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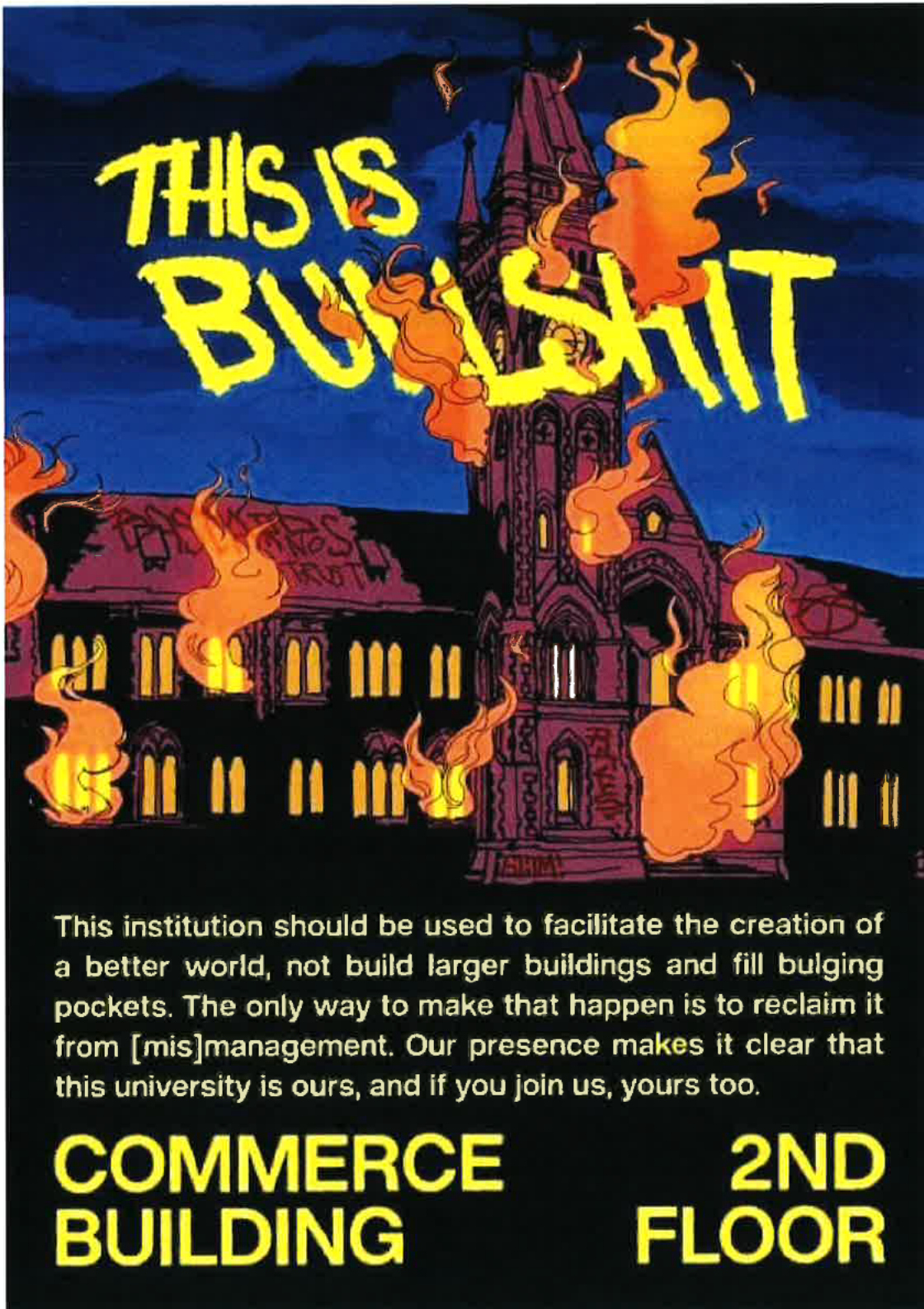
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**From:** Vice-Chancellor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 August 2023 3:25 pm  
**To:** Tony Ballantyne  
**Subject:** RE: Protest in Commerce

Hi Tony

This was on the POAG Facebook page which you may have already seen.

