Vice-Chancellor’s Office

The Vice-Chancellor is the academic and administrative head of the University.

The Office of the Vice-Chancellor provides support for the governance and executive functions of the University.

Within the Vice-Chancellor’s Office are:

Registrar and Secretary to the Council

The main roles of the Office of the Registrar and Secretary to the Council involve servicing the University Council and its standing and other committees; co-ordination of overall accountability to meet the University’s statutory obligations; advice on University policies and procedures; and provision of a repository of information and data on matters relating to governance. The office also includes Corporate Records Services and the University Mediator.

Māori Development

The Māori Development Office has responsibility for developing and maintaining University Treaty-based relationships with Ngāi Tahu and other Iwi and Māori providers, and co-ordinating and implementing Māori development and strategy, including: implementation of the Māori Strategic Framework; research consultation; leadership and support of cultural development; and leadership and support of Māori staff networks and development.

Planning and Funding

The Planning and Funding Office prepares the key documents required to secure Government support for the University’s strategic direction and for funding to support that direction. As well as negotiating core funding, the Office is responsible for reporting information to Government agencies and other external parties for planning, reporting, statistical and reputational purposes. Within the University, the Office facilitates strategic planning, provides strategic advice (along with statistical information and analysis), prepares key corporate documents, and undertakes a wide range of special project work.

Administrative and Student Services and Facilities

The following is a summary of the chief services and facilities for staff and students, listed according to the Divisions which have responsibility for them. Further information is available by contacting the section concerned (University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054; university@otago.ac.nz) or on the University’s website (www.otago.ac.nz), or in the Guide to Enrolment.

Academic Division

Quality Advancement Unit

The Quality Advancement Unit has responsibility for managing and administering the University’s internal reviews process, conducting the University’s core student and graduate surveys, managing the University’s teaching and paper evaluations service, co-ordinating preparations for external academic audit (conducted under the auspices of the Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities), and fostering and supporting good practice in quality assurance and improvement across the University.