

**EXTERNAL POLICY
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FOREWORD

This booklet represents the fourth attempt to compile the various bits and pieces of OUSA External Policy: the collection of positions that the student community has endorsed, and which the OUSA Executive is accordingly bound to follow. Previous editions (1997, 2001, and 2005) of this booklet have essentially focussed on compiling past meeting motions; this edition is the first to also include referenda results – no easy task given that such results are not currently minuted, and so have had to be gleaned from old editions of *Critic*. Similarly included are various external texts that the student body has endorsed as OUSA policy: the United Nations Charter of Human Rights (1948), the Five Principles of Fair Trade, and the 2001 Student Charter. This latter Charter, a University of Otago document ratified by the student body via Student General Meeting, summarises the rights and obligations surrounding the University/student relationship.

Preferring to err on the side of inclusiveness, this edition also includes what may be referred to as 'precedent' motions. These are stances that due to their 'one-off' nature have no continued on-going relevance, but which nevertheless serve as past precedents in terms of guiding OUSA's behaviour. It should further be noted that some of the motions listed here are not, strictly speaking, external, but instead serve as recommendations on matters organisational. Such motions, while not binding, have nevertheless been included on the grounds of completeness.

This booklet should be read in conjunction with the Constitution of OUSA, which is to be found online at www.ousa.org.nz, and which can also be accessed in paper-form at the OUSA main office. The parts of the Constitution that deal with Policy (as determined by Student General Meetings and Referenda) have also been included as appendices in this booklet.

-Daniel Stride (2009-2010 OUSA Clubs and Societies Representative)

NOTE ABOUT THE FORMATTING OF POLICIES IN THIS BOOKLET

In setting out the policies listed in this booklet, the following format has been employed:

Motions:

Number: MOT XX/YY (i.e. motion number XX from the year YY. This is how motions are referred to formally)

Wording: The actual language of the motion.

Status: States whether the motion is currently relevant ('CURRENT'), whether it is merely a precedent (PRECEDENT'), or whether the motion has been rescinded ('REPEALED'). If the motion has been rescinded, the number and date of the motion rescinding it are provided. Motions whose sole purpose is to rescind another motion are only mentioned here.

Type: States whether the motion is purely external (i.e. a wider social issue) ('EXTERNAL STANCE'), whether it pertains to an on-campus situation ('ON-CAMPUS'), or whether it pertains to a procedural or administrative matter ('PROCEDURE').

Notes: Any other relevant information, along with a list of related motions and referenda.

Referenda:

Date: When the referendum was held.

Wording: The wording of the referendum question.

Result: Vote totals (if known) and percentage totals for each referendum option.

Binding: Whether or not the referendum was binding

Notes: Any other relevant information, along with a list of related motions and referenda.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

MOTIONS (1987-1991)

1987

I.

Number: MOT 70/87

Wording: That all remaining OUSA policy be rescinded.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: OUSA did have external policy prior to 1987 (indeed it had lots of it). However, the then-OUSA President Ross Blanch was rather keen on rescinding policies: whole swathes of stances accordingly disappeared under the Great Rescinding Motions of MOT 57-58/87 and MOT 61-62/87, with MOT 70/87 killing off any survivors. Of course, any rescinding of MOT 70/87 would lead to the pre-1987 motions being revived, which would lead to a much larger collection of External Policies.

II.

Number: MOT 72/87

Wording: That the following policy statement be adopted: The Otago University Students' Association believes that: Access to education at all levels is the fundamental right of every New Zealander, and that this right should not be impeded by financial constraints. It is the role of the State to provide such education; and to provide whatever social and financial incentives are needed to encourage participation in tertiary education by all sectors of the community. The University has an obligation to provide educational, recreational, and welfare resources adequate for the needs of the student population. There should be student input in the University decision-making process at all levels, particularly in those areas that directly affect the education and welfare of students. The role of lecturers in the University system should primarily be one of teaching and that research work, while important, should not take precedence over teaching, and furthermore that lecturer assessment should be encouraged and procedures implemented to allow for any legitimate student grievances. It is essential to maintain academic freedom for staff and students; and in pursuit of that, support exam code anonymity and the confidentiality of student records. Beneficial internal assessment (plussage) is the fairest means of accrediting course work. Affirmative action programmes should be followed wherever necessary to ensure equal representation both at University and in the wider community. Priority should be given to the needs of student accommodation in any review or assessment of land usage in North Dunedin. And furthermore the Otago University Students' Association supports the United Nations Charter of Human Rights.

Status: CURRENT (SEE NOTES)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE/ON CAMPUS

Notes: MOT 36/88 amended the motion to delete the reference to OUSA supporting the United Nations Charter of Human Rights. This amendment was in turn nullified by MOT 42/88. For further motions emphasising universality of access to education, see MOT 48/88. For further motions emphasising support of plussage, see MOT 26/89.

III.

Number: MOT 74/87

Wording: That this SRC adheres to the general principles within the recommendations outlined in the Women's Rights Collective of OUSA's submission to NZUSA re the role, structure, and function of the Women's Action Collective within NZUSA.

Status: REPEALED (1988: MOT 72/88)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

1988

IV.

Number: MOT 17/88

Wording: That this SRC reaffirms its active support of the Women's Room as a valuable resource to all women on campus and that by its existence it is beneficial to all male students on campus.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 36/88)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: The rescinding of this motion went unnoticed for twenty years, and is one of the errors in previous External Policy booklets. Motion 20/09 has since restored OUSA's support of the Women's Room.

V.

Number: MOT 18/88

Wording: That this SRC urge the NZ Government to immediately implement sexual orientation within the scope of the Human Rights Commission Act, to ensure that lesbians and gays are afforded the discrimination protection that is their right.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 36/88; SEE NOTES)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: The repeal of this motion was in turn essentially nullified by 74/88

VI.

Number: MOT 24/88

Wording: That OUSA expresses its firm opposition to the proposed restructuring of the Lecture Timetable, with lectures starting at 8 am and lectures

continuing through the lunchbreak, and requests its representatives on all University Committees to state this opposition and vote accordingly.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 72/88)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

VII.

Number: MOT 25/88

Wording: That this SRC reaffirms OUSA's objection to all proposed changes or deviations from the zoning and ordinances of the District Scheme for North Dunedin.

Status: REPEALED (2008: 27/08)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

VIII.

Number: MOT 29/88

Wording: That OUSA opposes the building of the spy base at Waihopai on the grounds that it contravenes the Human Rights Convention and that the money would be better spent on Education.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 36/88)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

IX.

Number: MOT 30/88

Wording: That in any Forum organised by, or under the auspices of OUSA, photographs may only be taken with the permission of the Chair or the Speaker.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE/ON CAMPUS

Notes:

X.

Number: MOT 32/88

Wording: That this SRC opposes the censorship of OUSA publications on any grounds other than those likely to result in legal action against the Association, and instructs the OUSA Executive to adhere to this policy forthwith.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 72/88)

Type: PROCEDURE/ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XI.

Number: MOT 33/88

Wording: That this SRC recognises the need for a Gentleman's Room on Campus, and advises OUSA Representatives on the Union Management

Committee that if space becomes available in the Union building that the establishment of a Gentleman's Room be given the highest priority.

Status: REPEALED (1988: 72/88)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XII.

Number: MOT 34/88

Wording: That this SRC gives its full and absolute approval to the establishment of a Miss University contest, to be held annually and to be administered by the OU Gentleman's Club

Status: REPEALED (1988: 72/88)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XIII.

Number: MOT 42/88

Wording: That this SRC considers the UN Charter of Human Rights as fundamental to OUSA policy.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: This is the second part of 42/88. The first part nullifies the relevant portion of 36/88. See 72/87. The full text of the UN Charter is featured in this booklet.

