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We acknowledge the Cadigal people of the Eora Nation, upon whose stolen land the University of Sydney stands. As law students, we acknowledge that the colonisation of this land was legitimated in law by a white supremacist legal system that continues to condone the theft. We acknowledge that the law continues to be deployed as a technology of colonial power, and that the legal regime of this country continues to enact a dispossessing violence that represents a daily threat to the lives and liberties of First Nations peoples.

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PRESIDENT

ROHAN BARMANRAY



Sydney University Law Society (SULS) has had an incredibly busy and successful semester 1! Our overall goals for 2017 were to make the law school more Supportive, Inclusive and Fun! Every event, initiative or activity that SULS organised in Semester 1 attempted to channel these three overarching goals as closely as possible. The executive and subcommittees coordinated over 50 events, numerous competitions and a variety of publications

SUPPORTIVE

SULS continues to advocate on behalf of its members through associations with the Teaching and Curriculum Committee, Faculty Board, NSW Young Lawyers and the Staff Student Consultation Committee. Particular thanks must go to Elizabeth Sheahan (VP Education) and Nina Newcombe (Equity) for always responding to student concerns promoting mental health awareness. Our Careers (Tiff Wu VP) and Social Justice (Sally Kirk VP) portfolios have gone from strength to strength in assisting students with their career planning. These have included improved corporate firm presentations, an inaugural social-justice alumni panel and various careers fairs. The Publications (Emily

Shen) portfolio helps students receive the best information whilst also providing many students with an opportunity to have their work published. This year also saw the introduction of the SULS hackathon which has been very supportive of students in light of technology's great impact on the legal landscape.

Competitions (Alice Yang and Gaston Gratton) have continued to support the moot development of students. The growth of the 'Boot Camp' and the ability to create an environment where all students, from first to later years, feel comfortable mooted is a testament to the supportive nature of the portfolio. Our International (Sam Frouhar) portfolio has had a very active semester. Events such as the staff-student brunch and alumni spotlights allow international students to become involved with SULS and get the most out of Sydney Law School.

INCLUSIVE

SULS has consistently tried to reach and engage with a wider audience of students. Our Marketing (Liv Grivas)

and Design (Rhea Cai and Christina Zhang) portfolios have been central to this goal with their abundance of creative ways to engage with more students. Womens (Gab Royle) and Queer (Adam Ursino) Officers have been fantastic role models for these autonomous groups of students. Events such as 'Awareness Morning Teas', the 'Abortion Law Reform Panel' and the SULS Morning Tea for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia have allowed students from across the law school to engage with SULS in new and unique ways.

Socials (Nicole Burger and Eric Gonzales) have created larger events for semester 1. This has allowed more students than ever before to attend and be able to connect with their peers outside the classroom. First year law camp and the various parties are some of their fantastic highlights.

FUN

Naturally if events are more fun and engaging, then they will become more supportive and inclusive. Every portfolio, from writing event descriptions, designing posters or marketing initiatives to running events has tried to be as fun as possible. This is viewed by the constant smile on student's faces who attend SULS' events. Particular mention should go to our Campus (Calida Tang) and Sport (Nick Lehm) portfolio's as they always allow students to enjoy themselves

in between or after classes.

I would like to thank the entire Executive and every member of each Sub-Committee for their tireless work in ensuring that the law school is the best place it can be. Special thanks must go to the three Vice-Presidents who take on huge portfolios whilst also acting as support for the rest of the executive. Furthermore, I would like to thank James Madden (Sponsorship), Longen Lan (Treasurer) and Issey Ledden (Secretary). These important, yet often thankless roles, are extremely vital to SULS and without their enthusiastic week in/week out work, the executive would not function. SULS is looking forward to an even more successful Semester 2 and to lay a great foundation for future SULS executives!

VICE PRESIDENT (EDUCATION) / ELIZABETH SHEAHAN



So far, 2017 has been an eventful year for the Education portfolio. We kicked off Semester 1 with SULS' new First Year Crash Course, a seminar covering upcoming events, tips and information relevant to first years settling in at law school. SULS has also worked with the Law School to improve the First Year Mentoring program. To help strengthen and extend the relationships between mentors and mentees, we held a follow up pizza lunch event one fortnight after the initial session in O Week.

SULS has continued to liaise with the Law School, representing student concerns on a number of issues including exam timetabling, assessment feedback, availability of practice papers and clarity of the academic appeals process. Early in semester, SULS conducted a comprehensive survey of the student body to gauge what issues are currently concerning students. These responses were analysed and presented to the Law School, shedding light on student perspectives of class structures, assessment formats, support and communication channels, amongst other issues.

This year, SULS' textbook exchange has moved online. With the help of our marketing director, Liv Grivas, we launched a simple peer-to-peer marketplace for the sale and purchase of textbooks via our website, to replace the physical exchange of previous years with a more efficient system. In the same vein of technological initiatives, the Education portfolio spearheaded the creation of the 'Ask Anything' page on the SULS website, a forum for students to ask us questions on anything related to law school, with the option of anonymity.

