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Tumuaki Takirua, Quarter 3

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Part One: Fulfill the duties of the Te Rōpū Māori Tumuaaki Takirua

1.1 Ensure Te Rōpū operates in accordance with the constitution;

Nothing to note here. Te Rōpū has operated in accordance with the constitution this quarter.

1.2 Act as Māngai for Te Rōpū at local, regional and national levels;

We continue to be actively involved within the University environment, holding seats on and regularly attending the Committee of Teaching and Learning (CALT), CALT Assessment Subcommittee, Quality Advancement Committee (QAC), Pūtea Tautoko Student Advisory Group (Jarna), Senate, VCSSAG and Māori Leadership Forum (both). We maintain great relationships with the OUSA Executive and continue our involvement in the Deloitte Subcommittee governance review of OUSA. We were also invited to the Kaimahi Māori Ōtepoti Forum, however invites have tended to come out quite late in relation to our calendars, meaning we have been unable to attend the last two hui.

1.3 Represent Te Rōpū as a delegate at Te Mana Akonga Hui;

We continue to attend fortnightly Zui Kaiārahi, and represent TRM at Hui Kaiārahi in Kōpū over the semester break. This hui was good but lacked the professional development component

that was present at the first Hui Kaiārahi in Dunedin. TMA have not been the easiest to deal with this quarter — we have kept communication high and offered feedback and advice where we can, most notably contributing to discussions around Ngā Taura Māori attendance at Te Huinga Taura, in light of matters occurring at the start of the year. We also had an issue arise around our membership fee and the Te Huinga Taura fee, which turned out to be a miscommunication but was made harder to resolve due to no minutes being kept from the relevant hui. Going forward, we would like to see more value delivered for our membership fee, as we feel our Hui Kaiārahi have not been reflective of the amount TRM pays towards it.

1.4 Set policies with each other regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of Te Rōpu consistent with section 8 of the constitution.

The Grants Policy is complete and now in force within Te Kōmiti o Ngā Hau e Whā, where it is working well. Policy Kōmiti has not reconvened this semester, largely due to the demands of Te Huinga Taura and the amount of time it has taken up.

1.5 Be responsible for ensuring that honoraria are managed fairly and transparently, in line with the reporting and performance requirements set out in the *Te Rito Accountability Policy*. This includes oversight of weekly breakdowns, monthly 1:1 check-ins, quarterly reports, and supervision processes where required.

No change to the situation outlined in our previous report — remuneration capacity remains reduced for the rest of the year following the honoraria misunderstanding identified last quarter. Since then, we have drafted formal memoranda to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori seeking a cap-lift on the Te Rito honorarium structure. This includes a parity correction for the Kaiwhirinaki role, alongside a broader proposal for an officer uplift. We continue to manage this matter openly and transparently with a focus on fairness and the long-term sustainability of the association.

1.6 Be an ex-officio member of the OUSA executive and is responsible for Te Rōpu Māori adherence to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with OUSA.

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

We both sit as ex-officio members on the OUSA executive team. Our first quarterly report was submitted 16/03, our second quarterly report was submitted on 14/06.

1.7 Sit on any University committees appointed alongside OUSA

Above at 1.2.

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

We attended the Blue and Gold's Committee panel meeting on the 7th of August. It was great — we contributed heaps and look forward to doing it again.

1.9 Both Tumuaki Takirua will maintain a good working relationship with the University this will include but is not limited to;

a) OUSA

Largely unchanged from last quarter — we continue to maintain a strong relationship with OUSA, attending Executive and Board meetings and staying connected through the Deloitte Subcommittee.

b) Senate

No change — Senate remains a largely "ceremonial" committee from our point of view, though we continue to attend all Senate meetings.

c) Vice Chancellor

Sami met with Grant this semester, with a further meeting scheduled for the end of August alongside the other Presidents. We also made a submission on the VC changes, which we proposed at the start of August following a kaimahi Māori hui. We were grateful for the invitation to the hui; although there were no great outcomes of it, it created some sort of kotahitanga between kaimahi Māori, which is a positive point.

d) Te Huka Mātauraka

Our relationship with Te Huka Mātauraka continues to flourish. We financially contributed to the THM Study Wā (eat, sleep, study retreat), which Te Rito will be attending.

e) DVC-Māori

A significant milestone this quarter — we signed Te Kawenata Honoka with DVC-Māori at the Clocktower on the 20th of August. This was a great day. A lot of mahi went into getting the agreement right, working alongside DVC-Māori, THM staff, Michelle, Kari (legal) and Delia to ensure it genuinely reflected our relationship and represented TRM to the best of our ability. We were happy with the outcome at the signing, and hope this becomes a sustainable living document that defines the relationship between TRM and the University for years to come.

We also made a submission on the proposals for change within the DVC-Māori office. We largely disagreed with the process by which these proposals were undertaken, though some of the changes proposed were positive and others negative. We saw it as our place as an independent association to act as advocates and truth-speakers for tauira Māori during a time of uncertainty. While there is some raru here, we continue to work hard to maintain positive relationships with all parties involved.

