

***Note; the following questions were passed in the October 2018 Referendum however, because this referendum did not reach quorum, they were not constitutionally binding. They are being resubmitted to the SGM April 17<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm Main Common Room. If you're reading this you need to get a hobby.***

#### **Question 1**

**Should section 31.3 be amended to read the following to allow the opportunity for Q and A in a motion of no confidence?**

31.1 Ten (10) working days' notice is required for any vote of no confidence in an Executive member.

31.2 A motion of no confidence may not go against more than one person in any motion and the notice of such motion must specify in detail grounds for such motion.

~~31.3 Notwithstanding anything in these Rules the person who is the subject of a motion of no confidence must be given the right to answer all charges and may speak last on such Resolution and for a period of up to ten (10) minutes.~~

**31.3 Notwithstanding anything in these Rules the person who is the subject of a motion of no confidence:**

**a) Must be given the right to answer all charges;**

**b) Must be provided with an opportunity for questions and answers; and**

**c) May speak last for a period of up ten (10) minutes**

#### **Question 2**

**Should 31.4 be added as follows to allow motion of confidences to be conducted via Secret Ballot?**

#### **31. No Confidence in an Executive Officer**

31.1 Ten (10) working days' notice is required for any vote of no confidence in an Executive member.

31.2 A motion of no confidence may not go against more than one person in any motion and the notice of such motion must specify in detail grounds for such motion.

31.3 Notwithstanding anything in these Rules the person who is the subject of a motion of no confidence must be given the right to answer all charges and may speak last on such Resolution and for a period of up to ten (10) minutes.

**31.4 Voting on the motion of no confidence will be by secret ballot according to the voting provisions contained in section 50 except for 50.2. Any Secret Ballot must be accessible, anonymous and accountable.**

### Question 3

**Should clause 19.11 be deleted and clause 23.2 be amended to read the following to allow the budget to pass through referendum or SGM?**

#### **19. Conduct of Referenda**

~~19.11 There will be at least one Referendum called in the second semester which, without limiting its business, will:~~

- ~~a. Set any Levy for the forthcoming year; and~~
- ~~b. Set the budget for the forthcoming year.~~

19.11 Where Referendum voting on a Resolution is tied the Resolution will fail.

19.12 The Secretary must inform all Student Media of the results of the Referendum as soon as practicable once known.

19.13 Voting in a Referendum must take place online in a manner that enables all members to cast their ballot.

19.14 Upon receipt of a question from members to be put to Referendum under section 19.3b the Executive must send the question to a mediator to determine whether it should be ruled out of order based on the criteria in section 20.2d.

#### **23. Budget**

23.1 There will be a budget set for the Association which will cover operational and capital expenditure and to which income (if any) will be linked.

~~23.2 The Executive will present a proposed budget for the forthcoming year to the Student Body in the second semester of each year.~~

23.2 The Executive will present a proposed budget for the forthcoming year in a referendum or Student General Meeting (SGM) to the Student Body in the second semester of each year.

23.3 The Student Body will consider the proposed budget and either resolve to accept or reject it in its entirety.

23.4 If no budget has been set by the end of the University year, then the most recent budget set by the Student Body will be deemed to be the budget for the following year, adjusted up or down on a pro rata basis according to any change in income.

#### Question 4

Should section 35.1 be amended to read the following to provide flexibility of election dates?

35.1 The Executive will set a period to hold elections preceding the year in which the next Executive is to hold office **in the second semester of each year**

~~a. In the second semester of each year, and;~~

~~b. Within one (1) weeks of the day and month the election was held in the preceding year.~~

#### Question 5

Should 37.6 b be amended to the following to allow students in their final year of undergraduate (finalists) study be allowed to vote for the position of Postgraduate Officer in the Executive elections?

#### 37. Voting

37.6 Every member enrolled will be entitled to exercise a vote for each Executive position by ranking any number of nominated persons, including a separate no confidence option, in order of preference, except as otherwise provided in these Rules and as follows:

a. Only non-New Zealand citizen members may vote for the International Students' Portfolio.

~~b. Only Post Graduate members may vote for the Post Graduate Portfolio.~~

**b. Only Post Graduate members and those in their final year of undergraduate study may vote for the Post Graduate Portfolio.**

#### Question 6

Should 29.1 be amended and 34.6 be added as follows to allow the President of the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association to be an Ex-Officio member of the Executive?

#### 29. Composition of the Executive

29.1 The Executive will consist of the following elected Executive Officers

a. A President;

b. An Administrative Vice President;

c. A Finance Officer;

d. An Education Officer

e. A Welfare Officer;

f. Five Portfolio Executive Officers

g. The Te Roopu Māori President (Tumuaki) who shall be a voting Ex Officio member of the Executive

**h. The University of Otago's Pacific Islands Students' Association President who shall be a voting Ex Officio member of the Executive**

### **34. Reporting by Executive officers**

34.6 The Pacific Islands Students' Association Representative will present a report to the Executive each quarter.

#### **Question 7**

##### **Should OUSA lobby for an improved Main Common Room?**

It has been asked- what is the purpose of a MCR? We believe the purpose should be for students to come together; relax, study, have lunch and watch sports if they wish to do so. The MCR should replace the chairs and tables with couches, bean bags and coffee tables to give it more of a student vibe.

#### **Question 8**

##### **Should OUSA put any decision about the development of the space above UBS to a Student Body Vote?**

OUSA should put any decision about the development of the space above the University Book Shop on Great King Street to a Student Body vote and students should be able to submit alternative ideas to be voted upon.