

The "New-Look" NZUSA

National Office will now consist of: 1 President, 1 Vice President, 2 Research Officers, 1.5 Clerical Workers, 1 Administrative Secretary.

Maori Students were offered autonomy and asked to set up a separate national organisation. Funding was offered for a three year period at a rate of:

1987 12% of NZUSA's income

1988 9% of NZUSA's income

1989 5% of NZUSA's income

However, Council managed to compromise on: 12%, 10% and 9%.

We had attempted to get 12% for each year but felt a compromise at this stage was best for all parties. We also bargained for an establishment grant, plus use of NZUSA office space until such time as we find adequate alternative space.

Campus voting weights were renegotiated so they are now:

Auckland.....	12
Canterbury.....	8
Victoria.....	8
Otago.....	7
Massey.....	6
Waikato.....	5
Lincoln.....	3
Total.....	49

The make-up of National Executive was changed quite dramatically. Until now National Executive (which oversees NZUSA's operations, finances,

and National Office) had been made up of the seven Campus Presidents plus national officers. Now, it is effectively the Presidents. National Executive now has the power to suspend a national officer for negligence or incompetence and to call an SGM to 'sack' or 'roll' the officer.

All-in-all it was an effective August Council and proved that when it came to the crunch, students were prepared to do something about ensuring NZUSA's ongoing survival. 1987 will be a telling year for all!

MAORI STUDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For Maori students there are several benefits of NZUSA restructuring.

But some of you may be thinking, what is the point of having an association, and isn't it separatist?

Well, for the good of NZUSA, they suggested it as it would undoubtedly save them money. From our point of view it gives us more freedom to work on education and welfare issues as they affect us.

On September 19-21 Nga Toki, made up mainly of the Maori Students Officers from each campus, met to discuss and arrive at agreement on this issue. As is the nature of Maori hui we aimed at reaching a compromise that

was workable to all campuses.

There were reservations of course and it is fair to say that most of these were centered on the financial aspects of such an organisation.

We felt however, that there must be a national organisation for Maori students, and its general aims must be:

1. To improve the education and welfare of Maori university students;
2. To work closely with the Maori Community on issues affecting Te Ao Maori

We believe that contact between Maori students on campuses be encouraged and so we feel that a regional structure is a good idea. The campuses would be grouped into three regions thus:

Northern: Tamaki makaurau (AUSA) and Waikato (WSU).

Central: Manawatu (MUSA), Raukawa (TWoR) and Whanganui-a-Tara (VUWSA).

Southern: Waihora (LCSA), Waitaha (UCSA) and Otakou (OUSA).

Regions would be responsible for encouraging social, sporting, academic and political activities such as inter-campus hui, sports exchanges, inviting each other to student functions, setting up (continuing) study groups and so on.

One of the more contentious issues

Tena ra koe Piripi,

Ka nui tenei mihi ki a koe me nga ahuatanga e pa ana ki a koe, ki to ropu Maori hoki ano. Ko maua Te Ropu Tumuaki Maori o te Ropu Akonga o Nga Whare Wananga o Aotearoa. Ko Mate Paihana Puriri raua ko Te Aniwa Tutara oku ingoa.

Ka panui maua i runga i te kaupapa o te urunga mai o te iwi Maori i roto i nga kura wananga tuatoru o te motu.

Tena koutou! We are writing in our capacity as Tumuaki Maori for the New Zealand University Students Association (NZUSA) to inform you of the changes that are taking place within NZUSA and its effect upon Maori students.

At the end of last year, Maori university students pulled out of NZUSA in order to form our own autonomous Maori student association. We had several hui in which we have discussed this move in great depth. This move is being made with the support of

NZUSA. Such ideas for the formation of our separate body were first raised in 1984 with the formation of our first Maori Vice-President and Nga Toki, our Maori students Action Committee. We realised then that our activities were immensely restricted within the confines of NZUSA.

At the big August hui 1986, motions were passed for Maori students to become independent. We believe that this move signifies a start of a far more motivated and effective Maori student group than that which came under the umbrella of NZUSA. We believe that we can now work efficiently on areas that we deem to be important - not just for Maori students, but for all our Maori people.

Our new body will be called 'Nga Toki O Aotearoa' and will still be based at the present offices until more suitable offices can be found. We hope to re-establish ourselves within or nearby

other Maori organisations' offices. We are asking for your tautoko and your awhina in the setting up of our association. We hope that once the initial establishment process is complete, we can maintain regular contact with you so that we can share information and ideas. One of our general aims is to work closely with the Maori community on issues affecting Te Ao Maori.

We hope to dispell the image that Maori university students are too 'elitist', keep to themselves or do not take an interest in community affairs.

Heoi ano, kei te haeremai maua ki te mutunga o tenei reta. Ka noho Te Arikini i roto i to kainga i tenei wa, no reira, kia ora!

Naku
na MATE PAIHANA PURIRI
for Te Tumuaki
Maori Collective
NZUSA