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SUMMARY:

Tēnā koutou ngā manukura o tēnei kaupapa.

It's been a hectic semester so far, and an endless busy cycle of events on top of events. The first half of this quarter we hosted the Te Mana Ākonga hui, lead a protest march in solidarity with Ihumātao, launched our Give Nothing To Racism video, and hosted Te Huinga Tauira the biggest event of the year. Following this, we landed straight in to Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and our election period.

If I said in my last quarter report last semester had been a tough one, I definitely spoke too soon. Somewhere in the middle of a hectic semester I finally graduated which was a very humbling time to take the Tumuaki hat off for a weekend and spend time with the whānau. There have been ups and downs with losing two members of our executive, and being in the middle of peak time of the academic year our exec members are feeling the heat. This highlighted for me the need for better policy and attitude change within our association to better care for our TRM executive members who give so much time and effort for these roles, and whose studies and wellbeing take big hits as a consequence. Needless to say, attending and being apart of the Silverline Festival recently came at a good time.

Goals looking forward are to tidy up the end of our year, including our policies, to ensure a successful election, AGM and Awards Night and handover to our next crew.

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

1.1 Ensure Te Roopū operates in accordance with the constitution:



We've been operating in accordance with the constitution. I will be looking at any possible constitution amendments following this report in approaching the end of year and AGM.

1.2 Act as Māngai for Te Roopū at local, regional and national levels:

I've represented Te Roopū Māori this quarter on several levels and occasions.

On the 15th of July I took part in the induction ceremony for the new Māori chaplain Dr Helen Papuni.

From the 19th to the 21st of July myself and my executive hosted the Te Mana Ākonga Hui in Dunedin where the presidents and delegates from TMA members gathered to discuss current topical issues facing Māori students and plan for the upcoming Te Huinga Taura conference.

On the 26th of July I spoke at joined the show of solidarity in Ōtepoti for Ihumātao, where I spoke on behalf of TRM to share our perspective and passion for matters of indigenous people in our country.

On August 16th i attended the Matariki Global Citizenship Dinner alongside a few other Māori students to participate in a community event and contribute an indigenous perspective.

From the 19th of August to the 1st of September our association hosted Te Huinga Taura Ki Ōtepoti 2019, the annual conference of TMA. We welcomed over 200 taura on to our campus on the 29th with the first known pōhiri on our campus in 150 years. At the AGM I gave my Tumuaki report on what TRM has achieved this year to date. We enjoyed a successful conference and despite the ups and downs with navigating around new cultural barriers on our campus, tangihanga, and unexpected changes we are happy with the outcome.

We as Te Roopū Māori in the middle of Te Huinga Taura travelled out to Ōtākou Marae to pay our respects to the rangatira Tahu Pōtiki who was lying at rest in his wharenuī Tamatea, his wife Megan a much loved Māori lecturer here, their whānau, and the wider Ōtākou whānau. It is only tikanga to show manaakitanga and acknowledge the mana of this rangatira who we have lost.

On the 14th of September I spoke on a panel on racism at the Silverline Festival 2019.

1.3 Represent Te Roopū as a delegate at Te Mana Akonga Hui:

As I said earlier we were the host of the most recent hui, and i plan to attend the final handover hui in December.



1.4 Shall or delegate the duty of writing for the Critic on a basis agreed to by the Critic and Te Rito at the beginning of each year with the support of the Tumuaki Tuarua;

I worked with Critic to create a more present issue for Te Wiki o te Reo than previous years. I was able to write an editorial and helped organise a few pieces including the cover photo, students to watch and the centrefold. I am planning on changing/possibly removing this section from our executive policy but this is slow going.

1.5 Set policies with the Tumuaki Tuarua regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of Te Roopū consistent with section 8 of the constitution;

The changes we had planned to make to our policies have not made any movements. Since the resignation of our Tumuaki Tuarua this role is solely on me, but I am hoping to make changes that are necessary to our policies particularly around our job roles on Te Rito.