XIV.

Number: MOT 43/88

Wording: That Ross Blanch should be impeached and a plate of soggy cold Union Cafeteria chips replace "it" (Ross Blanch).

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: This motion becomes interesting again in light of Ross Blanch's time as OUSA General Manager in 2009.

XV.

Number: MOT 46/88

Wording: That OUSA supports the introduction of a Women's Studies Department in Otago University

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XVI.

Number: MOT 47/88

Wording: That OUSA recommends that each Department give an accurate assessment of the number of hours per week required for successful

completion of each paper offered, and that Heads of Department ensure that a reasonable degree of parity between comparable subjects exists.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XVII.

Number: MOT 48/88

Wording: That OUSA reaffirms its belief that access to education at all levels is the fundamental right of every New Zealander and therefore opposes any limitation on entry on any course except where a matter of last resort.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 72/87

XVIII.

Number: MOT 49/88

Wording: That OUSA opposes any increase in student fees, believing that such increases impede access to University education and reduces participation by disadvantaged sectors of the community.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 19/89

XIX.

Number: MOT 55/88

Wording: That this SRC supports and endorses the Rally Against Unemployment, to take place on 2nd September 1988

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XX.

Number: MOT 56/88

Wording: That this SRC conveys to the NZ Government its serious opposition to the Government policies which have led to the present levels of unemployment and requests that unemployment be a priority for this Government.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XXI.

Number: MOT 63/88

Wording: That this SRC recommends that OUSA initiate and give full support to a gilded statue of Woody Allen in tribute to the man and his overwhelming contribution to society.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XXII.

Number: MOT 64/88

Wording: That this SRC recommends that OUSA declares an Elliot Goblit Day to commemorate the man and his contribution to society.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XXIII.

Number: MOT 66/88

Wording: That OUSA affirms its opposition to means testing or parental means testing, and sees the following to be potential problems associated with any scheme to target financial assistance to particular students or groups of students: the invasion of privacy, the impossibility of predicting a year's income and expenditure, the assumption of parental financial support, secret, irrelevant, and unrealistic criteria, arbitrarily set expense claims, slow and inconsistent decisions on payout, dishonesty, lack of information/publicity to potential students, cumbersome application procedures.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 40/94

XXIV.

Number: MOT 67/88

Wording: That this SRC strongly opposes the implementation of the Youth Support Scheme based as it is on the fundamental principle of means testing and that this SRC calls on the OUSA Executive to strongly direct NZUSA to take all possible steps towards the non-implementation of the Youth Support Scheme and its replacement by a scheme similar to the taxable living allowances.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 68/88

XXV.

Number: MOT 68/88

Wording: That this SRC opposes the following details of the Youth Support Scheme: the removal of universality, the assumption of 20 being the age of independence, the tenure remains at five years, that the parental income thresholds are extremely low, the levels of support for 17 year olds and for 18-

19 year olds, the assumption of parental support, the requirement of proof of sexual abuse or other requirement for independent circumstances.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 67/88

XXVI.

Number: MOT 73/88

Wording: That OUSA believes the retention of a common lunchbreak is an integral part of Otago University's social and cultural life and that the construction of lecture, laboratory, tutorial, and examination timetables shall have heed to this belief.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XXVII.

Number: MOT 74/88

Wording: That OUSA calls upon the NZ Government to immediately implement sexual orientation within the scope of the Human Rights Commission Act, in recognition of the discrimination faced by Gays and Lesbians.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

1989

XXVIII.

Number: MOT 13/89

Wording: That the Otago University Capping Procession, being a part of University tradition, shall be reinstated for 1989 with the full support of the Students' Association.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XXIX.

Number: MOT 19/89

Wording: That this SRC confirms OUSA's stand of non-negotiation and total rejection of the proposals for User Pays in tertiary education announced by the Government.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 49/88, MOT 30/89, MOT 31/89, and MOT 49/89.

XXX.

Number: MOT 22/89

Wording: That smoking be banned from the Union Café and that we instruct the OUSA Executive and the OUSA Representatives on the Management Committee to take appropriate steps to publicise and enforce this ban.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 18/90, MOT 21/93, MOT 25/93, and MOT 25/95. Rendered moot by New Zealand law.

XXXI.

Number: MOT 23/89

Wording: That OUSA calls upon the Dunedin North Labour Electoral Selection Committee, or remnants thereof, not to select Stan Roger as the Labour Party candidate for Dunedin North as he has broken election promises and assurances given to the student body in early July 1987.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: Stan Roger did not stand for re-election in Dunedin North, and was replaced as Member of Parliament for Dunedin North by Pete Hodgson in 1990. As of 2009, Hodgson is still Dunedin North MP.

XXXII.

Number: MOT 25/89

Wording: That OUSA expresses its abhorrence at the tactics used by the Chinese Government to quell peaceful protest by Chinese students and civilians

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XXXIII.

Number: MOT 26/89

Wording: That OUSA believes that internal assessment system "Plussage" is the fairest to students in that those who wish not to have their internal assessment mark counted in their final mark may choose not to.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 72/87 for another endorsement of plussage.

XXXIV.

Number: MOT 30/89

Wording: That OUSA oppose cuts in the provision of health and other social services and believes that such cuts are linked with the doctrine of user pays in education.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 19/89 and MOT 31/89 for stance on user-pays. See MOT 9/91 for stance on social welfare cuts.

XXXV.

Number: MOT 31/89

Wording: That OUSA reaffirm its opposition to user-pays in any form of user pays in education, whether by graduate tax, loans or fees, believing that any form of user-pays will disadvantage those students already most disadvantaged and underrepresented.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 19/89, MOT 30/89, and MOT 49/89.

XXXVI.

Number: MOT 49/89

Wording: That OUSA opposes the system of student fees proposed by the government, and that OUSA supports the funding of education through the income tax system.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 49/88, MOT 19/89, and MOT 31/89.

XXXVII.

Number: MOT 50/89

Wording: That OUSA totally condemns the Government's outright theft of the University Grants Committee's funds and supports the use of the money for disadvantaged students.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

1990

XXXVIII.

Number: MOT 3/90

Wording: That OUSA investigate the possibility of buying and running the Anti-Scurvy League.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XXXIX.

Number: MOT 15/90

Wording: That OUSA have a differenced version of the University Coat of Arms for its crest and consider having in conjunction with this a 'logo' on their letterheads.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: OUSA now has a registered Coat of Arms.

XL.

Number: MOT 18/90

Wording: That one eating area in the Union Complex be created for smokers, and that smokers be confined to this area.

Status: REPEALED (2008: 27/08)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 22/89, MOT 21/93, MOT 25/93, and MOT 25/95. Rendered moot by New Zealand law.

1991

XLI.

Number: MOT 5/91

Wording: That OUSA adopt as policy to ensure that in respect of all buildings under its control, appropriate provision is made for access and approachability by people with disabilities having regard to Section 25 of the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975 (or any amendments or substituting legislation) AND THAT attention is drawn to NZS 4121: 1985 Design for access and use of buildings and facilities by disabled persons, and the accompanying explanatory handbook MP 4122:1989 Guide to Approachability, Accessibility and Usability of Buildings, and that OUSA shall exceed the statutory requirements as provided in the above mentioned Building and Design codes where appropriate.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See MOT 6/93

XLII.

Number: MOT 8/91

Wording: That OUSA opposes the Employment Contracts Bill for its attack upon compulsory unionism, and that OUSA pledges full support (including material support) to protests against the Bill.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: The Employment Contracts Bill became the Employment Contracts Act 1991 and remained in force until its repeal in 2000, when it was replaced with the Employment Relations Act 2000.

