Vice Chancellors office.

I am forever grateful for Helen’s leadership during the past 18 months. It’s crazy to me that she is only (acting). I have had all my meetings with her and will be sad to see her go. Also she got a crazy singing voice.

### Maintain a good working relationship with the Chief Executive Officer and, where reasonable, meet with them on a weekly basis. Maintain a good working relationship with the advisory board and, where reasonable, liaise with them on a regular basis.

I think we all have great working relationships, mostly. I see Emily the most due to the nature of the roles but also have enjoyed my time with each of them. I have standing weekly meetings with some and fortnightly set with others just as some demand more consistent catchups.

### Supervise the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Executive, including setting and reviewing of annual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

I am currently going through the KPIs and are trying to smoothen the process going forward. I believe with a more structured approach the KPI reaching will be easier.

### Where appropriate, seek advice from the Association lawyers on legal matters relevant to the Association to do with governance.

Only once!

### Be available via cell phone at all practical times.

Oh yeah I think my response time is going down on emails. Funniest joke I’ve discovered this year is saying “sorry for the delay on this one” responding to an email within 5 minutes.

### Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I have attempted to! I’ve been at the tables when necessary, did tertiary open day, anzac day, and every graduation.

### In the final quarter, write and submit an Annual Review as President, for the purpose of inclusion in the Annual Report.

N/Annual review (if you will)

### Where practical, work not less than forty hours per week.

Last quarter I said I would do better and I did. I am actually quite surprised my average only sat at 43 when I did quite a few 50+ hour weeks.

# PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

## General Duties of All Executive Officers

### The appointed term for all OUSA Executive Officers shall commence from the 1st of January and will terminate on the 31st of December of that same year.

Heck yeah dog half way.

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

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

Nuh uh

### Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

Referenda! I did help with the referenda as much as possible. Even though everyone thinks it was me who put in calling me Madam President (shot Critic Te Ārohi).

### It is expected that Executive Officers attend Executive meetings.

I have attended most all of the executive meetings (maybe all except one?). When it happened to land on a council day.

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

I organised the date for and attended the strategy day of planning ! Credit to other exec though as it was Hanna’s idea and Liam grabbed the white board marker.

### All Executive officers shall:

### Keep up to date with the Finance and Strategy Officer's Executive budget, bringing to the Finance and Strategy Officer any spending proposals, keeping track of their spending and ensuring they do not exceed budgeted expenditure;

I have largely assumed the role of Finance and Strategy with setting the budget, overview of the accounts, and signing of organizational wide expenditure.

### Educate themselves on needs and experiences relevant to historically marginalised demographic groups including intersectionality and promote and encourage all demographics to participate, where relevant, in clubs, societies, committees and OUSA events;

I am a lifelong learner in this area. I am maybe not as well versed in certain marginalised groups as others so I am continuously trying to improve my knowledge. I am always trying to learn more about Māori and Pacific cultures as it is definitely not my strong suit. I appreciate the guidance from Tele and Gemella in these areas.

### Act in accordance with and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi while exercising their duties;

Yes! I try to at all times! I am also undertaking the Te Rito training

### Where reasonable, attend events hosted by clubs related to historically marginalised demographic groups;

Yes!

### Prioritise sustainability and minimization of environmental impacts in all aspects of their role and keep up to date with environmental issues;

Yes! Still a granola girly that loves the environment. Also attended the SS4C in April.

### Every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community; and;

LandSAR! Probably hit 30+ hours this quarter as I undertook 2 searches on the weekends when called.

### Regularly check and respond to all communications

I have such an organised email box you would not believe it. I don’t believe I’ve missed any communications. Some delayed more than others but never forgotten

# PART THREE: COMMITTEES

If I were to list every meeting I had this document would be much much longer than it would possibly need to ever be. Committees though I could give a reasonable shot.

