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**Part One: Individual Executive Officer Position Description Duties**

**6.1 The University of Otago Pacific Island Student Association President shall be a voting ex-officio member of the Association Executive.**

6.1.1 I have been voting in the matters that are presented to the Association Executive, given that I am present at the meeting, or otherwise stated in abstaining to vote.

**6.2 The duties of the University of Otago Pacific Island Student Association President are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students’ Association and the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students’ Association.**

6.2.1 The Memorandum of Understanding between the Otago University Students’ Association (OUSA) and the University of Otago Pacific Islands Students’ Association (UOPISA) is still being developed at this point in time and should be completed by the end of the fourth quarter 2021.

**6.3 Where practical perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.**

 6.3.1 See in Part 2.

**Part: Ex-Officio Member Descriptions**

**1.1. The President is the primary elected representative of members of UOPISA. The President will lead UOPISA in fulfilling its core functions and achieving its goals. This includes:**

**1.1.1 Main spokesperson for UOPISA.**

I have represented UOPISA at the following events:

1. Regular communication with the UOPISA Sub-Committee
	1. This aims to support the Pasifika student associations and communication about key messages from the OUSA, the university and Tauira Pasifika.
2. Regular communication with Tauira Pasifika
	1. Tauira Pasifika have been active in communicating and engaging with issues and current events occurring for UOPISA, for example the Patrol Care Code review. This quarter we have yet to meet in person.
3. Regular meetings concerning the University of Otago Medical school admissions regulations and its proposed changes, this is usually conducted over zoom and chaired by OUSA president.
	1. I participated in many of these meetings that involved various student body representatives.
4. Monthly meetings with the University of Otago Pacific Leadership Group (PLG)
	1. These meetings aim to facilitate around the table discussion on current events, policy and updates with all of the Pacific Deans for the various teaching disciplines.
5. Meetings hosted by the Pacific Development Office concerning the Pacific Strategic Framework
	1. We are now in the finalizing phases of this Pacific Strategic Framework, one of my concerns in the first quarter was the student voice not being reflective across the whole strategy. However, the PLG are working to establish tangible goals and engagement strategies to strength the student voice in the strategic framework.
6. Ōtepoti council monthly meetings with wider Pasifika community, hosted by the DCC.
7. Attended Vice-Chancellor Summit alongside OUSA exec. In this meeting, I shared my concerns around the financial sustainability of UOPISA and our Pacific associations. We would like to see an independent budget allocated to UOPISA directly from the university that could be distributed to support our events that work to foster our cultural heritage and sense of belonging.
8. Co-hosted monthly meetings with Pacific Island Centre, the purpose is to bring presidents of our student associations to touch base on how we can better engage students to PIC.

**1.2 Chair and convener of executive and general meetings.**

I have chaired all meetings for UOPISA.

I have chaired Ola Malohi research meetings with student lead advisory group.

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

I have attended the regular Pacific Leadership Group meetings.

I have maintained contact with the member associations of UOPISA through online chat forums.

I have maintained contact with Tauira Pasifika through various forms of communication as well as attending their one-day workshop with UOPISA.

I have supported the formation of 5 new Pacific Island associations this quarter, alongside other exec members in UOPISA.

I have supported the wider Pasifika community events in facilitation and mentoring roles.

I have been working alongside Mercy hospital homework center to support year 13 students looking to attend Otago University in 2022. This also involves supporting parents with enrollment and studylink.

Recently attended Adult Community Education Aotearoa conference in Wellington. I gave a speech on youth engagement, with a particular focus on Pacific youth being away from their wider whanau.

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

I have attend all OUSA exec meetings for the first quarter. I work collaboratively with

OUSA president Michaela on issues that affect our Pasifika students, Mirror on society policy review and the future budget line we are hoping to establish, are some examples of work we hope to get outcomes for. OUSA have been very supportive of UOPISA so far this year.

I have maintained a good relationship with Te Roopū Māori (TRM) by maintaining contact with TRM Tumuaki: Karamea Pewhairangi. TRM and UOPISA meet on weekly basis to plan and run a “Leadership Weekend” for our members. I continue to be in contact with members of TRM about the sharing of resources, other opportunities for collaboration and sharing experiences. I appreciate my relationship with TRM and look forward to continuing to implementing some of the collaborative work we have been planning.

This quarter I accompanied OUSA president at the May graduations. This allowed visibility of our association during a momentous time for many of our Pacific students.

A milestone for UOPISA was the increase in our annual honorarium for our ex-officio role on the OUSA executive. OUSA and UOPISA have recognise the need to review the current Job description on the OUSA exec.

MOU with UOPISA and OUSA is set to be completed in the next quarter.

UOPISA and with our Pacific association presidents supported OUSA alongside TRM in giving voice to the Code of conduct and Patrol care code reviews through a collaborative workshop.