XLIII.

Number: MOT 9/91

Wording: That OUSA believes that the benefit cuts of December 16th 1990 will have devastating effects on the economy in general and on the quality of life of beneficiaries in particular and is therefore opposed to the cuts.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 30/89

XLIV.

Number: MOT 16/91

Wording: That because the 1991 budget fails to remove the barrier of tuition fees to Tertiary Institutions, and in fact substantially increases them for many people, and that because student allowances in many issues are to be substantially reduced, this meeting looks upon the Minister of Education, Dr Lockwood Smith as having broken his pre-election pledge, and therefore calls upon him to resign.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: Lockwood Smith did not resign, and remained as Minister of Education until 1996. As of 2010, he is Speaker of the House of Representatives.

XLV.

Number: MOT 18/91

Wording: That OUSA continue to lobby for full equalisation of fees for 1992.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XLVI.

Number: MOT 19/91

Wording: That OUSA should oppose the privatisation and splitting up of Electricorp

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XLVII.

Number: MOT 20/91

Wording: That OUSA send an ultimatum to VUWSA to stay well clear of Poland under the threat of invasion.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

XLVIII.

Number: MOT 27/91

Wording: That OUSA applauds the United States' initiative to remove nuclear weapons from its nuclear vessels but opposes any amendment to New Zealand's nuclear-free legislation with regard to nuclear propulsion.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: Because various other anti-nuclear motions were rescinded by MOT 70/87, this remains OUSA's sole motion on the nuclear issue. Interestingly, this creates an interesting loophole: OUSA opposes nuclear propulsion, but has no stance on nuclear energy.

XLIX.

Number: MOT 28/91

Wording: That OUSA calls upon the General Committee of the University of Otago Council to seriously consider the values and goals outlined in the University Charter that will be compromised and contradicted if the University Tuition fees are set according to Council guidelines.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

STUDENT GENERAL MEETING (SGM)

MOTIONS (1992-2009)

1992

L.

Number: MOT 6/92

Wording: That SGM meet on a fortnightly basis during term time if there are substantive items on the agenda to be discussed.

Status: UNCERTAIN (SEE NOTES)

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: As of 2009, the OUSA Constitution specifies that Student General Meetings must be held at least once a semester. While this does not strictly contradict MOT 6/92, common practice in recent years has been towards once-a-semester SGMs, rather than once-a-fortnight.

LI.

Number: MOT 9/92

Wording: That this SGM calls upon NZUSA to rejoin the major regional students' organisation, namely the Asia-Pacific Students' Association (ASA) in accordance with its constitutional objectives.

Status: REPEALED (2008: 27/08)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

LII.

Number: MOT 14/92

Wording: That OUSA opposes any changes to the student conduct rules by University Council that would give the University the power to discipline students for off-campus activities.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 16/06 and MOT 17/06. Also see July 2005 referendum.

LIII.

Number: MOT 22/92

Wording: That OUSA lobbies the University for two cost categories of fees.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LIV.

Number: MOT 23/92

Wording: That a motion of no-confidence be moved in the General Committee of University Council regarding their proposed new tuition fees.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LV.

Number: 24/92

Wording: That a motion of no-confidence be moved in the Discipline Working Party, whom we believe was never a working party.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LVI.

Number: MOT 38/92

Wording: That all students either being on the Maori Student Roll or intending/have intended to be on the Maori Student Roll or classify themselves or wish to be classified as a Maori student shall be deemed to be a member of Te Roopu Maori pursuant to the Treaty of Waitangi stated in the OUSA Constitution.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

LVII.

Number: MOT 39/92

Wording: That OUSA opposes the proposed employment contract for workers in the Student Union and that OUSA condemns the cutting of conditions and real wages to any employees in the University Union.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

1993

LVIII.

Number: MOT 6/93

Wording: That OUSA adopt as policy to ensure that in respect of all buildings under its control, appropriate provision is made for access and approachability by people with disabilities having regard to Section 44 and Section 46 of the Building Act (1991), to Section 25 of the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975 (or any amendments or substituting legislation) AND THAT attention is drawn to NZS 4121: 1985 Design for access and use of

buildings and facilities by disabled persons, and the accompanying explanatory handbook MP 4122:1989 Guide to Approachability, Accessibility and Usability of Buildings, and of approved document D1: Access Routes AND THAT OUSA shall exceed the statutory requirements as provided in the above mentioned Building and Design codes where appropriate AND THAT where OUSA contracts building or alteration work, such contracts to have regard to this policy and where work done for OUSA does not meet the requirements of this policy, remedial costs to be borne by the contractor.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See MOT 5/91

LIX.

Number: MOT 10/93

Wording: That OUSA recognise that the presence of police on campus would tend to undermine the free and open exchange of ideas and impede the development of an effective learning environment, and would provide no solution to the problem of crime on campus.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 11/93, MOT 12/93, MOT 7/94 and MOT 6/97. See also May 1997 Referendum, which provides an exception.

LX.

Number: MOT 11/93

Wording: That OUSA supports its members' active opposition to the presence of police on campus.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 10/93, MOT 12/93, MOT 7/94, and MOT 6/97. See also May 1997 Referendum, which provides an exception.

LXI.

Number: MOT 21/93

Wording: That during Forums, performances and functions, smoking be banned from the Main Common Room.

Status: REPEALED (2008: 27/08)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 25/93 and MOT 25/95. Rendered moot by current New Zealand law.

LXII.

Number: MOT 22/93

Wording: That it become OUSA policy to bring to the Media's attention the impact on tertiary education of the Labour Party policy.

Status: UNCERTAIN (SEE NOTES)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: Likely intended as referring only to 1993 Labour Party policy, but could be interpreted as an on-going thing (does OUSA still have an obligation to publicise Labour tertiary education policy?). See also MOT 23/93.

LXIII.

Number: MOT 23/93

Wording: That this meeting wishes OUSA to organise, as early as possible in Term Three, an opportunity for students to demonstrate their disapproval of these policies.

Status: UNCERTAIN (SEE NOTES)

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See notes for MOT 22/93

LXIV.

Number: MOT 24/93

Wording: That the students of Otago University have no-confidence in Judith Medicott as Chancellor of University and ask her to resign.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXV.

Number: MOT 25/93

Wording: That MOT 21/93 be amended to read "except at functions where the sale of alcohol takes place."

Status: CURRENT (SEE NOTES)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 22/89, MOT 18/90, MOT 21/93 and MOT 25/95. Rendered moot by current New Zealand law.

LXVI.

Number: MOT 28/93

Wording: That the following Accommodation Policy be ratified by SGM: (1) That the University of Otago monopolises all first year accommodation in Halls of Residence, flatting villages and flats; (2) That students should not sign fixed term leases, but rather that they should be encouraged to sign periodic leases; (3) That OUSA supports a standard of accommodation that as a minimum has adequate hygiene, adequate warmth, and a rental of not more than \$55 per week.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS/PROCEDURE

Notes:

LXVII.

Number: MOT 29/93

Wording: That this SGM has no confidence in Ann Barrowclough as Accommodation Officer of the University of Otago

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXVIII.

Number: MOT 31/93

Wording: That OUSA put pressure on the Government to oppose all European immigration into New Zealand until the Governments of Europe and Northern America stomp on their neo-nazi fascism groups.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

LXIX.

Number: MOT 35/93

Wording: That OUSA puts in full legal costs to those students who were arrested [at September 28th University Council Fees Protest]

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 36/93 and MOT 37/93

LXX.

Number: MOT 36/93

Wording: That OUSA ask the Dunedin Police to remove Sergeant Dave Campbell from the Dunedin North Police Force.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 35/93 and MOT 37/93

LXXI.

