

EXECUTIVE MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025



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Auckland University Students' Association



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TRK AUSA President December 2024 / January 2025 Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Gabriel Boyd

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings

Chaired

Executive meetings – Biweekly executive meetings involve coming together as an entire team to talk about business and vote on major decisions. We release the minutes under ‘official documents’ on our website.

SLT meetings – The senior leadership team consists of all the vice president roles, and we meet on the off weeks of the executive meeting calendar (also biweekly).

Attended

Academic Staff – I've met with lots of staff from different sectors of the university to lay groundwork and build a relationship foundation for the term.

University council rep – I met with FaAfuhiā, our council representative to talk about his goals for the year, how he plans to address certain topics and his priorities. We found that we were both adamant on being as transparent as possible and conversed on using social media to advance that goal.

Eden Park – The university has a new partnership agreement with Eden Park. I visited the historic grounds to talk to a director there about how the students can benefit from this partnership, be it

discounts to games / concerts, fun themed student section activities, research opportunities and booking the venue. I was then put on a UoA committee which oversees maintaining the partnership.



I toured Eden Park and visited the All Blacks locker room!

Mental Health Framework – I met with representatives from the university's Health and Counselling sector to talk about the mental health portal I want to build for students this year. They advised me on certain confidentiality legalities, and we're meeting again soon with other key stakeholders.

Director International – alongside our International Students' Officer, I met with Martin Hookham-Simms. We talked about engagement within the international student body, how to be more inclusive as a university, and an Internationalization Framework Committee he's starting that both Hisham (our ISO) and I will sit on.

The Kennedy's Limited – I sit on the trust for Shadow's Student Bar, and at my first meeting we discussed our strategies for the year which revolved around re-establishing Shadows as the centre for our campus community.

Sports and Rec – Our conversations revolved around the new gym: how we can maximize efficiency to benefit the students as well as a booking system for clubs to use courts / gymnasiums.

MPs – The Education Vice President and I have met with two MPs: Francisco Hernandez and Deborah Russell, the tertiary education spokespeople for Greens and Labour. We've reached out to the rest of

the political parties (National, ACT, etc...) and are hoping to meet with them soon.



UGEVP Matthew Lee, Tertiary Education Spokesperson for Greens Francisco Hernandez, and myself

Other university presidents – I have monthly calls with ATSA, the news national body consisting of various university presidents as well as the National Disabled Students' Association president, the New Zealand International Students' Association President, and the Te Mana Ākonga President. We're planning some campaign media releases on various student issues and cross-campus collaboration opportunities (particularly with AUT, whose president I've met with separately as well).

Committees

I've sat in on many committee meetings including Curriculum Framework Transformation committees (and their associated transdisciplinary committee and Waipapa Taumata Rau interim governance group) with the Undergraduate EVP. I also sit on the Discipline Committee, which has been a steep emotional learning curve thus far.

Progress on Ops Plan

Signed off on a budget – Our executive signed off on our budget for the year. The budget is made of from money from the Student Services Levy as per a contractual agreement with the university, as well as funds from our property trust, whom I also meet with. The budget includes money for our support services, funds to set up and run O Week and the Alfred Street Party, grants to our portfolio officers, funds for the CRACCUM payroll and overhead, and a lot more. Our budget is the backbone of our operational plan, as we would be unable to deliver any of our three pillars (Student support,

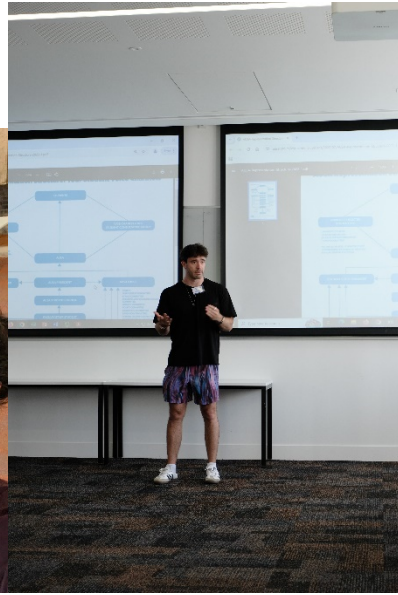
experience and voice) without adequate funding to do so.

Signed off on operations plan – We also publicly published our ops plan for the first time in TRK AUSA history. You can view it on our website [or by clicking this link](#).

Locked in a week's tender – our engagement vice president was the heart behind this year's week's tender model. We have six themed weeks (sports, arts, pride, international cultures, womensfest, and politics) with grants and marketing opportunities for clubs who collaborate with us. More information is [here](#). Our Weeks Tender fulfils the first strategic objective under the experience section of our operational plan: “Foster stronger collaborations with clubs and actively engage with all campus communities to create an inclusive and vibrant student environment”.

Law – Commerce faculty combination proposal conversation – In order to avoid confusion or mass panic about the proposal, we had an open conversation with the DVC Operations Adrienne Cleland and the Director of Student and Academic Services Joanna Browne. Our goal was to halt the rapid spread of misinformation about the proposal while giving students the ability to submit questions (either beforehand or live during the stream) they had for us to ask on their behalf. The conversation was a massive success, as it gave students the ability to provide more grounded feedback on the proposal, which I'm looking through as part of a committee in February. This conversation worked towards our second strategic objective under the student voice pillar: “Be Active Representatives of the Student Community on Issues that Affect Students”. [Here is a link to watch the conversation](#).

Student Council Training – I oversaw and gave a few presentations at our Student Council Training. The student council is comprised of faculty presidents across the university who together make up the UoA student body. We ran brainstorming sessions, brought in guest speakers (such as Auckland Central MP Chlöe Swarbrick) and took the team out to a fantastic (if not rowdy!) BYO dinner.