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

No change — we continue to co-chair all Hui ā Te Rito, ensuring karakia is conducted at the start and end of all hui. When acting as decision makers we give primacy to tikanga Māori reasoning and prioritise kaupapa Māori ways of working across all facets of our mahi.

1.11 Be the face of the rūpu in the absence of the other Co-Tumuaki

We both try to be as kanohi kitea as possible, however when one of us can not attend the other will.

1.12 Carry out any other duty that from time to time that may be defined by Te Rito and / or each other.

We assist all Te Rito members with their roles and responsibilities to ensure the TRM runs smoothly. We also take on delegated responsibilities given to us by Te Rito members.

1.13 Liaise with Ngā Rōpu on campus, chair monthly Ngā Rōpu hui; (Set times and locations for meetings)

Te Kōmiti o Ngā Hau e Whā continues to go great. Grant applications now sit well within the Kōmiti, and decision-making capability within the Kōmiti itself is quite high — Te Rito is enjoying not having to handle these directly anymore. As noted previously, once the Kaiwhirinaki role is

formally established within our Constitution, our involvement with the Kōmiti will shift from chairing to an oversight role, as it is chaired by Jonnee.

1.14 Facilitate the running and organisation of the Te Huinga Tauira (THT) campaign with Te Rito

THT has been the most stressful undertaking of our time in office, and balancing it alongside the rest of TRM and our own personal lives and study has been genuinely difficult. That said, we have facilitated our campaign to the best of our ability. Sami has led the kapa haka side of the campaign, including wānanga and kaihāpai, while Jarna has handled a large portion of the administration and merch. We hit a hiccup when the dresses ordered for the stage didn't fit and had to be redone, but this has since been sorted.

Te Huinga Tauira was a great week! THT is an integral part of our calendar and provides an experience like no other for our tauira. We are so very proud of our team and our tauira for such an amazing week.

Our kapa haka campaign felt much more organised this year, running two wānanga which gave the team real space for whakawhanaungatanga before the competition. It remains a high stress time for both Te Rito, particularly the Tumuaki and Āpiha Ahurea (whose study commitments meant they could give less to the campaign this year), and for all tauira participating, given the amount of time practice takes up.

Te Rōpū Māori placed 3rd overall in the competition, but we won the hearts of every university there with our energy and our commitment to the kaupapa — we were loud and proud of TRM and of our University.

We identified several areas for improvement in how the conference itself was run, including timing, parts of the schedule, and the venues being split between AUT (City) and Massey (Albany). Our accommodation, provided by TMA, also fell well short of an acceptable standard. That said, it did give us the chance to get close with Ngāi Tauira (Victoria University of Wellington), which was a real highlight. All of these issues have been fed back to TMA, and as we are hosting next year, they'll be addressed.

Alongside this, Sami was elected Kaihāpai and Jarna was elected Pou Kāwanatanga for the TMA board 2027.

Despite fundraising hard, we spent significantly more than we should have on THT for a group of only 35 tauira. THT is a fantastic experience for any tauira who attend, but we do have concerns about the proportion of our budget going toward serving such a small percentage of

our student base. Because THT's focus is kapa haka, we also tend to only reach that population of tauira. We've begun discussions with TMA 2027 around equitable measures for travelling associations, and within Te Rito about how we can broaden the range of tauira we take.

THT remains invaluable for connection building among our tauira — Dunedin is fairly isolated, and our opportunities to collaborate with other Māori Student Associations are limited, so THT gives our tauira that opportunity it wouldn't otherwise have. It's also usually the only opportunity for whakataetae kapa haka available to university tauira.

A big thank you to our tutors — Te Reo, Ngaroma, and Taraia — and our Kaihāpai — Tia, Alistar, Davontae, and Lilli — for all their support throughout the campaign and while at THT.

1.15 Support the Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa to facilitate the running and organisation of events during Orientation Week and Re-Orientation week

Re-O was great this year. Sami and Jarna were involved in early-stage planning for Hori Shaw and Te Wehi, and facilitated the Mystery Bus. We tend to step back more during Re-O than O Week, as we are confident in Dennis's abilities — and we are proud of how far he has come.

1.16 Facilitate the running of the Inter-Rōpū Shield with support from the Kaipāpāho Matua

As noted previously, we are not running these — this responsibility now sits within the Kaiwhirinaki job description.

1.17 Organise any required fundraising throughout the year with assistance from Te Rito.

We ran a quiz night at Baa Bar which was a great success, raising \$400 and providing a good bonding night for our tauira. We did not end up running sausage sizzles, as the time constraints around organising them were too significant. Individual fundraisers for THT are expected to bring in around \$9,000 in total.

1.18 Support the Āpiha Hauora with organising a charity event during the year.

N/A

1.19 Sit on the OUSA Policy Committee as a member.

We have been appointed to this committee at the OUSA Executive Hui held on the 23/02, the Committee is yet to hold a hui.

1.20 Both Co-Tumuaki will be listed as a Mandatory signatory on the Te Rōpū Māori bank accounts

No change from first quarter.

