

Do you support OUSA increasing the amount of funding it provides sports teams and international clubs?

Pros:

- Increases the quality of sports teams and international clubs by providing them with more resources.
- Allows these clubs to attract and maintain a larger membership base.
- Promotes extracurricular activity at Otago.

Cons:

- Raises the operational costs of OUSA
- Larger clubs and sports teams take the majority of the increased funding over smaller clubs which could also potentially benefit.

Do you support OUSA increasing the amount of funding it provides to groups who promote causes students have a specific interest in (e.g. child poverty, environmentalism)

Pros:

- Promotes political action and social action amongst students.
- Increases the quality of services which these cause based groups execute.
- Allows for cause based groups to operate more projects and initiatives.

Cons:

- Raises the operational costs of OUSA
- More time dedicated to allocating funding.

Do you support the OUSA executive's attempts to reform NZUSA?

Context:

OUSA has attempted to reform NZUSA by drawing attention to the systemic issues which hinder the effectiveness of the organization. By withdrawing membership, the OUSA executive have placed pressure on the current structure of NZUSA in order to address the inefficient use of resources and the lack of effective lobbying due to NZUSA being politically aligned as centre-left instead of partisan neutral.

Pros:

- OUSA as one of the largest student associations in New Zealand is best poised to reform change in NZUSA.
- Reform allows for systemic issues within NZUSA (centralisation of power, lack of communication between NZUSA and university associations, inefficient use of funding).

Cons:

- The executive's attempts at reforming NZUSA have caused tension and conflict between OUSA and other student associations.
- NZUSA is unable to effectively represent tertiary students until it regains its lost members.

Should OUSA retain or withdraw membership of the New Zealand Union of Students' Association (NZUSA)?

Pros:

- Removes the political baggage associated with NZUSA in its attempts to deal with a National Government.
- Allows the \$45,000 a year in membership fees to be reallocated to other priorities.
- Allows for the formation of an alternative federation model

Cons:

- OUSA loses a platform to lobby central government.
- Student representation on a national level is ineffective until an alternative model is made or OUSA re-joins.

DO you support OUSA's role in continuing the Hyde Street Party?

Pros:

- Allows for health and safety measures at a high intoxication event.
- Limits the potential for serious harm to students and property.
- Prevents outsiders from entering and performing anti-social behaviour.

Cons:

- Financial and logistical costs of coordinating health and safety, as well as managing stakeholder relations.
- Encourages the Hyde Street Party to be commercialized and run like a normal OUSA event.

Do you support OUSA's involvement in the Dunedin Craft Beer & Food Festival?

Pros:

- The Dunedin Craft Beer & Food Festival is an award winning beer festival, recognised nation-wide.
- Provides a 'town and gown' event for Dunedin residents to interact with OUSA and gain a positive impression.
- Potentially raises sponsorship opportunities for OUSA and students.

Cons:

- Has generated a large loss in the past two years, as well as the opportunity cost in the amount of staff time it takes.
- Is not an event targeted for students, and is geared toward the public.
- Takes a large amount of OUSA resources to organize and run the event.

Should the OUSA Budget be accepted in its entirety?

Pro:

- The executive makes decisions about what services OUSA should provide. This means the executive has made judgments about what OUSA should prioritise and fund. Voting in favour of the budget indicates you agree with the priorities the OUSA executive has decided upon.

Con:

- The executive makes decisions about what services OUSA should provide. This means the executive has made judgments about what OUSA should prioritise and fund. Voting against the budget indicates you disagree with the priorities the OUSA executive has decided upon.