



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

NEW ZEALAND UNION OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS (NZUSA)

and

NEW ZEALAND TONGAN TERTIARY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NZTTSA)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to agree and achieve shared objectives between the New Zealand Union of Students' Associations (NZUSA) and New Zealand Tongan Tertiary Students' Association (NZTTSA).

NZUSA and NZTTSA share an objective of having an effective student voice that genuinely reflects the diversity of tertiary students in New Zealand. We hope that this diverse student voice meaningfully contributes to national discussions regarding matters that affect tertiary students in New Zealand.

A specific objective in this MoU is to include Tongan students as a group to be represented in national discussions regarding student matters.

To achieve these objectives, NZUSA and NZTTSA agree to the responsibilities set out in this MoU.

2. Context

NZUSA is the national voice of students in tertiary education. It represents the interests of students through research, campaigns and lobbying; and provides support to institution-based students' associations. It is owned by students' associations in universities, polytechnics and institutes of technology across the country. Its vision is to fight for a barrier education for all.

NZTTSA is the national voice of Tongan students in tertiary education. It represents the interests of Tongan students on a national scale and provides support to institution-based Tongan students' associations. It is currently the only Pacific national representative organisation.

3. Aims

This MoU aims to:

- Recognise the need for national representation of Pacific/Tongan tertiary students in New Zealand.
- Empower the Pacific/Tongan student voice and encourage its involvement in national discussions regarding tertiary students.
- Support the need for Pacific/Tongan student representation in national discussions and issues regarding Pacific education.

4. Organisations

This MoU is between:

- NZUSA and
- NZTTSA

5. Responsibilities

NZUSA will:

- Recognise NZTTSA as the national voice of Tongan tertiary students and its role in enhancing Tongan student voice within the tertiary sector.
- Maintain regular communication and contact with the NZTTSA President.
- Provide guidance for the NZTTSA President around leadership and advocacy for his/her members.
- Provide guidance to NZTTSA regarding student matters in tertiary sector, particularly in area of Pacific tertiary education.
- Empower the Tongan student voice by supporting NZTTSA to represent its members in areas regarding Pacific education.

NZTTSA will:

- Recognise NZUSA as the umbrella national voice of tertiary students in New Zealand
- Develop a leadership weekend for Tongan student body leaders in tertiary institutions, where the NZUSA President is invited to attend and speak at.
- Maintain regular communication and contact with the NZUSA President and/or nominee.
- Ensure that academic quality and/or strengthening student representation is included in its Annual Amatakiloa Conferences and other appropriate fora.
- Provide NZUSA with support in a national Tongan and Pacific capacity.
- Support NZUSA in providing a Tongan and/or Pacific perspective on national issues.


NZUSA and NZTTSA will jointly:


- Provide a handover to the newly elected officers which will include a run-through of this MOU and its objectives.
- Support this MoU by having a representative at each other's events when appropriate
- Undertake joint activities from time to time, such as conference presentations, that support the purpose of this agreement.
- Share information about relevant initiatives and campaigns to encourage diversity and inclusion in the national student voice.
- Review this MoU at least once every two years.

6. Operationalisation

The operationalisation of this MoU is set out in the Schedule. An annual schedule of activities will be agreed between NZUSA and NZTTSA. This will normally include the activities set out in the Schedule.

Signed by:


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National President
New Zealand Union of Students' Associations


Mary Jane Kivalu
National President
New Zealand Tongan Tertiary Students' Association

On this 26 day of 09 in the year 2018

Schedule 1: Annual Plan

Timeframe Activity

January

- NZUSA National Conference

February

- NZTTSA Leadership Weekend
- NZUSA Campus Tour

March

- NZUSA Campus Tour

April

- NZUSA Campus Tour

May

June

July

- NZTTSA Annual Amatakiloa Conference

August

September

- Tongan Language Week

October

November

- NZUSA Congress

December

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