Student Council Training – some of our wonderful faculty presidents (left), my presentation on AUSA 101 (right)

Radio Interview: I was interviewed by Newstalk ZB around the controversial decision by the government to change ‘first years free’ to ‘final years free’. I discussed equity issues that stem from this idea as well as the notion that maybe first years free didn’t work as well as it was supposed to. I voiced my own solution which is a retroactive first year free scheme where the first year is free but if a student doesn’t finish their degree, they lose that privilege. This idea would incentivize going to university *and* completing the degree once you start. My interview aired on the radio and was quoted in subsequent news articles.

Transparency – I promised throughout my campaign to open TRK AUSA up and make it more visible to the student body. From day one, my open-door policy was implemented, meaning we keep our front door open and blinds raised during our working hours. I’ve also started an [TRK AUSA President](#) Instagram page, where I provide short bi-weekly updates on the happenings and my goals for the following fortnight. Our [TRK AUSA Executive](#) page gives a behind the scenes look at TRK AUSA and exhibits the students behind the work here at the house in a more informal setting. As mentioned, we’re publicly publishing the ops plan for the first time in TRK AUSA history; we’re also publishing our monthly reports for the first time in an effort to allow students to hold us accountable for our promises, working towards our first strategic objective of the Student Voice ops plan pillar: “Build a Strong Connection with the Student Body to Create a Cohesive Student Voice and Community Within the University”.

Other work and events

I had the opportunity to present TRK AUSA to students studying for their Graduate Diploma in Education as well as Summer Start students. I'm prepping my presentations during orientations and these events gave me a chance to work out some kinks.














I had the honour of presenting an TRK AUSA Life Membership award to Richard Innes who sits on our Property Trust

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

February is all about O-week! We're going to be finalizing details, packing bags and getting ready for an O week for the ages! I'm also interviewing social media interns to bring onto the team which is very exciting. As we start to build momentum for the semester, I hope our efforts at reaching out to disengaged students start to pay off, which we will be measuring in part by Alfred Street Party ticket sales.

OTHER COMMENTS

Auckland FC is at the top of the table

Club	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Last 5
1  Auckland FC	15	10	3	2	24	12	12	33	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
2  Adelaide United	15	9	4	2	33	25	8	31	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✗
3  Western United	16	7	5	4	30	24	6	26	✗ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✗
4  Sydney FC	17	7	4	6	39	30	9	25	✗ ✗ ✗ ✓ ✓
5  Macarthur	17	7	4	6	32	24	8	25	✓ ✗ ✓ ✓ ✗
6  Melbourne Vic...	16	7	4	5	24	20	4	25	✗ ✗ ✓ ✓ ✗
7  Melbourne Cit...	15	7	3	5	21	15	6	24	✓ ✓ ✗ ✗ ✗
8  Western Sydn...	16	6	4	6	33	30	3	22	✓ ✗ ✗ ✓ ✗
9  Central Coast ...	17	4	9	4	20	27	-7	21	✓ ✗ ✗ ✗ ✗
10  Wellington Ph...	15	5	4	6	16	18	-2	19	✗ ✗ ✓ ✗ ✗
11  Newcastle Jets	15	4	3	8	21	25	-4	15	✗ ✗ ✗ ✗ ✓
12  Perth Glory	17	2	4	11	12	40	-28	10	✓ ✗ ✗ ✗ ✗
13  Brisbane Roar	15	1	3	11	17	32	-15	6	✗ ✗ ✗ ✗ ✗

Sincerely,

Gabriel Boyd

TRK AUSA President



Finance & Operations VP 2025 December 2024 & January 2025 Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Praneel Gupta

DATE: February 07, 2025

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

The months of December and January have been a really good ride. December 2nd 2024 was my first day in the office which I started with cleaning the space in front of the TRK AUSA HOUSE with Gabriel Boyd (TRK AUSA president). The month of December was mainly just setting everything up for the year ahead followed by January in which I did the operational stuff in the background.

Meetings Organised and Attended:

As the Finance and Operations VP, it is my responsibility to organise meetings, create agendas which are directed by the parties involved with the specific meetings, taking minutes and documenting all reports.

- **Senior Leadership Team Meetings**

In the month of December, we had one SLT meeting, the main focus of the SLT meetings was Understanding and finalising the budget.

For January, we had two SLT meetings strongly focused on developing the TRK AUSA Operations Plan 2025.

- **Executive Meetings**

Following the lead of the SLT meetings, the executive meetings also followed in the same manner, the executive meetings in the December were budget centric followed by me explaining the executives the process of reimbursements and optimal spendings, having the executives fill out their calendars to facilitate efficient meetings.

The month of January was mainly working on the operations plan and finalising it.

- **Advisory Board Meeting**

In January we had our first Advisory board meeting of the year. I worked on organising and setting up the meeting for the parties involved. I was unable to attend this meeting as I had an exam at the time

(which I aced btw :)

- **Catch-ups**

Every week I have at-least had two catch-ups. My role being quite internal these catch-ups were mainly with the TRK AUSA Accountant and the President. In my catch-ups with our Accountant, I received updates of the spendings, approved spendings and learned more about our finances. In my catch-ups with the President, we discussed our tasks for the week and set up agenda items for meetings and discussions.

How this work contributes to the Operations Plan: These meetings primarily meet the day-to-day importance of my role and the overall operations of TRK AUSA.

TRK AUSA BUDGET:

In December, working alongside our General Manager and the President, I offered my insights in refining and creating the final budget for TRK AUSA 2025.

The Proposed Faculty Conversation:

On January 15, 2025 we had The Proposed Faculty Conversation with the University under the lead of our UGEVP, President and the presidents and co-presidents of the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Business and Economics. This was in response to the university's plan for the amalgamation of the law faculty with the business and economics faculty.

I played a role of sorting out the live questions for the podcast with a few other executives.

How this work contributes to the Operations Plan: Student Voice 'Develop engagement within the student body on University policy matters and other issues concerning the student body.'

Student Council Training:

On January 25 and 26, I attended the student council training under the lead of our President, UG Education Vice President, PG Education Vice President, Student Voice Manager.