We have continued to run the Law School Basics series, hosting seminars on study techniques for assignments and exams. The events were well attended and once again had the solid support of the Law School. SULS would like to thank Barbara McDonald, Jamie Glister, Hope Williams, Andrew Dyer, Fady Aoun, Jennifer Catterson, Peter Gerangelos, Emily Crawford, and Alyssa Glass, as well as Lisa Gao, Tom Pertsoulis and Phoebe Miley-Dyer from Allen & Overy, for speaking on the panels and sharing their insights.

The SULLS Tutoring Database has also continued to match students and tutors in a variety of subjects, including almost all compulsory units.

During stu-vac, the Education and Equity portfolios collaborated to deliver another new initiative: SULLS Study Space. At a time of semester when it is virtually impossible to find a seat in the library, students were able to quietly study or recharge in our Law Lounge study area, with the SULLS Equi-Tea station set up right outside for a convenient caffeine fix.

The 2017 edition of the Education Guide is currently being compiled by a capable team of student editors, including Ajay Sivanathan (Editor-in-Chief), Brendan Ma, Nikki Liang, Andrew Serb, Alison Xiao, Patrick Hendy and Phoebe Yang. It is scheduled to be launched on Monday 14 August and we encourage all students to come and pick up a copy. The guide contains student reviews of every elective and advice on each compulsory subject from a top ranking student, as well as information about exchanges, offshore units and the Cambridge/Oxford postgraduate pathway.

SULLS has continued to maintain its connections with other law schools. Rohan Barmanray and I sit on the NSW Young Lawyers Special

Committee of Law Student Societies, which meets monthly to discuss issues facing law students in NSW. The Committee is comprised of 8 universities including UNSW, Wollongong, UTS, Newcastle, Macquarie, ACU and Notre Dame. In Semester 2, SULLS will host the annual Baker & McKenzie SCLSS National Women's Moot.

The Education portfolio is an essential channel for advocacy between the student body and the Law School. If you find yourself experiencing difficulties with your studies or have any issues you would like to raise, contact me at education@suls.org.au.

VICE PRESIDENT (CAREERS) / TIFFANY WU



Akin to previous years, the Careers Portfolio in 2017 was again jam-packed with events and activities. This portfolio performs a vital function for SULS: providing a promotional avenue for our sponsor firms while students are able to be armed with the knowledge and resources necessary to excel in the graduate and clerkship jobs market.

We kicked off this year with implementing a new initiative I developed: the SULS Part-time Jobs Board. Being highly conscious of the fact that students want to find work experience and also earn some income during university, SULS created an online jobs board for students and organisations to post up job availabilities. This initiative has been achieving impressive growth and popularity in its first year, as we've helped students find employment as law clerks, researchers and associates for law firms (including large commercial law firms) universities and judges.

Turning to the Careers Portfolio's bread and butter, we held around 30 presentations about employment opportunities for students in Semester 1, 2017. After our Tipstaff and Associates Panel earlier in the year, we hosted 23 clerkship, graduate, PLT and practice group presentations as well as our annual Introduction to Clerkships and Careers Presentation. SULS has also maintained our collaboration with corporate sponsors to provide useful and informative skills presentations to students such as Interview Tips and

Speed Networking, CV/Cover Letter sessions and 'Inside a Deal' events at sponsor offices. We have also continued to host presentations with Federal Organisations about employment in the intelligence and security sector.

These events overall had very high attendance rates and provided students with critical information from major law firms and sponsors, as well as Sydney Law students with experience in the various application processes. In events this year, we had a strong focus on increasing the time for students to network with representatives in smaller group conversations, rather than listening to presentations, and this has hopefully added faces to the names for students' clerkship applications. Herbert Smith Freehills also lead a highly successful Coffee Takeover of Taste Café where students were able to chat to firm representatives over coffee about working at their firm. I would like to thank the members of the Careers Subcommittee, Alisha Arora, Morgan Clune, Anna Della Marta and Serena Li, for their assistance at these events throughout the semester.

Semester 1 also saw the launch of the seventh annual Careers Mentoring Program, which provided 52 students with the opportunity to be paired with a mentor in their chosen field. Our mentors came from a variety of backgrounds, including judges, commercial lawyers,

barristers, academics, and professionals from the social justice and government sectors. This event was kindly sponsored by Johnson Winter & Slattery this year, with their representative, Jocasta Giles, providing the keynote address. I would like to thank the 2017 Program Coordinators, Yulia Turchenkova and Madelyn Smith for their hard work in making the program run so smoothly.

In Week 13, we held our largest ever Clerkship Networking Evening and launched the 2017 Careers Guide. This event was relocated from the Law Foyer to the Sutherland Room in the Holme Building, which provided more convenient catering facilities and a more spacious venue for the event. Students were able to acquaint themselves and network with twelve of Sydney's top commercial firms. Thank you to Jocelyn Zhou and Kate Samolej for venue scouting and skilfully managing the organisation of this immensely significant event with me.

