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PART ONE: EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION DUTIES

9.1 Promote through campaigns, education and other initiatives, a diverse and multicultural environment within the Association and on campus.

To this length my main one will probably have to be the upcoming international festival that will happen in July, this festival in many way aim to promote the diversity that this university have to offer. This quarter the ICC have help host a sport day where students from each country came together to play sport and enjoy themselves.

9.2 Work towards the elimination of racism and intolerance within the Association and on campus.

The only things that I think I have done for this are raise awareness among international and local students itself in organising event that student from both side can enjoy, and might help know each other better.

9.3 Work on issues specific to international students at the University of Otago

This quarter in conjunction with the planning of international conference I seem to be able to pin out the most important thing that seem to be lacking, in term of international student. That thing is that staff members and many other included seem to forget and failed to understand international students especially when come down to dealing with them. It is currently something I am working on to made sure that the staff are more well aware of some issue international student might have and what is the best way to approach it.

9.4 Maintain a good working relationship with the Welfare Officer, proactively bringing issues to her or his attention, and meeting with her or him on a weekly basis.

I have maintained a very good relationship with Claire and up date her when ever it is possible on anything that might come up for international students.

9.5 Maintain a good working relationship with the International Office of the University, sharing information and ideas with them when appropriate.

I have try to keep in touch with international office and try to convey any information that might be needed, however at this current stage there don't seem to be many major new issue that can be discuss much.

9.6 Convene the International Students' Council.

I have convene international cultural council this quarter, this quarter it mainly is about planning and discussing the upcoming international festival. We have also spend time discussing about the VSM, recreation review and up to a certain degree OUSA exec structure.

9.7 Organise and run events of specific interest and relevance to international students.

This quarter the main job seems to be organising the upcoming international festival that is starting in two weeks. Part of organising this event involve holding a food safety training in which I did held it for two night. I have also been working closely with the event in putting up a fully planned international festival. Further more into that it involve me being in touch with the wider ethnic community in Dunedin to promote the international cultural night that is coming up that same month. I have also being in touch with Glen Sinclair regarding using aquatic centre for this year version of international ball. I have organise the first international day out at the fire station this quarter, this is a chance for student to come together and get to made new friend as well as having a first hand chance to see how the fire man do their job. The event was considered to be successful as student enjoys themselves immensely, but bunk of this whole quarter is to set up for international festival.

9.8 Work in conjunction with the Finance and Services Officer, the Clubs Development Officer and the Clubs and Societies Representative to ensure the affiliation of international student groups.

I have help Indonesia Community Association in getting there continue affiliation form into OUSA. I have also play a key part in helping Jewish Students Association set up and to get them affiliated to OUSA. This quarter I have a chance to help Otago Taiwanese Students Association, Indonesia Community Association, Otago Thai Students Association, Sri Lanka Students Association, Brunei Students Association and Otago Malaysian Students Association rewrite and update there constitution as many of there constitution are quite out of date.

PART TWO: GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

I have included only the relevant sections here.

2.1.3. Collect for the capping charity during the capping parade

Unfortunately due to many of my friend graduating I wasn't able to do any.

2.1.4. Assisting with elections and referenda

I help out during by election and promote the election to all my contact who is either Health Sci student or post graduate student. During the SGM I help out in serving the sausage and promoting the event as well as asking student who is walking around to go to the SGM.

2.2. Be available for Executive meetings

I have attended nearly all Executive meeting, except one of them that I was sick.

2.3 Control of the budget line

I have been keeping my budget line up to date so far, with keeping all the receipt and invoice in a separate folder so I will be able to keep track of all money spend.

PART THREE: ATTENDANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN OUSA AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Grant Committee

I attend two grants committee meeting this quarter the first one was quite a straight forward one, while the second was more interesting as there were about 50plus application making the meeting become a lots longer than normal due to the fact that this grant round ousa need to be abit more stich so the discussion seem to be mainly what is the sensible amount to give.

Polcom

I attend my first ever Polcom meeting this quarter, due to my interest in the Gold Policy. I was assign to be the one who look into doing the Gold Policy, which me and club development officer is due to meet next week to get it sorted.

Chaplaincy Board

Due to some other commitment I have only attend one chaplaincy board meeting this quarter, at that meeting the review report of the chaplaincy was discuss.

PART FOUR: PROGRESS ON GOALS

"My main goal for 2010 seems to be only to stabilise the International Cultural Council and try to make it have more representation from all over the world. Also aim at having a nation wide International Cultural Council." – Quotes from 1st Quarter report

So far I think this have slowly come to fruition as the international cultural council start to become more stable and at every meeting we host now, we seem to have one new cultural club join us every time, so it is growing. The nationwide International Cultural Council will be discussing at this upcoming NZUSA International Caucus.

PART FIVE: GENERAL

VSM Oral Submission

I went to the oral submission this quarter to provide them with my point of view from international students' side and how important it is for OUSA to still exist for international students

Foundation of Malaysian Award

I was appointed to be on this panel to decide the Malaysian students who has contributed the most from the welfare side of thing to make other Malaysian students be welcome here. It involves me going thru lots of application reading to see who the best fit for the award is.

NZUSA International Caucus

I have been in charge with organising this as OUSA is the host of this year, I came up with the agenda that should be used for this upcoming caucus. It took me time to do a research on what issue I think international student will have that other rep might need to be aware and know about! It was quite tiring!!!