The student council is comprised of faculty presidents across the university who together make up the UoA student body.

Operations Plan 2025:

In the month of January, following all the ideas and suggestions from our portfolios, our SLT, mainly UGEVP, PGEVP, ENVP and WEVP, drafted their respective parts of the Operations Plan.

My role here was combining and refining the drafts prepared by them before it went public on January 31, 2025.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- **O-WEEK logistics**
- **Executive Retreat**
- **Presentations**
- **Financial and Operational bts**

OTHER COMMENTS

My Reflections:

- Everything is easy to do if you just know how to do it.

Sincerely,

Praneel Gupta

Finance and Operations VP, 2025

UGEVP 2025 December & January Report

TO: University of Auckland community

FROM: Matthew Lee

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

My term as the Undergraduate Education Vice President began in December and it's been a whirlwind of meetings, projects, meetings, planning, and meetings. Within a very short two months of the role, I'm already incredibly proud of the progress and mahi we've done.

Alongside the PGEVP, I oversee the Student Voice pillar of TRK AUSA. Over the month of December and most of January, I wrote the Student Voice Operations Plan for 2025 in consultation with the rest of the executive. This is going to be a new and exciting year for the student voice.

As part of our Operations Plan commitment to being active representatives of the student body, Gabriel and I have started meeting with the tertiary education spokespeople of the various political parties to start building a relationship with them and speak about the various issues our student body cares about. We've begun looking into the issue of Voluntary Student Membership, among other things, which I will explain more on below in "Other Comments".

Notably, one of the biggest projects in the past two months has been on the Vice-Chancellor's proposal to combine the Faculties of Law and Business & Economics. The proposal came out two weeks before my term began, but I reached out to the incoming President of AULSS and the co-Presidents of AUCSA that night. We spoke about our concerns with the proposal, questions we had, and thoughts on our next steps. This ultimately ended up becoming the Conversation on the Proposed Faculty Arrangements, co-hosted by TRK AUSA, AULSS, and AUCSA. We invited the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Operations) Adrienne Cleland and Director of Student and Academic Services Joanna Browne to answer students' questions live. The purpose of this was for students to ask questions about the proposal so they could form an informed opinion on the proposal. It was also a much-needed opportunity for students to voice their concerns and frustrations directly to the University administration.

Here is a list of just some of the committee meetings I have sat on in December and January. The University is on break during this time, so it has not been as hectic as it will be for the rest of the year.
Education Committee: Advises and recommends Senate on academic policy and regulations.

Academic Programmes Committee: Reviews and recommends on academic programmes.

Teaching and Learning Quality Committee: Recommends policies regarding teaching and learning
Waipapa Taumata Rau Interim Governance Group: Governance board overseeing the new WTR courses.

Transdisciplinary Interim Governance Group: Governance board overseeing the new TD courses.

Additionally, I have sat on two Discipline Committee meetings where cases of academic and non-academic misconduct at the University are heard and dealt with. This is a very difficult one to sit on, but one that is crucial to protect academic integrity and the wider student community.

Apart from the various committee meetings where I sit on as a student representative, I have also been meeting with a lot of key stakeholders at the University to gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the University administration and start to find ways in which students can be more actively represented or collaboration opportunities to improve our academic experience for students. This includes meeting with stakeholders from CFT, the Academic Quality Office, and the new Waipapa Taumata Rau and Transdisciplinary Courses.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

February will be the calm before the storm when Semester One starts. As an executive, we will be preparing for the Academic Orientation and the Orientation Week. We also have our first Student Council meeting at the end of the month, so I will begin building the agenda. I also plan to draft a Terms of Reference for Student Council so that the Presidents have a better understanding and guideline of their role in Student Council. I'll also be continuing to lead the various Student Voice initiatives I have planned, including the Universal Student Membership campaign, my Open House initiative, and others. I'll also continue to sit on the committee meetings and represent students.

OTHER COMMENTS

A big part of my job is to oversee the running of Student Council, which is a consultative and representative group comprised of all the faculty student representatives. Student Council's responsibility is to hold TRK AUSA accountable and to advise the executive on decisions that we make. University administration also comes along to present policy changes and get feedback. My vision for the Student Council this year is to strengthen their mandate to hold TRK AUSA accountable and to scrutinise the executive even more. We have a very strong group of Presidents in Student Council this year, and I look forward to the monthly meetings we will have.

My vision for Student Voice for TRK AUSA is to return to the core roots of this organisation, which is rooted in being **unapologetic in fighting for students**. Looking back at our history, AUSA has been deeply involved in the protests against apartheid or against the war in Vietnam. Within our borders, AUSA has historically been very active in advocating for policies that benefit students rather than working against them. I have already begun speaking to the various tertiary education spokespeople of the different political parties to start building and relationship and speaking to them about the issues our student body cares about.

One of the big projects we will engage in is to advocate for a revert to Universal Student Membership. In 1999, the University of Auckland was the only student association that voted to adopt Voluntary Student Membership, and in 2011, an ACT Part bill made it compulsory to have VSM. This absolutely gutted student associations across the country and severely limited their ability to provide a coherent student voice, a good student experience, and strong student support. It also means that our funding, and by extension, our ability to operate, is completely dependent on the University's funding. As an independent student organisation, this is neither appropriate nor sustainable. Reverting to Universal Student Membership means that the Student Voice is strengthened and undeniable. It also means that we have the resources once again to curate a student experience that is unforgettable, exciting, and distinctly student.

Student associations are inherently political organisations. We exist to represent the student body on issues they care about, and we have the mandate given to us by the student body. I believe that it is TRK AUSA's core mission to continuously speak out on issues students care about. That is what our executive is focussed on this year, and I look forward to working with the student community to fight for all students.

