

Residential Committee

Terms of Reference

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Version 2

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1. Purpose

1.1. The Residential Committee exists to:

- 1.1.1. Provide students in residential situations an opportunity to voice their concerns and communicate directly with the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA);
- 1.1.2. Make official recommendations to the OUSA executive on Residential related issues; and;
- 1.1.3. Run initiatives and campaigns relevant to residential matters.

2. Interpretation

2.1. In this policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.1.1. Committee means the Residential Committee;
- 2.1.2. College means any entity, recognised by the University of Otago as an official University of Otago Residential Colleges;
- 2.1.3. College Committee means the committee of all the College representatives.

3. Membership

3.1. The membership of the Committee shall consist of:

- 3.1.1. The OUSA Residential Representative, who shall act as Chair and convene meetings of the Committee;
- 3.1.2. The OUSA President;
- 3.1.3. The OUSA Welfare and Equity Representative;
- 3.1.4. A Postgraduate Student, nominated by the Otago Postgraduate Association;
- 3.1.5. And one representative from:
 - 3.1.5.1. The Colleges Committee;
 - 3.1.5.2. The Locals Programme;
 - 3.1.5.3. Te Roopu Māori;
 - 3.1.5.4. UniFlats;
 - 3.1.5.5. Those in their first year of flatting; and;
 - 3.1.5.6. The International Student flatting community.

3.2. Any other OUSA members or persons appointed by the OUSA executive or co-opted by the Committee.

3.3. The membership of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive.

3.4. Unless otherwise stated, membership shall be for the remainder of the calendar year from the date of appointment.

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4.1. The OUSA Residential Committee shall, where appropriate;

- 4.1.1. Advise and provide recommendations to the Executive on any issues, policies, campaigns, or other activities relevant to students on residential matters;
- 4.1.2. Receive reports from the Colleges Committee;
- 4.1.3. Liaise with Student Support on residential issues and before running campaigns;

- 4.1.4. Have its members actively seek issues relevant to students in residential scenarios and raise them with the Committee;
- 4.1.5. Convene once every month during the academic year, and formally report to the OUSA Executive after each meeting.