The Careers Guide has been an indispensable asset for law students throughout its publication history, and this year's Guide is the most comprehensive yet. In 2017, we sought to build on the strength of past Careers Guides, update the resources section and re-introduce a section on going to the bar. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the editorial team including Karen Chau, Jocelyn Zhou, Shakira Harrison, Ann Wen, Aliasgher Karimjee, Tiffany Britchford, Curtis Minasian and David Badea for their hard work in compiling and editing the Guide. Thank you so much to Gina Yeung, the Editor-in-Chief of the Careers Guide. Gina was a fantastic leader who managed very tight deadlines with a large team and I

am extremely grateful for her hard work, talent, initiative and organisation. Thank you to the phenomenal Judy Zhu, who returned once again to share with us her legendary design skills and Careers Guide expertise, and worked with our Design Directors to make another aesthetically beautiful guide.

In Semester 2, SULLS will broaden its presentation schedule to include more presentations suited for all cohort levels about topics such as the lay of the legal industry, developing skills as a paralegal, work at boutique law firms and how to make the most of working in law. These new presentations will be pioneered by Kate Samolej, who advanced this fantastic idea to me at the beginning of the year.

I would like to especially thank Emily Shen, Christina Zhang and Rhea Cai for their hard work in the design and publication of the three major Careers publications: the Careers Mentoring Handbook (made electronic this year for greater environmental friendliness), Intro to Clerkships and Careers Handbook and the Careers Guide. Thank you in particular to James Madden, the SULLS Sponsorship Director, without whose hard work, efficiency and multitudinous emails, none of our careers initiatives would be possible. Finally, thank you to the SULLS Executive for their persistent and heartening support of the Careers portfolio and the law community in general.

We hope our investment of time in all these initiatives help the students of the Sydney Law School community reap great dividends in the future!

VICE PRESIDENT (SOCIAL JUSTICE) / SALLY KIRK



The Social Justice Portfolio, coming out of a hugely exciting first semester in 2017, is headed for an even bigger and bolder one in the latter part of this year. Our dedicated joint subcommittee has redoubled its efforts to bring Sydney law students a range of opportunities to pursue volunteering and fundraising initiatives whilst at university, as well as less conventional (read: non-corporate), fulfilling, hopefully-bill-paying careers beyond it. The portfolio recognizes that law students invariably have a range of interests, values and ambitions, some of which seem to conflict with one another when thinking about what they wish to do after graduation. Accordingly, in a way, the “VP Social Justice” role picks up where “Careers” leaves off.

Semester 1 saw the debut of a brand new event: “So now you’ve got a law degree?: The Social Justice and Public Interest Careers Alumni Panel”. Unwieldy though the name is, the evening was a huge success, attracting over 80 students and teachers (never an easy feat at 6pm on a Monday night). Each of our 6 panelists studied at Sydney Law School themselves before embarking on a variety of career endeavours – from investigative journalism at ABC’s Four Corners, to lawyering at Redfern Legal Centre, to opening a social justice-oriented consulting firm aimed at streamlining the productivity of small NFPs. The panel

discussion was stimulating and inspiring, covering volunteering opportunities students can pursue whilst at university, the importance of community legal centres, the relationship between politics and Australian youth today, and ideas for social justice-focused Honours theses.

The very next day saw the largest ever annual Social Justice and Public Interest Careers Fair – spearheaded by the wonderful Cherie Chen and Elsie Cheung. Over 30 organisations participated this year, whilst hundreds of students continued to stream through the foyer until well after the designated finishing time. Participants included the Redfern, Marrickville, Inner City and Warringa Baiya Community Legal Centres, the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS), Amnesty International, Aboriginal Legal Service, World Vision, and the Public Defender’s Office, as well as government organisations such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the NSW Crown Solicitor’s Office. This was also the first year that the Fair included representatives from Pro Bono teams at various corporate law firms, including Clayton Utz and Norton Rose Fulbright, in an attempt to provide students with insight into the ways in which they might continue to contribute to public good, regardless of the dominant path their careers take.

Coming up in Semester 2, we have the Social Justice Mentoring Program, currently in the midst of production by our two dedicated directors, Christina Dang and Alyssa Seatiel. Alyssa and Christina have already been in contact with the Law School's Alumni Office, as well as a number of the participants involved in the Public Interest & Social Justice Careers Fair and Alumni Panel held in Semester 1. Thanks to their hard work, the program is shaping up to be even bigger and better than its inaugural run in 2016.

Whilst under the ambit of the Social Justice portfolio, the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme (JJMS) and Refugee Language Tutoring Program (RLTP) are initiatives run independently, and very capably, by their appointed coordinators. The RLTP has been operating at Sydney Law School since 2014, offering one-on-one English-language tutoring to refugees and asylum seekers from across Sydney. The Program is partnered with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies's Refugee Language Program, and SULLS is hugely indebted to Lesley Carnus at the Centre for all her support over the past few years. The program has continually expanded since its inaugural run, starting out with an average group size of 7 asylum seeker and refugee students in 2014, swelling to 16 in 2015, 22 in 2016, and 29 in Semester 1, 2017. All of this has been made possible by the dedicated and skilled volunteer tutors in the program who prepare individualised lesson plans and deliver two-hours of English language tutoring every week. The now twice-weekly sessions also involve a more relaxed 'social' element,

where students and volunteers come together and share stories over coffee, tea and snacks at the end of each evening.