Number: MOT 37/93

Wording: That all Police Officers who attended the fees protest without numbers on their uniforms be strongly reprimanded.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 35/93 and MOT 36/93

LXXII.

Number: MOT 39/93

Wording: That OUSA renews its call of No-Confidence in the University Council and asks those Councillors who left under police escort in vans to resign, in the strongest possible terms.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

1994

LXXIII.

Number: MOT 5/94

Wording: That the video games in the Main Common Room be turned off for the duration of Student General Meetings

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXXIV.

Number: MOT 6/94

Wording: That this SGM directs OUSA Executive to provide financial resources and support this year and in future years for funding and Advocacy, to enable students attending the University to achieve their full potential. The financial resources and support offered by OUSA are to be made in consultation with individuals and organisations working with students with disabilities and disadvantaged students. This SGM also directs OUSA Executive to pursue financial and other support options, through Student Affairs Committee and any other source it may see fit.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

LXXV.

Number: MOT 7/94

Wording: That this SGM condemns the presence of police on campus, despite being unable to do anything about it, particularly of Dave Campbell and others responsible for the assaults on people last September.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 10/93, 11/93, 12/93 and 6/97. See also May 1997 Referendum, which provides an exception.

LXXVI.

Number: MOT 8/94

Wording: That this SGM endorses the right of Clubs, Societies, and groups on campus to have stalls that do not constitute fire risks or traffic problems in the Union foyer

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXXVII.

Number: MOT 9/94

Wording: That OUSA supports the establishment of a free telephone service in the University Union.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 15/94, 16/94, and 18/94

LXXVIII.

Number: MOT 15/94

Wording: That this SGM reaffirms motion 9/94 of the last meeting regarding the provision of free telephones in the Union.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 9/94

LXXIX.

Number: MOT 16/94

Wording: That OUSA supports Clear Communications as opposition to Telecom as much as possible.

Status: CURRENT (AMENDED)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 18/94

LXXX.

Number: MOT 18/94

Wording: That 16/94 be amended, with the addition of: "and that Telecom Management are a bunch of wankers."

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 16/94

LXXXI.

Number: MOT 20/94

Wording: That OUSA recommends to the airlines operating in NZ that the current 50% off economy fares for standby passengers is inadequate and that this percentage be increased.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

LXXXII.

Number: MOT 24/94

Wording: That OUSA adopt a policy that campaigns be carried out in a non-violent manner in accordance with the ideals of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and others.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

LXXXIII.

Number: MOT 25/94

Wording: That this OUSA SGM supports in principle and practice the locked-out Seafarers Union in their fight against the Employment Contracts Act and the User Pays society, and condemns the union-busting actions of NZ Rail.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: The Employment Contracts Act has been replaced by the Employment Relations Act, but the User Pays society is still very much alive.

LXXXIV.

Number: MOT 26/94

Wording: That this SGM requests that the Executive, in the spirit of Solidarity and in accordance with OUSA policy (8/91) honours the commitment to providing 'material support' to actions against the Employment Contracts Act and resolves that a minimum of \$200 be immediately pledged to the Seafarers Union from the OUSA budget.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

LXXXV.

Number: MOT 27/94

Wording: That the TVs in the Union be turned off in the interests of saving power, and because it is almost impossible to hear them, except at times of national importance (e.g. test matches)

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXXXVI.

Number: MOT 30/94

Wording: That OUSA is committed in principle and practice to providing polling booths in all areas where large numbers of students congregate for the purposes of Presidential and Executive elections, as opposed to the traditional "one" polling booth in the University Union building.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

LXXXVII.

Number: MOT 32/94

Wording: That OUSA pushes for the adoption of Dunedin 'outposts' of the University of Otago before the establishment of outposts of further outposts in other NZ urban centres.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXXXVIII.

Number: MOT 33/94

Wording: That OUSA enter into discussions with OPSA to determine which student services currently offered by the two organisations could be combined to minimise the overall cost to the two organisations.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

LXXXIX.

Number: MOT 40/94

Wording: That this SGM declares its support for the abolishment of all outstanding student loans and that it be replaced by universal non-means-tested allowances.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 60/88

XC.

Number: MOT 41/94

Wording: That the University Union research the local supply, options, prices, etc for introducing free range eggs into its operations.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

XCI.

Number: MOT 45/94

Wording: That if OUSA is to endorse the use of one form of substance abuse, it should also introduce a Drugs Bomb and Festival of Speed.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: In reference to unsuccessful motion 44/94, which attempted to re-establish the OUSA Drinking Horn.

1995

XCII.

Number: MOT 11/95

Wording: That advertising in Critic of up to two pages per political party per year, not including messages from constituency MPs, be allowed.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

XCIII.

Number: MOT 12/95

Wording: That between the hours of 9 am - 4 pm, during term time, Radio One is played in the Union.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS.

Notes:

XCIV.

Number: MOT 23/95

Wording: That the OUSA establish a bi-monthly Special Grants Committee (comprised of the Clubs Development Officer, the Sports Officer, the Societies Officer, an executive nominee, and a non-executive student nominee) to allocate funding for Special Grants.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: The Grants Committee as of 2010 consists of the Clubs and Societies Representative, the President, the Finance and Services Officer, an additional member of the Executive, two Club representatives from the Affiliated Clubs Council, and the Clubs Development Officer (ex-officio).

XCV.

Number: MOT 25/95

Wording: That OUSA ensures that the Main Common Room remains a smoking area, in line with earlier OUSA policy.

Status: REPEALED (27/08)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 22/89, 18/90, 21/93 and 25/95. Rendered moot by current New Zealand law.

XCVI.

Number: MOT 27/95

Wording: That OUSA will consult with the SGM before any major developments take place within the Union building.

Status: CURRENT
Type: PROCEDURE
Notes:

XCVII.

Number: MOT 29/95
Wording: That OUSA will refer to SGM before increasing executive commissions.
Status: CURRENT
Type: PROCEDURE
Notes:

1996

XCVIII.

Number: MOT 24/96
Wording: That OUSA does not purchase the property at 50 Dundas Street at present.
Status: PRECEDENT
Type: ON CAMPUS
Notes:

XCIX.

Number: MOT 28/96
Wording: That Union management cease with immediate effect private hire of the Main Common Room during term time (weekends included) and further that the Main Common Room be kept open for student use during term time hours.
Status: CURRENT
Type: ON CAMPUS
Notes: See 29/96 and 30/96

C.

Number: MOT 29/96
Wording: That when it is absolutely necessary to hire out the Main Common Room, another room be set aside for general student use within the Union Building.
Status: CURRENT
Type: ON CAMPUS
Notes: See 28/96 and 30/96

CI.

Number: MOT 30/96

Wording: That OUSA does not consider the Loaded Goblin an acceptable alternative to the Main Common Room for student usage throughout the academic year.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 28/96 and 29/96. The Loaded Goblin has since been renamed Refuel.

CII.

Number: MOT 31/96

Wording: That OUSA reaffirms that the role of the Student Union building is to provide a service to students, not to make a profit out of them.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

1997

CIII.

Number: MOT 6/97

Wording: That this SGM direct the OUSA Executive to oppose the presence of the Community Constable on campus.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 10/93, 11/93, 12/93 and 7/94. Conflicts with May 1997 referendum.

CIV.

Number: MOT 13/97

Wording: That OUSA has no confidence in the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Graeme Fogelberg, due to his aversion to maintaining academic services in an academic institution.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: Dr Fogelburg has since been replaced as Vice-Chancellor by Professor Sir David Skegg.

CV.

