# **Submissions Committee**

## **Terms of Reference**

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Submissions Committee exists to:
  - 1.1.1. Provide feedback, advice and direction on submissions written by the Political Representative.

#### 2. Interpretation

- 2.1. In this policy, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 2.2. Committee means the Submissions Committee; and;
- 2.3. Submissions means submissions written including but not limited to:
- 2.4. Local and national government documents, including;
  - 2.4.1. Student related parliamentary bills;
  - 2.4.2. Student related government projects/proposals;
  - 2.4.3. Referenda;
  - 2.4.4. Dunedin City council Annual Plan;
  - 2.4.5. Otago Regional Council Annual Plan; and;
  - 2.4.6. University reports, reviews and consultative documents.

#### 3. Membership

- 3.1. The membership of the Committee shall consist of:
  - 3.1.1. The OUSA Political Representative (chair):
  - 3.1.2. The OUSA President;
  - 3.1.3. A Te Rōpū Māori Student Representative;
  - 3.1.4. An Otago University Pacific Islands' Students' Representative;
  - 3.1.5. The membership in 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 will be appointed by the Executive.
  - 3.1.6. There can be up to 5 (five) other general members;
  - 3.1.7. Any other OUSA members or persons appointed by the OUSA executive or coopted by the Committee.
    - 3.1.7.1. The general membership of the Committee shall be appointed by the Political Representative for a particular submission.
    - 3.1.7.2. General members who will be on the committee for longer than a particular submission will be appointed by the Executive.

#### 4. Terms of Reference

- 4.1. The OUSA Submissions Committee shall discuss and provide advice to the Political Representative in relation to submissions.
- 4.2. The OUSA Submissions Committee shall meet as and when is required by the Political Representative to discuss upcoming submissions.
- 4.3. Minutes shall be taken at each committee meeting and presented to the next available Executive meeting.
- 4.4. A submission shall only be submitted upon approval by the Executive.