

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT STUDENT GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 AT 12.00 NOON IN THE MAIN COMMON ROOM OR OUTSIDE IF WEATHER PERMITS.

- 1 Election of Student General Meeting Chairperson
- 2 Minutes of the previous Student General Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the meeting
- 4 Receive and accept the 2009 Annual Report of the Association
- 5 Receive and accept the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2009
- 6 Appoint the Auditors for 2009
- 7 Appoint the Honorary Solicitor for 2009
- 8 Appointment of Secretary
 THAT Donna Jones' appointment as Secretary of the Association for a further four (4) years be ratified, pursuant to Executive Resolution 34/10
- 9 Proposed Constitutional Changes or amendments
 Daniel Stride/James Meager
 THAT OUSA insert a new section 49.4.12 of its Constitution to read: -
 "A motion to table a substantive motion will, if passed, cause debate on the substantive motion to be adjourned until a motion is passed to take the substantive motion from the table, or until the next meeting."

 Daniel Stride/James Meager
 THAT OUSA insert a new section 49.4.13 of its Constitution, to read: -
 "A motion to take a substantive motion from the table will, if passed, cause the tabled substantive motion to be removed from the table and become the next item of business."

 Daniel Stride/James Meager
 THAT OUSA amend section 52.2 of its Constitution to read: -
 "The Chairperson must call upon all members present to vote for or against a motion by declaring "aye" or "nay" or otherwise indicating abstention. If the vote is close, or if any member requests it, then the Chairperson must call for a hand count of votes for or against."

 Daniel Stride/James Meager
 THAT OUSA amend section 52.5 of its Constitution to read:-
 "Those members who abstain from voting are not to be considered part of the meeting for the purpose of determining the total number of votes cast, but can be considered part of the meeting for the purposes of quorum."

 Daniel Stride/James Meager
 THAT OUSA amend section 52.10 of its Constitution to read:-
 "The Secretary of the meeting will not record the names of those voting for or against or abstaining on any motion unless any member requests his or her name to be recorded."
- 10 General Business

James Gluck/ Cory Anderson

THAT OUSA believes that Edwin Darlow should have his life membership revoked, and that at the next available SGM, a motion will be present to expel him.

Dan Stride/ Imogen Roth

THAT 28/93 be rescinded:

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.

And replaced with:

That OUSA have the following stances on student residential accommodation:

- (1) THAT students are to be encouraged to sign individual leases, rather than collective leases.
- (2) THAT landlords should actively comply with both the spirit and the letter of their regulatory and statutory obligations.
- (3) THAT student residential accommodation should comply with the World Health Organisation's recommended minimum indoor air temperature (18 degrees Celsius).
- (4) THAT rents should be affordable

Luke Stewart/ Hayley Dodd

THAT OUSA opposes the removal of land from schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act (1991) and, furthermore, adopts a position in opposition to the mining of high value conservation land, including but not limited to national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, marine reserves, wilderness areas and scientific reserves.

Andrew Eames/Jess East

THAT OUSA initiate and fund a program to promote awareness of the 2010 local elections and encourage all students to enrol and vote.

James Gluck/ Derwin Smith

THAT OUSA requests for the University to give control of 'Gardies' to the Association for the purpose of a student-run recreation centre.

Harriet Geoghegan/Michael Anderson

THAT all current external policy be rescinded

Harriet Geoghegan/Michael Anderson

THAT the following motions be rescinded:

Category A: Silly motions

MOT 63/88 1988 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.

MOT 64/88 1988 That this SRC recommends that OUSA declares an Elliot Goblit Day to commemorate the man and his contribution to society.

MOT 3/90 1990 That OUSA investigate the possibility of buying and running the Anti-Scurvy League.

MOT 20/91 1991 That OUSA send an ultimatum to VUWSA to stay well clear of Poland under the threat of invasion.

MOT 31/93 1993 That OUSA put pressure on the Government to oppose all European immigration into NZ until the Governments of Europe and Northern America stomp on their neo-nazi fascism groups.

MOT 16/94 1994 That OUSA supports Clear Communications as opposition to Telecom as much as possible.

MOT 18/94 1994 That 16/94 be amended, with the addition of: "and that Telecom Management are a bunch of wankers."

MOT 45/94 1994 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.

MOT 26/99 1999 That OUSA not join the Coalition for Gun Control

MOT 42/99 1999 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.

SEE NOTES 1999 That the skytower building be vulva-shaped.

