



## Glossary of NZUSA terms and Acronym Guide

### ► Chief Delegates

Each campus selects two chief delegates for conference. These are the people who have speaking rights at Opening and Closing Plenary. There is always a meeting of chief delegates during conference, prior to Closing Plenary, to look at the structure of motions and delete any double ups of motions.

### ► Constituents

That's your association. Currently there are 12 constituent members of NZUSA and 6 associate members. Your associations provide NZUSA with our budget and you decide the direction and work the Federation takes. Your votes at conference determines our policy and the work we undertake, and your President, who is a member of Fedex (see below), keeps an eye on Fleur and Andrew between conferences.

### ► Constituent Caucusing

At every conference time is set aside for constituent caucusing. This is to allow delegations to discuss constitutional changes that may be before the general meeting, any motions that may have arisen out of workshops and feedback any issues that were raised at the workshops.

### ► FEDEX (or more properly NZUSA Federation Executive)

Fedex is the executive of NZUSA who manages and oversees NZUSA between General Meetings. Fedex is made up of the association presidents and the federation officers who all have one vote.

### ► Federation Office

The Federation Office of NZUSA is in Wellington. In the Federation Office are NZUSA's three elected officials (Fleur, Andrew and Camilla), the Research Officer (Kane O'Connell), the Campaigns/Reps Co-ord (Lisa Woods) and the Administrator (Trisha Hehir). The Kaituhono for Te Mana Akonga, Helen Potter, is also based in the office.

NZUSA Federation Office performs the work of the Federation, enacting policy and conference motions and providing support, representation and services to the constituent members.



### ► **Federation Officers**

These are the three elected positions within NZUSA. The three Federation Officers for 2004 are **Fleur Fitzsimons** and **Andrew Kirton** Co-Presidents, and National Women's Rights Officer, **Camilla Belich**.

### ► **Te Mana Akonga**

Te Mana Akonga (TMA) is the National Maori University Student Association. It is recognised as a parallel body to NZUSA. The members of Te Mana Akonga are the local roopu (Maori student associations) on each campus. Te Mana Akonga has one national employee, the Kaituhono, who is based at in the same offices as NZUSA.

### ► **Tertiary Women's Focus Group**

Formerly WECA, the Tertiary Women's Focus Group (TWFG) is the policy, discussion and directive for the National Women's Rights Officer. Its members are women in institutions represented by NZUSA

### ► **Voting Allocation**

Voting occurs at the three formal NZUSA sessions – Opening Plenary, Finance Commission and Closing Plenary. Only full constituent members have full voting rights. Associate members are permitted up to one vote at the above meetings.

Voting is worked out via a method prescribed in the constitution, schedule A if you are interested. There is a pool of available votes depending on how many constituent members there are. Each member brings 7 votes to the pool, three of which they retain as base votes. The remainder is allocated based on the EFTS at each member's campus.



## The World Famous NZUSA Acronym Guide

AAU	Academic Audit Unit
ACENZ	Association of Colleges in New Zealand
ACESA	Auckland College of Education Students' Association
Achieve	Not actually an acronym, but often thought to be. It is the national tertiary education disability network.
ANGOA	Association of Non Governmental Organizations in New Zealand
APNZ	Association of Polytechnics in New Zealand - now known as The Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics of New Zealand ITPNZ
APSU	Aotearoa Polytechnic Students Union. Now called ATSA (see below)
ASA	Albany Students Association (also Asian Students' Association)
ASPA	Aotearoa Student Press Association
ASTE	Association of Staff in Tertiary Education
ATSA	Aotearoa Tertiary Students Association (formerly APSU)
AUS	Association of University Staff
AUSA	Auckland University Students' Association
AuSM	Auckland Student Movement @ AUT (formerly ATISA)
AUT	Auckland University of Technology
AVC	Assistant Vice Chancellor
b-Net	The network of students radio stations
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
CAPA	Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations
CCESA	Christchurch College of Education Students' Association
CEAC	College of Education Accreditation Committee
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CRI	Crown Research Institute
CPSA	Christchurch Polytechnic Students' Association
CSM	Compulsory Students Membership
CTU	Council of Trade Unions
CUAP	Committee on University Academic Programmes
DCESA	Dunedin College of Education Students' Association
DPA	National Assembly of People with Disabilities
DPB	Domestic Purposes Benefit
DVC	Deputy Vice Chancellor
DWI	Department of Work and Income (formerly WINZ)
ECA	Employment Contracts Act 1991
ECO	Environment and Conservation Organisations of NZ