Ngā mihi nui,

Matthew Lee

Undergraduate Education Vice President, 2025



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Postgraduate Education Vice President 2025 December/January Report

TO: AUSA

FROM: Fania Kapao

DATE: 14/02/2025

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended:

- Exec meetings
- SLT meetings
- Advisory board
- Student Council
- Education Committee
- TLQC

Progress on Ops Plan

- Have begun advocating for better selection processes of supervisors for Masters/Honors/PhD students and their projects
- Have collectively run a successful Student Council Training
- Have suggested the need for AUSA to amplify and recognise Maori and Pasifika academic success
- Established presence at the monthly PhD inductions

Other work and events

- Attended the PG Dip education Orientation
- Attended the PhD induction
- Have begun drafting an FAQ sheet for PG students, will serve as a tool for use by student hubs

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- First Board of Graduate Studies meeting on Monday 17th of Feb
- Library and Learning Services Committee meeting on Monday 24th of Feb
- Student Council meeting on Tuesday 25th of Feb
- UAHPEC Meeting on Wednesday 26th of Feb

- Will be attending faculty orientation for PhD students
- Prepping for O-Week

OTHER COMMENTS

- N/A

Sincerely,

Fania Kapao

PGEVP 2025



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Engagement Vice President 2025 December – January Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Kalana Piramanage

DATE: 14th Feb 2025

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

From December to mid-February, it has been a lot of learning and getting use to the role as well as making changes to make things work better. With no bias I could say this role is the most fun role in the executive – you get to meet a lot of new people, talk to a lot of clubs, students, staff and work closely with all executive members in the team, plan fun events and campaigns and a lot more!

Students Experience and Engagement is key to TRK AUSA. After Covid, Engagement has been lower than usual around campus and events. As Engagement Vice President I want to change that and increase student presence around campus and in events by planning interesting events which cater to all students and advertise them well around campus, increasing club collaborations, improving the social media pages of AUSA and spearheading campaigns that students care about.

I have attended several meetings so far as listed:

- **Meeting with Ashley and Emma (Student Voice Team Leader):**

In this meeting I ran through the Themed Weeks with them, and they gave me feedback. I also conducted a survey prior to the meeting about clubs and the registration/re-registration progress and told them about the feedback from students. I proposed the idea of TRK AUSA making a broadcast channel on Instagram to increase communication with clubs which they were interested in. Additionally, I proposed the idea to make instructional videos so it will be easier for students to understand how to do things for example filling a grants application, how to start a new club etc to increase the accessibility. This was a productive meeting, and we have always been in contact since.

Side note, the feijoa smoothie I had was incredibly refreshing.

- **Meeting with the University of Auckland Student Engagement Team:**

Me and Gabriel the University of Auckland Engagement Team for a meeting. They went through there calendar of events they had planned for 2025 which were really cool! We gave them feedback and discussed on ways we can collaborate with them.

- **Clubs Committee Meeting:**

Went through all Grant Applications and confirmed amounts with the clubs committee.

- **Meeting with Craccum**

Brief introductions and ways we can collaborate. Note: Craccum is a separate identity to TRK AUSA

- **Meeting with TRK AUSA Board**

Introductions and discussed operations plan of TRK AUSA for 2025.

- **Meeting with Sport Auckland:**

Met with Anthony who is the Active Asian Advisor at Sports Auckland with Hisham (ISO). We discussed ways to increase Asian participation in sports and how we can collaborate. We also gave Anthony a tour around the new Recreation Centre.

- **Meeting with Lucy Barnes:**

Lucy is the person in charge of student experience and engagement in the Grafton campus. We discussed ways we can collaborate and increase events on the Grafton campus to make it livelier. I also went through the themed weeks and broadcast channel with her.

- **Meeting with MSO's, PISO and Wellbeing and Equity Vice President:**

Discussed increasing engagement for language weeks and helped to plan Themed Weeks to avoid any overlaps with language weeks. Also discussed other topics.

- **Meeting with Executive team in charge of Sports Week:**

Context: I proposed that executive members of TRK AUSA can pick which themed weeks to be part of to help plan, run etc to get the whole executive involved as the Themed Weeks are TRK AUSA's events and not just the ENVP's events.

This was a very productive meeting where we went through all the Sports Week proposals and planned what events we should do and how we can make them targeted to all university students and increase club collaborations in events.

- **Meeting with UoA Swimming Club**

Met with the UoA Swimming Club along with Praneel (FOVP) to plan what we will do for the Swimming Event during Sports Week. Also talked about possible club collaborations for the event.

- **Meetings with WRO, ISO, PISO, MSO, DRO, PGSO**

Discussed and planned student experience operations plan.

- **Executive Meetings:**

Had multiple executive meetings.

- **SLT Meetings:**

Had multiple SLT meetings.

- **Student Council Training:**

Presented a presentation on Themed Weeks and how to propose events and grants. Also met so many amazing people from different student associations (who would probably be reading this) and had great conversations!

Progress on Ops Plan

- **Made Broadcast Channel:**

To increase club communication.

- **Changed “Weeks Tender Model” to “Themed Weeks Model” and made the Themed Weeks Cater to all students:**

Making sure events cater to as many students as possible and not niche (club focused events which were done in the past). This is because TRK AUSA needs to have more involvement in events as the student association and to increase TRK AUSA’s visibility as mentioned in operations plan.

- **Made Themed Weeks Booklet:**

Made the themed weeks booklet to be more visually appealing and easier to read to increase club collaborations and interest cubs to participate in the Themed Weeks Model.

- **Planned Events for Sports Week:**

First Week of the Themed Weeks Model and getting more clubs to collaborate.

- **Planning fun social media posts to increase engagement in O week:**

Increasing interactions on TRK AUSA’s social media platforms.

- **Open door policy:**

Door has been open every day on open times to make students feel more comfortable coming in.

