

HAKI HAMILTON

TUMUAKI

3RD QUARTERLY REPORT

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

1.1 Ensure Te Roopū operates in accordance with this constitution;

This quarter we have operated in accordance with the constitution of Te Rōpū Māori and have made our best efforts to be proactive in organising exec meetups. We invited OUSA and UOPISA to have a kai at the TRM whare. We are yet to have a proper BBQ with UOPISA hosted by us, but we have it pencilled in for later on in september. I have continued to chair the majority of our Te Rito meetings and delegated that responsibility in my absence. We as Te Rōpū Māori have continued to foster a relationship buttressed by good faith and ongoing effective communication. We have been in the process of trying to organise our elections for the year, and are navigating the unique process that we have in electing new people to our incoming executive committee.

1.2 Act as Māngai for Te Roopū at local, regional and national levels;

I often catch up with Helen Nicholson, the current acting Vice Chancellor. We have discussed and tried facilitate discussions around putting Te Rōpū Māori back on the University Council and trying to connect with the Māori students from all of the other campuses around the country to see how we can offer them support from where we are, so we can make allotments in our budget for them

Our tumuaki tuarua and I sat on a panel that was recruiting the next candidate for the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic position. Through this forum we discussed what the effects would be for Māori students and what they were willing to do to line with the strategic vision for 2040. We pushed to ensure that Māori students were not being looked at within a deficit framework and seen as a part of the problem for the negative statistics.

I got the opportunity to put some questions to Chris Hipkins when he came down to visit our university and asked him about his and his caucuses commitment to Te Tiriti as the next government influences the trajectory of Te Tiriti's upholding and mana in the law and policy.

I was present at the Māori graduations in august and got to represent Te Rōpū Māori both as a tumuaki, and an announcer which was awesome.

I also got the pleasure to be interviewed twice by Te Karere pertaining to our identity shift with our name change and our preparations to go up to Te Huinga Tauira. I also got the opportunity to draft up a tikanga document that contextualises tikanga to a university setting for our Ngā Rōpū tumuaki. We noticed that different people through no fault of their own are a bit earlier in their te ao Māori and te reo Māori journey than a lot of us, so we thought it would be awesome to pass on the things that we know when it comes to tikanga. This document is intended to be a handover document for executives to come on Ngā Rōpū and serves as a guideline in light of the transitory nature of university executive roles. We had it checked off by Kare Tipa and it is a document that is amenable to change and will inevitably change throughout the years to come.

1.3 Represent Te Roopū as a delegate at Te Mana Akonga Hui;

I am always present at Te Mana Ākonga hui as a delegate for Te Rōpū Māori. We as Te Rōpū Māori hosted hui kaiārahi this year (a meeting for all the Māori student presents from around the country that is affiliated to Te Mana Ākonga) down in Ōtepoti and hosted them for a couple of days. This is an opportunity for us to report on what is happening in our regions and bring forth things that we would like escalated and incorporated by Te Mana Ākonga.

I have attended all hui kaiārahi to date and will attend all of the up and coming hui.

I also attended weekly hui in preparation for Te Huinga Tauira this year, discussing how we wanted it to run and what the rules of engagement were and different accommodation situations.

1.4 Set policies with the Tumuaki Tuarua regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of Te Roopū consistent with section 8 of the constitution;

The Tumuaki Tuarua and I wrote up different documents pertaining to van agreements and Huinga attendance process and conditions for tauira that are on conditional enrolment. There was no explicit exclusion of that demographic from going to Te Huinga Tauira, however, we highlighted that we wanted to see active commitment to passing their papers and how we can support them to do that.

1.5 Carry out any duty that from time to time, may be defined by Te Rito and/or all operations of Te Roopū;

An idea that I thought of this year after chatting to Karamea about operations in the past was to facilitate a hui in which all of the Te Rito members report on the substance of their first two quarterly reports that we had written and provide food for all the taurua to eat while we are talking. The goal of having this hui was to ensure that we were being transparent with our tauira and allow them the forum to be able to provide feedback for us to be able to put into action. This was done in the hope to ascertain the common themes and direction of the tauira and what they want from us as an executive. This also gives us a chance to incorporate the substance of that feedback into our operations.

I have been there to assist the Tumuaki Tuarua with some of his portfolio for Ngā Rōpū with the promotion of tikanga and providing feedback and the Māori strategic framework that was being put out for consultation.

I have continued to run te reo Māori classes at the Te Rōpū Māori whare and run classes twice a week open to anyone until we reach capacity, then priority will be given to tauira Māori.

