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### **Part One: Executive Officer Position Description Duties**

4.1. Be the official spokesperson for the Association to all communications.

Yes, I've been in the media many times this quarter discussing all student issues. There have been some occasions where staff and other exec members have done media as it has been appropriate in the context.

4.2. 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, members of Parliament, the Government of New Zealand, local authorities and any other external organisations and their representatives.

Yes, there is a lot in this, in my role a huge part is being a steward of many different relationships. I have spent a fairly significant time meeting people this quarter and will continue to work on these relationships going forward.

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

Yes, I have met Daiiz online, and I was meant to be in two DCC related meetings with him, but that didn't happen due to circumstances. I'm sure I will work with him more in the future.

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

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

Yes, I sit on the University Council and four subcommittees.

4.4.2. University of Otago Senate;

Yes, met last month.

4.4.3. New Zealand Union of Students' Association's National Council;

NZUSA is essentially all but dead. I sit on ATSA (whatever ATSA is), and I am attending the President's Conference on March 20<sup>th</sup> via zoom.

and 4.4.4. Any other national student body affiliate where applicable.

N/A

4.5. Hold membership and, where reasonable, attend all internal committees of the Association. Attempting where possible. I miss some committee meetings due to timetable clashes.

4.6. – empty line

4.7. 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.

N/A

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

Yes, thanks to Donna for the support here.

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

Yes, nothing of note thus far. I have tried to build a good rapport with staff and improve interaction between the executive and staff.

4.10. 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.

Yes, I have brought back discussion updates to the Exec, but mainly verbal updates on context for exec members who are new in 2026.

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

N/A, but I brought the President's Conference invitation to the Exec last month, where it was decided that I would attend online.

4.12. 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.

Yes, Troy & Flynn have been working very hard planning the general election and DCC byelection campaigns to engage students. This will be a significant piece of work for the year for the whole executive.

4.13. 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 a daily basis.

Yes, I have a good relationship with Kamesha, Troy, Hansini, and Rihana. I haven't set up formal regular meetings for the most part, as it seems to be easier to have quick catch ups to check in where people need support. This was also based on feedback from past Presidents and current exec members who are very busy both in their roles and with their studies. In most cases, liaising with them daily isn't reasonable unless they are in the office every day.

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

I catch up with Exec members in the office, around campus, in meetings, via email, and through other social media means. Again, I don't have any formal meetings here but keep updated on how exec members are going in their roles and where they need support. I also rely on Kamesha here to have an oversight of everyone in the exec.

4.15. 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.

Yes I catch up with Jarna and Sami regularly, and these will be regular fortnightly catch ups going forward which will include Adeleine as the UOPISA President as well. Working on strengthening the relationships between the exec's, further than just the Presidents'.

4.16. 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.

Same as above. Adeleine and I have caught up occasionally and will be fortnightly going forward.

4.17. 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 haven't had a one-on-one meeting with the VC this year. I am awaiting a response from his office for a regular catch up to be set.

4.18. Maintain a good working relationship with the Chief Executive Officer and, where reasonable, meet with them on a weekly basis.

Yes, Debbie and I catch up on Monday mornings, with a handful cancelled this quarter due to meeting clashes. Debbie and I have a good working relationship and see eye to eye on most things at OUSA.

4.19. Maintain a good working relationship with the advisory board and, where reasonable, liaise with them on a regular basis.

Yes, I liaise with Gina and Jeff regularly. They have been immensely helpful in settling into the role, particularly with getting the new Exec on board with governance matters and leading our training in February.

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

Yes, the 2025 Performance review and the 2026 KPI's both set this quarter.

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

N/A

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

Yes, almost always available via phone.

4.23. Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

Yes, see below.

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

N/A

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

Yes, I have averaged ~ 42 hours this quarter. I intend to work over my 40 hours every week of Q2 to justify some time off over the semester break.

## **Part Two: General Duties of All Executive Members**

3.1. 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.

Yes.

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

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

Yes, I assisted at O-week and summer school.

3.2.2. Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

N/A

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

Yes, attended all and chaired all.

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

Yes, helped run and attended training.

3.5. All Executive officers shall:

3.5.1. 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;

Yes, I have a copy of the Exec budget in my office. Troy and I have great conversations about how we spend our budget.

3.5.2. 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;

Yes.

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

Yes, I believe my catch ups with TRM are a large part of this.

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

I've only attended more lowkey events of this nature this uarter but will take up the opportunity to do this more going forward.

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

Yes, I walk to work, and stay up to date via social media.

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

Yes, I am a team manager at the University rugby club. I will likely do more volunteering in other parts of the community later on in the year.

3.5.7. Regularly check and respond to all communications.

Yes, I am constantly checking my phone.

### **Part Three: Attendance and involvement in OUSA and University Committees**

Council - Met

Senate - Met

Appeals Board – Not Met

Finance and Budget Committee - Met

Audit and Risk Committee – Met

Health and Safety Committee – Met (I was an apology for the meeting due to being away)

ATSA Presidents Council – Sort of met if that's what we are calling it

Tuakiritaka Project Steering Committee – Not met

Sophia Charter Working Group – Not met

Constitutional Review Committee – Not met

Health and Safety Committee (OUSA) – Not met

Residential Committee – Not met

Central City Safety Advisory Group – Not met?

Blues and Golds – Not met

Grants Panel – Not met

FESC - Met

Polcom – Not Met

Academic Committee – Not met

Welfare Committee – Not met

Political Action Committee – Not met

Good One - Met

Learner success plan governance group - met

Affiliated Clubs council – Met

OUSA Review Committee – Met

Invest Otepoti – Met

### **Part Four: Goals and your Progress**

1. Student Housing - I want to see stronger compliance with Healthy Homes regulations. My goal is to introduce an independent certifier service that students can request to assess whether their flats meet the required standards. This would be a major benefit for students across Dunedin. Right now, my focus is on pushing this message to any politician who will listen and advocating for the necessary funding to make it a reality.

2. Cost of Living – I want OUSA (or anyone else) to organise a bulk student deal on essentials such as power and Wi-Fi, whether through OUSA or another provider. Reducing these basic living costs would make a meaningful difference for students.
3. Student Bars - I am lobbying for the University to prioritise funding for the establishment of a student bar. A dedicated student bar would provide a safe, affordable alternative to drinking in flats in North Dunedin.
4. Strengthening OUSA Governance - We have reinstated monthly OUSA Board meetings to improve governance, accountability, and continuity within the organisation.
5. Relationship Building - A significant part of my role involves building and maintaining strong working relationships, both internally and externally, to advance student interests effectively.

### **Part Five: General**

It's been a very busy quarter for the whole Exec. O-week was hectic, and it was a baptism of fire for exec bonding. The team are awesome, and I'm confident it will be a great year ahead.