

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 2025 be received and accepted?	1205 (82.1%)	218 (14.9%)	44 (3%)	1467

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Should OUSA's Annual Report for 2025 be received and accepted?	1269 (86.5%)	165 (11.2%)	33 (2.2%)	1467

Question	Yes	Abstain	No	Total
Should OUSA's Secretary, Donna Jones, be reappointed for a further fixed term of four (4) years?	932 (63.5%)	290 (19.8%)	245 (16.7%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA express an opinion of no confidence in the Coalition	1223 (83.4%)	193 (13.2%)	51 (3.5%)	1467

Government
(National, NZ First,
ACT) in response to
its decision to end
the final year fees-
free tertiary
education scheme?

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA express support for a change of Government at the 2026 general election in response to the current Government's decision to end the final year fees-free tertiary education scheme?	1017 (69.3%)	374 (25.5%)	76 (5.2%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA provide regular hot food options as part of its "free breakfast" initiative (alongside porridge which is currently provided)?	1068 (72.8%)	315 (21.5%)	84 (5.7%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA investigate purchasing the	1023 (69.7%)	363 (24.7%)	81 (5.5%)	1467

hospitality venue
known as Dropkicks
for use as a student
bar?

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA lobby the University of Otago to introduce a first-year paper, focused on writing and research skills?	749 (51.1%)	619 (42.2%)	99 (6.7%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA advocate for an increase to base hourly rates paid to tutors and demonstrators under the University of Otago's Tutors and Demonstrators Guidelines?	936 (63.8%)	367 (25%)	164 (11.2%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA advocate for payment of the living wage to all University of Otago employees?	1199 (81.7%)	193 (13.2%)	75 (5.1%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA update its Executive and CEO Remuneration Policy to require the remuneration for OUSA's Executive Officers to be decided by an independent expert?	682 (46.5%)	470 (32%)	315 (21.5%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should all individuals offered employment by the University of Otago in roles involving contact with students be required to undergo police vetting before commencing employment, to support student safety?	1116 (76.1%)	262 (17.9%)	89 (6.1%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA advocate for the Vice-Chancellor to commit to regular engagement with Te Rōpū Māori and University of Otago Pacific Island	1093 (74.5%)	252 (17.2%)	122 (8.3%)	1467

Students' Association?

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA advocate for an update to the University of Otago's Tutors and Demonstrators Guidelines to require all tutors and demonstrators to complete the University's HYBRID (Helping You the Bystander Respond and Intervene to Disclosures) workshop on sexual violence & harm?	985 (67.1%)	349 (23.8%)	133 (9.1%)	1467

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA consolidate the Executive roles of Finance and Strategy Officer and Political Representative into a single Engagement Vice-President role, noting that this would require a formal amendment to OUSA's	602 (41%)	602 (41%)	263 (17.9%)	1467

constitution to be
approved at a future
Annual General
Meeting?

Question	Yes	No	Abstain	Total
Should OUSA oppose and advocate against the proposed demolition of the Archway Building Lecture Theatres?	780 (53.2%)	515 (35.1%)	172 (11.7%)	1467