* Council
* Senate
* Appeals Board
* Finance and Budget Committee
* NZUSA Council
* Tuakiritaka Project Steering Committee
* Web Project Committee Steering Group
* Sophia Charter Working Group
* Blues and Golds
* Grants Pannel
* Fesc
* Polcom
* Academic Committee
* Good One
* Free speech working group
* Learner success plan governance group
* IT Governance Board
* UUL (as of late)
* Campus Community meeting
* Focus Groups for PVC Health Science recruitment (one off)
* Focus Groups for DVC External Engagement recruitment (one off)
* Focus Groups for Dean of Graduate Research School (one off)
* Focus Group for Health Science Restructure (one off)
* Francis Hodge Fellowship (one off)
* DCBFF Charty picking (one off)

It is a crazy experience learning something new with every meeting I show up to. Even if that is a random acronym for some random IT something or another. I try my best to contribute and have only cried once in a committee this year!

# PART FOUR: GOALS AND PROGRESS

**Goal One: International Student Pastoral Care**

I keep pushing for this in basically every way I can. In council I raise questions every time a scholarship that is only for domestic students is offered. Tara tried on my behalf to ask about medicals at student health but got stonewalled so I will be attempting that again soon.

I’ve also tried to place special attention on internationals by appointing Buki to the vice chancellor advisory group, talking over issues with Sean, paying special attention to where internationals are in every day processes, and focusing my tuakiritaka op ed on being an international to bring wider light to the experience we all have.

**Goal Two: Make progress with a student bar.**

Not much to update on last quarter as the progress is commercially sensitive. Progress is being made.

**Goal Three: I can fix them! (NZUSA)**

NZUSA is coming along. The accounts were a lot harder to fix than I originally thought and have taken far too much time. That being said, we are having a hui in about a month’s time to see where it will be going in the future. Will update then!

**Goal Four: Not so interesting internal OUSA actions**

I’ve continue to try to create strong relationships between the staff at OUSA and the executive. It mostly comes in the form of me parking up on their couches but also hopefully some like of the executive.

I continue to work on the large handover document for the next president and create a living place for it to be updated and shaped with every year for better handover.

**New Goals that have come up:**

There have been a few new goals that have come across my desk. These include band spaces for students to practice in, the issues with the MSNc programme, period products, member email list, and the unipol bouldering gym.

All of these are being addressed in different ways that fit the needs of each of them. Mostly it is just me going to SLT telling them to do something.

# PART FIVE: GENERAL

How good! Second quarter done! I have continued to love my time as President. I still call Quintin too frequently, I still lay on Donna’s floor when I got a bit silly the night before, and I still am loving (most) every aspect of the role. Hyding on campus and the hype around the event was a lot of fun as well.

There has been a lot of random side questing performed in this role (getting a food bank in chch set up with the help of Beth, climbing gym in unipol, band practice spaces, and programme consulting) to name a few that are quite large to tackle but I have so much confidence and faith in those around me. Still standing on the shoulders of giants.

A lot of issues have come across to me this semester that I have tried to handle with the uptmost care and delicacy. As I still like to have fun and be a silly little guy a lot of these decisions have real implications for a lot of people and I don’t want to make students’ lives any harder.

I am immensely proud of the executive for working so hard and preforming to such a high level. There is a lot of uphill battles to be faced in every role and everyone takes it with a stride in their step.

That being said, I have pranked a few departments as of recent (Rad1, secretary, events, and planet media) and don’t think I will stop anytime soon. I have also really enjoyed getting to know all the homies throughout OUSA. Jason, Lawerence, Nick, Evie, Jess, Joe(s), TK, and Beth (in addition to the ones I already knew) you all are great and give OUSA a really great rep. I look forward to more drinks soon.

Apologies this quarterly report isn’t as funny as my last I am just not feeling in a funny mood today. Also it’s late because I was reading board papers I got last minute for UUL since the F&S rep is ghosting us and I needed to replace her last minute.

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