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SUMMARY:

Mālō e lelei and warm Pasifika greetings.

UOPISA has had a great first year and 4th quarter. We've managed to end the year with our Annual General Meeting and our Pasifika Awards Night. Our exec teams have also already had our meeting to handover UOPISA – all that is left is our one-on-one meetings to handover tangible documents and resources.

Our executive committee has been outstanding in their roles which has allowed for myself to try and lead the association into a growing future. Admittedly I have been very busy this quarter with a new part time job in Auckland and have been away from Dunedin quite a bit. We have however managed to elect a full executive team for 2020:

- President: Joshua Alefosio-Pei
- Vice President: Jasmine Wright
- Secretary: Ripine Tito
- Treasurer: Abie Faletose
- Public Relations Officer: Otessa Tuisila

We also had a very successful Pasifika Awards Night and would like to congratulate all of the nominees and recipients of our awards. The aim here to have Pasifika students get used to being acknowledged for their hard work, and hopefully put themselves forward for the OUSA Blues and Golds Awards.

At the moment I'm looking to tie the year up whilst still balancing my doctorate and part-time job. It has been a pleasure serving as UOPISA President for 2020 and to have experienced being on the OUSA Committee for 2019.

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

1.1 Main spokesperson for UOPISA.

1.1.1 UOPISA representation at the following events:

- a) West Papua Information Session
- b) Tupu Aotearoa Launch (Ministry for Pacific Peoples)
- c) Te Folauga Launch (Wellington)
- d) Pasifika Leading Workshop (Dunedin)
- e) Ola Malohi End of Year BBQ
- f) Pacific Futures Conference (Auckland)
- g) Enhancement Theme Symposium (Wellington)

1.1.2 Other events requiring my attendance in my capacity as a Pasifika student leader (locally and nationally):

- a) The Lave Mai Show Radio Programme
- b) Otago Tongan Students Association Volunteering

1.1.3 I also sit on the following committees:

- a) Pacific Leadership Group
- b) Student & Academic Service Managers & Friends' Committee (In Attendance)
- c) Local Enhancement Theme Steering Group Committee
- d) Ola Malohi Student Advisory Committee
- e) Tauria Pasifika Group
- f) External Pacific Advisory Group – Otago Polytechnic

1.2 Chair and convener of executive and general meetings.

I have chaired all meetings for UOPISA.

1.3 Chief representative and responsible for all internal and external relations.

1.3.1 Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 6th October 2019 in Evison Lounge at OUSA Clubs and Societies. We also ran the elections immediately after, which was chaired by Jack Manning, OUSA President 2020.

1.3.2 Our Pasifika Awards Night was held on Friday 11th October. We had a great turnout and the following people were the winners of the awards:

Staff of the Year – Eric Nabalagi (Transition Officer - Pacific Islands Centre)
Leadership Award – Tausala Fruean (President – PILSA)
Outstanding Service – Kalesita Pole (Cultural Rep – OTSA)
Cultural Excellence – Metitilani Alo (Cultural Tutor – OSSA)
Sporting Excellence – Ala Teu (Instructor – Unipol)
UOPISA Member of the Year – Ridge Ponini (President – OCISA)
Association of the Year – Otago Cook Islands Students Association

1.4 Promote the equitable opportunity, wide representation, friendly gathering and participation of Pacific students within the University;

UOPISA promotes all Pacific events and activities on their platforms of communication.

1.5 Promote the expression of Pacific cultures and language within the University.

1.5.1 All content from UOPISA is inclusive of all Pasifika cultures and languages. UOPISA allows the relative associations to take lead in promoting their language, culture and events – UOPISA promotes and supports this via distributing the news via email and social media.

1.6 To establish and maintain our relationship with OUSA, Te Roopū Māori and the University, where appropriate.

Unfortunately due to my absence from Dunedin for half the week, I was unable to connect with OUSA President & Te Roopu Maori Tumuaki this quarter. This has led to looking at ways for UOPISA in the future to stay connected in the event that the President is not present.

1.7 Establish and maintain relationships with external stakeholders where appropriate.

1.7.1 Met with the following key external stakeholders from UOPISA:

- a) Pacific Leadership Group (monthly meetings)
The Pacific Leadership Group is made up of the Associate Dean Pacific from each division, Director of Pacific Development Office, Chair of the Pacific Caucus and myself as the representative of Pacific students.
- b) Pacific Islands Centre
I've been meeting with staff to have a conversation about ways that they can interact with Pacific students about pastoral care, in a safe and trusting environment.

1.7.2 Met with the following key stakeholders from other student-led groups:

- a) NZUSA
NZUSA has assisted all Pasifika associations in setting up Taura Pasifika, which is the national Pacific student body. UOPISA has played a vital role in this and we have elected our inaugural exec team for 2020.
- b) Pasifika association leaders from other institutions
Liaising with other Pacific student leaders to look at ways that we can provide a more collaborative platform for student voice on a nation-wide scale. One of the pipelines are through the Pasifika associations, but there is a need to stock-take other Pacific platforms so that we don't duplicate initiatives.

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;

N/A this quarter

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 this quarter

2.1.3 Collecting for the capping charity; and

N/A this quarter

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

N/A this quarter

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.

2.2.1 Was unable to attend OUSA meetings on Mondays 9am

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.

N/A

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.

These are publicised through UOPISA but are separate from OUSA.

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



2.5.1 I volunteer a lot of my time to the local Dunedin Pacific community on average 3 hours a week.

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

OUSA Executive Committee (Ex-officio Member)
University Pacific Leadership Group (Student Representative)
Student & Academic Service Managers & Friends' Committee (In Attendance)
Local Enhancement Theme Steering Group Committee (Pacific Student Rep)
Ola Malohi Research Student Advisory Committee (Chair)

PART FOUR: PROGRESS ON GOALS

Here is an update on my key focus areas for the 4th quarter:

- a) **Pasifika Mental Health Campaign – Next Generation, Next Tale:**
Progress: Report completed and recommendation put forward to UOPISA Exec 2020.
- b) **Explore what adopting the UN Sustainable Development Goals would look like for UOPISA:**
Progress: Recommendations put forward to the UOPISA Exec 2020.
- c) **Attend as many student events as manageable:**
Progress: I have been attending as many events I can manage. If I cannot attend, the invitation is transferred to another UOPISA Exec Member.
- d) **Stocktake recycling bins in Pasifika spaces on campus:**
Progress: Talk to Pacific space incumbents about where the bins would come from etc.



GOALS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Goals:

- a) Handover UOPISA President responsibilities to UOPISA President 2020.

Recommendations:

- a) Explore potential for UOPISA President to delegate seat on OUSA Exec.
- b) Explore ways that UOPISA could utilise OUSA resources to keep the execs connected.