I would particularly like to extend my thanks to the RLTP co-chair team for this year, Shumi Ruan, Ellen Moore, Umeya Chaudhuri and Chloe Harrison. In particular, continuing her role from last year, Umeya has been a selfless *tour de force* of impeccable organisation and zeal for expanding the program, working tirelessly to give both volunteers and student participants the most rewarding experience possible. The co-chair team also welcomed a Community Engagement Officer, Luckme Vimalarajah to the team who has been coordinating the RLTP with other community organisations like RACS, and providing individual support to any language students needing advice on other issues, such as pathways to university.

Within the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme, student volunteers at both the Reiby and Codham Centres continue to show inspiring enthusiasm and dedication. The co-chairs for 2017, Athurshen Jeyakumaran and Nina Mao, are committed to making sessions engaging for both volunteers and participants at the Centres, despite the logistical difficulties that very often entails. Both new to their roles this semester, both co-chairs have done incredible work in staying on top of responsibilities usually borne by twice the number of people (in the past, there have typically been 2 co-chairs for each centre).

This year's Dissent, running with the theme "Disrupt", boasts a lean and mean editorial team, spearheaded by Subeta Vimalarajah, who is pioneering a tighter structure of production for the journal (each contributor working closely with one editor, before the piece is "double edited" by a second). The annual social justice journal will be launched with a lunchtime panel discussion later in Semester 2. All students are welcome to attend.

Semester 2 will also see the continuation of the Public Interest Lunchtime Series (Weeks 9-11), as well as the annual Social Justice Conference on Saturday 21 October. In addition, our SULLS Fundraising Team (a new addition to the subcommittee this year) has a number of projects in the works – including a bake sale, movie night, and a "tampon drive" initiative to raise awareness and funds for the Sydney Period Project.

Outside of the Social Justice portfolio proper, as Social Justice VP, I have also been involved in drafting, together with Nina Newcombe and Eric Gonzales, a more comprehensive equity policy that all SULLS executive members and law students (particularly at SULLS social events) are expected to abide. In addition, I am in consultation with the rest of the executive regarding a proposal at the upcoming AGM to include an Ethnocultural Officer as a new appointed position in the SULLS Constitution (to join the Queer, First Nations and Wom*en's Officers as autonomous, advocacy-oriented positions on the SULLS

Executive). This is prompted by recent plans to organise a People of Colour Mentoring Program or networking event this semester, aimed at bringing together working professionals and students of colour from different universities to discuss the racial discrimination that still pervades many workplaces across Australia. Planning is still in very early stages – but stay tuned for more details!

Finally, Nina and myself were recently lucky enough to travel to the Garma Festival in North East Arnhem Land, running youth-oriented sessions on behalf of SULLS encouraging high schoolers to discuss some of the legal issues arising from the Uluru Statement From The Heart (delivered in May this year). The experience was an incredible one for both of us, particularly as we had the pleasure of meeting Rachel Durmush – an indigenous student volunteer with the university who we will now be welcoming as SULLS's First Nations Officer for the remainder of 2017.

As always, if you have any queries about social justice careers or volunteering opportunities whilst at or following university, or if you wish to get involved in the portfolio, please don't hesitate to contact me (Sally) at socialjustice@suls.org.au.



TREASURER LONGEN LAN

At the end of the first half of the 2017 calendar year, SULLS operated at a net surplus on a cash flow basis. Firstly, this can be attributed to significant savings made across various SULLS portfolios, through revising current cost structures this year, as well as maintaining cost-saving practices made in the previous years. Secondly, this is a result of a significant increase in merchandise revenue thanks to increased marketing efforts throughout the Semester and expanding its distribution channels by taking bulk orders as well as making it available at the First Year Law Camp. As such, SULLS has been well-positioned to finance new initiatives such as the First Year O-Week Event and the Hackathon. Sponsorship levels have been strong this year, and SULLS hopes to continue delivering value to our sponsors.

Overall, the SULLS budget is expected to operate at a marginal deficit at the end of 2017. This is based on conservative estimates of the society's income tax liability and expenditure for Semester 2 events, though given the society's cash reserve levels, this should not pose an issue for any future SULLS Executives. In any case, break-even or a marginal surplus may be achieved should SULLS continue its revenue increases and cost-saving measures as it has from Semester 1. During the winter break, I have been assessing our costs for the first half of 2017 and adjusting our budget accordingly. Going forward, SULLS will also be consolidating its accounts to ensure that its idle cash are either generating interest or are

being invested into initiatives that can make SULLS' a more inclusive, fun and supportive society for future years.

This year, the SULLS Treasury also established its inaugural subcommittee to help create a more inclusive and supportive Law School environment, providing law students the opportunity to gain a further insight into the society's engine room, assist the Treasurer with certain tasks, while exploring how SULLS' finances can be improved and kept sustainable for its future executives.

