

The University of Otago Blues & Golds Awards Panel Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To appoint a Panel that will make recommendations to the OUSA Executive for awards to be presented at the annual University of Otago Blues and Golds Awards.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1. Unless the context otherwise states:
 - 2.1.1. OUSA is the Otago University Students' Association.
 - 2.1.2. UOPISA is the University of Otago Pacific Island Students' Association
 - 2.1.3. OUSA Executive are the elected or appointed officers responsible for governing the OUSA.
 - 2.1.4. CDO is the OUSA Clubs Development Officer.
 - 2.1.5. Centre Manager is the Clubs and Societies Centre Manager
 - 2.1.6. OUSA President is the elected president for the OUSA Executive
 - 2.1.7. Clubs and Societies Representative is the elected member onto the OUSA Executive
 - 2.1.8. Club means any organisation, society or association affiliated to OUSA under the constitution.
 - 2.1.9. Criteria relates to The University of Otago Blues & Golds Criteria Document outlined in the [Terms of Reference](#) Appendix 1.

3. Membership

- 3.1. The membership of the Panel shall consist of:
 - 3.1.1. Clubs Development Officer (Chair);
 - 3.1.2. Clubs and Societies 2IC (who shall act as the Secretary);
 - 3.1.3. Clubs and Societies Representative;
 - 3.1.4. OUSA President;
 - 3.1.5. OUSA Finance and Strategy Officer;
 - 3.1.6. Two external individuals with relevant expertise in the areas of arts and culture;
 - 3.1.7. Two external individuals with relevant expertise in the area of sports;
 - 3.1.8. Te Rōpū Māori Tumuaki; or another representative from Te Rōpū Māori selected by the Tumuaki
 - 3.1.9. UOPISA President; or another representative from UOPISA selected by the UOPISA President
 - 3.1.10. One individual from an OUSA affiliated sports club; and;
 - 3.1.11. One individual from an OUSA affiliated society.
- 3.2. Members of the Blues and Golds panel shall be ratified by the OUSA Executive.

4. Meetings

- 4.1. The Panel shall meet at least once per year.
- 4.2. At least two weeks' notice of a Panel meeting must be given to all Panel members.
- 4.3. The quorum for any meeting shall be at least half of its members and the Clubs and Societies Representative or the President must be present.
- 4.4. If the CDO is absent, the Centre Manager shall be the Chairperson.
- 4.5. The Secretary shall circulate the minutes from the previous meeting, an agenda, and a copy of all nominations received to all Panel members.

5. Voting

- 5.1. Each member of the Panel shall have one vote, excluding the Secretary.
- 5.2. The Clubs and Societies Representative shall have a casting vote in the event of a tied vote.
- 5.3. A simple majority shall carry any motion.

6. Discretionary

- 6.1. The Executive reserve the right to diverge from criteria in set circumstances or impose conditions relevant to an award.
- 6.2. The CDO shall, at their discretion, inform the unsuccessful applicants as to why the application was unsuccessful.
- 6.3. In the event The University of Otago Blues & Golds Awards needs to be postponed this will be decided at the discretion of the Executive.

Appendix 1.

The University of Otago Blues and Golds Awards Criteria attached