ED	Executive Director
EedO	Equal Educational Opportunities
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunities
EFTS	Equivalent Full Time Students
ERA	Employment Relations Act 2000
ERO	Education Review Office
EUB	Emergency Unemployment Benefit. Currently referred to as the Unemployment Benefit Student Hardship (UBSH)
EXMSS	Massey Extramural Students' Society
FLAQ	Fees, Loans Allowances and Quality
FoRST	Foundation for Research, Science and Technology
HART	Halt All Racist Tours
HR	Human Resources
ICB	Independent Circumstances Benefit
IRN	Independent Radio News
IT	Information Technology
ITPNZ	The Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics of New Zealand, formerly known as APNZ
ITF	Industry Training Federation
ISAW	Independent Students' Association at Whitireia
ITO	Industry Training Organisation
IUS	International Union of Students
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LAC	Learner Advisory Committee of the TEC
LUSA	Lincoln University Students' Association
MOE	Ministry of Education
MoRST	Ministry of Research, Science and Technology
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MUSA	Massey University Students' Association
NERF	New Economy Research Fund
NFA	Native Forest Action
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NQF	National Qualifications Framework
NUS	National Union of Students. An overseas equivalent of NZUSA, in both Australia and Britain
NUSC	National University Sport Council
NWRO	National Women's Rights Officer
NZAF	New Zealand Aids Foundation
NZDSA	New Zealand Dental Students Association
NZEI	New Zealand Educational Institute
NZMA	New Zealand Medical Association
NZMSA	New Zealand Medical Students Association
NZPA	New Zealand Press Association
NZPPC	New Zealand Polytechnic Programmes Committee



NZQA	New Zealand Qualifications Authority
NZRDA	New Zealand Resident Doctors Association
NZUSU	New Zealand University Sports Union (previous name for USNZ)
NZVCC	New Zealand Vice-Chancellors Committee
OIA	Official Information Act 1982
OPSA	Otago Polytechnic Students' Association
OUSU	Otago University Students' Association
PBRF	Performance Based Research Fund
PGSA	Post Graduate Students Association
PGSF	Public Good Science Fund
PPL	Paid Parental Leave
PPTA	Post Primary Teachers Association
PQ	Parliamentary Question
PSA	Public Service Association
PTE	Private Training Establishments
PVC	Pro Vice Chancellor
QAANZ	Quality Assurance Authority of New Zealand
QAS	Quality Assurance Service (monitoring arm of NZQA)
QPEC	Quality Public Education Coalition
R&D	Research and Development
RNZ	Radio New Zealand
RS&T	Research, Science and Technology
SAWCE	Students' Association at the Wellington College of Education
SAWIT	Students' Association of the Waikato Institute of Technology
SFF	Single Funding Formula
SFWU	Service and Food Workers Union
SIAC	Science and Innovation Advisory Council
SJS	Student Job Search Aotearoa
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. A campaigns analysis method
TAMU	Tertiary Advisory Monitoring Unit
TEAC	Tertiary Education Advisory Commission
TEC	Tertiary Education Commission
TEP	Tertiary Education Provider
TERB	Tertiary Education Reform Bill
TIA	Training Incentive Allowance
TMA	Te Mana Akonga
TPK	Te Puni Kokiri
TTEC	Transition Tertiary Education Commission
TWFG	Tertiary Women's Focus Group
UBSH	Unemployment Benefit Student Hardship



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UCSA	University of Canterbury Students' Association
Uni-Q	The name for student queer groups at some campuses
USNZ	University Sport New Zealand
VC	Vice Chancellor
Vote:	Term used in government budgets describing where money goes. So, the extra money for SJS last year came out of VOTE: Employment. (It is not an acronym.)
VSM	Voluntary Student Membership
VUWSA	Victoria University Wellington Students' Association
WSA	Wellington Institute of Technology Students' Association
WRO	Women's Rights Officer
WSU	Waikato Student Union