



1. Should the Otago University Students' Association Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 be received and accepted?

Yes/No abstain

Pro: If accepted then OUSA will meet legal requirements and will continue to function.

Con: If not accepted, OUSA will not meet its legal requirements.

2. Should the Otago University Students' Association Annual Report for 2020 be received and accepted?

Yes/No abstain

Pro: If accepted then OUSA will meet constitutional requirements and will continue to function.

Con: If not accepted, OUSA will not meet its constitutional requirements.

3. Should Section 37 e) of the OUSA's Constitution be amended from:

Any Referendum put to the Student Body will require ten (10) working days' notice of the wording.

To:

Any Referendum put to the Student Body will require five (5) working days' notice of the wording.

Yes/No abstain

Pros: Less time will be required for notice of wording, meaning that the overall referendum notice period will be shorter and instead there will be a longer timeframe for students to submit questions to be asked.

Cons: Less time on notice to read the wording of the questions and be able to develop an understanding of more complex issues ahead of the referendum.

4. Should OUSA lobby for students to have access to the Winter Energy Payment?

Yes/No abstain

Pros: Students would be able to receive an extra \$20 a week from May 1st-October 1st every year to help pay to heat their flats. A support payment from the government which doesn't need to be paid back will help alleviate financial pressure and help keep students warm in cold flats. Better access to heating will reduce sickness among students and alleviate some burden on the health system.

Cons: The government is only likely to prioritise a certain number of tertiary related policies, so this could come at the trade-off of other policies and take away from OUSA lobbying efforts in other areas.

5. Should OUSA provide operational and financial support to the 'Otago University Tutors and Demonstrators Network' towards their goal of increasing the pay and conditions for tutors and demonstrators?

Yes/No abstain

Pros: Many tutors and demonstrators are students for whom tutoring/demonstrating is an important income supplement, and OUSA should advocate for all students' positions. Funding would enable the network to better engage with tutors/demonstrators, and enable things like catered know your rights workshops to better support tutors/demonstrators

Cons: Not all tutors and demonstrators are students and so OUSA support and resources may be covering non-students. At this stage, the network is an informal group with no track record, and so funding them may be a risk.

6. Should OUSA organise student candidates for the 2022 Local Body Elections?

Yes/No abstain

Pros: Student candidates would be better resourced and supported through their campaign. This may make them more likely to be elected to the local body and then represent student interests in these spaces.

Con: This may impact the availability of voting booths being expanded on campus as that may be perceived as an advantage to student candidates.

7. Should OUSA provide operational and financial support to student candidates for the 2022 Local Body Elections?

Yes/No abstain

Pros: This ensures that student candidates will have backing when running for council and thereby increase the chance of student representation on the council. Furthermore, the assurance of OUSA support may encourage more student candidates to run.

Cons: Student candidates can be diverse in their political opinions and there is a chance that while a candidate is a student, they may not be running on a student interests platform. Furthermore, this could consume significant resources and be of great cost to OUSA, if there are a number of student candidates running.

8. Should OUSA pay all its contractors at least the living wage?

Yes/No abstain

Pro: This progresses OUSA towards a commitment to living wage across all aspects of its operations. Overall, this is only a very minor increase in relation to total wage costs.

Con: This increases wage costs for OUSA which could be spent on other things

9. Should the University of Otago have the power to discipline students for their behaviour off-campus in their own private residential flats?

Yes/No Abstain

Pro: May help foster a safer student experience.

Con: This infringes on student privacy and independence.

10. Should the government allocate Studylink entitlements (Loan Living Costs and Student Allowance) with an expectation that full-time students will also have a part-time job to supplement this payment?

Yes/No abstain

Pro: This means that less tax payer money is spent.

Con: Students must balance work and study, possibly at the expense of their wellbeing and academic success.

11. Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago and the Government for free U by Kotex Applicator Tampons for students?

Yes/No abstain

Pro: Having a wider range of products could be helpful for those with diverse period needs

Con: OUSA already offers free period products in their main reception and Clubs and Socs and is investigating providing sustainable period products for free in other spaces on campus. U by Kotex applicator tampons are not environmentally friendly.