Thanks Sarah



This institution should be used to facilitate the creation of a better world, not build larger buildings and fill bulging pockets. The only way to make that happen is to reclaim it from [mis]management. Our presence makes it clear that this university is ours, and if you join us, yours too.

**COMMERCE  
BUILDING**

**2ND  
FLOOR**

**From:** Vice-Chancellor <[vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:09 PM  
**To:** Tony Ballantyne <[tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz](mailto:tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Protest in Commerce

FYI Tony - this was from the Proctor and also copied to Stephen Willis and Dean Macaulay.

**From:** Claire Gallop <[claire.gallop@otago.ac.nz](mailto:claire.gallop@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 2:08 PM

**To:** Vice-Chancellor <[vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz)>

• **Subject:** Protest in Commerce

Protest at Level 2 commerce. Police involved- arrests made. Group tried to barricade themselves into rooms. Graffiti and other damage present. Property services (Russ Linwood ) aware. Proctors and Campus Watch on site. Order restored.

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**From:** Vice-Chancellor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 August 2023 3:55 pm  
**To:** Tony Ballantyne  
**Subject:** FW: 01.08 Early  
**Attachments:** 01.08 Early.pdf; 01.08 Early IN.pdf

Kia ora Tony  
A few reports to note on the Early IN report attached.  
Thanks Sarah

**From:** Steve Murray <steve.murray@otago.ac.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 3:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; Campus Cop <campus.cop@otago.ac.nz>; Chief Operating Officer <coo@otago.ac.nz>; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; Deputy Proctor <deputy.proctor@otago.ac.nz>; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@police.govt.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; Operations Coordinator Campus Watch <operations.campuswatch@otago.ac.nz>; Proctor <proctor@otago.ac.nz>; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; Proctor's Office <proctors.office@otago.ac.nz>; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz; Vice-Chancellor <vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz>; [REDACTED]@otago.ac.nz  
**Subject:** 01.08 Early

### 01.08 Early

Staff carried out normal Early Shift duties with no problems.

All Control requests actioned without any issues.

Shortly after 1310 hours, CW were advised of a protest on the second floor of the Commerce Building.

A group of about 10 students had barricaded themselves in meeting room 201 and then in protest have damaged the walls with graffiti.

They also hung banners out the windows displaying their cause and sprayed paint on the windows with slogans

They have caused damage to windows and to the fire doors.

The police were called and 3 of the group were arrested.

Enquiries are continuing to identify the rest.

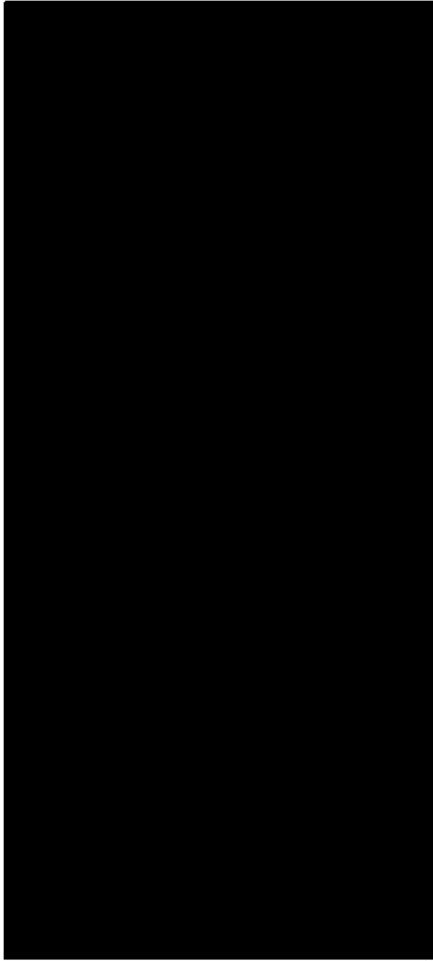
### Notable Incidents:

As above

### IN0387 Wilful Damage

### Names of Students Reporting to Proctor:

Nil



**Ngā mihi**  
**Steve**

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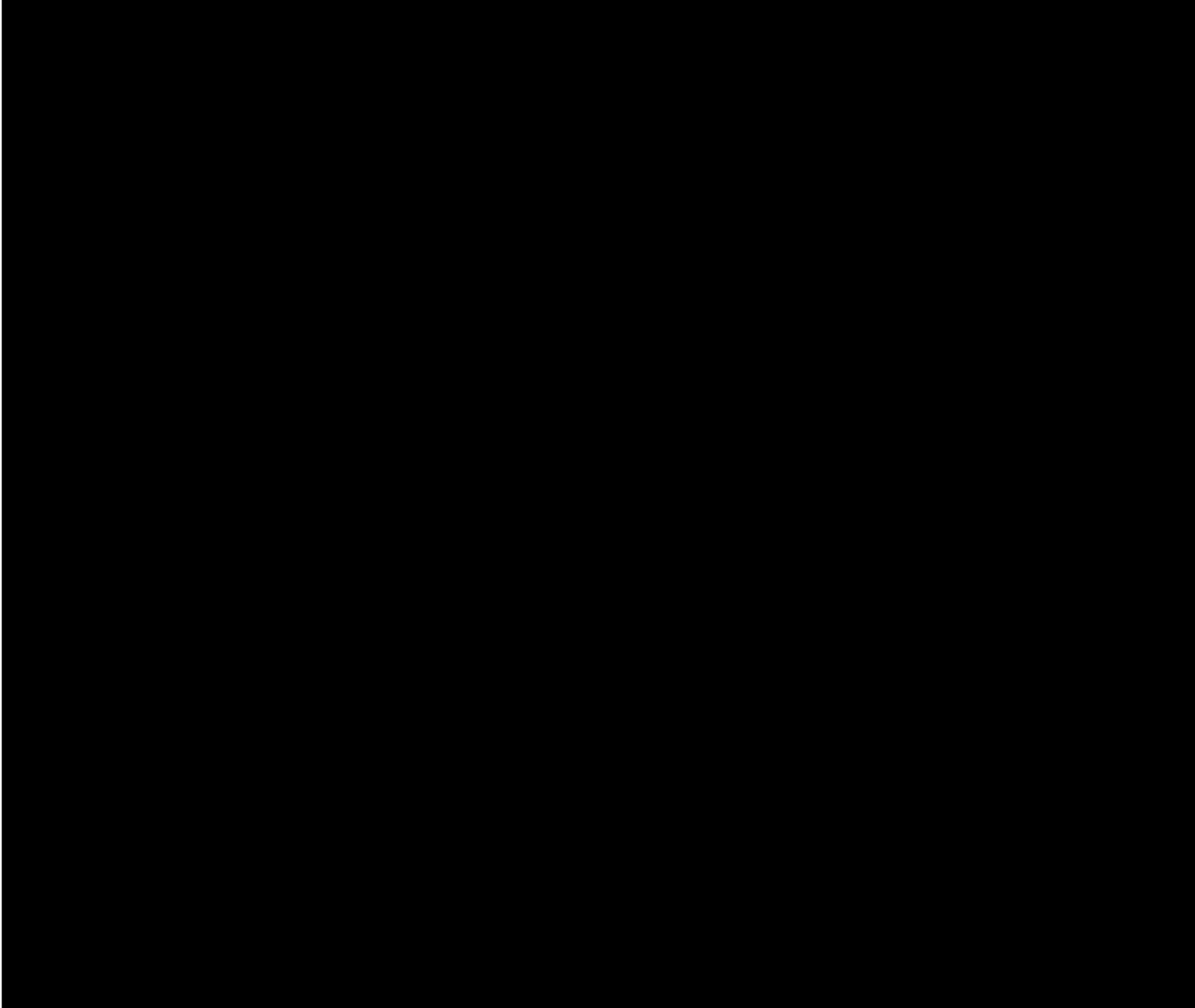
**Steve Murray**  
Campus Watch Team Leader

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## Daily Log Summary Report

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<b>Log #:</b>	DL20230014286	<b>Department:</b>	Proctors Office	
<b>Property:</b>	University of Otago	<b>Owner:</b>	ogida25p	<b>Incident Created</b>
<b>On/Off Campus:</b>	Campus Related	<b>Created By:</b>	ogida25p	
<b>Sector:</b>	Dunedin			
<b>Occurred:</b>	01/08/23 1:07:48 PM	<b>End Time:</b>	01/08/23 2:12:29 PM	
<b>Code (Topic):</b>	1D	<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Synopsis:</b>	Intentional Damage. Room 201 Meeting Room Commerce.			



