

MEMBERSHIP OF YOUR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

As a student you may not be aware that you can 'opt out' of your Students' Association. The information on the exemption policy is detailed below and is taken from the Lincoln University Calendar for 2010 as the University is responsible for the administration of the policy.

Fees

(3) A refund or exemption from payment of part of the student services fee may be made in the following circumstances:

(a) to full-time students who have paid a full building levy five times or more to any university in New Zealand, in which case their fees may be reduced by the building levy component; and or,

(b) to any students who are absent from the university during the teaching year in pursuit of their studies or associated work, in which case their fee shall be reduced as provided in the schedule of regulations;

(c) on hardship grounds;

(4) (a) Applications for relief or exemption made under the provisions of this regulation will be considered by a committee comprising a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor, a postgraduate student nominated by the staff representative on the University Council, and the Lincoln University Students' Association President.

(b) Students may appeal against the decision of the Committee to the Vice-Chancellor. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor is final.¹

As far as we are aware, no one has 'opted out' but you should also be aware that under the Education Act 1989 (which makes the exemption possible), **you do not receive a refund** of your membership fee but rather it is given to a Charity. Unfortunately we did not make the rules (the Government of the day did), but together with the University, we are the ones left to deal with it.

So here it is. If you have any questions, please contact the lusa.president@lincolnuni.ac.nz.

¹ Lincoln University 2010 Calendar, pp.34-35.