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Tumuaki Takirua

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PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

1.1 Ensure Te Roopū operates in accordance with this constitution:

We have been doing our utmost to ensure operations are in accordance with the constitution.

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

We (tumuaki takirua and Te Rito) have spoken at the freshers pōhiri for 2025. Following the conclusion of pōhiri, alongside Te Huka Mātauraka we hosted kai and whakawhanaungatanga at the TRM where showcasing what TRM has to offer.

Te Rito has also been heavily involved with halls this year, attending whakatau, dinners and Kickstart 101.

Ngātiki has also acted as Chair for the SGM for Te Oranga ki Ōtākou (Māori Medical Student Association). We are also fortunate enough to have been invited to attend TOKŌs Freshers noho.

Te Rito has done our utmost to act as a māngai for Te Rōpū Māori and our taurira including a written submission in opposition of the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill.

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

Ngātiki was in attendance for the last hui kaiarāhi for Te Mana Akonga in November 2024 in Waikato. This hui facilitated discussion on logistics and planning by the Tumuaki of the majority of the universities and other tertiary providers. Communications and planning continued over the summer period with a hui taking place over zoom in March 2025 to discuss the kaupapa for our first hui kaiarāhi in Ōtautahi. Both Tumuaki Takirua will be in attendance alongside our



Āpiha Ahurea, in which we will discuss the certain kaupapa surrounding Te Huinga Taurira among other issues.

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

It should be noted that for 2025 Te Rito is operating with Tumuaki Takirua (Co-presidents) and thus the Tumuaki Tuarua role is not implemented. Currently no changes have been made to policy though we are expecting to make changes throughout the year. We also aim to ensure that policies are up to standard by liaising with the DVC-Māori office.

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

We have been in contact with the DVC Māori Office, with regular hui we are looking forward to establishing strong relationships with Professor Jacinta Ruru (Māori Vice-chancellor).

We have also met with Rhonda Bryant who is the current interim director as well as the rest of the Office of Māori Development (OMD). Further hui will be scheduled with OMD including a joint whakawhanaungatanga session between OMD, DVC Māori, Te Rito and Te Huka Mātauraka

We have met with Donna Jones (Secretary of OUSA) and the OUSA executive members, beginning to establish relationships and ensure that TRM is represented on OUSA committees. Unfortunately we were unable to attend the OUSA retreat following induction week due to other kaupapa. We were however in attendance for Laps for Life alongside OUSA.

We have met with Liam White (President of OUSA) and have attended various OUSA hui. We are set to begin discussion of the MOU between our two parties. Te Rito is also set to host OUSA and University of Otago Pacific Islands Students' Association (UOPISA) in the near future for an executive get together and I am looking forward to it.

We have met with the UOPISA President Seluvaia Ratoul, and established regular meetings to continue to build relationships and have extended the support of Te Rōpū Māori to her should UOPISA need it. We look forward to working alongside UOPISA.



We attended and had the chance to address the first year tauira at the Pōhiri at the beginning of Orientation Week. Te Rito later helped run the afternoon BBQ following the Pōhiri at Māori Centre and were kaimahi of the Māori kāi Festival.

We addressed the tauira at Kickstart 101, sharing the mahi that TRM does and what we provide for tauira

We have committed to meeting with OUSA President Liam White and UOPISA President Seluvaia Ratoul fortnightly, building on relationships, addressing important issues and providing awhi for eachother.

We have attended regular meetings with Grant Robertson (Vice Chancellor), addressing pressing issues and opportunities for tauira Māori.

The Tumuaki Takirua have made their best efforts to attend the different SGM's of our Divisional Māori student Associations as representatives of TRM.

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:

We have yet to sign an MoU between OUSA and TRM.

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

Each semester two reports are to be submitted. This is the first of two reports to be submitted through to OUSA for this semester.

1.7 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA:

Ngātiki will be sitting on Quality Advancement Committee (QAC), Committee for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching (CALT), Policy Committee (PolCom), OUSA Political Action Committee, University of Otago Blues and Golds Panel, Senate, and any other committees as required. There is still some clarity to be had for these appointments as a number of these committees have yet to commence their duties.

Porourangi will be sitting on the Academic committee and will be part of a working group formed to review the artwork of John Middleditch around campus.

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



I have not attended an OUSA Blues and Gold's hui yet.

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;

So far we have worked alongside Te Huka Mātauraka for the pōhiri for first year tauira and kāi festival for tauira māori during o-week. We have a positive relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka and wish to continue building this relationship through collaboration and whakawhanaungatanga.