Number: MOT 14/97

Wording: That OUSA support the arrested Victoria Students by way of a donation of \$200.00 towards their legal costs.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

1998

CVI.

Number: MOT 9/98

Wording: That this SGM accepts the principle of 'fair wages and conditions' and accordingly supports the staff of the University Union in their quest to gain service pay, higher wages, and better conditions.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 10/98

CVII.

Number: MOT 10/98

Wording: That this SGM directs the OUSA reps on the Union Management Committee to enact the previous motion.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See 9/98. OUSA no longer has any say over Union Management.

CVIII.

Number: MOT 13/98

Wording: That OUSA invest in a bus and bus drivers for the purpose of transporting students on the hour to their lectures and back again and also get students home safely from the library, labs, pubs, and cafes late at night.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CIX.

Number: MOT 15/98

Wording: That OUSA recommends that NZUSA alter their policy to endorse the writing off of all current student loans.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CX.

Number: MOT 25/98

Wording: That the students of OUSA support the students, workers, and citizens of Indonesia in their continuing struggle for true democracy.

Status: CURRENT (AMENDED)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 26/98

CXI.

Number: MOT 26/98

Wording: That the students of OUSA reaffirm their belief in democracy and support the citizens of Indonesia in their continuing struggle for it.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 25/98

CXII.

Number: MOT 27/98

Wording: That it is OUSA policy to allow any workers the right to be represented by their union, and further that OUSA encourages its workers to include union representation during negotiations.

Status: CURRENT (AMENDED)

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See 28/98

CXIII.

Number: MOT 28/98

Wording: That the word "workers" [of 27/98] be amended to employees.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See 27/98

CXIV.

Number: MOT 30/98

Wording: That Renee Garner be proclaimed King of OUSA for the remainder of 1998.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

1999

CXV.

Number: MOT 12/99

Wording: That OUSA SGMs be held in one room only or outside for the purposes of quorum.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

CXVI.

Number: MOT 13/99

Wording: That OUSA oppose voluntary membership of the Association

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 18/09. OUSA held a postal ballot on the issue in March-April 1999 (see referenda section), where support for a universal membership system was further affirmed.

CXVII.

Number: MOT 14/99

Wording: That OUSA campaign against part charges in health funding and, in particular, OUSA campaign for the University Recreation and Welfare Levy to fully fund student health rather than the present \$5 user-pays levy.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: The cost of using Student Health is now \$6.50 with a Community Services Card.

CXVIII.

Number: MOT 18/99

Wording: That the SGM meeting chair for 1999 wear full naval dress uniform with ceremonial sword while chairing SGMs.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: Navy regulations subsequently negated this motion.

CXIX.

Number: MOT 26/99

Wording: That OUSA not join the Coalition for Gun Control.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CXX.

Number: MOT 28/99

Wording: That the SGM never ever is held in a room with disruptive background noise that no-one knows what is happening.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

CXXI.

Number: MOT 31/99

Wording: That OUSA still opposes the building of a new bridge.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See MOT 8/04 and 9/04

CXXII.

Number: MOT 42/99

Wording: That this SGM recommends that OUSA spend \$250,000 on its famed penis-shaped skytower, design to be commissioned by Stephen La Roche and built by IBM.

Status: CURRENT (AMENDED)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: Amended to make tower vulva-shaped.

CXXIII.

Number: SEE NOTES

Wording: That the skytower building be vulva-shaped.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: This amendment, while carried, is not numbered due to an error in the minutes.

CXXIV.

Number: MOT 63/99

Wording: That OUSA have as one of its guiding principles the promotion of freedom of expression for all the peoples of the world.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

2000

CXXV.

Number: MOT 12/00

Wording: That this meeting supports the building of an Aquatic Centre at a cost of up to \$900,000.00, with the affiliated clubs assisting to raise over one third of the building costs.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CXXVI.

Number: MOT 20/00

Wording: That there be a position called OUSA Bard elected at the next SGM to perform poetry before student meetings and other Association functions.

Status: UNCERTAIN (SEE NOTES)

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: 20/00 lapsed amid a quorum count, but at an SGM later that year (albeit not the one immediately following the one featuring 20/00), elections for OUSA Bard were indeed held. There is thus a precedent without a motion.

CXXVII.

Number: MOT 26/00

Wording: That OUSA supports a change in New Zealand legislation to decriminalise cannabis.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 18/06, 19/06, and 25/07

CXXVIII.

Number: MOT 44/00

Wording: That OUSA opposes the ban on skateboarding on campus.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 46/00

CXXIX.

Number: MOT 46/00

Wording: That OUSA lobbies the University of Otago to provide a skateboarding facility around campus.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 44/00

2001

CXXX.

Number: MOT 5/01

Wording: That OUSA support and campaign for at least 12 weeks paid parental leave.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CXXXI.

Number: MOT 6/01

Wording: That OUSA apply pressure to the Union to restore the Smokers' Common Room.

Status: CURRENT (AMENDED)

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 7/01

CXXXII.

Number: MOT 7/01

Wording: That OUSA apply pressure to the Union to restore the Smokers' Common Room with Disabled Access.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 6/01

CXXXIII.

Number: MOT 8/01

Wording: That OUSA fine the University Proctor \$80.00 for illegally fining students on Hyde Street.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CXXXIV.

Number: MOT 20/01

Wording: That the OUSA Executive affiliate only one Sporting Club in each Sporting Code per year.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

CXXXV.

Number: MOT 29/01

Wording: That this AGM (sic) ratify the Student Charter as presented, or delegate the responsibility to OUSA to ratify the Student Charter in principle.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: The full wording of the Student Charter is featured on pages 56-57 of this booklet.

CXXXVI.

Number: MOT 30/01

Wording: That OUSA communicates its opposition to the New Zealand Government's support of military action against the country of Afghanistan.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 14/03

CXXXVII.

Number: MOT 31/01

Wording: That OUSA lobby the University to increase the accessibility for blind students to the Central Library.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

2002

CXXXVIII.

Number: MOT 8/02

Wording: That this SGM supports the Executive in establishing the ReFuel Bar/Café.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CXXXIX.

Number: MOT 19/02

Wording: That OUSA supports the use of Genetic Engineering in safely contained laboratory research.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CXL.

Number: MOT 22/02

Wording: That OUSA lobby the University for, and support, student network ports at the Science Library, reflecting the University's commitment to Information Technology.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CXLI.

Number: MOT 23/02

Wording: That OUSA build a rock-climbing wall to support this popular sport.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CXLII.

Number: MOT 35/02

Wording: That this Meeting recommends the Association investigate the expansion and redevelopment of the Clubs and Societies Centre, and report to the student body in 2003.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

2003

CXLIII.

Number: MOT 4/03

Wording: That the Association supports Single Transferable Voting (STV) as the preferred electoral system for local body elections.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 5/03 and 44/03.

CXLIV.

Number: MOT 5/03

Wording: That the Association supports Single Transferable Voting (STV) as the preferred electoral system for all local body and geographic Parliamentary electorate elections.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 4/03 and 44/03.

CXLV.

Number: MOT 7/03

Wording: That this meeting direct OUSA to actively oppose any invasion of Iraq without United Nations support.

Status: CURRENT (SEE NOTES)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 08/03, 09/03, and 10/03. Current because of the on-going nature of the Iraqi War.

CXLVI.

Number: MOT 8/03

Wording: That this meeting direct OUSA to lobby the Labour Government to actively oppose an invasion of Iraq without United Nations support.

Status: CURRENT (SEE NOTES)

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 07/03, 09/03 and 10/03. The Government at the time of writing is a National one, but the lobbying implication is still there.

CXLVII.

