



OUSA Referendum

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Referenda

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 be received and accepted?	1455 (82.4%)	276 (15.6%)	35 (2%)	1766

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should OUSA's Annual Report for 2024 be received and accepted?	1531 (86.7%)	191 (10.8%)	44 (2.5%)	1766

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Should OUSA advocate for students who are required to complete unpaid placements to be paid for the services they provide on such placements?	1430 (81%)	254 (14.4%)	82 (4.6%)	1766

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Should OUSA establish student friendly bars and pubs in North Dunedin?	1248 (70.7%)	425 (24.1%)	93 (5.3%)	1766
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Should OUSA adopt a policy for its operations that aligns with the call for "Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions" against the government of Israel, which would involve, amongst other measures, boycotting sporting, cultural, and academic institutions, and all Israeli and international companies engaged in violations of Palestinian human rights?	944 (53.5%)	556 (31.5%)	266 (15.1%)	1766
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Should OUSA accept sponsorship from alcohol companies for OUSA run events and functions?	988 (55.9%)	674 (38.2%)	104 (5.9%)	1766
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Should OUSA endorse local election candidates who campaign for policies to support students and improve student outcomes in the upcoming 2025 Local Body Elections?	994 (56.3%)	603 (34.1%)	169 (9.6%)	1766

Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lead a national campaign to repeal section 261 of the Education and Training Act 2020 to remove the right of voluntary student association membership?	935 (52.9%)	557 (31.5%)	274 (15.5%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the Government to reinstate the student allowance for all postgraduate students (not just postgraduate honours students)?	1347 (76.3%)	313 (17.7%)	106 (6%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA release a detailed annual report summarising OUSA's financial statements to all students who pay student services fees to the University of Otago?	1362 (77.1%)	276 (15.6%)	128 (7.2%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA undertake a review of the eligibility criteria for the Hardship Grant to determine if the grant should be more accessible for a wider range of students?	1196 (67.7%)	391 (22.1%)	179 (10.1%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA develop and publish a map of the streets within North Dunedin's student district that are well-lit to show students the best routes to walk around at night?	1156 (65.5%)	508 (28.8%)	102 (5.8%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA develop and undertake a safe-drinking campaign?	860 (48.7%)	767 (43.4%)	139 (7.9%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA establish roles on the OUSA Executive for a Disabled Students' Representative and a Queer Students' Representative?	969 (54.9%)	606 (34.3%)	191 (10.8%)	1766

Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA establish an elected position for each of the University of Otago's four academic divisions to sit on the OUSA Executive as 5-hour roles for 2026?	799 (45.2%)	729 (41.3%)	238 (13.5%)	1766

Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA establish a 10-hour role on the OUSA Executive for an Information and Transparency Officer to improve	968 (54.8%)	554 (31.4%)	244 (13.8%)	1766

communication,
access to
information, and
accountability of
OUSA to students?

Question	No	Yes	Abstain	Total
Should the President's role on the OUSA Executive be for a two-year term?	1103 (62.5%)	494 (28%)	169 (9.6%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University to include the Tūmuaki of Te Rōpū Māori on University Council?	1196 (67.7%)	380 (21.5%)	190 (10.8%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University to adopt a policy of educating students on affirmative consent in their Sexual Misconduct Policy?	1214 (68.7%)	389 (22%)	163 (9.2%)	1766

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University of	1069 (60.5%)	447 (25.3%)	250 (14.2%)	1766

Otago for
mandatory consent
and effective
bystander training
to all student facing
staff through Te
Whare Tāwharau?