It was incredible to have the support of Joanne Lim, Cameron Sivright, Yvonne Homoncik and Jack Andrew-Kabilafkas, especially amidst stricter financial reporting requirements. With SULLS audits now due quarterly instead of at the end of the calendar year, it was definitely a fun and supportive environment spending quality time at the SULLS office completing them together. That being said, the Treasury subcommittee have also worked hard behind the scenes to improve the Treasury's operations. Whether it's through analysing the cash flows in each of SULLS' portfolios, trialing mobile electronic payment systems, accounting software, improving SULLS' infrastructure or further understanding SULLS' tax position, the team has been an excellent addition to the society.

The SULLS Treasury looks forward to another wonderful and challenging Semester 2 to assist SULLS' portfolios in making the Law School more inclusive, supportive and fun for its students, while realising greater value for its sponsors.

SECRETARY

ISABELLA LEDDEN



Throughout the year, the role of Secretary involves providing ongoing administrative and organisational support for the entire SULLS executive team. This includes taking minutes at our weekly executive meetings, as well as acting as a first point of contact via mail, phone or email for students, staff, alumni and external bodies seeking to connect or collaborate with SULLS.

Initiatives and events in Semester 1 have particularly focused on ensuring wider student engagement with SULLS. For example, at O-Week the society's mailing list was again updated to register its new members. Early on in semester, the Introduction to Sub-Committees lunchtime meet drew large numbers and was successful in notifying students of the new and expanded sub-committee positions available this year - such as for the Treasurer and Marketing portfolios.

To take effect in Semester 2, the SULLS Constitution has been amended in two respects. Firstly in order to incorporate C&S regulatory changes. These include (1) a removal of reference to "clear" days, (2) amendment of the definition of society inactivity to match C&S Regulations and (3) clarification on

how a vacant executive position is to be filled at a GM. Secondly, at the last SULLS AGM (25 October 2016) two motions were passed, resulting in both new and modified clauses to be implemented in our Constitution. For further information, please see the upcoming updated SULLS Constitution in full online. For a summary of the changes please see below:

Motion 1: Expressions of Interest for Presidential Positions

While the ticket system has been retained, any person who wishes to run for President for 2018 will need to submit an Expression of Interest. It will be published via the SULLS mailing list. This will allow the students wishing to join tickets to then approach presidential candidates with an opportunity to explain their ideas and qualifications. Prevention of communication regarding tickets before the release of Expression of Interests will ensure all prospective candidates can access an even playing field.

Motion 2: Women's Officer Position

This previously elected role will now be an appointed role, in line with

other autonomous positions (i.e. Queer Officer and First Nations). Only female-identifying students may be considered for the position. If there is no suitable applicant for Women's Officer, it is stipulated that the responsibilities of the role are to be allocated to a female-identifying member of the elected executive. This change increases female representation on the elected executive, by requiring more roles to be filled by female-identifying students, also ensuring SULLS' Affirmative Action requirements are satisfied. Under section 15(a) of the current SULLS Constitution, the elected positions of the SULLS Executive shall be comprised of at least $(n - 1)/2$ female-identifying students (where n is the number of elected positions on the Committee). Since there will now be an uneven number on the executive (15), 8 female-identifying executive still need to be on the ticket, as the provision requires a rounding-up.

This past semester there have also been additional changes to the C&S Program. Most notably for SULLS, there is a new annual registration requirement whereby to register next year we will need to provide information on how SULLS has met a) at least three of its constitutional aims or activities, or b) one of our aims in three different ways. This can be achieved through providing a brief 1-2 sentence summary. C&S

has advised that the reason for this added requirement is since USU accepts clubs into its program based on constitutional aims, and provides funding and resources on this basis.

Compilation and distribution of the SULLS Weekly via email continues to function as a key means to broadcast the calendar of numerous weekly SULLS events and cohort's participation in them. Through selecting pictures of the week, the SULLS Weekly has also served as a platform and opportunity to congratulate students on their exciting and notable achievements. The Weekly is currently accessed by over 3,000 people and is read not only by current students, but also alumni and prospective employers. The latter have also utilised SULLS's mailing service, requesting the publication of over a dozen advertisements to date, targeted at Sydney Law students.

Any suggestions to promote greater student contribution in next semester's SULLS Weekly are particularly welcomed. Please feel free to get in contact with me either in person at the SULLS Office or by email secretary@suls.com.au if you have any ideas you would like to see implemented!

SPONSORSHIP

JAMES MADDEN



The Sponsorship portfolio really gets moving and shaking in the summer leading up to Semester 1.

A combination of feedback from previous sponsorship directors, corporate sponsors and an analysis of SULLS campaigns from 2012-2016 were used to formulate a sponsorship prospectus. Together, the portfolio was proud to present a freshly-designed and reformulated sponsorship prospectus which included a range of items ranging from careers, to competitions, socials, and of course SULLS' inaugural Hackathon which was proudly sponsored by Gilbert + Tobin. The sponsorship prospectus included both 'Platinum' and 'Gold' status packages, which built in incentives and reductions given to our most generous sponsors. This year those Platinum sponsors were Gilbert + Tobin, Herbert Smith Freehills, King & Wood Malletsons, Clayton Utz and Allen & Overy. In an effort to reward our status sponsors price thresholds were held to stricter but more reasonable price points than that previously seen. Continuing the trend from prior years, sponsors were offered a comparative exceptional value for their contributions by providing more exposure through advertising job opportunities, events, and competitions held by firms. Access to photos from events were provided by our wonderful SULLS photographers throughout the year and involvement in both the SULLS Careers Mentoring Program and Women's Mentoring Program were free to all sponsors regardless of sponsorship status.