Number: MOT 9/03

Wording: That this meeting direct OUSA to move a motion through postal ballot to NZUSA against an invasion of Iraq without United Nation's sanction before the June/July conference.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 07/03, 08/03 and 10/03.

CXLVIII.

Number: MOT 10/03

Wording: That this meeting direct OUSA to move a motion through postal ballot to NZUSA against an invasion of Iraq regardless of United Nation's sanction before the June/July conference.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 07/03, 08/03 and 09/03.

CXLIX.

Number: MOT 13/03

Wording: That OUSA lobby the Labour Government to work constructively towards a democratic reconstruction of Iraq.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CL.

Number: MOT 14/03

Wording: That OUSA lobby the Labour Government to work constructively towards a democratic reconstruction of Afghanistan.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 30/01

CLII.

Number: MOT 44/03

Wording: That OUSA investigates introducing Single Transferable Voting (STV) for next year's OUSA elections and the Executive reports back to the first SGM next year of its findings with any necessary constitutional changes or recommendations.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes: See 4/03 and 5/03.

2004

CLII.

Number: MOT 8/04

Wording: That OUSA opposes the construction of any new bridge across the Water of Leith at St David Street.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 31/99 and 9/04

CLIII.

Number: MOT 9/04

Wording: That the opposition of OUSA to the construction of any new bridge across the Water of Leith at St David Street includes an appeal in the Environment Court against the granting of a resource consent for the construction of the aforementioned bridge.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 31/99 and 8/04

2005

CLIV.

Number: MOT 7/05

Wording: That OUSA supports 18 years of age as the legal drinking age in New Zealand.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 8/05, 9/05, and 10/05

CLV.

Number: MOT 8/05

Wording: That OUSA opposes increasing the drinking age from 18 years in New Zealand.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 7/05, 8/05, and 10/05

CLVI.

Number: MOT 9/05

Wording: That OUSA supports all measures to encourage responsible and safe alcohol consumption.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 7/05, 8/05, and 10/05

CLVII.

Number: MOT 10/05

Wording: That OUSA calls on Liquor Licensing Authorities and the Police to properly enforce all Alcohol Laws and Regulations.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 7/05, 8/05, and 9/05

CLVIII.

Number: MOT 15/05

Wording: That OUSA supports the Dunedin City Council's redevelopment plan for Logan Park

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05, 21/05 and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLIX.

Number: MOT 16/05

Wording: That OUSA supports the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05, 21/05 and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLX.

Number: MOT 17/05

Wording: That OUSA supports the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park which includes a swimming pool.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05, 21/05, and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXI.

Number: MOT 18/05

Wording: That OUSA supports the relocation of the Unipol Recreational Centre to a redeveloped Logan Park

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 19/05, 20/05, 21/05, and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXII.

Number: MOT 19/05

Wording: That OUSA is in principle willing to partially fund the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 20/05, 21/05, and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXIII.

Number: MOT 20/05

Wording: That OUSA collaborate with the Dunedin City Council in planning for the redevelopment of Logan Park.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 21/05, and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXIV.

Number: MOT 21/05

Wording: That OUSA supports redeveloping Logan Park so that the area caters to as many sports as possible.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05 and 22/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXV.

Number: MOT 22/05

Wording: That OUSA lobby the Dunedin City Council to free up additional funds for the redevelopment of Logan Park.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See MOT 15/05, 16/05, 17/05, 18/05, 19/05, 20/05 and 21/05. Rendered moot by the Forsyth-Barr Stadium.

CLXVI.

Number: MOT 23/05

Wording: That OUSA is in principle willing to work with other bodies to create a student-owned or partially student-owned sporting facility.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

2006

CLXVII.

Number: MOT 7/06

Wording: That OUSA is opposed to the Employment Relations (Probationary Employment) Amendment Bill, on the basis that it denies basic employment rights to all new employees, allowing employers to sack them for no reasons, and would adversely affect the most vulnerable people in society, particularly short-term, casual and seasonal workers.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 8/06 and 9/06. Current, because while the 2006 Bill was defeated, it was subsequently enacted into law under the current National Government.

CLXVIII.

Number: MOT 8/06

Wording: That the meeting directs OUSA to put out a media statement opposing the Employment Relations (Probationary Employment) Amendment Bill.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: 7/06 and 9/06.

CLXIX.

Number: MOT 9/06

Wording: That this meeting directs OUSA to write a submission on behalf of its members in opposition to the Employment Relations (Probationary Employment) Amendment Bill.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: 7/06 and 8/06.

CLXX.

Number: MOT 13/06

Wording: That this meeting directs OUSA to write to the Israeli Ambassador in New Zealand to communicate on our behalf our opposition to the bombing by Israel of ordinary civilians in Lebanon.

Status: PRECEDENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CLXXI.

Number: MOT 16/06

Wording: That OUSA opposes the 'Code of Student Conduct' on the grounds that the disciplinary measures it proposes are too harsh (and risk exposing students to double jeopardy), whilst doing nothing to address issues in the student community.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 14/92 and 17/06. Also see July 2005 referendum.

CLXXII.

Number: MOT 17/06

Wording: That this SGM instructs OUSA to provide all reasonable assistance to any students wishing to organise against the 'Code of Student Conduct'.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 14/92 and 16/06. Also see July 2005 referendum.

CLXXIII.

Number: MOT 18/06

Wording: That by popular student mandate, university grounds are declared a cannabis prohibition free zone.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 26/00, 19/06, and 25/07.

CLXXIV.

Number: MOT 19/06

Wording: That OUSA condones the public smoking of cannabis on university grounds as protest against cannabis prohibition.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 26/00, 18/06, and 25/07.

CLXXV.

Number: MOT 22/06

Wording: That OUSA deploras preventable waste of food, and petitions the Link Food Court Eateries to give excess food away discounted or free, rather than to throw it out.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CLXXVI.

Number: MOT 33/06

Wording: That OUSA sees no nexus between the good government and discipline of the university, and couch burning.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

2007

CLXXVII.

Number: MOT 7/07

Wording: That Fair Trade Products will be provided at all meetings and events hosted by OUSA that usually serve items in non-Fair Trade forms which are available in Fair Trade forms.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 8/07, 10/07, and 11/07.

CLXXVIII.

Number: MOT 8/07

Wording: That OUSA will work towards meeting the five goals of Fair Trade Universities set out by the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand (FTAANZ)

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 7/07, 10/07, and 11/07.

CLXXIX.

Number: MOT 10/07

Wording: That a member of OUSA will be nominated to participate in the Fair Trade Steering Group, when one is established.

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 7/07, 8/07, and 11/07.

CLXXX.

Number: MOT 11/07

Wording: That OUSA supports the principles of Fair Trade and will create a Fair Trade policy incorporating the five goals set out by the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 7/07, 8/07, and 10/07. The Five Principles of Fair Trade are included in this booklet.

CLXXXI.

Number: MOT 12/07

Wording: That OUSA opposes the development of the Holcim Cement Plant in the Wairapa Valley near Oamaru.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes:

CLXXXII.

Number: MOT 25/07

Wording: That OUSA recognise and publicise the knowledge that alcohol use is more harmful than cannabis use.

Status: REPEALED (2008: 27/08)
Type: EXTERNAL STANCE
Notes: See 26/00, 18/06, and 19/06

CLXXXIII.

Number: MOT 26/07
Wording: That OUSA does not support the construction of the new stadium in Awatea Street.
Status: CURRENT
Type: EXTERNAL STANCE
Notes: See 27/07

CLXXXIV.