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**From:** Vice-Chancellor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 8:32 am  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Quick catch-up tomorrow

Perfect, I have just let Tony know and sent you a calendar invitation.  
Thanks Sarah

**From:** Quintin Jane <president@ousa.org.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 8:28 AM  
**To:** Vice-Chancellor <vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz>  
**Subject:** Re: Quick catch-up tomorrow

Morning Sarah,

I thought that might be the case, couldn't remember the dates. Think it would be good to see Tony still, will come at 11. Thanks

Ngā mihi



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**From:** Vice-Chancellor <[vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 8:22 am  
**To:** Quintin Jane <[president@ousa.org.nz](mailto:president@ousa.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Quick catch-up tomorrow

[ Email sent from outside OUSA ]:

Kia ora Quintin

Helen is actually on annual leave this week. Tony Ballantyne is Acting Vice-Chancellor. Would you like to see him? His diary looks free at 11 am if that works?

Thanks Sarah

**From:** Quintin Jane <[president@ousa.org.nz](mailto:president@ousa.org.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 6:23 PM  
**To:** Vice-Chancellor <[vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Subject:** Quick catch-up tomorrow

Kia ora,

Any chance there is 15 minutes free in Helen's schedule to discuss the protest that occurred on campus today?

Thanks,  
Quintin

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## Proctor

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**From:** Proctor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 11:18 am  
**To:** Deputy Proctor; Student Services Director  
**Subject:** FW: Mess made of Commerce Building room

FYI



**Dave Scott**  
Proctor

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**From:** Megan McPherson <megan.mcpherson@otago.ac.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** Proctor <proctor@otago.ac.nz>; Liane Topham-Kindley <liane.topham-kindley@otago.ac.nz>; Tony Ballantyne <tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Mess made of Commerce Building room

Kia ora tātou,  
How about:

**From:** Megan McPherson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** Proctor <[proctor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:proctor@otago.ac.nz)>; Liane Topham-Kindley <[liane.topham-kindley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:liane.topham-kindley@otago.ac.nz)>; Tony Ballantyne <[tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz](mailto:tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz)>  
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called about 40 mins ago.

We will work on a potential response

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 2 August 2023 at 10:26:58 AM NZST  
**To:** Megan McPherson <[megan.mcpherson@otago.ac.nz](mailto:megan.mcpherson@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Subject:** Mess made of Commerce Building room

Morena,

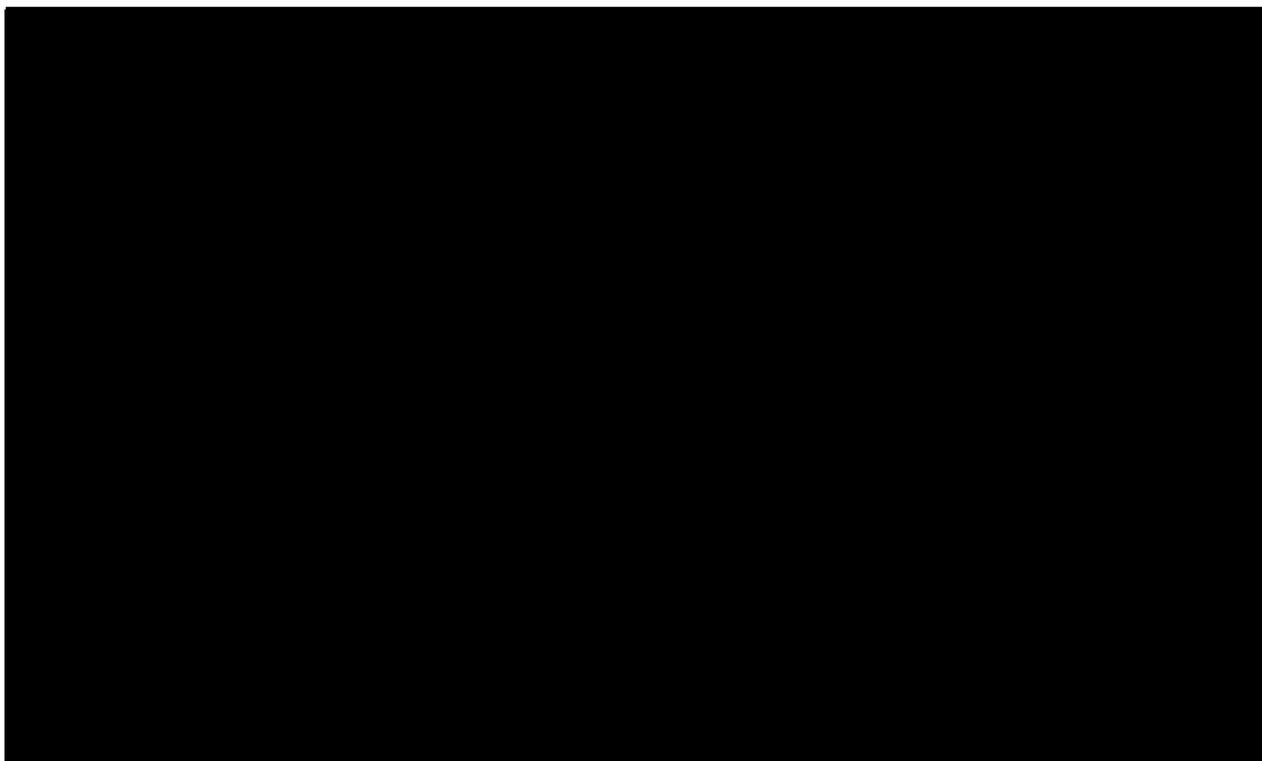
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Also, seeking permission to use any photographs of the scene, or damage done.

