

President

Jack Manning

Hey! I'm Jack and I'm running to be your President for 2020!

I've spent the last year on the OUSA Exec, gaining the experience needed to do this job right. I've absolutely loved my last four years at Otago, from the Capping Show to Computer Science President to TWO Blind Dates - I've done it all!

One year from now, I want Otago to be a safer place to live and party, have more accessible drug checking and mental health support, and be politically geared up for the general election/referenda. I know where OUSA and the Uni can improve and how this gets done. I'll achieve this by giving OUSA a bigger stake in this Uni and this city, engaging students in initiatives and services that best serve them, and confidently representing YOU in every capacity.

I'm ready for 2020 - I hope you think so too!

VOTE JACK FOR PRESIDENT!



Will Moffett

Here at Otago, we're renowned for parties, protests, and our reputation in the papers. I want all our journeys to graduation to be the best they can be. As President, I'll preserve what has made us famous so all students can look back fondly on their scarfie days.

I'm a struggling law student with buggar all OUSA experience. If that hasn't convinced you, my experience as a director and pint night regular will hopefully get you on board. In the last three years I have been a director of a large not for profit organisation, gaining experience in the demands of governance.

I'm your regular Otago student and I think we ought to be represented by one. So I'm making decent accommodation, better gigs and mental health focus points of my campaign. I'll also expand on OUSA's current work with council, university and you, the students.



Vote Moff

Sam Purchas

Hey! I'm Sam, and I want to build OUSA into a powerful representative voice to allow students to get the most out of their university experience.

While studying at Otago I've borne witness to many an authoritarian nightmare, from the theft of bongs from private flats to the meagre half bottle of wine the DCC allows us to consume at BYOs and indeed, most painful of all, the draconian outlawing of vaping on campus. Perhaps more significantly, we've seen the University falling far short of student demand for meaningful mental health support, and the DCC exploiting the needs of the student population as its paid parking encroaches further and further into our territory.



If elected President, I will go above and beyond to lead OUSA in the fight to have the University and DCC operate with greater respect for student voice.

Make 2020 an absolute banger.

Vote Purchas for President.

Administrative Vice-President

Georgia Mischefski-Gray

Hello, I'm Georgia and I want to be the Admin Vice-President for 2020.

OUSA is a part of the Otago culture, providing Hyde, O-week, clubs/societies, support, advocacy and so much more. That's why I want to continue working as the AVP. Next year, I will continue working closely with executive members towards their projects and goals. I want to keep on pushing sustainability and to implement an accountability policy for all executive members. As AVP, I will make sure our culture remains and us, the students, get the best deal we can.



Vote Georgia Mischefski-Gray for AVP.

Finance and Strategy Officer

Josh Meikle

Kia ora!

My goal is to ensure OUSA initiatives and OUSA affiliated clubs are well-supported and can best enrich our student experience. This is the business end of what your compulsory student services fees and university money achieves so it is important that this money is managed responsibly and put where it will make the most impact on our experience as students.

Having been treasurer for Debating Society and president of UN Youth Otago this year I have the experience to, and will, advocate and work towards what you want.

Vote Josh for Finance 2020!



Academic Representative

Emily Coyle

Hi! I'm Emily and I want to be your 2020 Academic Representative.

Otago is an amazing university with a unique social culture - what brings us together at University is our education, working towards a degree (or more than one!) We're seeing a lot of changes here at Otago and I believe students must be informed, involved and consulted. I will ensure this by being a strong, vocal voice for students. I will continue working on increasing availability of lecture recordings, improving the class representative network and promoting student engagement for the 2020 general election.



Welfare and Equity Representative

Josh Stewart

Kia Ora

I am running for Welfare and Equity representative because I believe that the University of Otago should be a place where all students of all diversities and backgrounds should feel welcome, supported, and loved, which is often not the reality for all students.

In my 18 months on campus, I have been actively engaged with on-campus groups including TRM, Thursdays in Black and UniQ. As the Welfare and Equity representative, I would use my existing connections to ensure all voices are heard and represented at the executive level.



Arthur Hon

Hey Fam!

I'm Arthur Hon. As a candidate for the Welfare and Equity position, student wellbeing is my top priority. I would love to use the skills and experiences I have gained through working with Silverline, Unicrew, and being an RA to create the best social environment.

I want to use the welfare position to amplify all voices on campus, whatever you give a damn about so do !! I plan to push for mental health and wellbeing, to advocate for all groups on campus, and prove that OUSA is for all STUDENTS and we should all give a damn.



Michaela Waite-Harvey

Kia ora e te whānau!

Student life is hard. We know how easy it is to feel isolated and helpless as a student. I want to help students take advantage of the diverse support networks on offer on campus and remind students that they always have a team cheering them on.

As a queer Māori-Fijian woman, I'm also standing to strengthen the minority voice on campus. If I am



elected, I want to make Suicide Prevention Day an official university event, make sure there are free tampons for everyone, and get fireworks over the clocktower for Matariki.

Ngā mihi x

Postgraduate Students' Representative

Hanna Van der Giessen

Kia ora everyone, I'm Hanna and I am a fifth year student studying a Masters in the Department of Medicine. Being in my second year of postgraduate study I am well versed in the particular challenges facing our ancient student population. Anyone who has done a degree and stuck around for more study knows how certain things change as soon as you cross that stage. Postgraduate wellbeing, broadening our social connections, and creating more opportunities for financial support are all areas that I will target during my time as your postgraduate representative.



