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# President 2025

## March Report



**TO:** AUSA

**FROM:** Gabriel Boyd

**DATE:** March 31

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### MONTHLY SUMMARY

#### Meetings

##### Chaired

**ATSA Meeting** – I chaired the ATSA meeting this month. ATSA is our national student association body with representatives from universities across the country as well as national equity group presidents. As chair I led the meeting, introducing Chris Whelan from [Universities New Zealand](#) to discuss the national university environmental scan. I was also part of the working group who wrote and disseminated our [ATSA press release](#).

**Executive Meetings** – As usual, I chaired our bi-weekly Executive Meetings. The minutes are [on our website](#).

**SLT Meetings** – I also always chair our bi-weekly (on the off week from the executive meetings) Senior Leadership Team Meetings.

**Student Council** – The student council meets monthly, and I chair the meetings. SC consists of the faculty presidents from across the university. We discussed Student Job Search, the Law-Business Proposal, and gave updates as the AUSA executive.

**WDCC X University** – I chaired a meeting with the Web Development Consultation Club and the University Health and Counselling team. We talked about parameters for the mental health portal project and discussed how to best streamline accessible information to our student body.

## Attended

**AUTSA President** – I meet monthly with Alicia, the student body president for AUT. We've been talking about cross university collaborations which we will roll out later in the year. We also discussed [SEN](#) (the student experience network).

**Muslim Chaplin Shahela Qureshi** – Went with the ISO Hisham to talk about faith and spiritual representation at the university as well as to understand better what the [Maclaurin Chaplaincy](#) does.

**New Zealand Film Festival** – Met with Ryan Chow, the founder and director of the [New Zealand Youth Film Festival](#) about what role AUSA can play in helping facilitate the event.

**Eden Park** – continued meeting stakeholders regarding the [Eden Park Strategic Partnership](#).

**Academic Quality Office** – Met with Matthew Lee (AUSA's Undergraduate Education Vice President), AUSA staff and other stakeholders from the Academic Quality Office.

**Vice Chancellor Dawn Freshwater** – Dawn and I met and discussed how we can best serve the student body. I was able to relay feedback to her from the student side and she helped me understand why the university runs the way it does.

**Student Job Search** - I met with Eva from SJS, and we talked about how they're helping Auckland students directly

**The Kennedy's Limited** – this month, the directors ran a safety walkthrough of Shadows Bar. We wanted to make sure it's as safe and accessible for students as possible.

**SCG** – the Student Consultative Group is a path for giving the university feedback. It's essentially a university version of student council.

**International Governance Group** – Sat on the International Governance Group and discussed our new Global Research Engagement Strategy.

**Director of Campus Life Brendan Mosely**- The director of campus life and I talked about collaboration and management strategies.

## **Progress on Ops Plan**

### **O week**

Our biggest event of the year was a massive success. We sold out of [Alfred Street Party tickets](#) (something that hasn't happened since pre-COVID) days in advance and then sold out of a second additional batch of tickets.

Over the course of orientation and O week, we shattered our goal of 12,000 followers and made it to 14,000. My promise to bring live student bands to campus happened on Monday, with Benji

Greenwood and I handpicking bands that applied to perform. See a clip [here](#).

On Tuesday, we hosted a run club early in the morning, followed by cultural performances and karaoke throughout the day. [Clip](#)

On Wednesday we brought in a host of DJs to perform during the day before we shut down the street for the Alfred Street Party. At the party, [Drax Project](#) headlined alongside [Coterie](#), [Messie](#), [Swidt](#), [Julian](#), the [Katayanaga Twins](#), and [Fobs](#). O week was sponsored by JBL Vaseline, Lifestyles, Contiki and many more businesses.



I have to give props to Benji Greenwood and Esther Pasitoo, our amazing events staff for such a successful week. The rest of the staff and executives also pulled together perfectly to ensure everything went smoothly. I'm so proud of my team.

While O-week is not part of the operations plan, we were able to massively increase our visibility and social media reach, two of our yearly objectives.

### **Sports Week**

I helped plan sports week alongside our Engagement VP Kalana and Finance Operations VP Praneel. We hosted a [pool party](#) and [dodgeball tournament](#) which Kalana directed and ran. On Wednesday, alongside the Study Abroad Student Society, Rovers club, and tennis club, I ran a field day event where we ran lots of fun childhood recess games, which culminated in me yelling from the AUSA house with

a megaphone about a campus wide water balloon fight. On Friday, Praneel's Mission Bay Run event drew in loads of students from the running and tramping club for a nice seaside run and swim.

