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Part One: Executive Officer Position Description Duties

8.1. Assume all the powers and duties of the President in the absence of the President and the Administrative Vice-President.

For one day where Kamesha was mountaineering and Daniel was in Christchurch.

8.2. Where reasonably required, assist the Administrative Vice-President in their duties.

Kamesha and I are a dynamic duo. We have achieved so much from rallying our friends to an SGM, running an electorate debate, getting policy and constitution up to date. She has done a fantastic job and should be commended

8.3. Be a member of appropriate internal committees of the Association, including, but not limited to:

8.3.1. Standing Committee of the Executive;

Attended all Standing Committee meetings for this quarter

8.3.2. Finance, Expenditure and Strategy Committee.

I chaired FESC, budget went smoothly with no major issues. A 5.3% increase to SLA request plus additional projects such as a \$30,000 increase to club grants. These were all approved. Currently in conversations about the future of holdings now that UBS has been sold. University Book Store Ltd has been renamed OUSA Retail Ltd

8.3.3. Policy Committee

All POLCOM meetings attended! Constitutional changes, Kamesha should be applauded for her work in this space.

8.3.4. Grants Panel.

Had two meetings! Not much left but we are increasing the pool substantially for next year which is a major achievement I am proud to have helped deliver. We have one more next week.

8.4. Meet regularly with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure a governance oversight of the Association finances and capital projects.

I maintain a close relationship with Debbie. We are currently discussing holdings and the future of the association's finances. We are also working through my concerns with the operations of the association and she has been a great help.

8.5. Chair meetings of the Finance, Expenditure and Strategy Committee, ensuring that all committee members are advised of meeting times, that the agenda is prepared and circulated beforehand and that the standing orders of the committee are adhered to.

I chaired a FESC Meeting. Have not been focused on variance as my time has been consumed by constitution, policy, and budget. Will be preparing another report at end of October similar to the one present in July. Debbie's report covers finances quite well, hoping to make it more regular meetings.

8.6. In conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, maintain oversight of the Association's holdings, with a focus upon sound investment of student funds and adherence to the Association's Strategic Plan.

Oversight of holdings lies with the Holdings, University Union, UBS, and Commercial boards. I sit directly on the University Union Board and Holdings reports to Debbie. We received a 3-year report from the chair of holdings which was discussed at Advisory Board.

8.7. Maintain a sound understanding of the position of any of the Association's holdings, ensuring that all relevant documentation is filed as soon as is reasonable and accessible and that financial controls are understood.

I spend extensive time on studying the history of OUSA and its holdings particularly the former entities.

8.8. In conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, ensure that the Association produces annual audited accounts and an Annual Report.

The annual audited accounts have been signed off and approved by the student body, along with the Annual Report I drafted in conjunction with 2025 President Liam White. We will appoint the auditors at the AGM.

8.9. Ensure expenditure and budgeting is in line with the Association's Strategic Plan, and advise the Executive of any significant discrepancies.

Yes. Particularly nasty surprise was the total cost of the Deloitte + Hybrid experiment. Very disappointed with the change in reporting, would prefer a transition to Xero much like UUL use. It is far cheaper and operates better.

8.9.1. Authorize transactions from the Association accounts relating to the Executive expenditure.

Yes, I sign off invoices related to the Executive and oversee any other expenses.

8.10. Oversee the Executive budget setting process.

Done, increase in MoU's and consolidation of lines.

8.11. Ensure that all Executive Officers are familiar with the Executive Budget, expenditure processes early in the year and assist them where necessary.

Yes. No requests for this quarter. Most money saved for SGM & AGM engagement.

8.12. Update the Executive monthly on the Executive Budget expenditure.

Have not had any expenditure of note.

8.13. May be appointed a Director of any company where the Association holds the power to make such an appointment, including but not limited to:

8.13.1. University Union Limited.

Yes, I have attended all meetings. David Thomson, Scott Gordon, Debbie Downs, and I maintain a close working relationship outside of the board. Laura is on maternity leave. Audited accounts have been accepted and discussions around the future of Union Hall are underway (not happy). Battling with the University on acknowledging our ownership of the building.

8.14. Assist and liaise with students and Students' Associations on University of Otago satellite campuses.

Daniel & Fergus are going to Christchurch in a few weeks. I approve the expenses in this aspect of OUSA.

8.15. Oversee any campaigns undertaken by the Association, actively seeking to inform the student body and general public on student issues and concerns and liaising with relevant officers such as the Political Representative, including but not limited to:

8.15.1. Encourage voter participation;

N/A, Election time isn't here yet, Flynn and I maintain an extremely close working relationship which makes life easy a lot of work around voter enrolments will be coming up. Have done a lot of voter enrolment stuff.

