



UOPISA

University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association

President of the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association (UOPISA)

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Part One: Executive Officer position Description Duties

1.1 The University of Otago Pacific Islands Students Association President shall be a voting ex-officio member of the OUSA Executive.

I have attended many meetings this quarter. In these meetings, I vote when things are presented to the association executive.

1.2 The duties of the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students Association President are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students' Association and the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association (UOPISA).

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) and the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association (UOPISA) has been met.

1.3 Where practical, perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I continue to perform the general duties of all executive officers when I can.

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

The President is the primary elected representative of members of UOPISA. The President will lead UOPISA in fulfilling its core functions and achieving its goals. This includes:

1.1 Main spokesperson or representative for UOPISA.

I have represented UOPISA at a few events this quarter such as:

- I. Monthly meetings with the University of Otago Pacific Leadership Group (PLG)
 - a. The PLG meetings consists of the Pacific deans of various teaching disciplines, the Acting Director of Pacific development Office, and



myself. This is where we can have round the table discussions on current events, policies, and update each other on the wellbeing of Pacific students and staff and how we can continue to improve their University experience together.

- II. Otago Pacific Presidents meetings (Standing Committee)
 - a. These meetings are for around-the-table discussions with all Pacific Presidents. During these meetings, we have been able to update each other with future events and plans that we all have. We were also able to pass the new UOPISA Grant Policy for our member associations and also UOPISA's second quarterly report.
- III. Monthly meetings with Professor Helen Nicholson.
 - a. These meetings are where I am able to ask for advice and I can update Helen with what UOPISA has been doing. We did not meet in August as it was a busy month for me.
- IV. Monthly meetings with Vice Chancellor, Honourable Grant Robertson
 - a. These meetings are with OUSA President and Te Rōpū Māori Tumuaki. This is where we can update Grant with what we are all doing and have great conversations.
- V. Senate.
 - a. Senate is the principle academic authority of the University and shall, subject to the powers reserved to the council by act of parliament, take such measures and act in such a manner as shall appear to it best calculated to promote the academic work to the University both in teaching and research and for the regulation and superintendence of the education of the students of the University.
 - b. During senate, I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and share my opinion on various issues that I know can have an impact on Pacific students. I will continue to voice my opinion in senate where I find it appropriate, whether if it is positive or negative.
- VI. Meeting with Jo Orange – University's Manager Student Pastoral Care.
 - a. I meet with Jo every six weeks. This is where we discuss how Student Pastoral Care can help Pacific students and all students in the University.
- VII. Pastoral Care Hui
 - a. I attended a meeting with Pastoral Care and OUSA executives. This is where we discussed if the University's pastoral care meets the needs of our diverse student body.
- VIII. OUSA Executive and Library Meeting
 - a. Was part of the meeting with OUSA and those that work at the library. We met at Hocken Library where they were able to update us with the changes they have made around campus. They took our ideas and



suggestions and made some of them a reality which is amazing to see. They were also kind enough to give us a tour around the Hocken Library which is one of my highlights of the whole year.

- IX. Blues & Gold Awards Panel
 - a. This is confidential.
- X. OUSA Photoshoot.
 - a. Was part of the photoshoot for OUSA 😊
- XI. OUSA, UOPISA, and Te Rōpū Māori Kava session.
 - a. I held a kava session for OUSA and Te Rōpū Māori. This was during Tongan Language Week and a chance for everyone to come together and learn more about the Tongan culture and other Pacific cultures such as the Fijian culture. This session was a huge success and I would love to have another kava session with everyone before the end of the year.
- XII. Graduation.
 - a. I was honoured to be part of the graduation ceremony for a second time. I was part of the graduation procession and the 4pm ceremony.
- XIII. Graduation Dinner.
 - a. I was honoured to be invited to the Vice-Chancellor, Honourable Grant Robertson, to the graduation dinner. I was able to have great conversations with my fellow OUSA Executives and with staff members that attended.
- XIV. Pacific Welcome for the Vice-Chancellor, Honourable Grant Robertson.
 - a. In July, there was a Pacific Welcome for the new Vice-Chancellor. I was able to work with Professor Edmond Fehoko and was part of the kava ceremony that we had for Grant along with other Pacific students. I also prepared a speech on behalf of all Pacific students.

1.2 Chair and convener of executive and general meetings.

So far, I have chaired all UOPISA meetings and the meetings for Standing Committee.