Sports week was part of our themed weeks objective in the ops plan.



### **Law Business proposal council vote made public**

This was an enormous win for the student voice. While initially supposed to be behind closed doors, the university council, under pressure from students and staff here at UoA, moved the meeting to an open online deliberation. This decision came after hundreds of students, staff, and outside stakeholders submitted feedback to the review committee which I sat on last month.

While not claiming to be directly responsible for this decision whatsoever, I feel that the [conversation](#) hosted by Matthew, Apurva, Aurora, Brianna and I did have an impact. During the Arts merger last year there was no such delay or decision.

This change demonstrates the power of our student voice pillar

### **Interviews and media requests**

The media requests in March focused on the Waipapa Taumata Rau courses. ACT seems set on peddling disinformation about the courses, such as them costing international students an *extra*

course fee, when the class will be replacing a different course. ACT also keeps pushing the 'treaty course' narrative, ignoring the foundational learning elements of the new courses.

My first interview was at [5 a.m. on Newstalk ZB](#). I was asked to be on air the previous night, giving me only a few hours to prepare. I was frustrated at the narrative that continued to be pushed despite my debunking of it.

I was also quoted in an [RNZ article](#) discussing the courses.

This also falls under student voice.

### Other work and events

#### **Duavata**

I was honored to host an AUSA stall at AUPISA's [Duavata](#) event. Ronette ran the event and did a terrific job, while Mick and other executives helped me hold the stall down for the day.

**Indian Consulate Panel** – Our ISO Hisham alongside the Indian Society hosted the Indian Consul General for a panel. I attended and it was incredibly eye opening.
















#### PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

**Continuing ongoing projects** – Self-explanatory. WDC portal, ATSA, future events etc...

**Student Survey** – Gathering feedback to help guide our direction and understand the pulse of the student body.

**Continue funding agreement work** – This is paramount and we're aiming to have everything signed this winter.

#### OTHER COMMENTS

Club	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Last 5
1  Auckland FC	21	13	6	2	41	20	21	45	✓ - - ✓
2  Western United	21	11	5	5	46	30	16	38	✗ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
3  Melbourne Cit...	21	11	4	6	30	20	10	37	- ✓ ✓ ✓ ✗ ✓
4  Melbourne Vic...	22	10	6	6	38	30	8	36	- - ✓ ✓ ✗ ✓
5  Western Sydn...	21	10	5	6	49	36	13	35	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ -
6  Adelaide United	21	9	6	6	46	45	1	33	✗ - - ✗ ✗
7  Sydney FC	21	8	6	7	44	34	10	30	- - ✓ ✓ - ✗
8  Macarthur	22	8	5	9	41	37	4	29	✗ ✗ ✗ ✓ -
9  Newcastle Jets	21	7	5	9	33	37	-4	26	✓ - ✓ ✓ ✗ -
10  Central Coast ...	22	5	10	7	26	40	-14	25	✗ ✗ ✗ - ✓
11  Wellington Ph...	21	5	6	10	21	33	-12	21	✗ ✗ ✗ - -
12  Brisbane Roar	20	2	5	13	23	40	-17	11	✗ - - ✓ ✗
13  Perth Glory	22	2	5	15	15	51	-36	11	✗ - ✗ ✗ ✗

I'll keep posting this until we win the league. By next report we will have :)

Sincerely,

**Gabriel Boyd**

**President 2025**



# FINANCE AND OPERATION VP2025

## MARCH Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: TRK AUSA**

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### MONTHLY SUMMARY

Another month has flown by, this year is certainly going quick, but I am proud to say that the team and I are making the most of every opportunity that has come our way. Below is a summary of the busy month of March.

#### Meetings of interest -

- **SCG meet – up**

Focus – Introductions and Preparation of the Agenda.

- **EPTUA**

Meet with Stacey Giles for a Conversation regarding the *Eden Park Trust*.

- **Sports Day Meetings**

This month we had our first AUSA themed week – sports' week.

I was InCharge of organising the Run and Dip event in collaboration with the Tramping Club and the Run club.

