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PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

12.1. Promote via publications, promotions and campaigns, an environment within the Association and on campus which is supportive of cultural diversity.

I was invited on to Chillah-with OMSA, a show hosted by the Malaysian Students' Association as a guest for a podcast on Otago Access Radio.

12.2. Organise and run events of specific interest and relevance to international Students.

OISA had a very productive quarter in terms of events. We hosted regular drop in events/board game nights as a reliable place for international students to attend. Near the end of the semester we held a Bake sale to raise funds for future club activity which was a big success and very popular in the community, raising just over \$400. We also held an International Karaoke night in the Evison Lounge that was incredibly well attended for the time of semester it was.

I am also attending weekly meetings organising the Multicultural Ball for the beginning of Semester 2, which is back again with 9 cultural clubs on the organising committee, which is incredibly exciting. We are hoping to make this an ongoing annual event for future clubs

12.3. Be a member of appropriate internal committees of the Association. Chair or co-chair weekly/bi-weekly meetings of the Otago International Students' Association (OISA), ensuring that all committee members are advised of meeting times, that the agenda is prepared and circulated beforehand and ensuring that the standing orders of the committee are adhered to.

OISA meetings have gone on weekly for the entire semester.

12.4. Take direction from the Otago International Students' Association, on all matters relevant to international student members.

Mr. Nishida and I have maintained a fantastic working relationship this semester, I am looking forward to working with him for semester 2.

12.5. Work on issues specific to international students at the University of Otago, including, but not limited to:

12.5.1. Academic issues within the University; and;

Once exams are over for the committee, I am planning to bring the Welfare and Equity rep of OISA to help organise student consultations/focus groups around lecture recordings to take place early Sem 2.

12.5.2. Social and welfare related issues within the University and the wider Community.

Loneliness and exam stress are perennial issues in the community, so hopefully some of the OISA events were able to relieve some of that.

I also participated in the housing sting led by Callum this quarter and visited some student flats. Some of them were very nice. Others made for good content.

12.6. Maintain a good working relationship to the Association Student Support Centre Manager and Advocates so that the opportunity to share information about academic and welfare issues of relevance to international students is available.

Yes, done! Though I need to visit their purple-doored house more often.

12.7. Maintain a good working relationship with the International Office of the University, sharing information and ideas with them when appropriate.

Yes, I am in good comms with Dan and Sam from the International Office, and I am getting ready to organise Semester 2 Welcome and Orientation events with him over the mid year break.

12.8. Work in conjunction with the Finance and Strategy Officer and the Clubs Development Officer and the Clubs and Societies Representative to ensure the affiliation and support of international student groups.

No new international student clubs this quarter, and no issues have been raised regarding the current ones.

12.9. Maintain a good working relationship with the Administrative Vice-President, proactively bringing issues relevant to international students to their attention, and meeting with them on a weekly basis.

Amy has been fantastic and very supportive. The weekly meetings have admittedly slipped recently as we've both been pretty busy, but I am looking forward to bringing them back for Q3.

12.10. Maintain a good working relationship with the Dunedin City Council

Yes! I keep in regular comms with Santashree from the DCC, as well as Antony. The promotional video from the Secondary International Welcome we shot in March went out a few weeks ago. I am unfortunately going to miss the handover event for Study Dunedin Advisory Group as I will be out of town, but I am looking forward to establishing a relationship with the new chair, Julie Anderson.

12.11. Sit on the New Zealand International Students' Association (NZISA) as a member and maintain and fulfil the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding held between Association and NZISA.

Done.

12.12. Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

I have performed the general duties of all Executive Officers, details of which will be under "Part 2: General Duties of All Executive Members.

12.13. Where practical, work not less than ten hours per week.

My hours have definitely slowed down this semester compared to last quarter, though that is partially to do with how busy Q1 is for my role!

PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

3. General Duties of all Executive Officers

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.

Thank you thank you, good to know.

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 and other activities during Summer School, Orientation and Re-Orientation; and;

Not applicable this quarter.

3.2.2. Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

I did not have much to do with the Exec referendum other than participating in the meetings where we discussed the questions and finalised the list.

3.3. Where reasonable, all Executive Officers attend Executive meetings.

I believe I have attended all Exec meetings this quarter!

3.4. Where reasonable, all Executive Officers are to be available for national conferences, national and local campaigns, Executive training sessions and Executive planning sessions.

Not applicable this quarter.

3.5. All Executive officers shall:

3.5.1. 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;

Done! FESC always has elaborate discussions, and Daniel has been great at leading them.

3.5.2. 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;

Yep. Trying to do the best I can in this space every day, and I always encourage people to attend student-led movements where relevant.

3.5.3. Act in accordance with and uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi while exercising their duties;

I aim to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all of my work at OUSA because it is one of our core guiding principles in our strategic plan, but also because I am tangata Tiriti in this country and so of course my actions should reflect that. My knowledge of te Tiriti has definitely deepened taking Prof. Janine Hayward's Treaty Politics paper.

3.5.4. Where reasonable, attend events hosted by clubs related to historically marginalised demographic groups;

Done.

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

Absolutely, still a climate nerd, and a daily reader of Bernard Hickey's substack on Housing, Energy and Climate.

3.5.6. Every quarter undertake five hours of voluntary service which contributes to the local community.

Have unfortunately not been able to do this this quarter. I plan to find some opportunities over the break to contribute and keep myself busy however. For everyone else looking for opportunities, the Unicrew Priceless Store is a great resource:

<https://www.unicrewotago.org/priceless>

3.5.7. Regularly check and respond to all communications.

Done!

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

OUSA:

- Exec Branding and Marketing Working Group
- Finance and Expenditure Committee
- Political Action Committee

University:

- Vice Chancellor's Staff and Student Advisory Group
- Web Content Steering Committee
- Distance Learning Advisory Committee
- Internationalisation Committee
- Health Science Internationalisation Committee
- Commerce Internationalisation Committee (on pause)

External:

- Study Dunedin Advisory Board

PART FOUR: GOALS AND YOUR PROGRESS

Lecture Recording Policy

Lecture recordings work has been pretty slow this semester, but I'm looking forward to having the second round of student consultations done early next semester so we can really get this through by the end of the year. Thank you Stella for all your amazing work in this area.

Exec Database

Due to technical, privacy issues, and a change in priorities, this project is likely not going to get pursued this year unfortunately. I would like to continue having discussions within the exec about the handover processes however, because I think that is a crucial part of our role and a major risk that is often talked about but ultimately overlooked.

OISA

OISA has been doing well! We have run two big events this quarter with great feedback, and we are looking into more events along those lines in Sem 2. We're looking good with Semester 2 orientations and welcomes as well, which is great. One key issue is getting reliable attendance and interest in our more low-key meetup events, and so we might look into collaborations with other clubs (Looking at you, SPS) moving forward so the meet ups can have more engagement.

PART FIVE: GENERAL

I feel as though this quarter overall has blown by, with exams and all. A lot of my attention was on OISA this quarter, which has been good, although stressful at times. Now that we have some events down, I think it will require less of my time and attention in the future. Moving forward I would like to rearrange my hours so I'm spending more work on Exec projects, especially with Local Body Elections coming up soon, as I think that is a place where we can make a significant impact. I aim to spend the next two quarters with more intention, and proactively pick up work.