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PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

17.1. Promote via publications, promotions and campaigns, an environment within the OUSA and on campus which is supportive of University of Otago student flatting culture, education, community, and Residential Colleges.

Unfortunately, I haven't gotten around to executing any plans around this. I have begun conversations with Quintin (President) and Jhonny Nu'u about going around the residential halls and discussing information about flats. After a meeting with Johnny, it was found that Student services do something like this and it is run by Sage. I am going to meet with the Sub-wardens of all the halls through a Sub-warden committee Meeting however, I am in liaison with multiple individuals to try get a sub-warden list to contact them all to set up the meeting. During the meeting I am going to ask about their thoughts on halls to inform what should go into the talks. After this I will set up a meeting with Sage to see what Student Support is doing and get on the same page.

17.2. In conjunction with relevant Association departments, Executive Officers and committees, create educational material relevant to flatting.

As mentioned in the above section, I have plans to implement flatting talks personally in all the residential halls, this is in the process of being set up.

17.3 Be a member of appropriate internal committees of the Association, including, but not limited to:

17.3.1. Residential Committee;

I am the chair of the Residential Committee. I am in the process of recruiting members for the Residential Committee, I am currently devising a plan on how to seek members for this committee.

17.3.2. Colleges Committee; and

I am the chair of the Colleges Committee. Last year Res Rep (Patrice) dissolved this committee as it was not deemed relevant or of good use, I am unsure if this committee has remained dissolved or has been reinstated due to the start of a new year, discussions about this are being had with the president (Quintin) and Donna Jones. If it is in use then

I will move to dissolve it again as I agree with the previous Res Rep's views on the committee.

17.3.2. Subwarden Committee.

I am the chair of the Sub-warden Committee. I am actively emailing individuals to try and a list of all active sub-wardens to organise a Sub-warden committee meeting and make myself seen for the sub-wardens that are new and may not know about the committee or my role and the support I can provide.

17.7 Take direction from the Residential Committee, and by extension the Colleges Committee and Subwarden Committee, on all matters relevant to Residential Colleges, University Flats, the Locals Programme, student flatting and student locals within the University and the community.

As mentioned above I am in the process of gathering contact lists to set up said committees. I am planning to have the first formal meetings early in the second half of Sem 1. No one seems to have a list of the sub-wardens?

17.8 Via, or in consultation with the Student Support Centre, maintain a good working relationship with the Campus and Collegiate Life Services of the University, sharing information and ideas with them when appropriate.

I meet with Johnny Nu'u every 2 weeks to have a catch-up and discuss relevant matters. I have a meeting set up to meet with James Lindsey (Director Campus & Collegiate Life Services) on the 28th March. I have had a meeting with Sage at the end of last year (2022) to start building rapport and plan on setting up another to see what information Student Support provides on Flatting.

17.9 Maintain a good working relationship with the Proctors' Office and Campus Watch bringing to them issues of students within the wider community.

I have not actively reached out to the Proctor; I don't think I will do so until I have information to share as we both have very busy schedules. I will most likely reach out to Campus watch when I am in the process of planning the flatting talks for halls to ask what they want students to know about them.

17.10 Maintain a good working relationship with the heads and deputies of Residential Colleges and University Flats, and the head of the Locals Programme and their student representatives.

I have not reached out to any heads of colleges specifically; I have frequent meetings with Johnny Nu'u who provides insight on behalf of all of the college heads. I will most likely begin engaging one on one with each head when I begin flat talks. Otherwise, I am a firm believer in minimising the number of meetings for every one's sake, as all of our work load ramps up. I believe it makes subsequent meetings more engaging and productive.

17.11 Maintain a good working relationship with the Administrative Vice-President, proactively bringing issues relevant to Residential Colleges, University Flats, Locals Programme and the Otago Student Community to their attention and meeting with them on a weekly basis.

I have not yet had a meeting with the Admin. Vice-President due to illness, however, we have a weekly meeting set up. We have plans to discuss a plan to actively engage more with the student body and we are going to discuss the plan and further develop it.