1.21 Be responsible for curating and submitting three quarterly Te Rōpū reports for relevant external and institutional stakeholders, including but not limited to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori (DVC-M), Te Huka Mātauraka, and any other parties identified by Te Rito

2nd quarter reports were sent to relevant stakeholders listed above.

1.22 Liaise with Te Rito members regarding events and services provided by Te Rito / Te Rōpū Māori

We continue to prioritise communication and staying across all of our kaupapa, this is continuing to work well for us. We continue to have great feedback from taura and staff as a testament to this.

1.23 Where practical, will work no less than 15 hours per week each, with a minimum of 5 hours designated to 'Office Hours', and at least one hour in the taura Māori library space;

Our office hours are:

Sami

- Monday 1.30-2.30pm
- Tuesday 12-3.30pm
- Thursday 1.30-3pm

Jarna

- Tuesday 11am-1pm and 3-4pm
- Wednesday 2-4pm

Our Weekly Breakdowns are available on request. On average since our last quarterly report, we have worked 26 (Jarna) and 21 (Sami) hours a week. We are both terrible at filling out our accountability trackers due to how busy we actually are and typically only record things in our

calendar a week later. Therefore this does not include all the emailing, messages, prep work, conversations in passing, time we spend thinking about TRM, writing down notes.

1.24 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 attended! More information at 1.14.

1.25 Must meet with a counsellor from Te Huka Matauraka once a month for a well-being check up

We think once a month is unrealistic for both Te Rito and our staff at THM. We have both caught up with Whaea Amber more than once this quarter but this part of the policy could be amended to when needed or once a quarter.

Part Two: Goals and Progress

2.1 Fulfill the regular commitments and responsibilities of the Te Rōpū Māori [Tumuaki Takirua], including support of Te Rito executive

We continue to fulfill our commitments and awahi our Executive team

2.2 Create and maintain meaningful hononga with other Student Executives both on and off campus and across the motu.

Goal: restore some of the relationships that had gone down the drain in previous years, particularly with our Pākehā and Pasifika counterparts. We have fortnightly catch ups with both Presidents and look forward to maintaining these hononga.

Relationship-building goals in this space have largely taken a back seat this quarter due to the demands of Te Huinga Tauira. We still maintain good relationships with the OUSA and UOPISA Presidents, which is great to see continue. Ngā Rōpū engagement continues to build through the latest Shield event (Multisport) and through Te Kōmiti o Ngā Hau e Whā, though Study Sesh has not been running as consistently due to Huinga. There remains limited opportunity for collaboration between student rōpū at present, although Shield events themselves continue to be great and well planned. Te Mana Ākonga is covered at 1.3.

2.3 Strengthen and maintain meaningful hononga with other Māori groups within the University, the wider Ōtepoti community and Ngā Rūnanga (Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki and Moeraki).

Goal: increase TRM's visibility by forming hononga and working closely with other Māori groups both within the University and the wider Māori community in Ōtepoti and Ōtākou.

DVC-Māori: Covered at 1.5. Additionally, we were invited to a hui as part of an internal audit of the University's Te Tiriti o Waitangi commitments and have had a catch up with Tania Huria.

Te Huka Mātauraka: Going great, covered at 1.5.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa (Ōtepoti campus): No movement to note.

Otago Polytechnic: We have multiple Polytech taura coming with us to THT!

External Engagement Division: We had a hui with Matiu, not significant movement to note.

Ngā Rūnanga: No movement to note.

2.4 Re-incorporation under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022

We were re-incorporated on the 26th of March under the new Act!

2.5 Policy and Constitution Updating

Detailed at 1.4.

2.6 Project Pūtea - Strategic Planning

Draft insights report has been written and will be up for peer review sometime soon. Strategic plan to follow before AGM.

Part Three: General

- We worked alongside James Downing and Meg Hamilton to produce 3 videos for the University instagram.
- We attend all Te Huinga Tauri practices where we can.
- Re-Orientation week kaupapa attendance

- We attended Jacqueline's Voting workshop run in conjunction with Te Rōpū Whai Pūtake on Wednesday
- We assisted with the running of Re:O Mystery Pahi alongside Dennis and the rest of Te Rito on Thursday
- We facilitated the running of pōwhiri for Hori Shaw, Te Wehi and their bands on the Saturday morning
- We held a Te Rito bonding / debrief / lunch on the Sunday
- As mentioned above, we were invited to a kaimahi Māōri hui to discuss the Vice-Chancellor's proposal of change in management
- We have had a catch up with Jo Oranje (Student Services).
- Sami facilitated the running of Whakapai Whare: TRM Cleanup on the 14th of August
- We both spoke at Te Heika Pounamu and Sami organised waiata tautoko for graduands
- We have begun discussions and planning for Te Huinga Tauira 2027 to be hosted in Ōtepoti. We have continued to see disorganised planning and last minute communications from Te Mana Ākonga and wanted to engage in these conversations to relieve stress off the incoming Te Mana Ākonga executive and better prepare the University for such an event. We hope that by bringing in kaimahi now, there will be a stream of continuity for the incoming Te Rito and Huinga Kōmiti.

Part Four: Recommendations

No substantial recommendations to note, however, suggest better preservation of self to prevent burnout.

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Sami rāua ko Jarna