- **Student Council #2**

Second Student Council of the Year.

- **Advisory Board**

Focus – Future direction of AUSA

- **Executive meetings**

This month, we've had two executive meetings. My role – Organising, preparing the agenda and taking minutes.

- **SLT meetings**

This month we had two SLT meetings. My role – Organising, preparing the agenda and taking minutes.

- **Catch – ups**

With the President.

With the Accountant.

With the General Manager.

**Events -**

- **Halls Day Out**

March 2, we had halls day out in collaboration with the university, AUSA had a stall there.

Our team welcomed the first-year residents to their halls with AUSA merch and good memories.

- **O-WEEK**

March 3 – 5, the O- Week was underway. It was a collective effort and a huge success.

- **DUAVANTA**

Organised by our PISO, AUSA had a stall there. My role – Manning and helping with the stall.

- **AUSA THEMED WEEKS – SPORTS WEEK**

1. Run and Dip - Organised the event

2. Dodgeball Tournament – Lead team business

- **AUIS PANEL**

Organised by our ISO in collaboration with the Auckland University Indian Society.

**How this work contributes to the Operations Plan:**

**Themed Weeks Model:** Create the themed weeks model that reflects the interests of the student body/communities and extend an open invitation to faculty associations and student clubs, encouraging them to host events during one of the TRK AUSA weeks.

These meetings primarily meet the day-to-day importance of my role and the overall operations of TRK AUSA

**International Students Engagement:** Increase TRK AUSA's engagement with international students

**PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)**

- **EPTUA Meeting**
- **ATSA Constitution Working Group.**
- **Student Council AI sub committee**
- **AUSA Open House Working Group**
- **AUSA Themed Week – Art's Week**

- **Shadows Bar Plan**
- **AUSA Investment Plan**

#### OTHER COMMENTS

33%+ of our term has already ended.

Sincerely,

**Praneel Gupta**

**Finance and Operations VP, 2025**

**UGEVP 2025**

**March Report**



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: Te Rōpū Kahikatea AUSA**

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## MONTHLY SUMMARY

First month of the Semester!! Obviously, it's incredibly exciting to be seeing real life people back on Campus! At the same time, learning to balance this job and studies is a struggle, but every day is so exciting, nonetheless. The team has been hard at work, and I think it's made a genuine difference on the campus experience.

Perhaps the most exciting development was the initiation of the AI subcommittee. This is an initiative I brought to Student Council because the University is starting the very long overdue work of figuring out what they are doing with AI. In particular, they have commissioned three action plans in regard to AI, one of which is on AI and education, and I sit on the Advisory Group for that as well. We opened applications for the subcommittee, and we are going through them now. I'm incredibly excited for the work we are about to do in this space, and the University is equally excited about the opportunities for much of this work to be student-led and student-focused.

On that note, we also had our inaugural AI in Education Advisory Group meeting. It combines some of the University's leading talents on AI and is a very collaborative space. I very much look forward to the work that will be done in this group.

This month also marked the first Senate meeting of the year, and it was definitely one to remember. On the agenda was a discussion and vote on the proposal to combine the Faculties of Law and Business & Economics. To say that it was heated would be an understatement, but the professors spoke passionately about the proposal process and its contents. I also spoke against the proposal, citing the feedback from students and it was well received by Senate. In the end, Senate voted overwhelmingly against the proposal. It will proceed to Council (note from the future: the University decided to reconsider its options before going to Council).

We also had the very first Summer School Advisory Group meeting, which will start to give strategic direction to our summer school programme.

#### PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

Continue to attend meetings and committees, as well as work on Student Voice initiatives and AUSA campaigns.

#### OTHER COMMENTS

Sports Week was a HIT – best themed weeks since my time at UoA, good job Kalana!

Sincerely,

Matthew Lee

**UGEVP, 2025**

**Postgraduate Education Vice President 2025**

**March Report**



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
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## MONTHLY SUMMARY

### Meetings attended:

- **SLT**
- **Exec meetings**
  
- **Artificial Intelligence sub committee**

Matthew and I have embarked on an extraordinary expedition: Creating AUSA's first AI subcommittee. This committee will serve as an advisory student body, aiding in the work to be done by the University's own AI in education committee. Members will be from a wide range of backgrounds. We have been conducting interviews and our candidates have been showing great promise. So far we have interviewed 12 candidates, with about 8 more to go. We didn't expect this turn out, so we are very excited about what is to come.

