

# OUSA Referendum

**Opened:** Tuesday 5th October 2021 9:00am

**Closed:** Thursday 7th October 2021 4:00pm

**Results calculated:** Thursday 7th October 2021 4:00pm

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## Referenda

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should the proposed Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) budget for 2022 be recommended in its entirety to the student body?	875 (78.3%)	150 (13.4%)	92 (8.2%)	1117

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed the 2022 auditors for OUSA?	871 (78%)	180 (16.1%)	66 (5.9%)	1117

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago to increase the duration of mid-semester break from one week to two weeks?	737 (66%)	356 (31.9%)	24 (2.1%)	1117

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should the OUSA Executive investigate implementing a new	686 (61.4%)	367 (32.9%)	64 (5.7%)	1117

Sustainability Officer position on the OUSA Executive, to contribute 10 hours per week towards sustainability initiatives and also demonstrate student leadership in this area?

Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA investigate implementing a new Distance/Off-Shore Student Representative position on the OUSA Executive, to contribute 10 hours per week towards representing students not based in Dunedin during their studies?	717 (64.2%)	320 (28.6%)	80 (7.2%)	1117

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago to prioritise providing free sanitary products in bathrooms across campus?	894 (80%)	179 (16%)	44 (3.9%)	1117

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Should OUSA work with the University of Otago to develop clear, definitive plans for future Covid-19 alert level changes?	902 (80.8%)	170 (15.2%)	45 (4%)	1117
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Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago for a permanent commitment to dual-delivery learning?	701 (62.8%)	363 (32.5%)	53 (4.7%)	1117
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Should OUSA lobby the Government for an additional \$1000 in course-related costs to be made available to students, in light of the recent COVID-19 alert level 4 lockdown?	651 (58.3%)	400 (35.8%)	66 (5.9%)	1117
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Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago for some form of across-the-board grade increase, to take into account the effects of recent COVID-19 alert level	665 (59.5%)	392 (35.1%)	60 (5.4%)	1117
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changes on students'  
academic  
performance?

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the Dunedin City Council (DCC) for more consistent parking prices and durations around the University of Otago?	628 (56.2%)	404 (36.2%)	85 (7.6%)	1117

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA campaign to shift student flat hunting into Semester Two each year?	753 (67.4%)	268 (24%)	96 (8.6%)	1117

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago and all Residential Colleges to mandate the employment of at least one Māori and Pasifika sub-warden at each Residential College?	575 (51.5%)	408 (36.5%)	134 (12%)	1117

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Should OUSA introduce a gender-neutral award (Sportsperson of the Year) for sporting achievement (alongside the gendered Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards) in the annual Blues and Golds Awards?	589 (52.7%)	395 (35.4%)	133 (11.9%)	1117
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Should a non-traditional sports category be introduced to the annual Blues and Golds Awards, to recognise areas such as tramping?	593 (53.1%)	407 (36.4%)	117 (10.5%)	1117
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Should OUSA lobby the University to commit to a 2% cap on increasing international students' fees?	601 (53.8%)	371 (33.2%)	145 (13%)	1117
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Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
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Should OUSA lobby the University for the incorporation of mātauranga Māori into every course offered by the University of Otago?	680 (60.9%)	355 (31.8%)	82 (7.3%)	1117
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Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
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Should OUSA endorse candidates for the 2022 local body election based on student related policies?	518 (46.4%)	431 (38.6%)	168 (15%)	1117
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Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
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Should section 2 a) xiii) be amended from:

“Notice” means a notice placed on the Association’s notice board and supplied to Student Media.

	616 (55.1%)	322 (28.8%)	179 (16%)	1117
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To

“Notice” means a notice placed on the Association’s notice board or supplied to Student Media.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should section 24 e) be amended from: The Secretary will forthwith post on the notice board and in such media as the Secretary sees fit, a notice stating the names of the successful candidates for each position and stating the number of valid votes cast for each candidate and no confidence votes cast against each candidate.	591 (52.9%)	292 (26.1%)	234 (20.9%)	1117
To				
The Secretary will forthwith post on the notice board or in such media as the Secretary sees fit, a notice stating the names of the successful candidates for each position and stating the number of valid votes cast for each candidate and no confidence votes cast against each candidate.				

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should Section 2 a)	806 (72.2%)	171 (15.3%)	140 (12.5%)	1117



xxxiii) be added,  
 reading:  
 'International student'  
 means a student who is  
 paying international  
 fees and/or holds a visa  
 that allows studying in  
 New Zealand.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
If question 21 passes, should Section 22 f) i) be amended from: Only non-New Zealand citizen members may vote for the International Students' Representative.	752 (67.3%)	198 (17.7%)	167 (15%)	1117

To

Only International Students may vote for the International Students' Representative.

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should Section 22 d) reading: Any student unable to vote on polling days may cast special votes up to five (5) working days before the election.	618 (55.3%)	357 (32%)	142 (12.7%)	1117

Be removed?

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Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should Section 22 f) ii) be amended from: Only Postgraduate members and those in their final year of Undergraduate study may vote for the Postgraduate Students Representative in the case of a normal election.	527 (47.2%)	466 (41.7%)	124 (11.1%)	1117

To

Only Postgraduate students may vote for the Postgraduate Students Representative in the case of a normal election.

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Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should Section 33 a) iii) be amended from: The breach resulted in a positive benefit to the Association and its members and the Objects.	624 (55.9%)	328 (29.4%)	165 (14.8%)	1117

To

The breach resulted in a positive benefit to the Association and its members and the Objects or was necessary.

Note: This section relates to what types of constitutional breaches the student body can approach at an SGM.

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Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should Section 34 a) be amended from: Any Association expenditure must be approved and signed by any two of the following, provided that at least one of the approvers and signatories is an Executive Officer:	624 (55.9%)	258 (23.1%)	235 (21%)	1117

To

Any Association expenditure must be approved by any two of the following people, provided that at least one of the approvers

and signatories is an  
Executive Officer:

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
<p>Should Section 37 e) be amended from: Any Referendum put to the Student Body will require ten (10) working days' notice of the wording.</p> <p>To</p> <p>Any referendum put to the student body must require a period of five (5) working days' notice for the student body to submit questions and a five (5) working days' notice of the final wording of these questions.</p>	662 (59.3%)	239 (21.4%)	216 (19.3%)	1117

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
<p>Should Section 37 k) be amended from: There will be at least one Referendum called in the first semester which, without limiting its business, will:</p> <p>i) Receive and accept the annual report of</p>	613 (54.9%)	335 (30%)	169 (15.1%)	1117

the Association for the previous year; and;  
 ii) Receive and accept the audited annual financial statements for the previous year.

To

There shall be sufficient referenda during the year to ensure key business for the running of OUSA is addressed, and these, without limiting business, will:  
 i) Receive and accept the annual report of the Association for the previous year;  
 ii) Receive and accept the audited annual financial statements for the previous year; and;  
 iii) Pass the budget for the following year.

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Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should Section 38 e) reading:	482 (43.2%)	383 (34.3%)	252 (22.6%)	1117

The Executive will give five (5) working days' notice before setting the proposed

questions to allow time  
for submissions to be  
made by members.

Be removed?

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