**1.5 Establish and maintain relationships with external/Internal stakeholders where appropriate.**

1. Tangiliima Feleti (Manager of Pacific Islands Centre).
2. Dr. Tasileta Teevale (Director of Pacific Development Office).
3. Dr. Losa Moata’ane (Associate Dean Pacific Division of Sciences).
4. Associate Professor Daryl Schwenke (Associate Dean Pacific Biomedical Sciences and Division of Health Sciences.
5. Dr. Patrick Vakaoti (Associate Dean Pacific Division of Humanities).
6. Esmay Eteuati (Associate Dean Pacific Otago Business School and Division of Commerce).
7. Dr Michelle Schaaf (Division of Humanities)
8. Student Support Staff for Humanities, Sciences, Health Science and Commerce.
9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade- Pacific Strategy.
10. AKO Aotearoa.

I have met with the following key stakeholders from other student-led groups:

1. Mary Jane Kivalu (Fusifonua Consultancy Partner)
2. Ali Leota (Ex:President of Tauira Pasifika)
3. Jaistone Finau (President of Tauira Pasifika)

**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; and;**

- Yes, I attended and supported with Clubs Day.

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

N/A

**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.**

This quarter I have attended the meetings that were held via Zoom and all of the meetings in person.

**2.3. All Executive Officer's will keep up to date with the Finance and Strategy Officer's Executive budget, bringing to the finance and strategy officer any spending proposals, keeping track of their spending and ensuring they do not exceed budgeted expenditure.**

N/A

**2.4. All Executive Officers are to educate themselves on needs and experiences relevant to historically marginalised demographic groups including intersectionality and promote and encourage all demographics to participate, where relevant, in clubs, societies, committees and OUSA events.**

As a Pasifika wāhine, I understand how important it is to continue to grow my knowledge of other people’s lived experiences of being an ethnic minority in Aotearoa. This quarter I have been focused on community outreach in Dunedin. As Pasifika students, it is important we engage with our people wherever we reside. Attending community fono is key in gaining the trust and support of our wider communities. They are always willing to support students and out of respect, it is important we show that with support towards their kaupapa.

This quarter we have received invitations to give voice to community plans that are for the local community, for example the DCC 10-year plan. I have also been approached many times to support mentoring initiatives that work to establish a sense of belonging for young people in the local community, such as sister united “Brown is beautiful
“ programme set to start in the wider Otago region.

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

I am an active supporter for the Dunedin wider Pasifika community. For the past 6 months, I have been facilitating a community program in the Tongan community called “Koloa o Tonga” every Thursday at the St Kilda Tongan Methodist church in South Dunedin. In this capacity, I look after the adults and elders in the community who want to bridge the gaps of “Intergenerational barriers surrounding communication”. The objectives are to provide the world views of young NZ born Tongans to our Tongan born adults, in hope to break the cycle of family violence in our communities.

**2.6. All Executive Officers are expected to regularly check and respond to all correspondence received.**

I have continued to check my correspondence regularly and have responded to all emails and messages as soon as possible.

**Part Three: Attendance and Involvement in OUSA and University Committees**

1. OUSA Executive Committee (Ex-officio Member)
2. University Pacific Leadership Group (Student Representative)
3. Ola Malohi Study Advisory Group (Chair)

**Part Four: Goals and your Progress**

1. Pasifika Mental Health Campaign – Theme is yet to be decided, TBC.
2. To establish UOPISA own budget line with the University of Otago.
	1. I plan to set up a MOU and a budget streamline structure that ensures our associations receive financial support for the pastoral care they provide for our students. Outside of what the university provide already.
	2. Progress is slow. However, the Vice-chancellors summit helped with further progressing this goal.
3. To establish an office space for UOPISA
	1. No progress yet.
4. Attend as many student events as manageable
	1. Progress: I have attended various events that have had Zoom capacity and face to face attendance.
5. To finalise a MOU between UOPISA and OUSA. This shall be finalized in the next quarter.
6. To collaborate with TRM on a “Leadership Weekend” event.
	1. Progress: Planning meeting happens weekly with TRM executive.
7. To help build the capacity of our association leaders in governance training.
	1. UOPISA exec have an event that brigs all our interested future leaders to come along and hear what exec roles for associations entails and how we current leaders can support them in their capacity to feel confident to step into these roles.
8. To actively support the Mirror on Society policy and ensure nothing changes for our students and their pathways.
	1. Waiting on announcement regarding the findings from review.
9. Support and Lobby the “Pacific Arts and Performance” Paper for summer school through Te Tumu.
	1. No progress yet.

**Part Five: General**

During this quarter, I have:

* Encouraged associations to apply for Dunedin council Pasifika innovative fund for 2022.
* Joined the Academic, Policy submission and Welfare OUSA committees.
* Hosted a civics education workshop alongside Adult Education Aotearoa in Auckland and Christchurch.
* Advised 5 new Pasifika Associations: Fiji Association, Biomedical Pacific Association, Pacific Students Commerce Association, Niue Association and Kiribati Student Association.
* Helping business/commerce school with their outreach PIPE program for school holidays.
* Join the South Dunedin Pacific Housing Committee.
* Attended the follow up feedback session in council chambers for the appointment of new Vice-chancellor.
* Assisted Business School in the relocation of the Pacific room in commerce school.
* Did radio Interviews with various media outlets regarding social issues affecting our Pacific students.
* Networked with various government departments on what “better” support looks like for our Pacific students. E.g.: Ministry of Social development, Ministry for Pacific Island Peoples.