- **Discussed on how to increase engagement at Grafton Campus:**

Discussed with Lucy

- **Increasing collaborations with clubs:**

Sports Week and social media plans

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH

- Working with clubs on **finalising Sports Week**
- Producing **social media content** for O week and Sports Week
- Advertising **proposals for Arts Week**
- Planning events for **Arts Week**
- Discuss **study sessions** with EVPs
- Discussing **AUSA’s campaign efforts** with the executive

- Proposing **AUSA Campaigning to lower transport fees for students**
- **Collaborating with UNYouth AMUN** to increase visibility of AUSA to high school students/future UoA students.
- Continuing to update clubs on **broadcast channel** to make sure it's a reliable source
- Advertising **proposals for Pride Week**
- **Plan "How to Clubs" Videos**
- Propose to get more sponsors to sponsor AUSA and to **increase benefits of joining AUSA** for students. (for example, **cheaper food on campus for students?**)

OTHER COMMENTS

Propose ideas for Arts Week on <https://ausa.nz/themedweeks>

Here is the themed weeks booklet: <https://ausa.nz/themedweeksbooklet>

Sincerely,

Kalana Piramanage

Engagement Vice President, 2025

Wellbeing & Equity Vice President 2025 December and January Report

TO: TRK AUSA

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

December 2024 Monthly Report

December marked my transition into the role of Wellbeing and Equity Vice President, during which I dedicated time to forming key connections with student groups, Health and Counselling, and Campus Care. I made it a priority to meet with these stakeholders to better understand the current landscape of student wellbeing and the services available. These connections laid the foundation for collaborative efforts in the upcoming year. Additionally, I began brainstorming ideas for my operations plan, focusing on initiatives that would enhance student wellbeing and promote greater equity across campus. A major part of this was reflecting on my campaign promises, particularly the emphasis on mental health as a key issue for students. I spent time gathering insights and feedback from various student groups to gain a clearer understanding of their specific needs.

As I worked through the initial stages of my role, I recognized that mental health was one of the most prevalent concerns students faced, and I began making it a central focus for my actions in 2025. I collaborated with several portfolios and senior leadership team members to explore potential events, workshops, and projects that would provide tangible support for student mental health. This included considering resources for stress management, peer support programs, and creating more accessible platforms for students to seek help. Through these discussions, I laid the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at improving mental health awareness and fostering an environment of support and inclusivity. My efforts this month were centred on setting the stage for impactful actions that would address mental health challenges and advance the wellbeing and equity of all students on campus. The process of navigating this new role and understanding how best to contribute while balancing personal and team goals was challenging but ultimately helped me build clarity and direction for the upcoming months.

January – February Monthly Report 2025

Operations Report and Strategic Planning

For the past month and a half, I focused heavily on ensuring that the projects I envisioned for the year were both realistic and achievable, particularly with an emphasis on inclusivity for all students, regardless of their backgrounds, ethnicities, or upbringings. I wanted to ensure that the initiatives I pursued would have a broad impact and meet the diverse needs of the student body. This involved careful planning and consultation with various student groups and campus services to ensure our projects were designed to be accessible and relevant to every student. I prioritized initiatives that would foster a sense of community and support, while also considering barriers that some students might face in accessing wellbeing resources. I took a holistic approach, aiming to create events, resources, and support systems that reflected the diverse needs of students and would help create a more inclusive campus environment.

A key part of my development this month was attending student council training, which proved to be an invaluable learning experience. Through the training, I gained insight into the priorities and challenges faced by our faculty presidents and their students. It was enlightening to hear directly from them about what mattered most to their communities and how TRK AUSA could better support their needs. This experience helped me refine my approach to wellbeing initiatives and ensured I could align my efforts more closely with the broader goals of student support. I also took this opportunity to strengthen my relationships with my fellow executives and the senior leadership team, participating in ongoing meetings to continuously plan, refine ideas, and ensure we were all on the same page as we prepared for semester one.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Meet with security about student safety on campus (includes Grafton Campus and South Campus)
- Finalise wellbeing events for semester 1
- Continue to work with WDCC and UOA Health and Counselling on TRK AUSA's Mental Health App
- Working with MPI associations on their upcoming language weeks

OTHER COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Lola Afeaki

Wellbeing & Equity Vice President 2025



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Queer Rights Officer 2025 December-January Report

TO: Te Rōpū Kahikatea Auckland University Students Association (TRK AUSA)

FROM: Artie Ho

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MONTHLY SUMMARY

The start of my term has been very busy and eventful! My goal is to serve our queer student community in any way, and that involves responding to a range of challenges as they arise. The following is a summary of the work I have done to date, and I am open to further questions via email.

Big Gay Out

Big Gay Out is an annual festival for our queer community, and many community organisations have stalls there. I am proud to say that I'm leading the TRK AUSA & UoA Rainbow Clubs presence at Big Gay Out! The University of Auckland usually has a stall, but unfortunately due to unexpected staffing shortages the University is unable to staff the stall. I was offered the opportunity to take over the stall, and agreed following approval from TRK AUSA exec & staff and execs of the UoA Rainbow Clubs.

- The stall will have a dual TRK AUSA and Rainbow Clubs presence, with volunteers from both groups present.
- The goal is to show our community what we do, to demonstrate that queer UoA students are seen and supported, and generally to have a presence there.
- Big Gay Out will be on the 16th of Feb, and I was offered the stall on the 29th of January and have been working hard on it since. It's a very big operation with many moving parts and I am very grateful to the UoA staff, TRK AUSA exec, TRK AUSA staff, and Rainbow Clubs execs who have volunteered their time, effort, and expertise towards pulling it off.

Queerspace

Queerspace is a very important physical space on campus for our queer students (located upstairs in the Quad). Before the TRK AUSA election, I conducted a survey of students who use Queerspace and received 117 responses! Results showed that the Queerspace was just not up to scratch. The space was too crowded with furniture and therefore inaccessible. It was dirty, dark, and generally messy.