In 2017, SULLS raised the most sponsorship money on record, which was used to expand the diversity and quality of our careers, educational, social and community events and contributions. This willingness of our generous corporate partners to contribute this

financial support to SULLS is an indictment of the high regard had for our students and their recognised abilities both inside and outside the classroom. Significantly, this support also came from more sponsors of more diverse fields than ever before: spanning legal, financial, business and technology firms. The relationships created with new sponsors and interest shown by those in meetings increased the total number of our 'non-status package' sponsors and will hopefully continue to allow an expansion in the sponsorship range for years to come.

In Semester 1, SULLS coordinated a total of 39 sponsored events, ranging clerkship presentations, practice group presentations, cocktail evenings, educational seminars, in-firm networking and interviewing, competitions and socials. The diversity and exposure of corporate events available within the Careers portfolio also continued to grow this year, allowing students interested in a career in commercial law unbelievable access to partners, lawyers, and human resource representatives. For the first time ever, we recorded the number of students in attendance at each of our clerkship presentations, and were pleasantly surprised that we had over 600 students in attendance over 12 events; an important recognition of how much our students appreciate the knowledge and insight provided by our industry sponsors.

All of this would not have been possible without the consistent effort of Tiffany Wu and her entire Careers subcommittee, to whom I, and the wider student body, offer their warmest thanks. Looking ahead to Semester 2, corporate law sponsors will be involved in Law Ball, Practical Legal Training presentations, City2Surf, and our highly-anticipated 'Inside a Deal' workshop evening.



COMPETITIONS

ALICE YANG & GASTON GRATION

Competitions! Yay! Semester 1! Much to say! It's been a busy semester. We were delighted to bring back a revamped Competitions Boot Camp for 2017, which included a Demo Moot as well as practical workshops for Negotiations, Client Interviewing and Mooting. For the first time ever these workshops were recorded for future viewing by students. We were also pleased to introduce the "Which Competition is for You?" questionnaire this year to help dispel some of the mystery and confusion that can surround Competitions for new students. We hope future directors will build upon this foundation.

We were thrilled to see so many first year students getting involved from an early stage in our internal competitions this semester. For the first time ever we have begun to record interest and participation in SULLS' diverse competitions to better understand the portfolio and re-direct resources. We had a number of eminent judges preside over our Grand Final rounds, including the Hon Mr Michael McHugh AC QC, former justice of the High Court of Australia, The Hon T F Bathurst AC, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Hon Justice J Basten QC, of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal of New South Wales.

Competitions also continues to have a rich intervarsity portfolio. In 2017 SULLS sent a team to Singapore to compete in the IMLAM Moot. Talented students also participated in various bilateral and multilateral competitions, including UTS

Negotiations and the UNSW Allen & Overy Private Law Moot. We were delighted to see the university's teams in the SULLS v MULS Client Interviewing and Sir John Peden Contract law Moot secure the wins in those competitions! Congratulations to Rebecca Matthews, Lara Baker, Ruben Robertson, Alice Yang and Henry Lin for these accomplishments!

We would like to thank our incredible subcommittee members for the hard work they put in this semester to make all of these competitions possible. Thanks firstly go to our internal competitions conveners; Edwina Wang, Nicholas Kuek, Sarah Tang, Anna-Lisa Tie, Gloria Chen, Lucas Moctezuma, Max Lee, Cosmos Liu, Jessica Ottavi and Alexandra Touw. Particular thanks also go to our Intersivity Officers Jade Hannaford and Harry Stratton for their tireless assistance throughout the semester. Finally to our Judging Co-ordinator Alan Zheng: may your submissions always ring true, and your bench questions always be favourable. Thank you for your total commitment to the hardest job in Competitions, you have our eternal thanks.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the faculty members and students who wrote problem questions for our internal and intervarsity competitions. We had a great number of original questions written this semester, which is always exciting to see. Thanks go to Professor Elisabeth Peden, Professor Barbara McDonald, Dr Alison Pert, Professor Anne Twomey, Ryan Hunter, Nicola Alroe, Harry Godber, Harry Stratton, Lara Baker, Rebecca Matthews, Fiona Cheng, Shaun Jenkens, Pat Still, Samuel Hoare.

SOCIALS

NICOLE BURGER & ERIC GONZALES



It's been an absolute pleasure seeing the events we've been organising since late 2016 come to fruition. Starting the year off with SULS' first ever O-Week Party at the newly reopened Goodbar on Oxford St, students from all cohorts were welcomed or welcomed back to the Law School with a night of drinking and dancing. But it goes without saying that Law School can be quite intimidating for fresh-faced students. As such, we made sure its newest members had the smoothest transition possible. In March, we held our sold-out LLB I Law Camp at Morriset, which had a higher capacity than venues of previous years. With a weekend of activities emphasising teamwork, a waterslide, and insightful talks about gender, sexuality and consent delivered by our Women's and Queer Officers (Gab Royle and Adam Torres respectively), the first years came home with memories and friendships they'll cherish for the rest of their degree. First year JDs were also able to relax after their Foundies final, enjoying the Two Wolves Community Cantina's vibrant atmosphere, great music, and delicious canapés.