Cheers.



## Proctor

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**From:** Megan McPherson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 12:13 pm  
**To:** Liane Topham-Kindley; Proctor; Student Services Director; Tony Ballantyne  
**Cc:** Vice-Chancellor; Lea Jones  
**Subject:** FW: Mess made of Commerce Building room

Kia ora Liane,  
Tony just called in and this is the final statement:

“Peaceful protest has a long tradition at the University of Otago. It is important that students and staff are able to express their views and protest within the law.

However, there is no place for vandalism or disorderly actions, particularly when the safety of others is put at risk. This is against the kaupapa of our community and is not welcome. We are supporting the Police in their investigation.”

Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tony Ballantyne

**From:** Megan McPherson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** Proctor <[proctor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:proctor@otago.ac.nz)>; Liane Topham-Kindley <[liane.topham-kindley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:liane.topham-kindley@otago.ac.nz)>; Tony Ballantyne <[tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz](mailto:tony.ballantyne@otago.ac.nz)>  
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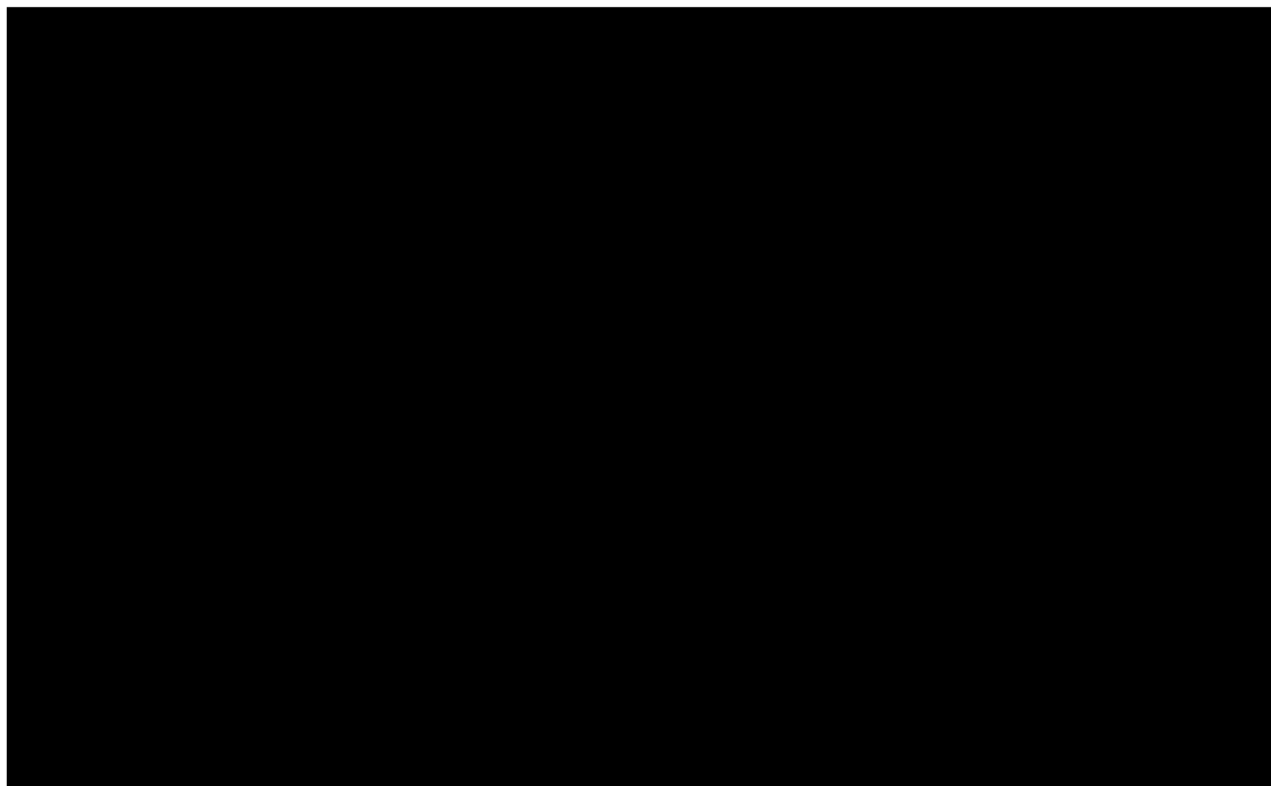
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**From:** Deputy Proctor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 4:08 pm  
**To:** Vice-Chancellor; Proctor  
**Subject:** RE: Message from the Acting Vice-Chancellor