- **Library and Learning Services committee – Update on progress**

I am creating a survey/form to send out to collect student feedback/data on how accessible library services are for them and their research.

- **Engagement Committee meeting- Arts week**

I am part of the planning team for the arts week. We have been brainstorming ideas, assessing applications and choosing about 4-5 events from clubs to stage during this week

- **Meeting with SGS (school of graduate studies)**
- Met with SGS representatives to discuss wellness events they would like to put on to activate

PG students to take care of their wellbeing.

- **UHPEC meeting**

I was lucky enough to review 2 applications, both of which I greatly enjoyed. Reviewing ethics applications is a wonderful experience as I then gain insight on what makes a successful ethics application. I hope to run a "Ethics 101" type workshop alongside our PGO so that we can create a simple and easy to follow outline for candidates to consider before submitting their applications as issues faced seem to have elements in common. I know that there are more formal documents available to help, but they do not contain information on how to mitigate the pattered issues I have come across in my time on the committee. A workshop that hones in on these issues allows for more seamless processing and approval; which I assume is also in the best interests of the University and their dedication to being a leader in research.

**Other work and events**

- Planning "PG" and "Student voice" drop in session
- Attended TAUMATA, the UoA distinguished alumni awards ceremony, with some of our execs
- Looking at organising professional development events for PG students in order to facilitate socializing in ways that serve to build their networks and their skills.

**PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)**

- Exec meetings
- SLT meetings
- UPEC Meeting, training and review
- Coffee catch ups with student council members and PG faculty heads
- Student Consultative Group Meeting
- BoGS committee
- Education Committee
- Student Council Meeting
- PG lunch and study session

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Not a huge report this time around as the last report submitted was 2 weeks ago. In saying that, I am looking forward to this next month, bring it on!

Sincerely,

Fania Kapao

**Postgraduate Education Vice President 2025**

# Engagement Vice President 2025

## March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**



TO: TRK AUSA

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## MONTHLY SUMMARY

### I have attended several meetings so far as listed:

- **Meeting with Recreation Centre: Aquatics Team / Lifeguards:**  
Finalising Sports Week Pool Party Event to make sure it's safe and everything works!
- **Meeting with Recreation Centre (Dry Sports):**  
Finalising Sports Week Faculty Dodgeball Event with all the details including runsheet(s) and equipment etc.
- **Meeting with Dodgeball Auckland:**  
Quick Meeting to confirm everything for the Dodgeball Event
- **Multiple Meetings with Engagement Committee:**  
Introducing the committee to their roles and getting ready for Sports Week
- **Meeting with Pool Party Clubs**  
Completed Risk Assessment and other details for the event
- **Meeting with Tee and Wellbeing Team at the University of Auckland:**  
Met to confirm how we can collaborate during Pride Week (where there wellbeing weeks overlap)
- **Meeting with Lola (Wellbeing and Equity VP):**  
To choose Semester 1 Wellbeing Events – Picked 4x events
- **Sustainability Management Board**  
Discussed accessibility of the University with other members of the SMB at Council Room
- **Multiple Interview with Engagement Committee Candidates**  
50+ Applications which was great!
- **Executive Meetings:**

Had multiple executive meetings.

- **SLT Meetings:**

Had multiple SLT meetings.

- **AUSA Board Meeting**

- **Student Council Meeting**

### Progress on Ops Plan

- **Continuing to inform clubs on Broadcast Channel:**

To increase club communication so clubs are aware of Drop-in sessions / Themed Weeks / Deadlines and more!

- **Increase in AUSA O-week Engagement**

Great Engagement throughout O week! Thanks to all the AUSA Staff, Executive and Volunteers! All concert tickets SOLD OUT 3 days before the concert – first ever since pre covid!

- **Created an Engagement Committee**

- **Sports Week – Completed**

Sports Week which was part of AUSA's Themed Weeks Project (2025) was a huge success! There were over 150-200 people who attended the Dodgeball event, and the Pool Party event was SOLD OUT! This was great for AUSA's visibility at the University of Auckland and more students are getting to know AUSA! Run and Dip and Field Day was a huge success too – Thanks to Gabriel and Praneel for coordinating those events! All the volunteers/engagement committee members and executives that came helped a lot and made the event run smoothly – couldn't have done it without everyone!