One highlight of the semester was the return of 2016's Law Cruise, this year themed 'Seafari', and held on the stunning Bella Vista vessel. It was great to 'sea' everyone go overboard with their costumes: from sailors partially digested by a shark, to Kim Kardashian losing her earring in the middle of the ocean, the night showcased the abounding wit and imagination of law students. We

rounded off a long semester (and what felt like an even longer exam period) with our Semester 1 Informal at the sleek Marquee Boombox, which was similarly well-attended.

Our successes this semester would not have been possible but for the contributions of so many individuals. Special thanks firstly goes to our dedicated Socials subcommittee (Robert Clarke, Rishabh Khanna, Vaidehi Mahapatra, Ji Sheng, Anji Sivakumar, and Mirjana Ventura) who have been so eager to help us organise events and contribute their humour to our Facebook event descriptions. Secondly, we're grateful for the photographers who have taken and painstakingly edited photos, and the Marketing Director (Liv Grivas) who publishes them. The rest of the executive also deserve our gratitude for attending our events and supporting us. And of course, last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank you—the student body—because socials would be nothing without people to party with!

Semester 2 is shaping up to be jam-packed with the biggest events of the year. Law Ball is coming up on Friday October 6th at a completely new venue, so mark your calendars and book your stylists! We're also looking forward to Final Year Dinner, events for our part-time JD and mature age students, and Semester 2 Informal to round off a hectic year. Keen to party with you all!



PUBLICATIONS

EMILY SHEN

Semester one has been without doubt a huge success. A number of high quality publications have gone to print, including our Competitions Handbook and Careers Guide, both highly important resources for students in the law school. Semester two will see even more publications being released with the launch of Law in Society: Between Black and White and the Education Guide coming up shortly. Check out the SULLS Facebook page for more info on the launches.

The Publications portfolio is one that intrinsically requires collaboration between all members of the executive in completing a diverse range of journals, guides and handbooks to ensure that they are both under budget and are finished on time. Thank you to the broader executive, their sub-committees and the appointed editors that oversee each publication and ensure that they are of the highest standard before launch! Shout out to my team for Law in Society: Between Black and White for their efforts in creating a nuanced publication that is respectful and thought-provoking in its discussion of race and the law. A huge thanks must also go to the Design Officers, Rhea Cai and Christina Zhang for their consistently beautiful work and utmost patience with everyone.

A goal for the portfolio this year has been to reduce expenditure, which has meant varying our supplier base to look interstate for more cost-effective options as well as re-thinking our print runs. While all of our

publications for semester one have come under budget, minimising costs will continue to be a priority for semester two with the hope of making the possibility of even more publications (beyond our existing range) in the future a possibility.

In keeping with our 'supportive, inclusive, fun' mentality this year, the largest project for the portfolio has been the inaugural SULLS Hackathon, which saw students band together to innovatively 'hack' together solutions aimed at helping community legal centres. We had over 100 registrations with participants coming from the law school and also across the broader USYD community. Ten teams made the final and the calibre of their solutions was both awe-inspiring and comforting. Clearly, the future of the legal industry is in good hands!

Many thanks must go to our sponsor, Gilbert + Tobin as well as LegalVision, Neota Logic, Insured by Us and Red Bull for assistance. Thanks must also go to the broader executive for their unwavering support but particular, heartfelt thanks must go to James Madden (Sponsorship), Rhea Cai (Design), Longen Lan (Treasurer) and finally, all round legend and All Time Great Liv Grivas (Marketing) for their invaluable contributions in ensuring that the event was a success.

If you missed out on getting one of our publications from semester one, they're all available online through the SULLS website. Limited copies may also still be available at the SULLS office.

Looking forward to seeing you at our launches - bring on semester two!

DESIGN

RHEA CAI & CHRISTINA ZHANG



The first half of 2017 presented a deluge of exciting creative opportunities for the design portfolio, as we tackled over forty design briefs. In the weeks leading up to Semester one, we endeavoured to bring the SULLS aesthetic to life for a variety of O-Week events. Brainstorming the most effective way to encourage first years to purchase their infamous LLB 1 camp tickets, or boogie at the first ever SULLS O-Week party, the hectic first month of the Design Officer role foreshadowed the pace of the entire semester. A particularly memorable project we collaborated on with various other portfolios was the inaugural SULLS Hackathon, where we developed logos, teaser banners and posters.

The design portfolio also worked on a range of major publications. In collaboration with Competitions Directors Alice Yang and Gaston Gratton, the Competitions Handbook was published early in the semester. We also worked with Equity Officer Nina Newcombe to create the Equity Handbook, and SULLS Vice President (Careers) Tiffany Wu on the Careers Guide and Clerkships Guide – all invaluable resources to the student body.