This is how I've worked to improve it:

- I set up a Community Pantry in the space which has seen good use
- It has been packed up for the summer and will be put back when uni starts back up
- With the help of volunteers, I removed 6 old seating units, the broken desk in the QRO office,

broken coffee tables, and a lot of rubbish

- Posters and noticeboards have been labelled and rearranged to make information clearer
- The QRO office has been set up to be ready for the coming year!
- I arranged for new(er) furniture to be brought in:
 1. A three-seater couch
 2. A round table for the QRO office
 3. Beanbags donated by Education & Social Work
- I also made a number of purchases using the 2024 QRO budget to improve the space, such as:
 1. A water dispenser (to compensate for lack of running water)
 2. Window film to reduce glare (that casts rainbows!)
 3. New dehumidifier and fans
 4. A new study table
 5. Kettle and cabinet to turn one of the side rooms into a useable kitchenette (work in progress!)
 6. Decorations such as new pride flags
 7. Cleaning supplies
 8. Card games and books
- I organised a very successful working bee where many volunteers came along to help clean, reorganise, and redecorate Queerspace. Thank you everyone who came along!
- I confirmed with Trans on Campus that they would be looking after the Community Wardrobe. Unfortunately, Queerspace had an opportunistic break-in/misuse of the space in late January. While there was some minor property damage, it's nothing that can't be replaced.
- I have notified the TRK AUSA general manager, who has notified campus security
- **Queerspace will be CLOSED until I get a key for my office and am able to lock it.**

Queer Students Association

The Queer Students Association (QSA) is a club I started with the help of many fantastic Rainbow Clubs execs. The goals of QSA are:

- Bring queer students from different faculties together through fun and inclusive events
- Advocate for queer students on campus
- Provide a foundation for all Rainbow Clubs on campus to work together
 1. All Rainbow Clubs have been invited to send a representative each, all Rainbow Clubs have voting power in QSA matters, and the hope is that going forward we will pool our resources and work together!

I am Co-President of QSA along with Maggie Gibson, and we have a fantastic exec team. So far, we have run a successful AGM, done all the paperwork to register, hired the exec team, and planned a roster of events for the first quarter.

- Notably, we will have an event that's part of Auckland Pride – Print Your Own Pride T-Shirts! on the 23rd of Feb: <https://aucklandpride.org.nz/shows/print-your-own-pride-t-shirt/>
- We will also have a sign-painting event for the Auckland Pride March, and a presence at Auckland Pride.

(Check our Instagram @qsa.uoa for updates)

TRK AUSA Pride Week

I have worked with the Engagement VP to plan out guidelines for TRK AUSA Pride Week, 12-16th May. A change I have suggested from previous years is a Carnival Day where clubs can have stalls and/or organise events on the day, as well as a market area for students! This will enable many more clubs to participate in Pride Week.

Meetings attended

- I have attended all regular TRK AUSA exec meetings
- I have joined the TRK AUSA Student Council, which did not previously include the QRO. I attended the training weekend.
- I have met with key contacts, such as:
 1. Cathy Stinear - Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity
 2. Andy Fey - Tertiary Education Union Rainbow rep
 3. Shivani – UoA Be Well staff member & organiser of Big Gay Out for the last 3 years
 4. Ricky – up until recently, the Rainbow Support Advisor
- I have also met with TRK AUSA staff concerning events including Big Gay Out

University Health and Counselling Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) Initiation policy

For many students (including myself), HRT is a critical and life-saving treatment. Nationwide, GPs can prescribe HRT with an informed consent model. Following reports from students and previous discussions between the Rainbow Support Advisor and UHCS staff, it appeared that students were unable to access HRT initiation through UHCS. So far, I have:

- Met with Cathy (PVC Equity) and asked her to investigate what's going on and why
- Met with Ricky to discuss their presentation and discussion with UHCS staff last year concerning HRT

When I find out whether

Other work

- I have been contacted by a student concerning an incident on campus and was able to direct them towards UoA resources and contacts who could help.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

Queerspace

- I have bought supplies to make signs leading up to Queerspace and I am collaborating with the Women's Rights Officer, the Pacific Island Students' Officer, and the Māori Students' Officers to make and put up signs for our respective spaces.
- Finish setting up kitchenette
- Continue to make repairs and minor improvements where needed

Queer Students Association

- Run the events we've planned
- Continue to hold regular meetings with the exec

Rainbow Clubs / Queer Student Council / TRK AUSA & QSA

- As previously mentioned, all Rainbow Clubs are invited to send a representative to sit on the QSA executive meeting every month. The goal is to provide opportunities to collaborate and keep up to date with what we're doing.
- This is an adaptation of the Queer Student Council of previous years. I have sat on the QSC from 2023-24 as a member, and found that there was often not much to do as the purpose was primarily advisory. I hope that by making it more clubs-focused, clubs can be more effectively engaged.
- The purpose of the QSC is to advise the QRO and to hold the QRO accountable. I believe that at least for this year, this can be achieved because I am on the QSA exec team and will therefore be

at all these meetings.

- I plan to write a **Memorandum of Understanding** between TRK AUSA and QSA to formalise this relationship and ensure the QRO will work with Rainbow Clubs in the future. What this will look like will be heavily informed by how this year goes and what TRK AUSA and Rainbow Clubs execs advise is the best path forward.
- Representatives from the Rainbow Clubs will meet soon to discuss our shared goals for the year, and what we can work on together (such as our own pride program, a professional development program, Rainbow Steins...)

Other work

- I will be helping out with the TRK AUSA O-Week fest.
- The Auckland waitlist for gender-affirming mastectomies (commonly referred to as ‘top surgery’) has closed in recent months. This is concerning as it is a very important surgery for the health of many transgender people, and is indicative of our overloaded health system. I plan to work with community groups to investigate (eg. sending OIAs) to obtain official information to share with our community, and to draw public attention to the need to improve our healthcare system.

OTHER COMMENTS

You can contact me via email, and I will hold in-person office hours during semester times.

