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Residential representative

Third Quarter Report 2023

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Part One: Duties of the Residential Representative

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.

The 'Honest Flat Review' campaign was run this quarter. This involved the creation of a poster titled 'Honest Flat Review' the poster had a variety of questions on it such as *does your flat have excessive Mold? on a scale form 1-5, how responsive is your landlord? How much rent do you pay per person?* Students were encouraged to fill out the poster and place it on their doors when flat viewings were scheduled to occur. The purpose of this campaign was to encourage and promote honest and transparent information surrounding the aspects of the flat, this would stop landlords from lying to students and present future tenants with relevant details about the flat before they signed on. Furthermore, the purpose of the rent question was to prompt students to begin conversations around the rent increases each year despite the lack of changes to the flat. The posters were placed in the Critic. Unfortunately, the uptake what not as high as I would have liked, however, I acknowledge that this was due to a variety of factors such as it having to be changed by marketing, a last-minute submission into the critic and no social media support by the OUSA social media pages. These are all changes that have been reflected on and will hopefully be acted on by the 2024 res rep.

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

As above.

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

- 17.3.1. Residential Committee;**
- 17.3.2. Colleges Committee; and**
- 17.3.2. Subwarden Committee.**

I am the chair of the above committees. Note that Residential committee and colleges committee have been combined this year. I am not sure if this has been updated on formal documents, I will follow up.

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.

I have not held a meeting for the above committees, I never received the necessary documents from HR. However, I do not feel that I have neglected these parties as I have been in regular contact with Johnny Nu'u and he has said that he hasn't heard anything negative from sub wardens nor the head of colleges. Furthermore, I sit in on a meeting called the Colleges EPT

meeting, this is a meeting with all of the head of colleges so I can remain updated on what they are doing and how they are doing.

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.

There has not been a need to engage with Student Support this Semester in any matters specifically. However, I have had meetings with them where they have raised issues that have arisen from students with me, visa vera, I have sent students with flatting issues to student support for additional guidance and support outside of my realm. I sit on several boards/meetings with the Campus and Collegiate Life Services of the University – James Lindsay and frequently engage in conversation to maintain that relationship. No significant matters have arisen this quarter to warrant a one-one private meeting. I have also been invited to sit on a recruitment panel at his request however was unfortunately unable to attend due to prior engagements, but I want to note that I love how they acknowledge the need for student voice on these panels, this is evidence of a healthy relationship between us.

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

This is not something I have actively engaged in as there have not felt that it is necessary. Anything that is of the magnitude that would involve the above parties I feel I would engage the president of OUSA, Quintin Jane in whom has a relationship with these parties.

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.

As stated before I sit on the Colleges EPT meeting, this is a meeting with all of the head of colleges so I can remain updated on what they are doing and how they are doing.

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.

Imogen and I have bi-weekly meetings.

7.12 Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I have fulfilled this to the best of my ability.

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

I have fulfilled this to the best of my ability.

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;

3.2.2 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

I have fulfilled this to the best of my ability. Manning booths and sausage sizzles encouraging students to enrol and vote in both the General election this year as well as the OUSA election.

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 fulfilled this to the best of my ability. Recently I attended a Hui involving all major parties including the Uni, OUSA, OUPISA and TRM.

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. Emily presents budget updates bi-weekly in the executive meetings.

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 am open and willing to any and all conversations about this. There are constantly moments internally and externally learning more, this is an aspect I love about the role.

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

Day-to-day in my role I make a conscious effort to minimize environmental impacts such as working online. I also sit on the Waste Governance Group/Committee, it is in this meeting that I am pushing my Glass Waste in the North Dunedin area initiative. I have just had my last meeting with this group and was encouraged to apply for Waste Managements Graduate programme.

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

This was not met this quarter.

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 Sub warden Committee (I am the chair of the committee; no meetings have been held yet)
- Library Services Committee
- Waste Management Governance Group
- I sit in on the Colleges EPT meetings.
- I sit in on the Colleges planning – executive planning team meeting.

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PART FOUR: GOALS AND YOUR PROGRESS

- First quarter report: provide a detailed outline of your goals.
- Second, Third and fourth Reports: provide progress updates.

Fourth report additionally provide a run down on success/ achievement of your goals and what further is to be done.

There isn't much for me to say in this section. After years we have finally achieved having the flat drop dates pushed back. It is now up to the next res rep to ensure this is followed by next year's landlords; this is extremely achievable since they did it this year. Another focus would be for the next Res Rep to reach the first years in halls early as I was unable to do this, this is going to be a high priority in the up-and-coming hand over document in the months to come.

I just attended my last Waste Governance meeting today. Members of that group are aware of my wishes surrounding waste/glass management in the North D area. and I know that things are being done by external stakeholders such as Waste Management to achieve this. I will continue to monitor this to the best of my ability for the remained of the year with the personal relationships I have formed throughout the process.

Again, I want to reiterate that within this role I am hoping to pass on projects to whoever takes the role over to achieve greater things than just one can do during a single term in this role for the greater good of society.

Part Five: General

Nothing to add, excited to see the outcome of the elections – general and exec alike!!