1.3 Chief representative and responsible for all internal and external relations.

I continue to attend and be part of various committee's and groups where I am the representative for Pacific students. For example, I have attended many meetings such as the list above and I contribute to conversations and ask questions.



1.4 To establish and maintain our relationship with OUSA, Te Rōpū Māori and the University where appropriate.

I continue to maintain my relationship with both OUSA and Te Rōpū Māori. For example, I held a kava session for which was during Tongan Language Week. This was a chance for everyone to come together and learn more about the Tongan culture and the Fijian culture. This session was a huge success and I would love to have another kava session with everyone before the end of the year.

1.5 Establish and maintain relationship with external/internal stakeholders where appropriate

Tagiilima Feleti (Manager of Pacific Islands Centre)

Dr. Rose Richards (Acting Director of Pacific Development Office)

Dr. Edmond Fehoko (Associate Dean Pacific Division of Sciences)

Dr. Michelle Schaaf (Associate Dean Pacific Division of Humanities)

Esmay Etuati (Associate Dean Pacific Otago Business School and Division of Commerce)

Dianne Sika-Paotonu (Associate Dean Pacific Health Science)

Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai (Manager Pacific External Engagement – Auckland)

Professor Patrick Vakaoti

Part Two: General Duties of All Executive Members

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

Still in progress.

2.2 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;

I did not volunteer at Re-Orientation this quarter as I was busy.

2.3 Assisting the elections and reference where appropriate

I was part of a video with Emily Williams and Tara Shepherd to promote the OUSA elections.

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



I have attended almost all of the executive meetings that were in person and on zoom. There were a few meetings that I have missed as I had another meeting during the same time. Such as the Pacific Leadership Group.

2.5 All Executive officers shall:

2.5.1 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 did have a proposal this quarter and applied for the UOPISA Pacific Week. In this proposal I had what Pacific Week is for, the budget, and how this will help UOPISA and our thirteen member associations. This was approved by the OUSA Executive during one of our weekly meetings.

2.5.2 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;

N/A

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

N/A

2.5.4 Every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary services which contributes to the local community;

In the third quarter, continue to use my voluntary services to my Pacific community. I continue to work with my UOPISA Executive and with the University to ensure that Pacific students voices are heard in all spaces while also maintaining and fostering UOPISA's relationship with the community.

2.5.5 Regularly check and respond to all communications

I regularly check and respond to all messages, calls and emails and I do this as soon as I am available.

Part Three: Attendance and involvement in OUSA and University Committees

1. OUSA Executive Committee
2. University Pacific Leadership Group (Student Representative)



3. Senate
4. Academic Committee

Part Four: Goals and your progress

1. To establish an office space for UOPISA.

I had a meeting about the UOPISA office space earlier in the quarter and I feel at peace knowing that they are looking for a space for us. This can be a small office space for now and then future UOPISA Executives can build further from there. As mentioned in the last quarter, I know that spaces are limited and there are areas that are currently under renovation. I am grateful for Tagiilima Feleti who is the manager of the Pacific Islands Centre as he has also asked the University the progress on finding and office space for us. I am also grateful for Keegan Wells, the OUSA President as she was able to connect me to the right people.

2. To get more funding to help support our Pacific students and also our thirteen member associations.

My Executive and I are currently applying for an equity fund to get more funding for our member associations. As an executive, we understand the struggles that our thirteen member associations face when trying to fundraise and apply for funding throughout the year. We hope that by applying for the equity fund, we will be able to help our member associations with their events and plans. We also hope that this funding will continue each year and our member associations can apply for this funding using the new Grant Policy that we have. They will still have to abide by the criteria and we hope that this will build our associations stronger for our Pacific students.

Part Five: General

- 1 Meeting with students about associations and answering their questions.
- 2 I have been thinking of an equity project that I know the Pacific Leadership Group likes where UOPISA will see **what the passing rate is for Pacific students who are part of student associations**. By collecting this data, both Pacific staff and UOPISA will be able to see if there is a difference to the passing rates of Pacific students who are part of student politics compared to those who are not part of student politics. This is not to discourage Pacific students from being part of student politics or to create any stigma's. Instead, this is to see how UOPISA and the Pacific Leadership Group can help Pacific students who are part of student politics balance their studies and external commitments. At the end of the day, we all have a village waiting for us to cross the stage at graduation. I want to help Pacific students cross the stage at graduation while also serving their community at University.