Sincerely,

Artie Ho

Queer Rights Officer, 2025

Women's Rights Officer 2025

December 24, January 25

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Emelia Martin Moses

DATE: 11/02/25

CONTACT: wro@ausa.org.nz

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended

Over the months of December and January, I have attended several meetings with key internal and external stakeholders to develop existing and build new relationships

- Meeting with Shivani (Be Well Team) & Karyn (Student Conduct's Office), to develop a strong relationship and to build sexual violence prevention plan on campus. Our conversation included students feedback on reporting sexual harm incidents on campus and creating a strong culture consent.
- Meeting with Women in Health Network (WHiN) – brainstorming for more engagement on Grafton Campus for women. Was invited to their Wānaga for Mentoring in March to connect with first year students!
- Meeting with Sport & Rec to collaborate in promoting Women's wellness and recreation
- Meeting with Women in Law on tackling and raising awareness on toxic masculinity through a running event in Semester 2
- Meeting with TiB President (Layba) – on harmful sexual behaviour policy on campus and anti-stalking legislation
- Meeting with different portfolios within the exec to ensure intersectionality is applied within the role
- Meeting with Accommodation on Consent Presentation for First Year Hall Students
- Meeting with HELP Auckland to Strengthen relationship with AUSA and presence on UOA

- Exec Meetings & Student Council Training

Progress on Ops Plan

Student Voice:

Advocate for anti-stalking legislation and policies

- Successfully submits on the Crime Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill.
- Promoted and encouraged students to submit on the Crimes Legislation (Stalking and Harassment) Amendment Bill through social media
- Currently working on more specific policies focusing on anti-stalking on campus

Student Experience:

Women Engagement

- Engagement with different club with plans to host different event in Women's Space
- Use of WRO social media to promote women's space etc
- Working with HELP on possible campaign for Rape Awareness Week.

Student Support:

Sex and Violence Campaign

- Working with HELP to create activations on campus around consent education
- Working on increasing awareness of HELPs on campus, on site, and online counselling session for sexual assault survivors
- Consent and Sexual Harm Support Presentation for all First year Uni Students on the 24/02 alongside UOA's Be Well Team and Red Frogs
- Collaborating with feminist club like Arya on sexual harm survey on UOA, to create a report to help develop more targeted sexual harm policies for UOA students.

Other work and events:

Women's Space:

- Big clean and clear out was done on Women Space in December
- Space needs to be livelier once boxes are removed from O-Week is removed

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Presentation on Consent and Sexual Assault Support for all first year Uni Hall Students
- Establishing the Mana Wahine Sub Committee
- Discipline Committee Meetings
- Continue Revamping Women's Space
- Planning of Events in Women's Space and Grafton Campus
- Engagement for students
- Meeting with Lads without Labels
- Working with HELP
- WHiN Mentoring Wānaga
- O-Week

OTHER COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Emelia Martin Moses

Women's Rights Officer, 2025

DISABILITY RIGHTS OFFICER 2025

December and January Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Ayolabi Martins

DATE: 14/02/25

CONTACT: dro@ausa.org.nz

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended

- Teaching Quality & Learning Committee
- AUSA Executive Meeting (date)
- Discussion with Engagement VP to ensure accessibility is forefront of the 2025 Engagement operations plan
- Discussion with Education VP to ensure accessibility is forefront of the 2025 Engagement operations plan
- Meeting with Wellbeing & Equity to determine a working relationship and how best we can support each other throughout the year
- Meeting with AUDSA to discuss expansion and community vision and ideas for possible event collaboration with TRK AUSA

Progress on Ops Plan

Other work and events

- Discussion with National Disabled Students' Association co-president to understand national progress of disability equity.
- Crafted a high level plan for the semester with key goals and objectives for disability action on campus.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Liaise with VC Equity to discuss different committees where the DRO perspective would be valued
- Discuss accessibility of O-Week with O-Week leads

OTHER COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Ayolabi Martins

Disabled Rights Officer, 2025



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auckland university
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MSOs 2025

December 2024 and January 2025 Report

TO: AUSA

FROM: Hiwa rāua ko Matiu

DATE: 14/02/2025

CONTACT: mso@ausa.org.nz

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended

- Dec, Jan, AUSA Meetings
- NTM Executive Meetings in Dec, Jan
- Council Meetings
- Waipapa Marae Booking Meeting
- StudyAbroad International Students' Wānanga Meeting
- PVC-Māori Hui
- NTM Portfolio Meetings

Progress on Ops Plan

- Collaborated with the Education and Engagement VP to review and enhance the operations plan, incorporating a Māori perspective.
- Engaged with the Wellbeing VP to explore ways MSOs can actively contribute to wellbeing events throughout the year.

Other work and events

- Hosted NTM Executive retreat in Taupō, where we finalized our dates and events for the year. Met with the Waipapa Marae Staff to book dates for events.
- Hosted NTM Portfolio retreat to meet with officers and helping them to prepare for the year. Set up Expectations and Guidelines
- Cleaning Bee at Waipapa Marae

- Whakatau and Waiata tautoko for Postgraduate Teaching Orientation Cultural performance for Engineering and Design Merger.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Finalize NTM Budget
Finalize Katchamāori event
- Whakatau for all Faculty Orientations
Cultural Performances
- Opening Karakia for Alfred Street Orientations
Participation in Clubs Expo
- Hosting and facilitating Waipapa Noho Marae alongside the International Office
Going to Te Matatini ki Te Kāhui Maunga to support NTM performers
- Begin working closely alongside our different portfolio officers to kickstart events for the upcoming year

OTHER COMMENTS

No other Comments

Ngā mihi,

Hiwa rāua ko Matiu

MSOs, 2025



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -
auckland university
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INTERNATIONAL OFFICER 2025

Dec & Jan Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Hisham Haq

DATE: 11th February 2025

CONTACT: iso@ausa.org.nz

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings

- Participated in strategic planning meetings with the International Office to strengthen support services for international students.
- Collaborated with MSA leadership to coordinate Ramadan iftar planning initiatives.
- Engaged in planning sessions with the Engagement VP regarding International Week programming.
- Attended key stakeholder meetings, including one with the international office to discuss international student matters.
- Initiated planning for increased granularity on international ethnicities' assessment.