International Students' Representative

Arina Aizal

I'm Arina, and I'm committed to representing your voice as the International Students' Representative!

We should ALL have a great International experience at Otago - from introducing follow up student support appointments for new international students, additional education on the "hard" stuff (VISA, workplace, tenancy acts), and continuing on the work of past ISOs on International fees.

I have a lot of experience with International Students rights as Kiwi Ambassador of Education NZ and, through attending the NZ International Education Conference and the ISANA NZ National Conference. I also made networks with the Ministry of Education, Otago International, and past ISOs.



Clubs and Societies Representative

Paul MacDonald Gourlie

I am running for OUSA Recreation Officer to make the most of the incredible hub that is Clubs and Societies! The perfect space for hospitality and shared experiences, a place of welcome and inclusion, Clubs and Societies is a vibrant part of our student community. I aim to support and extend our commitment to clubs. With 20,000 students, we have the potential to make things happen. Together we could make Otago the first fully zero-fees campus, or solve student poverty, or be THE global leader in student recreation. You decide what we do and together we'll make it happen!



Robert Griffith

Kia ora, I am a third year student passionate about our University, and I think it's about damn time we took our student politics seriously. I am running for Clubs-Socs rep because more can be done for clubs!!! In the words of Eminem;
I'm not afraid, to take a stand.
It's been a ride, I guess I had to go to that place, to get to this one.
Now some of you, might still be in that place.
If you're tryin' to get out, just {vote for} me.
I'll get you there.



Tulsi Raman

Kia ora and Namaste, I'm Tulsi!
Activities beyond lecture theatre and library play an integral part of a students' wellbeing. The University of Otago offers these AMAZING opportunities with clubs and societies.
I am Vice President of the Indian Students' Association and it is a club like this that essentially gave me a family away from home. I hope to further support and encourage these associations if I am elected. I hope that not only I can help new students adapt to student life, but also encourage others to make lifelong friendships.
Vote Tulsi for Clubs & Socs!



Josh Smith

Yow we back again for round three! In office I will continue to be a visible and engaging presence right at the heart of Dunedin student culture. Flinging flames and radical good vibes, teaching free yoga and fire spinning lessons, dropping into flats for chats, supporting Clubs & Societies, standing up for student rights, bringing the buzz to parties and gigs across the city, repping the majority of pint nights throughout the year; yall know what I'm about x.

As always, honoured by all the support and chances to represent the frothiest community in the nation.

-Your friendly neighbourhood Smythey.



Political Representative

Francesca Dykes

Kia ora!

I'm Francesca – I'd like to be your Political Representative for 2019.

Whilst on the Youth Action Committee, I experienced first-hand the difficulties of government bureaucracy and how key student issues can fall through the cracks. My experience as a Policy Intern for the DCC, alongside my background in Law and Politics, provides the perfect skill base to create a positive voice for OUSA going into the General Election.

For the Government to hear the student voice, it is essential to have a strong advocate for change. My experience, coupled with my passion, makes me the best Political Representative!"



Liam Wairepo

Kia ora fam!

My goal as your Political Rep is to convey the views of students to Parliament, Council, and the Uni! Students are already under-represented at the decision-making table, and coming up to the 2020 General Election, this is the most important time to be politically aware! I'm ready to hit the ground running with getting MPs on campus, organising



debates, submitting on bills, and most of all making sure students get out to vote.

I will be a booming advocate for students at the political table.

Vote Liam for Political Rep 2020

Residential Representative

Charlotte Brewer

Hello!

I'm Charlotte and I'm running for Residential Representative! My core aim is to protect the uniqueness of Otago's vibrant residential experience: where a college is more than a building with food, and flatting is more than accommodation. As they're one-of-a-kind, producing awesome people during such a transformative stage of life.

My policies include:

1. Engaging University residents with sustainable practices in line with Dunedin's climate emergency.
2. Promoting residential mental and sexual health services, by working closely with local organisations.
3. Safeguarding Otago's unparalleled residential experience for all students.

For policy break-downs head over to my campaign Facebook page!



Jesse Drake

As an RA of 2 years, member of the Colleges Committee and someone who can cook a nutritious meal for the flatties, I'm standing to be your 2020 Residential Representative.

I will provide a friendly point of contact for any concerns and queries that students may have about residential life here in Dunners, from colleges to flatting in the wider community. It is my goal to ensure students are informed on their rights when it comes to signing and living in flats, and are aware of the fantastic services OUSA offers in regard to residential life at Otago.



Amodini Jayawardena

Hey !

My name is Amodini Jayawardena and I am running for Residential Representative. I had the opportunity of being the Student President and an RA for Caroline Freeman College. I have also been flatting for 2 years. All my experiences in these different environments has helped me understand the highs and lows of living away from home. If I was given the opportunity to be your Residential Representative for 2020 my focus will be on ensuring that students are provided with sexual safety and harassment awareness resources. I would also hope to strengthen all of the student support services. Vote for me!



Jack Saunders

I'm Jack and I'd love to be your Residential Representative in 2020. I plan on tackling those tough issues like mental health and sexual misconduct headfirst by increasing transparency around the protocols currently in place and making sure that everyone has a voice; everyone goes through some tough times and I don't want anyone living at the uni to feel unsafe or unsupported where they live. I also want to explore ways to reduce food wastage in halls, make sure that RA's are getting the treatment they deserve, and discuss the residential experience with committees in order to optimise it.