- **International Students Engagement**

Hisham planned a great event in collaboration with AUIS which was very successful!

- **Continuing Open door policy:**

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

- **Increasing collaborations with clubs:**

Sports Week / Wellbeing Events and social media plans

## PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Advertising **proposals for Arts Week**

- **CAB Meeting (Craccum Administrative Board)**

- Planning events for **Arts Week with Engagement Committee/Clubs and AUSA Executives**

- Discuss **study sessions** with EVPs

- Grafton Subcommittee

- Proposing **AUSA Campaigning to lower transport fees for 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 Pride Week on <https://ausa.nz/themedweeks>

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

Sincerely,

Kalana Piramanage

**Engagement Vice President, 2025**

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Wellbeing & Equity Vice President 2025

March Report



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## MONTHLY SUMMARY

Praise and Glory to God for another month!

In the month of March, I worked closely with Kalana to confirm all the wellbeing events for semester 1. This semester we are collaborating with clubs to do an Art Therapy event, Vision Board x Creative Writing Workshop, Flow and Restore event and Māori and Pacific ways of healing Panel. It's been a rewarding season this month. I've networked with many people and learnt many lessons along the way. I've also met each club to discuss the details of each event, so far, all the meetings have been successful, and each club is excited to collaborate with each other.

This month I've sat in many committee meetings. This month I was just added to the University Equity Action Committee; I sit in my first meeting next month which I'm looking forward to. A lot of this month was meetings and making plans of actions with the executive for different urgent issues such as the ACT Party private bill and the Business/Economics and Law merger. Stepping into this role, I didn't realise how important our executive was in voicing all the opinions of our students to prominent staff at the university.

My operations plan has been well under way now and it's awesome to see the labour of my executive become fruitful. I've enjoyed the busy season. Next month I really want to work closely with the Wellbeing and Equity team at UOA and Campus Care. It's been hard to get into contact with them since they're so busy but I'm hopeful they'll help me with specific aspects of my operations plan – promoting more holistic forms of mental health maintenance and with the sex and violence campaigns/workshops.

One of the newer projects I've set out for myself this year, especially with the mid semester break coming up is working with McLaurin Chapel who have reached out to our executive about issues they're facing with students. It's important that as AUSA we're also supporting our religious students on campus who may feel like campus isn't a place for them. It's important we encourage students in their faith and are keeping them and our secular students safe from cults on campus. It's a tough task, but with the support of the university, I believe we can keep our students mentally and physically safe.

## PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Finalise dates and times for wellbeing events
- Work closely with UOA Wellbeing and Equity Team and Campus Care
- Support clubs with wellbeing events
- Contact security about lighting issues on campus
- Continue to work with WDCC on the mental health website

- Collaborating with CDES on financial literacy support for students

#### OTHER COMMENTS

This month I spent some time out of office due to personal circumstances.

Faka'apa'apa atu,

Lola Afeaki

**Wellbeing & Equity Vice President 2025**

## Queer Rights Officer 2025

### March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

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

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#### MONTHLY SUMMARY

Note: This has been a quieter month for me due to having chest reconstruction surgery on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

I took a week off work and worked from home for the remainder of the month.

#### **Food bank / food distribution initiative**

- The community pantry in Queerspace demonstrates there is a need for free pantry essentials. However, I have realised that the need outweighs the student body's ability to donate to it. When I got back after my 3 weeks of absence, the pantry was almost completely empty. I have been buying food to put in it, but I want the initiative to last longer than my term.
- I became aware that the Working Students Aotearoa group was planning a food distribution initiative. I passed on Mauricio's contact details so that we could all discuss it further. We will meet soon and I hope that we will be able to find a way for a community pantry to be better accessible and more consistent for all students.

#### **Top surgery advocacy**

- I contacted the Professional Association for Transgender Healthcare Aotearoa (PATHA), Gender Minorities Aotearoa (GMA), Benjamin Doyle, and Rainbow Youth regarding the top surgery waitlist closure.
- I met with Ahi from GMA and gained valuable insight into their work, how things are in other regions of the country, and some ideas on what to do next.
- I met with Benjamin who promised to take some of my questions to the Minister of Health in Question Time directly, and gave some insight into possible changes to the healthcare system.
- I am very aware that our queer community is in a vulnerable position right now. It is possible that public, high-profile advocacy for gender affirming care may draw unwanted attention from politicians wanting to shut it down. My primary focus will always be protecting our queer community, and if limiting my work to sharing clear information within our community and advocating behind the scenes is safest, I will choose that over something more public.