Number: MOT 27/07
Wording: That OUSA does not support the construction of the new stadium in Awatea Street if it (or related development) either contributes to student fees or negatively affects OUSA's ownership or control of UNIPOL.
Status: CURRENT
Type: EXTERNAL STANCE
Notes: See 26/07

2008

CLXXXV.

Number: MOT 8/08
Wording: That OUSA opposes the use of UMAT (Undergraduate Medical and Health Sciences Admission Test) to select students for entry into courses without evidence-based research that shows that no students are unfairly disadvantaged by the process.
Status: CURRENT
Type: ON CAMPUS
Notes:

CLXXXVI.

Number: MOT 15/08
Wording: That OUSA be empowered to establish a charitable trust.
Status: CURRENT
Type: PROCEDURE
Notes:

CLXXXVII.

Number: MOT 31/08
Wording: That OUSA supports the establishment of a common space on campus for students with disabilities.
Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes:

CLXXXVIII.

Number: MOT 38/08

Wording: That the OUSA Executive take all steps as are necessary to ensure that independent arbitrators appointed to decide election disputes act in accordance with natural justice.

Status: CURRENT

Type: PROCEDURE

Notes:

2009

CLXXXIX.

Number: MOT 18/09

Wording: That OUSA actively opposes Sir Roger Douglas' Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Bill, and believes that only universal student membership can provide the Association with the ability to adequately represent and support its members.

Status: CURRENT

Type: EXTERNAL STANCE

Notes: See 13/99.

CXC.

Number: MOT 20/09

Wording: That OUSA supports the continued existence of the Women's Room

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: See 17/08. This finally plugs the hole left by the 1988 rescinding of 17/88.

CXCI.

Number: MOT 21/09

Wording: That OUSA supports the continued existence of the Parents' Room

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: Plugs a hole left by 70/87, which had rescinded the only previous motion in support of the Parents' Room.

CXCII.

Number: MOT 22/09

Wording: That OUSA supports the continued existence of the Muslim Prayer Room

Status: CURRENT

Type: ON CAMPUS

Notes: Finally provided a belated mandate for OUSA's efforts to secure a Muslim Prayer Room.

REFERENDA RESULTS

I.

Date: May 1997

Wording: "Should OUSA support the position of a Community Constable on Campus?"

Result: Yes: 499 (69.1%) No: 223 (30.9%)

Binding: Uncertain.

Notes: See MOT 11/93, MOT 12/93, MOT 7/94 and MOT 6/97 for OUSA's general opposition to police on campus.

II.

Date: March 1999

Wording: Should OUSA place some of the assets it currently owns in a trust?

Result: Yes: 404 (59.6%) No: 246 (36.3%) Invalid: 28 (4.1%)

Binding: No (after much uncertainty)

Notes: See 15/08. This referendum result was not acted upon until 2008, but as of 2010 the trust has yet to be created.

III.

Date: March-April 1999

Wording: Should membership of OUSA be voluntary or compulsory for those studying at the University of Otago?

Result: Compulsory: 78.5% Voluntary: 20% Invalid: 1.5%

Binding: Yes

Notes: Referendum required by 1997 government legislation. Conducted by postal ballot, with turnout of 59% of all OUSA members.

IV.

Date: 2001

Wording: Should post-graduate students join OUSA, paying one half of the OUSA General Levy?

Result: Yes: 75% No/Invalid: 25%

Binding: Yes.

Notes: A post-graduate-only referendum. Prior to 2001 post-graduates had their own organisation.

V(a).

Date: July 28-30, 2003.

Wording: Do you support the principle of two Women's Rights Officers sitting on the OUSA Executive?

Result: Yes: 301 (Male: 66, Female: 235) (43.4%), No: 392 (Male: 258, Female: 134) (56.6%)

Binding: No.

V(b).

Date: July 28-30, 2003.

Wording: Which of the following options do you prefer for gender representation on the OUSA Executive: No gender representatives, or one equity, one women's, or one equity, one gender, or one gender, one women's, or two women's officers?

Result:

No gender representatives: 111 (Male: 89, Female: 22) (16.0%)

One equity, one women's: 193 (Male: 61, Female: 132) (27.8%)

One equity, one gender: 242 (Male: 139, Female: 103) (34.9%)

One gender, one women's: 68 (Male: 14, Female: 54) (9.8%)

Two women's officers: 79 (Male: 21, Female: 58) (11.4%)

Binding: No.

Notes: The following explanatory note was supplied during the 2003 referendum:

An "Equity Officer" would be a position with responsibility for ensuring the equal representation and advancement of issues affecting a broad range of groups in society. The groups a Equity Officer would represent would include women, men, gay and lesbian students.

If two Equity Officer positions were created on the Executive, specific areas of responsibility would be assigned to each. For instance, one Equity Officer would be specifically responsible for the "women's" portfolio and representing female students.

If one "Women's Rights Officer" was retained, that position would have largely the same position description and responsibility of the existing women's rights positions.

A "gender rights portfolio" would be a specific area of responsibility assigned at the commencement of each year to a member of the Executive, most likely on of the two General Executive Officers. This portfolio could include representation of and advocacy for women students. It could also include the broader representation required of a proposed Equity Officer.

If the abolition of all gender representation options on the Executive option were chosen, this would mean that no elected officer of OUSA would be specifically responsible for representing advocating for gender issues on the Executive. The issues-based advocacy for women's and gender rights issues could be transferred to a staff member if this option was adopted.

VI.

Date: 2004

Wording: Should OUSA remain a member of NZUSA?

Result: n/a (SEE NOTES)

Binding: n/a (SEE NOTES)

Notes: Referendum was to have been held alongside 2004 OUSA Elections. Aborted due to NZUSA accepting an ultimatum.

VII.

Date: July 25-27, 2005

Wording: Do you support the University of Otago changing discipline regulations so that students who bring the University into disrepute off University premises can be disciplined by the University?

Result: Yes: 72 (24.7%) No: 220 (75.3%)

Binding: Uncertain.

Notes: See MOT 14/92, 16/06, and 17/06 for further affirmation of this stance.

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS (1948)

(Endorsed by MOT 42/88 as fundamental to OUSA policy).

PREAMBLE

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, Therefore THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims THIS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

Article 1.

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2.

- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3.

- Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4.

- No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5.

- No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6.

- Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7.

- All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8.

- Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9.

- No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10.

- Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11.

- (1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.
- (2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

Article 12.

- No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13.

- (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.
- (2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14.

- (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.
- (2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15.

- (1) Everyone has the right to a nationality.
- (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Article 16.

- (1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.
- (2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.
- (3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

Article 17.

- (1) Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.
- (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 18.

- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 19.

- Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Article 20.

- (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.
- (2) No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

Article 21.

- (1) Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.
- (2) Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country.
- (3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

Article 22.

- Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 23.

- (1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.
- (2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.
- (3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.
- (4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Article 24.

- Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

Article 25.

- (1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.
- (2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

Article 26.

- (1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.
- (2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

- (3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

Article 27.

- (1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.
- (2) Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

Article 28.

- Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

Article 29.

- (1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.
- (2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.
- (3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 30.

- Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

THE STUDENT CHARTER (2001)

(Ratified by MOT 29/01)

Purpose

The University is committed to scholarship through excellence in teaching, research and service and to the provision of a stimulating campus environment for the development of lifelong learning skills.

The purpose of this Charter is to advance those aims, to acknowledge the University's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi, and to promote good relations between the staff and administration of the University and its undergraduate and postgraduate students.

This Charter is to affirm and restate in accessible form the principles behind the existing policies of the University. It is not intended to create additional legal obligations or to supersede existing policies.

Reasonable compliance with this Charter will be expected of all members of the University, though it may be subject to justified limitations which are acceptable in a free and fair academic community or which are legitimately due to resource constraints.