8.15.2. Local Body Elections; and;

No elections this quarter. I maintain a very close relationship with Sophie, Mickey, Steve, and Christine allowing local government discourse to flow freely.

8.15.3. National Body Elections.

Helped with a debate of 'leaders' which went well some of the largest engagement on campus since the Winston visit of 2020 or the Jacinda visit of 2017. Not hopeful for high voter turnout due to the timing but we are hosting a local electorate debate which is important information. If you are reading this please vote, although if you are reading this you probably already will.

8.16. Support and act as a reference point for all Executive Officers in the running of campaigns and initiatives, ensuring they are executed in line with the Association's Strategic Plan and objectives, and that the student body are informed of these events.

Rental WOF, Fees Free, VSM, and Paid Placements are the four pillars of the campaign. VSM conversation has been reignited with the new ACT party proposal. The future is not looking bright for students associations.

8.17. Liaise regularly with the Chairs of all Association committees to ascertain the campaigns, initiatives and directives from those committees, and act on those directives where appropriate including but not limited to:

8.17.1. Residential Committee;

Zoe and I have talked about the formation of the committee. Greatly disappointed/angered by the Senior Warden and his view on Sub-Warden representation on this committee. Sub-Wardens are students by contract so we should be lobbying for better conditions as what they currently operate under is a joke. I have many great criticisms of the college system and the most senior operations.

8.17.2. Affiliated Club Council; and;

Did not attend due to high workload

8.17.3. Academic Committee.

Did not meet this quarter

8.18. Be available via cell phone at all practical times.

Yes

8.19. Perform the general duties of all Executive Officers.

Yes

8.20. Where practical, work not less than twenty hours per week.

My Q3 Average is 21.77 hours

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.

Went to Australia for a two-week holiday but was contactable. Regrettably I got sick and missed my first executive meeting which sucks.

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;

Helped out at Market Days and attended R1 Jingo which was the best event of the year. Attended Graduation parade and ceremonies. Sat at exec stall on clubs day.

3.2.2. Assisting with elections and referenda where appropriate.

N/A

3.3. It is expected that Executive Officers attend Executive meetings.

Yes, I have attended all but one executive meeting this quarter. (Donna Jones forced me to stay home)

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.

Attended the fees free protest.

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;

No budget lines have been exceeded but this is due to weird line titles (Matt and I are fixing this) I keep up to date with the budget as it's mine

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;

Yes! Working collaboratively on the MoU for UNIQ, something which has been quite rewarding.

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

Yes,

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

Unfortunately not this quarter. Not many events on, however have been doing a lot of events in the human rights space which naturally extends to these groups (Shout out my Amnesty Exec Members)

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

Yes, I do not drive so I produce way less CO2 emissions.

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

Church, Clubs. Always helping different clubs and such with events as I am still on 3 executives.

3.5.7. Regularly check and respond to all communications.

Yes

Part Three: Attendance and involvement in OUSA and University Committees

University Union Limited Company - Director (Attended All Board Meetings)

Finance Expenditure and Strategy Committee - Chair (Attended All Meetings)

Policy Committee (Attended All Meetings)

Political Action Committee – Chair (Did Not Meet)

Residential Committee (Did Not Meet)

Grants Panel (Attended All Meetings)

Clubs Council (Did Not Meet)

Vice-chancellors Student Staff Advisory Group (Attended All Meetings)

Web Transformation PSC (Attended Last Meeting – Now Finished)

Timetabling Committee (Attended All Meetings)
OUSA Review Committee (Attended All Meetings)
Academic Committee (Did not Meet)

Part Four: Goals and your Progress

Student Bar – 50% there, it was a no to dropkicks but big things happening with Union Building.
VSM Campaign – Could go even further, I am not optimistic as to the future of OUSA and students' associations if ACT implement their policy.

Transparency – I have been beating this drum heavily, to some degree of success. Helped Hybrid sink which is my greatest achievement this year. We have kept OUSA student lead and will be campaigning heavily on this moving forward. Hoping to take it even more student lead.

Part Five: General

Q3 was extremely hectic with a lot happening, it was cool to see people graduate it has quickly become my favourite part of this role. Endless thanks to Flynn and Kamesha for their hard work not only this quarter but this year. A lot of disappointment but hopefully we can achieve some good change before the end of the year. Budget & SLA are finished just need to be approved at an AGM (a quorate one). The start of next quarter will be hectic with exams, OUSA elections, and the general election. BDS is 90% done (finally) another Kamesha, Flynn, and I effort. I feel the need to mention Kristina and the Radio One whanau, a fantastic group of people doing great work and always down for a yarn. From awesome Jingo night to Bring the Noise (Shout out MONKEY DO) they consistently do amazing events. To the students who are reading this well done!! You have made it through a semester and a half, and a nightmare inducing winter. Hopefully you didn't catch the flu or a cold.