



HUMAN RIGHTS
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Formal Launching of the University of the South Pacific Human Rights Alumni Association

Background

The USP HRAA is an alumni association formed by graduates of the Leadership, Governance and Human Rights Diploma Program under the Governance department of the school of law and social sciences, USP. Established in 2019, the executives drafted a constitution with consultation from association advisors Dr. Natasha Khan and Anare Tuitoga from department of Governance, School of law and Social Science and other alumni members. The association was then registered with USP Alumni office sometimes in November, 2020 after meeting all the requirements.

The association believes that students are our future leaders and that our association will be the platform committed to building capacity of regional students through awareness raising, human rights education and training which are essential in this regard to empower these future leaders with the ability to create mechanisms for genuine and meaningful engagement in policy and decision making to allow for inclusivity down to community level when they return to their respective countries.

Partnerships are critical to USP HRAA's work in building the knowledge skills and networks of likeminded people to empower next generational leaders in promoting good governance, leadership and human rights issues in their various pacific communities.

On the 4th of December, 2020 the association had its formal launch in partnership with Pacific Islands Association of Non- Government Organizations (PIANGO). The idea behind the launch was to formalize the existence of the association, increase visibility and build networks through invitations to key stakeholders.



Proceedings of the Launch (Key Note Address- VC of USP)

Vice chancellor Alluwaliya Pal in his keynote address during the launch stated that the launch was a testament of dedication of staff, students and alumnis of the School of Governance Development and International Affairs for having the foresight to form an association that will empower USP students to become agents of positive change in their various communities. It is a reflection of the great relationship between staff and students of the School, living beyond the classroom context, inspiring actors of change infused with the vision of advocating for human rights issues that are affecting our pacific. Additionally, he added that the initiative was also an opportunity to reflect on learning achievements of the university where most leaders at the helm of governments and NGOs in our region are alumnis of the university and as the association grows, it must be realized that amongst us are networks of future leaders of the Pacific. Therefore, cohesive dialogue and relationships must be built amongst students to secure our Pacific now for the future.



Activity information

Activity Title	Formal Launching of the University of the South Pacific Human Rights Alumni Association
Date	4 th December, 2020
Total cost	\$950 for catering (Paid directly by PIANGO to vendor) \$200 for Cake (Paid directly by PIANGO to vendor) \$300 for logistics such as transportation, item performed, USP staff cleaner's allowance. (See acquittal attached as appendice)
Reporting period	February, 2021
Participants # Females # Males Total (Provide other relevant breakdown)	To be filled by PIANGO
Objectives of the activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify key stakeholders and build networks with likeminded people in building the capacity of next generational Pacific leaders (Students of USP} in providing a common voice on regional priorities. • To build the visibility of the University of the South Pacific Human Rights Association (USP HRAA) and formalize our existence through the social media and within the University community.



<p>Outcomes¹ (how did this activity contribute to the Outcome Challenge, Progress Markers and/or stated Objectives)</p>	<p>Through this launch the USP HRAA was able to increase their visibility and build key networks through the invited key guests including the Vice Chancellor of the USP, the OHCHR and PIANGO in terms of raising awareness on the purpose of its formation, vision, mission and the platform it represents.</p> <p>Challenge</p> <p>A challenge that the association faced was the timing of the launch which had coincided with the end of academic semester and USP academics that were invited were engaged in other activities.</p> <p>However, important key guests that was crucial to our association in terms of the work that we do were present.</p>
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Progress report preparation

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Others involved or consulted	
Date of report	13/2/ 2021

Authorisation

I declare that the information contained in this report is true and correct and confirm:

PIANGO Funds were received and used only for the agreed purpose(s); and

All conditions attached to PIANGO’s Funding have been met; and

There are unspent Funds which has been returned to the Finance team of PIANGO

Asilika Masikolikoli

President USP HRAA

Full Name (in block capitals)

Title / Position (e.g. CEO)

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13/2/21

Signature

Date



APPENDICE

USP Human Rights Alumni Association Acquittals Record			
Activity	Description	Cost	Accumulating Total
	Accountable Advance		\$ 397.50
Cleaner Allowance	For USP staff cleaner's allowance	\$100	\$100
Entertainment	Hula Dance provided by one of our members	\$50	\$150
Taxi Run	Transport coconut leaves for decoration from Nailuva to USP	\$10	\$160
	USP to Raiwai to collect kava as part of refreshment	5	\$165
	Raiwai drop off USP after collecting kava	\$4.20	\$169
Taxi Allowance for HRAA Launch Participants	Joe Gonewai	\$20	\$189
	Vilisoni	\$20	\$209
	Seta	\$20	\$229
	Selai	\$20	\$249
	Christopher	\$20	\$269
	Asilika	\$20	\$289
	Aceni	\$20	\$309
	Pita	\$10	\$319
			\$319
Balance cash at hand			\$78.30

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