MOT 20/00 2000 That there be a position called OUSA Bard elected at the next SGM to perform poetry before student meetings and other Association functions.

MOT 46/00 2000 That OUSA lobbies the University of Otago to provide a skateboarding facility around campus.

MOT 23/02 2002 That OUSA build a rock-climbing wall to support this popular sport.

Category B: no longer relevant

MOT 18/88 1988 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.

MOT 73/88 1988 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.

MOT 19/89 1989 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.

MOT 22/89 1989 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.

MOT 26/89 1989 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.

MOT 15/90 1990 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.

MOT 19/91 1991 That OUSA should oppose the privatisation and splitting up of Electricorp

MOT 22/93 1993 That it become OUSA policy to bring to the Media's attention the impact on tertiary education of the Labour Party policy.

MOT 23/93 1993 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.

MOT 5/94 1994 That the video games in the Main Common Room be turned off for the duration of Student General Meetings

MOT 25/94 1994 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.

MOT 27/94 1994 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 (eg test matches)

MOT 40/94 1994 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.

MOT 28/96 1996 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.

MOT 29/96 1996 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.

MOT 30/96 1996 That OUSA does not consider the Loaded Goblin an acceptable alternative to the Main Common Room for student usage throughout the academic year.

MOT 6/97 1997 That this SGM direct the OUSA Executive to oppose the presence of the Community Constable on campus.

MOT 10/98 1998 That this SGM directs the OUSA reps on the Union Management Committee to enact the previous motion.

MOT 13/98 1998 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.

MOT 15/98 1998 That OUSA recommends that NZUSA alter their policy to endorse the writing off of all current student loans.

MOT 31/99 1999 That OUSA still opposes the building of a new bridge.

MOT 05/01 2001 That OUSA support and campaign for at least 12 weeks paid parental leave.

MOT 08/02 2002 That this SGM supports the Executive in establishing the ReFuel Bar/Café.

MOT 22/02 2002 That OUSA lobby the University for, and support, student network ports at the Science Library, reflecting the University's commitment to Information Technology.

MOT 08/04 2004 That OUSA opposes the construction of any new bridge across the Water of Leith at St David Street.

MOT 09/05 2005 That OUSA supports all measures to encourage responsible and safe alcohol consumption.

MOT 10/05 2005 That OUSA calls on Liquor Licencing Authorities and the Police to properly enforce all Alcohol Laws and Regulations.

MOT 15/05 2005 That OUSA supports the Dunedin City Council's redevelopment plan for Logan Park

MOT 16/05 2005 That OUSA supports the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park.

MOT 17/05 2005 That OUSA supports the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park which includes a swimming pool.

MOT 18/05 2005 That OUSA supports the relocation of the Unipol Recreational Centre to a redeveloped Logan Park

MOT 19/05 2005 That OUSA is in principle willing to partially fund the establishment of a multi-use student indoor sporting facility at Logan Park.

MOT 20/05 2005 That OUSA collaborate with the Dunedin City Council in planning for the redevelopment of Logan Park.

MOT 21/05 2005 That OUSA supports redeveloping Logan Park so that the area caters to as many sports as possible.

MOT 22/05 2005 That OUSA lobby the Dunedin City Council to free up additional funds for the redevelopment of Logan Park.

MOT 23/05 2005 That OUSA is in principle willing to work with other bodies to create a student-owned or partially student-owned sporting facility.

MOT 33/06 2006 That OUSA sees no nexus between the good government and discipline of the university, and couch burning.

MOT 26/07 2007 That OUSA does not support the construction of the new stadium in Awatea Street.

MOT 27/07 2007 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.

MOT 28/93 1993 That the following Accomodation Policy be ratified by SGM: (1) That the University of Otago monopolises all first year accomodation 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 accomodation that as a minimum has adequate hygiene, adequate warmth, and a rental of not more than \$55 per week.

Category C: not a student issue

MOT 27/91 1991 That OUSA applauds the United States' initiative to remove nuclear weapons from its nuclear vessels but opposes any amendment to NZ's nuclear-free legislation with regard to nuclear propulsion.

MOT 25/98 1998 That the students of OUSA support the students, workers, and citizens of Indonesia in their continuing struggle for true democracy

MOT 26/98 1998 That the students of OUSA reaffirm their belief in democracy and support the citizens of Indonesia in their continuing struggle for it.