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

We have chaired Te Rito hui, alternating between each Tumuaki Takirua. We have done our utmost to have ensured that Te Rito has maintained professionalism in these hui. Due diligence has been conducted to ensure that our hui provide a safe environment for all executive members and guest speakers to express and share their whakaaro freely.

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

n/a this quarter

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

Our office hours for now have been set to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (Ngātiki), and Wednesday and Friday mornings (Porourangi). We on average far exceed our required hours, these working hours include attending OUSA executive meetings, hui with Office of Maori Development, Te Huka Mātauraka, other committee hui, regular hui with DVC Māori and the Vice Chancellor, meeting with staff and University events.

1.12 Be a mandatory signatory for the Te Roopū bank account:

We are both signatories for the Te Rōpū bank account, though due to troubles with the bank we are still awaiting access to online banking.



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

We both plan to attend Te Huinga Tauira

PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

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

We assisted in the operation of OUSA tent city, though limited due to TRM having an already hectic schedule with O-week kaupapa. We look forward to further collaboration between OUSA and TRM.

2.1.2 At an individual Executive Officer's discretion, be a safety contact during Orientation, Re-Orientation and other OUSA events throughout the year:

n/a

2.1.3 Collecting for the capping charity: and

n/a

2.1.4 Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate, including but not limited to advertising the election and collecting votes.

n/a

We would however like to acknowledge Liam White for his involvement as Chair for Te Rōpū Māori's SGM.

2.2 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.

We will make best efforts to be available for conferences, training sessions and meetings that coincide with what we have going on.



2.3 All Executive Officers with control of budget lines, or who have been allocated a budget line, shall maintain detailed budgets and not exceed their budgeted expenditure.

Not applicable for my position.

2.4 All Executive Officers, where possible, shall maintain regular, publicised office hours, and are expected to regularly check and respond to all correspondence received.

These are publicised and published through Te Rōpū Māori but are separate from OUSA.

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

Helping at Te Huka Mātauraka with O-week kaupapa and other kaupapa when required.

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

OUSA Ex-officio Member: As indicated above

Senate: As described above

Blue and Gold's: Yet to formally begin

Quality Advancement Committee (QAC): Have been appointed and will attend committee meetings

Committee for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching (CALT): Have been appointed and will attend committee meetings

Policy Committee (PolCom): Have attended the first PolCom meeting of 2025

OUSA Political Action Committee: Have been appointed and will attend committee meetings

Academic Committee: Due to TRM O-week events requiring the full attention of Te Rito we were unable to attend the first academic meeting and thus submitted our apologies in advance.

PART FOUR: PROGRESS ON GOALS



Te Rōpū Māori constitutional objectives

To abide by all principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Due to the act that was passed in 2020, Education and Training Act 202. The primary focus is more on the basis of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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

Our collective goal this year is to ensure that every Māori student who walks through our whare feels welcomed and accommodated, no matter where they are in their journey, from just learning to navigate their taha Māori, to tauira that went through kura kaupapa. Creating a true kāinga rua for our tauira is something we see as essential—a space where they can be unapologetically Māori. Providing a safe and supportive environment within the education system for the betterment of Māori has always been, and will always remain, a priority for us.

Te Rito has been reflecting on ways we can enhance the physical space of our whare to better serve our tauira. A lot of mahi has been put into a revamp for the whare over the break, making it more inviting and functional. We have seen an increase in student engagement with TRM and the whare as a result of these changes. A part of providing a safe environment for our tauira, is to provide an opportunity for tauira to engage in kapa haka through cultural hour via our Apiha Ahurea, Renee Brown. She has done an excellent job in ensuring tauira feel welcome and comfortable to engage in their culture - to feel comfortable within te ao Māori. Our Apiha Mātauranga has also been hard at work supporting the education of tauira with fortnightly study nights having just begun. The rest of our team has also been hard at work producing high quality media, and organising upcoming events to further contribute to the betterment of our tauira and their wellbeing/education.

To liaise with the broader Māori Community at local, regional and national level

At the local level, we are beginning our weekly kaupapa including, social sports, te reo classes, cultural hour, and study nights. As well as the other kaupapa we have done during O-week we have had a very engaging first quarter. We seek to



continue this momentum, further providing for and liaising with our local community.

At a regional level, we have had limited communication with mana whenua this quarter. This will be a point of interest for us going forward.

At a national level, we will be attending hui kaiarahi in Ōtautahi Christchurch in April. This is kaupapa that all of the presidents and vice presidents of the different Māori student organisations from around the country all meet up and report to each other on what the current status within their own region and university.