1.6 Carry out any duty that from time to time, may be defined by Te Rito and/or all operations of Te Roopū;

Te Roopū Māori has been really demanding on my time in this quarter, but I feel I have been adequately stepping up to the plate to carry out duties defined by my exec members, and especially the needs of TRM. This semester we lost both our Tumuaki Tuarua and Kaituhi/Secretary in July/August, and as an executive we decided not to run a bi-election. Many of the responsibilities in these job roles have fallen on myself and my executive to carry out.

1.7 Be an ex-officio member of the OUSA executive, and is responsible for Te Roopū Māori adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OUSA;

With the magnitude of Te Huinga Tauira I have regrettably been absent at a few executive meetings, but I am doing my best to attend more now.

1.8 Each semester, submit at least (2) reports to OUSA in accordance with the OUSA Constitution;

I have submitted two reports this year, this is the third.

1.9 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA;

I am a member of the University Senate, but I have yet to attend a meeting this semester. I have attended a ToW Committee meeting, and I plan to attend the remaining two for the year.



1.10 Sit on the OUSA Blue and Gold's Committee;

I attended this committee meeting, it was a long hui but the mahi was achieved.

1.11 Will maintain a good working relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the University, and will be responsible for the adherence to the MoU with the Te Huka Mātauraka and the University;

The relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the University is very positive.

1.12 Chair all Hui a Te Rito, and ensure that Tikanga Māori is upheld during these Hui;

I have chaired almost all Te Rito hui. I have ensured that Te Rito has maintained professionalism in these hui and that it is a safe environment for other executive members to express and share their thoughts on matters.

1.13 Where practical will work no less than 15 hours per week, with a minimum of 5 hours designated to 'Office Hours'.

Admittedly my office hours have been completely out the window, out the gate and beyond this semester. But in lieu of not having office hours I have been meeting my 20 hours a week.

1.14 Be a mandatory signatory for the Te Roopū bank account;

I am a signatory for the Te Roopū bank account.

1.15 Attendance at Te Huinga Tauira is compulsory unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved through a vote in a Te Rito Hui.

I was definitely at Te Huinga Tauira.

PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

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

I assisted during the hours that TRM shared the OUSA tent during Orientation.

2.1.2 At an individual Executive Officer's discretion, be a safety contact during Orientation, Re-Orientation and other OUSA events throughout the year;

n/a as TRM run our own events at these times.



2.1.3 Collecting for the capping charity; and

n/a

2.1.4 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate, including but not limited to advertising the election and collecting votes.

I assisted with the promotion of the referenda alongside OUSA, as well as spreading the awareness among our TRM members. As we are running our own elections simultaneously, I can't give a lot of my time to OUSA, but I will be helping with the voting booth and spreading the word of voting to our members.

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

As described above in 1.7

2.3 All Executive Officers with control of budget lines, or who have been allocated a budget line, shall maintain detailed budgets and not exceed their budgeted expenditure.

Not applicable for my position.

2.4 All Executive Officers, where possible, shall maintain regular, publicised office hours, and are expected to regularly check and respond to all correspondence received.

I keep up with all correspondence, and my office hours are separate from OUSA.

2.5 All Executive Officers shall every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community.

I volunteered as a judge for a Māori mentoring event, and volunteered a lot of time as a member of the Te Huinga Taurira organising committee. This lies outside of my Tumuaki responsibilities. I would like to volunteer more, but have not found the time.

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

OUSA Ex-officio Member: As described above at 1.7

Senate: As described above in 1.19

PART FOUR: PROGRESS ON GOALS

We launched our #GiveNothingToRacism video and we found it was successful. My upcoming goals are to tidy up our policies, and ensure a successful election,

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AGM and Awards Night and handover to our next crew. I also want to prioritise my well being which has really taken a hit with the combination of stress and sickness for the past few months.