This Charter should act as a guide to the interpretation of current University policies, to the development of future policies, and to relations between members of the University where no other policies exist.

Rights

In pursuing its aims, the University of Otago recognises the following rights of its students:

1. to experience high quality teaching and supervision of postgraduate research
2. to have learning experiences that are challenging and stimulating
3. to be provided with course content which is up-to-date and informed by current scholarship
4. to acknowledgement of the Treaty of Waitangi, including support for Māori student participation within the University. This should be achieved in a manner consistent with Māori cultural aspirations and preferences and the practices of the University
5. to receive clear and accurate information and advice regarding all courses
6. to be informed well in advance how and when their work will be assessed
7. to receive fair, timely and useful feedback on their performance and progress
8. to "have a say" about the value, relevance and effectiveness of their academic programmes and the teaching they experience

9. to be treated with respect and courtesy by University staff and other students in an environment free from harassment and discrimination
10. to expect that the University will provide a safe and secure environment
11. to have reasonable opportunities to participate in University decision-making
12. to be informed about what is expected of them as students
13. to have access to clear administrative guidelines and procedures
14. to have access to clear and appropriate procedures for dealing with grievances
15. to have reasonable, equitable and scheduled access to University staff and services
16. to have reasonable access to quality facilities, student support services, and resources necessary for achievement of academic goals
17. to be members of a students' association

Responsibilities

In exercising their rights, Otago students are expected to accept the following responsibilities:

1. to be self-motivated and self-directed learners
2. to participate appropriately in their courses of study
3. to prepare for classes which require work in advance
4. to put the best effort possible into assignments and to hand them in on time
5. to seek to develop critical thinking skills and apply these to their courses of study
6. to submit work which is their own
7. to provide fair and appropriate feedback to University staff
8. to treat all staff, students and neighbours of the University with respect and courtesy
9. to listen and participate in classes
10. to observe appointment times and office hours
11. to promote an environment which is safe and free from harassment and discrimination
12. to respect both University and private property
13. to be aware of opportunities to participate in University affairs
14. to make themselves aware of and comply with University rules and policies
15. to use appropriately the services and resources that the University provides

Consultation

Any student who feels that the principles of this Charter have not been respected can raise his or her concerns with the relevant person or Department, a students' association or the OUSA Advocacy Service.

THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF FAIR TRADE

(Endorsed by MOT 11/07)

1. Market access for marginalized producers.
2. Sustainable and equitable trading relationships.
3. Capacity building and empowerment of the producer.
4. Consumer Awareness Raising and Advocacy of a just and equitable global trading system.
5. Fair Trade as a social contract where the buyer holds a long-term commitment to the producer.

APPENDIX A: POWERS OF THE STUDENT BODY

(Extract from the Constitution and Rules of OUSA)

6 Powers of the Student Body

6.1 The Student Body exercises its powers through Student General Meetings and Referenda.

6.1.1 All members of the Association may attend and vote at Student General Meetings.

6.1.2 All members of the Association may vote in referenda.

6.2 The Student Body may exercise the following powers at Student General Meetings:

6.2.1 To make resolutions on any matters, and to transmit recommendations to the Executive.

6.2.2 To amend these Rules.

6.2.3 To set external policy.

6.2.4 To remove Executive members from their positions through a motion of 'no confidence'.

6.2.5 To call a referendum, except on questions of finance or administration.

6.2.6 To set the Association budget and the Association Levy.

6.3 The Student Body may exercise the following powers through Binding Referenda:

6.3.1 To make resolutions on any matters, and to transmit recommendations to the Executive.

6.3.2 To amend these Rules.

6.3.3 To set external policy.

6.3.4 To set the Association budget and the Association Levy.

APPENDIX B: POLICY

(Extract from the Constitution and Rules of OUSA)

11 Policy

- 11.1 The Student Body will set policy regarding the position of the Association on matters external to the Association.
- 11.2 The Executive will set policy regarding matters of business, activities and all operations of the Association and any other matters internal to the Association.
- 11.3 Any policies set must be recorded in writing.
- 11.4 Five (5) working days notice must be given for the setting, rescinding or amending of policy and that notice must include the proposed policy or change of policy.
- 11.5 Policy will be set, rescinded or amended by resolution, except in the absence of notice where policy will be set, rescinded or amended by unanimous resolution.
- 11.6 No policy may be incompatible with, or contradict, these Rules.
- 11.7 If policy is breached it must be drawn to the attention of the next meeting of the body which set the policy by any officer of the Association who is aware of the breach.

APPENDIX C: CONDUCT OF STUDENT GENERAL MEETINGS

(Extract from the Constitution and Rules of OUSA)

19 Conduct of Student General Meetings

- 19.1 The quorum for a Student General Meeting is one per cent (1%) of the total number of members of the Association, a figure which the Secretary will ascertain at the commencement of each semester and report to the Executive and the Student Media.
- 19.2 Student General Meetings may only be held on days when the Dunedin campus of the University is holding formal classes and at a time and place that is not inconvenient to students.
- 19.3 Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, the procedure of a Student General Meeting will be governed by the Standing Orders set forth in these Rules.
- 19.4 A Student General Meeting will be called by the Secretary:
- 19.4.1 On receipt of a petition signed by one per cent (1%) of the members of the Association, a figure which the Secretary will ascertain at the commencement of each semester and report to the Executive and the Student Media; or;
- 19.4.2 Upon resolution of the Executive.
- 19.5 Such meeting must be called between five (5) and fifteen (15) working days after receipt of such petition or resolution of the Executive. If the meeting is not so called, any member may call the meeting.
- 19.6 At least five (5) working days notice must be given by the Secretary for a Student General Meeting detailing the time, place and agenda items of the meeting.
- 19.7 There will be at least one Student General Meeting called in the first semester which, without limiting its business, will:
- 19.7.1 Receive and accept the annual report of the Association for the previous year;
- 19.7.2 Receive and accept the audited annual accounts for the previous year;

- 19.7.3 Appoint the Auditors for the next financial year; and;
- 19.7.4 Appoint the Honorary Solicitor for the next financial year.
- 19.8 There will be at least one Student General Meeting called in the second semester which, without limiting its business, will:
 - 19.8.1 Set the Association levies for the forthcoming year; and;
 - 19.8.2 Consider the budget for the forthcoming year.

APPENDIX D: CONDUCT OF REFERENDA

(Extract from the Constitution and Rules of OUSA)

21 Conduct of Referenda

- 21.1 Either the Executive, or the Student Body at a Student General Meeting, may determine that any matter be referred to the Student Body for decision by means of a Referendum.
- 21.2 Matters involving finance or administration, reserved elsewhere in these Rules for decision by the Executive, may only be referred to a Referendum by the Executive.
- 21.3 A Referendum will be called by resolution, and if the Referendum is to be binding on the Association, the resolution must so state.
- 21.4 For any binding Referendum, the Executive will report the matter to the Student Media and promote discussion and debate regarding the matter.
- 21.5 Any Referendum put to the Student Body will require ten (10) working days notice of the wording.
- 21.6 The Secretary must appoint a Returning Officer to supervise the conduct of the Referendum. If no Returning Officer is appointed, the Secretary will act as Returning Officer.
- 21.7 The Returning Officer must conduct the Referendum by secret ballot according to the Voting provisions contained in Part C of these Rules.
- 21.8 Any matter with regard to the conduct of the Referendum not dealt with by the Returning Officer is subject to the overriding supervision of the Executive.
- 21.9 Any Referendum at which fewer than five percent (5%) of the total number of members of the Association cast their vote will be considered as indicative only, a figure which the Secretary will ascertain at the commencement of each semester and report to the Executive and the Student Media.

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