#### **Student support**

- I have received several requests for support from students. I have connected them with people who could help and offered one-on-one pastoral support where appropriate.

#### **Queerspace**

- Mick has done a fantastic job of looking after Queerspace while I've had to stay at home!
- I facilitated a number of bookings for students wanting to use the space, including coordinating with security to ensure that Queerspace would be unlocked for out-of-hours bookings.

#### **Rainbow clubs**

- I have continued regular contact with rainbow clubs to ensure we are on the same page regarding the work that I am doing
- I received an enquiry from students wanting to set up a Rainbow Dance Studies association. I set up a meeting with them and Rainbow Arts & Education to go over what they wanted to do, the changes they wanted to see, and potential options going forward. The students chose to join up with Rainbow Arts & Education, and I look forward to seeing what they do.

#### **Pride Week**

- I have written guidelines for clubs who will participate in Carnival Day and fielded questions

about it.

- I have worked with Kalana to confirm the details of Pride Week, particularly the date/time of Carnival Day, the equipment we need to hire, and so on.
- I have discussed with the Rainbow clubs what events they want to hold and provided suggestions where appropriate.

#### **Queer Students Association**

- The QSA exec team has done a fantastic job of organising events and putting out marketing. I provided input via messages and attending meetings, but credit for the QSA events in March goes to the rest of the exec team.

#### **Meetings attended**

- All regular TRK AUSA meetings
- Sustainability Management Board meeting

### **PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)**

The plans outlined below are very similar to the previous month, because I have unfortunately not been able to make much progress on them due to recovering from surgery.

#### **Pride Week**

- Review applications for events and Carnival Day
- Book equipment if necessary
- Work with clubs to use the allocated budget

#### **Queerspace**

- As noted in the previous monthly report, I still need to finish setting up the kitchenette – unfortunately have not had time to do so (and due to my movement restrictions post surgery, I may not be able to for some time)
- 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**

- Continue to work alongside Rainbow Clubs to deliver events and initiatives

#### **Queer Student Council**

- Hold another monthly meeting
- Hire general members

#### **Transition fund**

- Form a working group to set out the policies and guidelines used to govern the transition fund
- Form a subcommittee to manage the transition fund



- Once this is done, start fundraising for it.
- Other work**

#### 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

### March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

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#### MONTHLY SUMMARY

Meetings attended:

- Student Council
- Exec Meeting
- Discipline Committee

- Oral Submission to Justice Select Committee on Anti-Stalking Legislation
- Meeting with Carley Fletcher (Student Equity Manager)
- Meeting with Jackie Clark Founder of The Aunties
- First Mana Wahine Sub Committee Meeting

#### Progress on Ops Plan

#### Student Voice:

##### Advocacy for anti-stalking legislation and policies:

- Currently reviewing policies on harassment regarding stalking, currently there is no coherent structure in places to deal with stalking, need to have strong procedures in place.
- Oral submission done to Justice Select Committee

#### Student Experience:

##### Women Engagement:

- Posting on social media of different services available on campus
- In contact with HELP, to raise more awareness on sessions available on campus
- WiL use of women space for Legal Tea event – very successful, increase awareness and engagement to women's space
- Run club by WiL every Friday @ 7am such swag event ! <3

#### Student Support:

##### Sex & Violence Campaign

- Planning of Rape Awareness Week (5<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May)
- Continued HELP session @ UOA
- Building relationships with clubs on campus to create a safe space
- Searching for low-cost support for students to access

Overall was slow, on the progress for Ops, due to O-week at the start of the month, which was often 12-hour days, and the start uni as well.