MOT 30/01 2001 That OUSA communicates its opposition to the NZ Government's support of military action against the country of Afghanistan.

MOT 07/03 2003 That this meeting direct OUSA to actively oppose any invasion of Iraq without United Nations support.

MOT 08/03 2003 That this meeting direct OUSA to lobby the Labour Government to actively oppose an invasion of Iraq without United Nations support.

MOT 09/03 2003 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.

MOT 10/03 2003 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.

MOT 13/03 2003 That OUSA lobby the Labour Government to work constructively towards a democratic reconstruction of Iraq.

MOT 14/03 2003 That OUSA lobby the Labour Government to work constructively towards a democratic reconstruction of Afghanistan.

MOT 12/07 2007 That OUSA opposes the development of the Holcim Cement Plant in the Wairapa Valley near Oamaru.

Category D: I don't even know what that means therefore it can't be relevant

MOT 32/94 1994 That OUSA pushes for the adoption of Dunedin 'outposts' of the University of Otago before the establishment of further outposts in other NZ urban centres.

MOT 22/92 1992 That OUSA lobbies the University for two cost categories of fees.

Category E: to be replaced/ammended

MOT 48/88 1988 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.

MOT 66/88 1988 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.

MOT 31/89 1989 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.

MOT 49/89 1989 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.

And replace with:

That OUSA believes that fair access to education at all levels is the fundamental right of every New Zealander

That OUSA opposes any limitation on entry where it unfairly disadvantages anyone

That OUSA supports raising the minimum entry requirements to the University of Otago based on academic criteria

That OUSA opposes any cuts to tertiary education funding and will lobby the government to increase funding to the tertiary sector in the 2010 budget

That OUSA will lobby the government to increase funding of university courses in order to reduce the financial burden on Universities and students

That OUSA opposes parental means testing as a measure of eligibility for a student allowance

That OUSA opposes any moves to reintroduce interest on student loans

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That motion 6/94 be amended to read:

[MOT 6/94 1994 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.]

That this SGM directs OUSA Executive to provide resources and support this to support and advocate for students and enable those enrolled at the University of Otago 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 disadvantaged students with students with impairments.

Replace:

MOT 20/94 1994 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.

With:

That OUSA supports the student standby flight scheme

Amend:

MOT 24/94 1994 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.

To read:

OUSA adopt a policy that campaigns be carried out in a non-violent manner

Rescind:

MOT 14/99 1999 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

MOT 28/99 1999 That the SGM never ever is held in a room with disruptive background noise that no-one knows what is happening.

[Replaced by SGM online motion]

Rescind:

MOT 16/06 2006 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.

MOT 17/06 2006 That this SGM instructs OUSA to provide all reasonable assistance to any students wishing to organise against the 'Code of Student Conduct'.

Replace:

That OUSA recognizes the existence of the Code of Student Conduct and will work with the University to ensure that students' best interests are catered for.

Rescind:

MOT 18/06 2006 That by popular student mandate, university grounds are declared a cannabis prohibition free zone.

MOT 19/06 2006 That OUSA condones the public smoking of cannabis on university grounds as protest against cannabis prohibition.

MOT 26/00 2000 That OUSA supports a change in NZ legislation to decriminalise cannabis

Replace:

That OUSA does not condone any actions that breach the Laws of New Zealand

Category F: to be revised the purpose of discussing in context of new potential law changes

Rescind:

MOT 07/05 2005 That OUSA supports 18 years of age as the legal drinking age in New Zealand.

MOT 08/05 2005 That OUSA opposes increasing the drinking age from 18 years in New Zealand

Category G: new motions

That OUSA does not support one political party above any other and will not campaign for or against any political party or candidate/s in the general election.

That OUSA does not condone any actions that breach the Laws of New Zealand

That OUSA operates on a principle of inclusivity to all students and does not discriminate against any group or individual.

That OUSA recognizes the existence of the Code of Student Conduct and will work with the University to ensure that students' best interests are catered for.

That the OUSA executive be directed to revise the constitution by the next SGM to: move SGM's online; implement a tiered system of SGM motions whereby tertiary education and on campus issues are prioritized over any other; ensure silly motions not be able to pass and have motions lapse after 3 years if they are not reaffirmed by the student body for the purposes of increasing student engagement, relevance of SGMs and adequate representation of OUSA members.

That OUSA supports freedom of the press and encourages student media to report freely and openly on all aspects of the association (except on matters of personal privacy and commercial sensitivity).