1.6 Be an ex-officio member of the OUSA executive, and is responsible for Te Roopū Māori adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OUSA;

I am currently an ex officio member of OUSA and have been responsible for adhering to the stipulations in the MOU._

1.7 Each semester, submit at least (2) report to OUSA in accordance with the OUSA Constitution;

This is report number one of this semester.

1.7 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA;

I have been appointed to the Blue and Golds committee alongside OUSA as per 1.8

1.8 Sit on the OUSA Blue and Gold's Committee;

I got the opportunity to sit on the Blue and Gold's Committee and have a discussion about who would qualify for the blues and golds awards for sports and culture. There were some Māori related prizes on the awards list, so I gave input. I urged the committee to consider adding a greater number of Māori cultural awards. I am aware that Te Rōpū Māori have their own awards, however, this does not mean that we should refrain from advocating for tauira Māori that do not actively engage with Te Rōpū Māori's activities. This also helps get more recognition for Māori excellence on a university wide level and can be used as a platform for incorporating those awards into Te Rōpū Māori and give Te Rōpū Māori more exposure to the tauira Māori that are unaware of the things that we do and our existence as a whole

1.9 Will maintain a good working relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the University, and will be responsible for the adherence to the MoU with the Te Huka Mātauraka and the Office of Māori Development;

We have maintained a good relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and the office of Māori development. We have been helping direct Te Huka Mātauraka to some tauira in order to get more engagement for the kaupapa that they are running and are very grateful for their assistance with us trying to change the way that our executive get paid and make things more consistent across the board.

We have had a good working relationship with OMD in that we assisted in attaining pūtea. This admittedly could have been done a lot more promptly from my end.

There were issues that arose in the preparation for Te Huinga Tauira that almost caused it to be cancelled this year and this issue was escalated to a DVC/Director level. I was liaising with Tuari and updating him on the broader situation to which he responded by echoing our sentiments therefore reinforcing the integrity of the relationship between Te Rōpū Māori.

1.10 Chair all Hui a Te Rito, and ensure that Tikanga Māori is upheld during these Hui;

I have always cheered the hui that I have been present at this quarter and try my utmost best to prioritise, consistency, manaakitanga and grappling with our constitutional obligations for how we operate within our hui and our operations as a whole

1.11 Support the Tuarua with Te Haerenga organisation and Komiti formation;

Admittedly this has been extremely difficult in light of the plethora of kaupapa that we have run concurrently and within close proximity to one another. We were originally supposed to do Te Haerenga with both of the campuses up in Christchurch, namely; Te Akatoki and Te Awhioraki. There were complications that arose that made things too difficult for us to co-run an event like that, and we have been inundated with many kaupapa that have been put on the backburner.

1.12 Where practical will work no less than 15 hours per week, with a minimum of 5 hours designated to 'Office Hours'

Our office hours are displayed on one of our office doors in the whare for everyone to come and look at to see when we are available. I try my best to stick true to the allotted office hours, however, there are a lot of last minute meetings and kaupapa that come up that drag me away from the office.

1.13 Be a mandatory signatory for the Te Roopū bank account

I am a signatory on the bank accounts.

1.14 Attendance at Te Huinga Tauira is compulsory unless there are extenuating circumstances that are approved through a vote in a Te Rito Hui.

For this quarter we have been running the kapa haka campaign for Te Huinga Tauira along with the other facets of Te Huinga Tauira that are important for everyone. I fully intend on attending Te Huinga Tauira and I am a designated van driver.

Progress on goals

To abide by all principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ the spirit of Te Tiriti

As stated in my last report there is a shift from a principles to an articles approach under the Education and Training Act. I have also been learning more about the pastoral care code that will help us to bind the university to processes that make for optimal student success through greater enrolment, retention and completion.

To support and encourage education and wellbeing for Māori students enrolled at the University of Otago and to provide a safe environment for Māori students to prosper.

We have been running te reo Māori classes within Te Rōpū Māori this quarter and have shifted from one to three classes weekly, to try and assist the tauira in improving their level of te reo Māori both at a beginners level and an advanced level. Through the tikanga document that we had written up, there is a strong urge to instil a sense of continuity of support within the structure of the university to upskill our tauira in all the things that are an integral part to their identity as a Māori through cultural activities like Kapa Haka, te reo Māori classes, Social Sports and having access to the tikanga document.

There have been limitations in trying to achieve this as I am not particularly the best example for embodying a work life balance, as I work a bit more than my 15 hours a week along with trying to ensure that my grades don't slip by the wayside.