



2024 OUMSA Update - May 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.

Class Division - Q&A Sessions/Voting

Thanks to the ELM3 cohort for their patience, sensitivity and perseverance with the ongoing Class Division process. The numbers from ELM3 cohort voting, and available spaces at each campus have been finalised as follows:

DSM - 113 (90 spaces available)

UOC - 154 (125 spaces available)

UOW - 58 (110 spaces available)

These numbers mean that 29 students will need to be moved from UOC to UOW, and 23 from DSM to UOW. However, to reduce the risk of requiring a second ballot, Tony Zaharic announced on Friday that they will be balloting 70 students (UOC) and 60 students (DSM) respectively. OMS will take note of the order in which people are drawn. The first 23 (DSM) or 29 (UOC) in draw order that choose not to appeal or have unsuccessful appeals will be placed at UOW. If the number of successful appeals means not all transfers to UOW from a campus can be done, a second ballot will be done (from the relevant campus). Similarly, if the number of successful appeals means there are too many transfers to UOW, they will be retracted in reverse to the draw order.

OMS aims to notify those that have been balloted at 5pm Thursday 6th June (when those emails have been sent, they will notify the whole class). Those balloted will have the opportunity to appeal. The appeals form is available on Moodle now should you want to read it ahead of time.

Be assured that OUMSA is working closely with OMS to ensure that the ELM3 cohorts welfare is at the forefront of any decisions made. Keep an eye out in the next few weeks for more information, reach out for support if you need to, and remember to be kind to yourself and others.

OUMSA Response to Racism

Thank you to those who filled out the feedback form for OUMSA, TOKŌ and PIHPSA. Following on from our Facebook post a few weeks ago, all execs from the three student associations will be holding an open meeting at 1pm 12th June (Hunter Centre G.30B) for any ELM students to attend.

We will be opening up the space for any discussion around the feedback we received, as well as addressing any other concerns or questions around what more we can do to create a safe community which we can all belong to. We hope that with everyone's support and input, as well as sticking with our values of collaboration, unity, truth and equity, we can continue to support and advocate for our cohort.

OUMSA vs SOULS Sports Comp

Organised chaos would be the best way to describe this event's debut! We kicked off with a tug of war, which med won (numbers were **definitely** even)! After that, we split off for volleyball, futsal, netball and basketball. Displaying great sportsmanship, Med took out the volleyball and netball, and Law claimed the win for futsal and basketball.

The decider was multisport, including ultimate frisbee, turbo touch, netball, basketball and futsal. Med tried valiantly to battle for a win, with great teamwork on display from our awesome team. Unfortunately, the law students' egos were fed, and they took the win fair and square.

Following the competition, SOULS kindly hosted a social function at the Bog, in which they provided food and subsidised drinks. As warm hosts and fierce competitors, we are very keen to lock horns with them again later in the year!

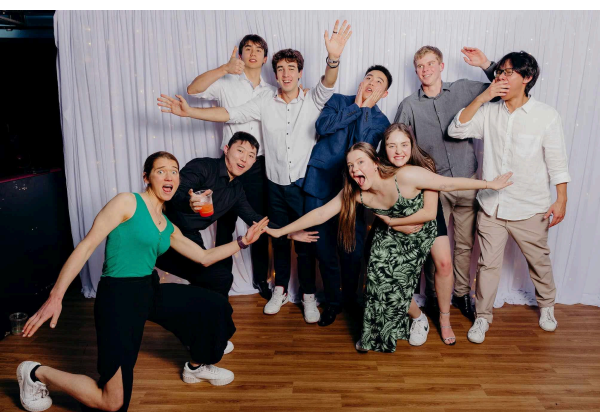


Study Buddy

It's been a busy month for Study Buddy with the ELM2 OSPE Study Buddy sessions provided by Gavin Bishop (Histology and Pathology) and Parnia Naeimasa (Anatomy), and also the MSK Study Buddy with Kyra Bingham. For ELM3, the Metabolism session was crash-coursed by Anna Liu. Huge thank you goes to Gavin, Nia, Kyra and Anna for their hard-work, and to Boston (Education Officer Internal) for his organisation.

Wine & Cheese

We held our annual Med Wine & Cheese at Catacombs on Friday 24th May. We managed to get a great turnout of around 280 people so thank you to everyone who came along and brought the energy and dance moves. It was a lot of fun and I hope people appreciated the opportunity to chill and socialise outside the daily grind of med school. I'd also like to extend a massive thank you to the welfare team who looked after everyone on the night - we really appreciate the work you do and the stuff you put up with! - Kia Wales (2024 Social Officer)



ASCEND Sessions

This month, we had two superb speakers come and speak to us at ASCEND. Dr Flo de Roo and her discussion on dealing with difficult situations was phenomenal. Following it up was Mr Ahmad Taha and his fascinating talk surrounding the challenges he faced around wellbeing and how to manage this throughout medical school and beyond. Make sure to attend the final session as we have Professor Ian Morison talking to us about lateral thinking and its application in medicine: he is a phenomenal thinker and communicator so I wouldn't miss this last one! It'll be on 11th June (the week after OSPE). Tickets can also be purchased on the night with an eftpos card for \$5-7 (does not include food) so make sure to come along.

Coming up in June...

- ELM3 OSPE Study Buddy - 1st June
- ELM3 RCA Study Buddy - 2nd June
- Ballot notifications - 6th June
- Class Division Appeals open - 7th June
- ELM3 Renal Study Buddy - 8th June
- ASCEND Session 4 (Prof Morison) - 11th June
- Supergrad Meet-Up - 14th June
- NZMSA Conference - 14-16th June
- ELM3 Class Photo - 21st June

Remember to look after yourself with all the upcoming tests 🧡