

Welfare and Equity Committee

Terms of Reference

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Version 6

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The OUSA Welfare and Equity Committee exists to:
 - 1.1.1. Advance and advocate for students' welfare and equity;
 - 1.1.2. Make OUSA's representation, lobbying and campaigning on welfare and equity issues as efficient and informed as possible; and;
 - 1.1.3. Make recommendations to the Executive on welfare and equity related issues.

2. Membership

- 2.1. The membership of the committee shall consist of:
 - 2.1.1. The Welfare and Equity Representative (Chair);
 - 2.1.2. The President (Ex-Officio);
 - 2.1.3. A Te Rōpū Māori Representative;
 - 2.1.4. A University of Otago Pacific Island Students' Association Representative;
 - 2.1.5. An Otago University International Students' Association Representative;
 - 2.1.6. Three (3) to Six (6) General Student representatives as appointed by the OUSA Executive with priority groups being:
 - 2.1.6.1. A Women's Representative;
 - 2.1.6.2. A Disabilities Representative; and;
 - 2.1.6.3. A Queer Representative.
 - 2.1.7. Any other OUSA member or other person appointed by the Executive or co-opted by the Welfare and Equity Committee; and;
 - 2.1.8. Manager of the Student Support Centre or a delegated Student Support Centre representative.

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- 3.1. The OUSA Welfare and Equity Committee shall:
 - 3.1.1. Seek reports from those representatives who sit in on any welfare and equity related University committees as need arises;
 - 3.1.2. Receive updates from the Welfare and Equity Representative, the Queer Support Coordinator, the Student Support Manager, and from any representatives of OUSA welfare and equity campaigns;
 - 3.1.3. Make recommendations to the Executive regarding OUSA's welfare and equity policies;
 - 3.1.4. Seek information about welfare and equity matters of concern from as many different student viewpoints as possible, and try to address and solve these issues;
 - 3.1.5. Meet at least once a month or more regularly if necessary and formally report to the Executive after each meeting;
 - 3.1.6. Minutes shall be taken at each Committee meeting and presented to the next available Executive meeting; and;
 - 3.1.7. Normally have the Secretary appointed at the prior meeting.