#### Other work and events

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### PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Set up formalised Booking system for Women Space for only women events
- Collaboration with clubs for Rape awareness Week
- Stalking policies Advocacy on campus
- Meeting with Resident Advisors, on sexual harm in Accommodations
- Sexual Harm Survey planning and implementation in collaboration with Arya

- Meeting with Shivani & Karyn (Campus Life)
- Discipline Committee
- Exec Meeting
- Student Council
- Refurbishing Women's Space
- Mana Wahine Sub Committee Meeting
- Running Event Proposal to be sent out to Sub Com Members (WRO x WiL)
- Check up with UNI on the period poverty programme, ensuring there is access through UOA's campus

#### OTHER COMMENTS

Sincerely,

Emelia Martin Moses

**Women's Right Officer, 2025**

# DISABILITY RIGHTS OFFICER 2025

## March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: AUSA**

**FROM: Ayolabi Martins**

**DATE: 04/04/25**

**CONTACT: [dro@ausa.org.nz](mailto:dro@ausa.org.nz)**

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

#### Meetings attended

1. Hidden Sunflower information Sessions
  - a. Session 1
  - b. Session 2
2. DAPRG Meeting
3. Equity Practitioners

4. Meeting with CDES and SDS regarding entrance pathways into work (post study) for disabled students
5. Student consultative group meeting 1
6. Meeting with SDS regarding peer mentorship program for 1<sup>st</sup> year disabled students on campus

**Other work and events**

1. AUDSA Events
  - a. Speed friending
  - b. Paint & Sip
2. AUDSA executive expansion
3. Administrative and organisational planning of AUSA disability rights subcommittee meetings/projects
4. Preliminary planning for AUSA disability rights subcommittee projects
5. Discussions with AUSA staff regarding potential class rep program improvements to ensure greater student interaction with course feedback surveys and greater course accessibility for all students

**PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)**

1. Discuss feasibility of tutorial recordings with SDS
2. Discuss planter box obstructions on Alfred Street with relevant stakeholders
3. Discuss special condition/test accommodation procedure with SDS
4. Hold 1<sup>st</sup> Disability Rights subcommittee meeting
5. Host neurodiversity study seminar

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Sincerely,

**Ayolabi Martins**

**Disabled Rights Officer, 2025**

**MSO 2025**

**March Report**



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: AUSA**

**FROM: Hiwa Majurey rāua ko Matiu Rei**

#### **MONTHLY SUMMARY**

- Weekly meetings of the Ngā Taura Māori executive
- Bi-weekly meetings of the TRK AUSA executive
- Representation at Senate and the Disciplinary Committee
- Attendance at University Equity Leadership Committee (UELC) meetings
- Ongoing catch-ups with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori

In the month of March we officially celebrated the beginning of the academic year, welcoming back all Taura Māori. In the early days of March, our workload surrounded facilitating performances

with Ngā Tauria Māori for Orientation Week, as well as presenting at a number of club expeditions, advertising our role along with our support services. A significant moment this month was participating in the Pōwhiri to welcome Te Kāhui Ariki onto Te Fale, reinforcing our cultural connections. Additionally, we attended the dawn opening of He Ahuru Mōwai on March 10th at 6 am, an important kaupapa for our wider Māori community. Lastly, we joined the BBQ with Te Tari o Te Ihonuku Māori – PVC Māori, strengthening relationships within our network. Looking ahead, we remain focused on fostering engagement, supporting our tauria, and delivering on our commitments within the Operations Plan.

#### Other work and events

Nearing the end of March an emergency meeting was held in collaboration with the Auckland University Pacific Students' Association (AUPSA) in response to the proposed Education and Training (Equal Treatment) Amendment Bill. This meeting focused on coordinated advocacy efforts and protecting scholarships, pathways, and spaces for Māori and Pasifika students.

#### PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

In the month of April, we anticipate a busy time ahead for our tauria due to the mid semester fast approaching. We also note that this month will consist of the execution and preparation of some of our major events with Katchamāori, an initiative created to engage with first year tauria Māori. As well as preparation for the first Māori graduation, our pinnacle event which is created *by the students for the students*, to celebrate all tauria Māori graduating, allowing them the opportunity to bring more Whānau to celebrate such success.

#### OTHER COMMENTS

*“Kia whakaio te noho, e puapua ai ngā ngaru. Stand firm and the waves will break.”*

As Māori Students' Officers, we strongly oppose the proposed Education and Training (Equal Treatment) Amendment Bill. This bill threatens to undermine the vital spaces, pathways, and scholarships that support our success as Māori and Pasifika students. We recognise the immense pressure this places on our communities and remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting and advocating for the initiatives that uplift and empower our people. We would like to extend a thank you to the executive team behind TRK AUSA who have supported us and actively responded to the matter also.