Kia ora Tony,

Thank you for taking the time to email, I do appreciate it. It's what we do, and it's a pleasure.

Kind regards - *Ngā mihi*



**Geoff Burns**  
Deputy Proctor

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**From:** Vice-Chancellor <[vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:vice-chancellor@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2023 3:19 PM  
**To:** Proctor <[proctor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:proctor@otago.ac.nz)>; Deputy Proctor <[deputy.proctor@otago.ac.nz](mailto:deputy.proctor@otago.ac.nz)>  
**Subject:** Message from the Acting Vice-Chancellor

Kia ora kōrua

Just a quick note to thank you both for your work yesterday regarding the protest in Commerce. Geoff, I understand that you were front and centre, and that you did a really excellent job. The University really appreciates the expertise you both bring to your roles and the invaluable work you do for us!

Aku mihi, Tony

Professor Tony Ballantyne  
Acting Vice-Chancellor

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 4:54 pm  
**To:** Vice-Chancellor  
**Cc:** Tony Ballantyne; Proctor; Student Services Director; Megan McPherson  
**Subject:** Wednesday's media

Kia ora koutou,

A bit of a flurry of interest in the protest following this morning's Police briefing. Thanks to Megan for her mahi on this one. Stories already below:

<https://www.critic.co.nz/news/article/10773/three-people-arrested-protesting-uni-mismanagement>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/132665693/those-protesting-funding-cuts-at-university-of-otago-inflicted-tens-of-thousands-of-dollars-in-damage>

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/bill-uni-protest-damage-could-top-10000>

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**From:** Liane Topham-Kindley  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 August 2023 5:40 am  
**To:** Vice-Chancellor  
**Cc:** Tony Ballantyne; Kevin Seales; David Thomson; Megan McPherson  
**Subject:** ODT this morning

Mōrena koutou,

<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/campus/protesters-get-group%E2%80%99s-support>



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## Proctor

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**From:** Liane Topham-Kindley  
**Sent:** Sunday, 13 August 2023 5:08 pm  
**To:** Proctor  
**Cc:** Student Services Director; Deputy Proctor; Megan McPherson  
**Subject:** Critic article

Hi team,

Also, the most detail I'd seen about the court case of our protestors:

<https://www.critic.co.nz/news/article/10797/everything-room-activists-appear-in-court>



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