7.12 Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I have fulfilled this to the best of my abilities

17.13 Where practical, work not less than ten hours per week, from January 1 until December 31

I have tried my best to meet this goal, some weeks I have worked more and others less, it naturally balances out. This quarter has been filled with trying to find my feet as I was not provided a handover doc from the prior exec member which makes things a lot harder, this has resulted in more admin than action which I haven't liked, but hope to start moving forward with projects next quarter.

PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

3.1. The appointed term for all OUSA Executive Officers shall commence from the 1st of January and will terminate on the 31st of December of that same year.

3.2 Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are expected to assist as volunteers for OUSA events and functions, including, but not limited to:

3.2.1 Assisting at the OUSA Tent City marquee and other activities during Summer School, Orientation and Re-Orientation; and;

I wasn't back in Dunedin until a couple days before Semester started so missed most of)-week and Tent city, however I helped out a the flatting carnival.

3.2.2 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

N/A

3.3 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.

I have made myself available and attended all goal planning meetings and Executive meetings. I attended OUSA Exec Strategy Day.

3.4 All Executive officers shall:

3.4.1 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.

I have not needed to make use of the Executive Budget so far.

3.4.2 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.

I have had conversations with the Māori and Pacifica reps to better understand their positions. More could be done here by myself. Many of my friends are a part of the LGBTQ+ community so I am frequently having open conversations about their position to learn more. I am of course open to any opportunities to learn and understand more.

3.4.3 Prioritise sustainability and minimization of environmental impacts in all aspects of their role and keep up to date with environmental issues;

I will be involved with Diversion Day down the line, I also sit of the Waste management Committee which is due to meet after this report is submitted. Working online has meant that my paper use has been minimal.

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

I have made myself as available as possible, however a large amount of admin has taken up my time since I wasn't provided with a handover document as well as a full Uni scheduling. I did however help for 3 hours at the Flating Carnival.

3.4.5 Regularly check and respond to all communications.

I respond to emails as soon as possible, ensuring I check them frequently

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

I am a member of the following OUSA, University, and external committees:

- OUSA Executive (I have attended all meetings)
- University Combined Colleges Project Steering Committee (I have attended all meetings)
- OUSA Residential Committee (I am the chair of the committee; no meetings have been held yet)
- OUSA Colleges Committee (I am the chair of the committee; no meetings have been held yet)
- OUSA Subwarden Committee (I am the chair of the committee; no meetings have been held yet)
- Library Services Committee (I missed the one meeting that was scheduled so far as I was in Auckland prior to the start of the Uni year)
- Waste Management Governance Group (There is a meeting scheduled for after the submission of this report)

PART FOUR: GOALS AND YOUR PROGRESS

I chose to only specify 3 goals/outcomes to ensure that I can put all my time and effort into actually achieving them, rather than committing to something and not completing it, and having to hand it over to the next Res Rep.

1. Approach the glass issue on North Dunedin

It is no secret that North Dunedin has a notorious drinking culture, and this drinking culture leads to large amount of glass being left on the streets, often smashed. The streets of Hyde St, Castle St, Leith St, Howe St and Dundas St are the worst and this creates an unhealthy and unsafe living environment. Although students are in part to blame and actions such as 'don't be a dick' have been taken by the uni I believe the City Council is equally to blame. It is utterly ridiculous that they only provide a single small blue glass bin that is only collected every 2 weeks, especially when students are living in flats of 5-10 people, there is going to be a lot more glass waste than your average family of 4. The rest of the major cities have large recycling bins so why don't we?? I am going to change this, either in the form of bigger glass bins or more frequent bin collections.

2. Reducing food wastage in halls

The Residential halls have an unbelievably high food wastage. I am wanting to propose a system where left over food from halls are offered to local flatting students. The details of this plan need to be discussed and I have begun discussions with some individuals with some obstacles such as H&S being raised however I am determined to make progress on this goal.

3. Continue to educate the community around flatting

There are tools and activities in place that I wish to keep supporting in order to keep students – particularly new 2nd year flatters and 1st years in halls about to go into flatting. This is done through the flatting magazine, flatting talks, articles in the critic.

PART FIVE: GENERAL

No further comments at this stage