



2024 OUMSA Update - March Edition

Kia ora e te whānau! In 2024, we (the OUMSA executive team) have made it our goal to improve transparency and increase communication with our members. Whilst we recognize that some of our handlings are sensitive and cannot be shared to the public domain, we want our students involved in the running of OUMSA as much as possible. In light of this, we will be releasing monthly updates that outline our actions during that month.

Elections + Special General Meeting (SGM)

On the 8th of March, we held an SGM to ratify proposed changes to the OUMSA Constitution. Some notable changes include the creation of the ELM2 Administrative Officer role and electing an Education Rep from each stream in both ELM2 and ELM3. Thank you to everyone who came along and provided input.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and introduce everyone who was recently elected in our March Elections. Regardless of the outcome, a massive thank you to all of the nominees who campaigned and showed their willingness to support their cohort.

ELM2 Class Rep: Caleb Lopez-Sanchez
ELM2 Administrative Officer: Ei Thandee Aung
ELM2 Financial Rep: Elnathan Chung
ELM2 Communications Repr: Annie Li
ELM2 Social Rep: Jamie Rose
ELM2 Sports Rep: Emily Adams
ELM2 Welfare Rep: Albertine Ongley
Rural Welfare Rep: Mia Gerrard
International Welfare Rep: Dahye Kwon
ELM2 Community Outreach Rep: Yuilana (Ji Won) Won

ELM2 ECCO Rep: Anise Boothroyd
ELM2 Stream A Education Rep: Sam Keyse
ELM2 Stream B Education Rep: Janvi Puri
ELM2 Stream C Education Rep: Julianne Kim
ELM2 Stream D Education Rep: Thomas Yang
ELM3 Stream A Education Rep: Jiya Puri
ELM3 Stream B Education Rep: Olivia Stevens
ELM3 Stream C Education Rep: Justice Firestone
ELM3 Stream D Education Rep: Xing Zhang

Supergrad Welfare Rep: VACANT - look out for applications!

Flat Crawl

How do sheep say, "Merry Christmas"? Fleece Navidad... The much-anticipated 2024 Flat Crawl saw 115 Christmas-themed flat crawlers sleighing to the North Pole, stopping along the way at Leith Street, Clyde Street, and Royal Terrace. 34 teams battled it out in an epic Beer Pong Tournament but in the end, only one team could win - Connor and Jacob from ELM2. Congratulations boys, and thanks for doing the Class of 2028 proud. Special thanks to the 2024 Sports and Social Officers, Nicholas Harman and Kia Wales, for giving us the gift of beer pong and flat crawl, and to Tiara Das and her welfare team for keeping us fed and hydrated. Thanks also to the brave hosts of the 2024 Med Flat Crawl for inviting us into your homes! We can't wait to do it all again in 2025.

Med Mentoring

Med mentoring is underway with more than 40 ELM2 mentees and 20 ELM3 mentors involved. It's not too late to be involved in this programme if you want some extra support. Reach out to 3rdyear@oumsa.org for more information.

ELM3 Survey

In March, OUMSA sent out a survey to all ELM3 students to see how we can better serve the needs of our members in 2024. We want to highlight some changes that have/will be made in response to your feedback:

1. To improve transparency, OUMSA is releasing monthly newsletters which are available on the website and Facebook page.
2. To improve the value of our OUMSA membership, we have increased membership discounts for Cases Books and Study Buddy subscriptions. More details were outlined in our February newsletter.
3. 62.5% of survey respondents thought that OUMSA actions were a good/great reflection of the cohort's needs, but some wanted more opportunities to communicate with us. OUMSA Office Hours are 1-2pm every Tuesday/Thursday, and our inboxes are open for any queries!
4. OUMSA has heard the call for more Alcohol-Free Social Events and we are working on this!

Thank you to everyone who filled out this form, and a special congratulations to the winners of the \$25 NW Vouchers: Jamie and Tiare!

Clubs n Socs Day

Med Clubs n Socs day was a huge success with representatives from NZMSJ, Knit for NICU, WIHN, MRSA, Enema, PIHPSA, Matagouri, CMF, DIG, ROMSA, DSAS present. If you weren't able to attend, coming very soon will be an updated list of med-related clubs on the OUMSA website.

Social Sports

Social sports kicked off in March and we have 140 registrations across our Netball, Basketball, Volleyball, Turbo Touch, and Futsal teams. Awesome work!

Summer Merch

Summer merch has arrived and can be collected from the OUMSA Office during office hours. If you didn't order this time around and are getting mad FOMO, keep your eyes peeled for the Winter Merch drop in Semester 2.

Coming up in April...

- ECCO Conference - 12-14th April
- Welfare Week - Week of 15th April
- ELM2 Psych Med Study Buddy - 21st April
- Relay for Life - 20th April
- NZMSA Clinical Leadership Forum - 26-28th April
- Class Division Q&A sessions - Week of 29th April
- ASCEND Session 1 - 30th April