Progress on Ops Plan

- Contributed to the drafting and refinement of the ops plan with my focus on international student engagement and support mechanisms. Developed framework for enhanced international student data collection and analysis to improve service delivery.

Other work and events

- Coordinated extensively with MSA to develop comprehensive Ramadan support planning, ensuring appropriate accommodation for fasting students.
- Provided timely responses and support to international student queries, addressing concerns regarding academic procedures, cultural adjustment, and campus resources and a lot of visa queries. Collaborated closely with the Engagement VP to conceptualise and design International Week activities, focusing on cultural exchange and community building.
- Established communication channels with various stakeholders to better understand and address international student needs.
- Maintained regular correspondence with the international community at UoA and have been providing guidance and support on various academic and social matters.

- NZISA membership fee negotiation; I've been in touch with the NZISA president regularly. We've been discussing plans and intend on having the first ISO conference soon, most likely through zoom. Also, I've negotiated the membership fee by 43.75%. Old fee = \$0.8 per international student. New Fee = \$0.45 per international student.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

Advance International Week planning, including finalising event schedule and coordinating with cultural clubs.

Establish coordination framework with the Buddies Coordinator to enhance peer support systems.

Develop comprehensive preparation strategy for Orientation Week, focusing on international student integration.

Create detailed planning document for International Orientation, including essential information sessions and social activities.

Continue Ramadan support coordination, ensuring appropriate accommodations are in place.

Further develop granular tracking mechanisms for international student engagement and satisfaction.

Engage more with NZISA to focus on immigration advocacy plans.

OTHER COMMENTS

All initiatives are progressing as scheduled, with positive engagement from stakeholders and strong support from the TRK AUSA team.

Sincerely,

Hisham Haq

International Officer 2025



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auckland university
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PISO 2025

December and January Report

TO: TRK AUSA

FROM: Ronette Vaai

DATE: 13/02/2025

CONTACT: [piso@ausa.org.nz]

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended: 3

Progress on Operations Plan:

As PISO, my role in attending AUSA meetings ensures that the voices and concerns of the Pacific community are actively represented in key discussions and decisions. This directly aligns with our operations plan by advocating for Pacific students' needs at all levels. Additionally, I have been holding regular meetings with the AUPISA executive team and Pacific Island (PI) student representatives to gather insights and feedback, allowing us to better address the priorities of our community.

I have also introduced crucial improvements to the C-Space, including storage shelves, a projector, and a screen to enhance its functionality. While I have yet to purchase fans due to limited ventilation in the space, this remains a priority.

Other Work and Events:

I have been actively raising awareness and providing updates on key TRK executive decisions that impact our Pacific leaders and students, such as changes to themed weeks, important deadlines, and the anti-legislation statement.

Additionally, I have held multiple meetings with AUPISA to coordinate upcoming events and explore collaboration opportunities with TRK, particularly for Pacific language weeks. As part of my role as PISO, alongside the AUPISA President, I have organized the ****Pacific Association Leaders Meeting****—a dedicated event bringing together executive members of Pacific Island associations. This gathering aims to foster connections, facilitate networking, introduce UoA staff, and provide insights into AUSA and AUPISA's plans and goals for the year.

These initiatives are all part of a broader effort to strengthen support systems for Pacific students, enhance engagement, and create meaningful opportunities for collaboration across the university.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Actively participate in O-Week and Week 1 festivities and the Club Expo to represent both TRK and AUPISA, ensuring strong Pacific visibility and engagement.
- Lead the facilitation of “DUAVATA”, a flagship event that serves as a Pacific Meet & Greet and Club Expo. This event provides a space for Pacific students to connect, learn about various associations, and feel a sense of belonging on campus. We invite all Pacific student associations, as well as TRK, to take part in the program and host a stall to promote their club, engage with students, and showcase their initiatives.
- Launch the Pacific Newsletter, a dedicated update for Pacific students to stay informed on upcoming events, support services, and key developments within our Pacific student associations and TRK.
- Strengthen collaboration between AUPISA, TRK, and Pacific associations by hosting regular check-ins to align on advocacy efforts, student needs, and shared initiatives throughout the semester.
- Continue working on enhancing C-Space with additional resources and facilities to improve its usability for our Pacific students.

OTHER COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Ronette Va'ai

PISO, 2025



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -
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Post Graduate Student Officer 2025 December / January Report

TO: AUSA

FROM: Alexa "Mick" McDonough

DATE: 15/02/2025

CONTACT: pgso@ausa.org.nz

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended:

- Bi-monthly Executive meetings; and
- Informal one-on-one zoom meetings with postgraduate students and prospective PG sub-committee members.

Progress on Ops Plan

- Established plan for inclusive, PG-centred events, particularly for those working full-time, who have kids, and/or spend little time physically on campus;
- Began design for degree-specific brochures to help answer UG students' FAQs about PG degrees, such as enrolment, course requirements, etc.;
- Drafted two needs-assessment reports to establish highest area of need for engagement for PG students with available university census/demographic information; and
- Established presence at the monthly PhD inductions.

Other work and events

- Created format for panel-style and study-centred events for PG students;
- Began connecting with other exec and on-campus club leaders to organise specific cross-portfolio events;
- Attended SGS PhD induction; and
- Connected with the student lead team in the Faculty of Arts and Education.

PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Big Gay Out volunteering on Feb 16th;
- Board of Graduate Studies meeting on Feb 17th;
- Discipline Committee Meeting on Feb 21st;
- Student Council meeting on Feb 25th;
- Senate Meeting on Feb 26th;
- Exec Meeting on March 6th;
- UAHPEC-A Meeting on March 12th;
- SGS PhD Induction in March; and
- Orientation Week Prep, incl. contacting leaders of Faculty-specific academic orientations.

OTHER COMMENTS

- N/A

Sincerely,

Alexa "Mick" McDonough

PGSO 2025