Ngā Manaakitanga,

Hiwa Majurey rāua ko Matiu Rei

**MSOs 2025**

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICER 2025

### March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: AUSA**

**FROM: Hisham Haq**

**DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

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**MONTHLY SUMMARY**



**Key Activities & Progress:**

- Co-hosted *Meet and Greet with Consul General of India* (27 March) with over 100 attendees.
- Hosted weekly Iftars at prayer space
- Secured funding for Baklava Giveaway (4 April) as an AUSA event for Eid celebrations
- Engaged with UoA International Office to explore data collection on student ethnic demographics.
- MCed the *Peace Week Launch* to commemorate the 2019 Christchurch attacks
- Hosted periodic consultative subcommittee meets
- Maintained accessibility and presence within the international community
- Attended second international governance group chaired by director of international office.

**PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)**

- Release draft of International Survival Guide for feedback and contributions.
- Finalise subcommittee
- Deepen engagement with relevant organisations for more networking opportunities for international students.
- Begin advocacy to raise international student work cap from 20 to 24 hours.  
Work on international students group chat

**OTHER COMMENTS**

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

Sincerely,

Hisham Haq

**International Officer 2025**

# PISO 2025

## March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: AUSA**

**FROM: Ronette Vaai**

**DATE: 04/04/25**

**CONTACT: [piso@ausa.org.nz](mailto:piso@ausa.org.nz)**

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

#### Meetings attended:

- Student Council Meeting
- AUPISA Exec Meeting
- AUSA Exec Meeting
- Student Consultative Meeting with Engage
- PGSO and SGS meeting
- Library Services and Leadership Through Learning.
- AUPISA X NTM Emergency Meeting (response to ACTS MP Bill)

#### Progress on Ops Plan:

- Worked on strengthening the relationship with PVCP and AUSA/AUPISA

#### Other work and events

- Attended DUAVATA

## PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

### Language Weeks:

- In April, 2 language week panels will be held in Cultural space. Rotuman language week and Samoan Language week. This is the perfect opportunity for TRK AUSA to collaborate and support cultural associations during these weeks.

### AUPISA Support

- Working close with AUPISA and NTM to ensure students are supported and their concerns are voiced regarding the ACTS MP Bill.

### Re-OWeek:

- Work closely with Events team to organise and plan an event to be held in O-Week.

### PALM Meeting:

- Conduct another Pacific Association Leaders Meeting u=during the semester break to reflect on the year so far and upskill our Pacific Leaders.

### PGSO Drop-in sessions:

- Orchestrate Post Graduate drop-in sessions in C-Space so that students who have questions or are interested in post graduate studies can talk to our PGSO.

Student Council Meeting and Consultative meeting with Engage

## OTHER COMMENTS

It's been a busy but productive month. Looking forward to April!

Sincerely,

Ronette

**PISO, 2025**

# Postgraduate Student Officer 2025

## March Report



**Te Rōpū Kahikatea -  
auckland university  
students' association**

**TO: TRK - AUSA**

**FROM: Alexa "Mick" McDonough**

**DATE: 9/04/2025**

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### MONTHLY SUMMARY

#### Meetings attended:

- Exec Meetings
- Ethics Committee Meeting
- Student Council Meetings
- Discipline Committee Meetings
- SGS / TRK-AUSA Meetings
- SGS / TRK-AUSA / TFP & LTL Meeting
- Ad hoc student meetings

#### Progress on Ops Plan

- Continuing to strengthen relationships with PhD students and adjacent staff
- Established presence at monthly PhD inductions
- Building towards academia and voice-based events in future months

#### Other work and events

- Attended PhD Induction
- Held a Study/Coffee Session Event
- Established Drop-In PG Advice Sessions
- Started a PG Instagram

### PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH(S)

- Coordinate wellness events for PhD students with SGS during their May Wellness week with WEVP and the Wellness Club
- UAHPEC Ethics Meeting Monthly
- PhD Induction Monthly
- Lunch & Learn Event (End of April)
- Study/Coffee Session (Third Week of April and third week of May)

### OTHER COMMENTS

- N/A

Kindly,

Alexa "Mick" McDonough

**PGSO 2025**