Whether it was a sleek Facebook banner for Careers or a quirky, eye-catching poster for Campus, we could not have created anything without the unwavering support and ideas of the executive. Liaising with a variety of portfolios has proved to be a marvellous experience, and reinforced the extreme competence of this year's executive body. The role of the design officer has allowed us both to hone and refine our creative skills (whilst also realising the unfortunate tendency of Indesign and Photoshop to crash last minute!) A very special thanks to Elaine Dong, who contributed her talented design skills during the first half of the semester, and Emily Shen, who brought our designs to life. We are looking forward to making another whirlwind of a semester beautiful!



WOMEN

GABRIELLE ROYLE

The Women's Portfolio has had a fantastic first semester. In April, SULS hosted the Intervarsity 'Gender and the Law' Conference with UNSW Law Society and UTS Law Society. The day featured two panels: 'Indigenous Women in the Legal Profession' and 'Policing Women's Bodies', together with a workshop to equip students with practical tools to tackle unconscious bias. We were very lucky to have two Indigenous solicitors, Teela Reid from Legal Aid Commission of NSW and Alycia Nicholas from the Aboriginal Legal Service in Redfern, speaking on the first panel. They spoke about the difficulties facing Indigenous women within the legal profession but took this opportunity to discuss how we can encourage more Indigenous lawyers, academics and policy makers. We were also captivated by our speakers on the second panel, UTS Law School's Associate Professor Penny Crofts, UNSW FASS Faculty's Dr Helen Pringle and Mentoring Coordinator of the Women's Justice Network, Jennifer Lonji Lubwa. They dissected the ways women are disempowered, alienated and exploited in process of contemporary law and society, including through pornography, abortion laws, in the sex industry, and through the criminalisation of women.

Earlier in the semester we held the 'Abortion Law Reform' panel, which examined the legalities surrounding abortion. The panellists included the

founder of the Feminist Legal Clinic Anna Kerr, Barrister Sophie York and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Dr Gil Burton. They delivered a series of perspectives on the right to bodily autonomy and the availability of psychological support following an abortion.

SULS's annual publication on gender and sexuality, *Yemaya*, is currently underway. The editorial team, led by editor-in-chief Rachel Irwin, is busy conversing with writers and artists and we look forward to the launch in semester 2.

Finally, we received a large number of responses to the Women's Mentoring Program, and are in the process of co-ordinating the mentor and mentee applications. This program is incredibly important and we hope that it encourages strength amongst female lawyers. The launch will be held on the 15 August, with guest speaker Justice Julia Lonergan. We look forward to many productive mentor relationships.

Thank you to all those who have helped the subcommittee this semester. I would like to extend a special thanks to the subcommittee members Miriam Asar, Jamee Bender, Grace Lovell-Davis, Jessie Ding, Simone La Martina, Samantha Lawford, Elle Makeig, Diana Nsekela, Meara O'Brien and Stephanie Swain for their enthusiasm and tireless work.

EQUITY

NINA NEWCOMBE



The Equity portfolio has had a busy and exciting first semester which has seen its expansion across presence, accessibility and the quality of support that it provides. As Equity Officer, I have been raising awareness and implementing initiatives to expand the equal access and opportunity at Sydney Law School available to every student and their personal experience.

Our semester commenced with the Equity Textbook Loan Scheme, which provides students experiencing financial hardship with core subject textbooks to borrow for the duration of the semester. This invaluable scheme would not be possible without the generous donations from both students and staff. Students also took advantage of the Equity Financial Grants Scheme, which assists in subsidising the costs of attending First Year Law Camp or other SULLS events. Both schemes will be available again in semester 2, so I would encourage anyone experiencing financial hardship to please apply to ensure you have access to the study resources you need, or that you don't miss out on major events like the annual Law Ball or Final Year Dinner.

One of the highlights of the semester

was launching a revitalised, more comprehensive Equity Handbook. I am thrilled to have built on the content of previous years under Dana Tittamore and Winnie Liu to provide students with a central resource for information on diversity and various forms of hardship, as well as information on support services available through SULLS, the university and wider community. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Rhea Cai (Design) and the members of the Social Justice & Equity Subcommittee who made the quality of this publication possible (Kate Ellis, Justin Handisurya, Gladys Lai, Marekret Markos, Alyssa Seatiel and Anne Kim). If you would like to access the Equity Handbook, it's available both online and outside the SULLS office.

We launched the handbook as part of a Wellbeing Week which I ran with the Campus and Sports portfolios. In seeking to promote balance and both mental and physical wellbeing in the study of law, this week included activities such as free yoga, a chill out room with free massages, a Ferris Bueller's Day Off movie night and a panel discussion on mental health and the study of

law. The panellists included Dr Arlie Loughnan (Associate Professor), Natalie Czapski (Tutor and former Equity Officer), Jerome Doraisamy (Former Lawyer and Author), Sam Bookatz (Former Magic Circle lawyer and Author), and our own Vice President (Social Justice) Sally Kirk. We were fortunate to have such a diverse panel that each brought different, relevant experiences of mental health and studying law to the discussion. In semester 2, I am excited to develop the themes of wellbeing and balance which arose over the week even further. It's so crucial to take regular breaks and keep perspective during our time at Sydney Law, not just for productivity but for our happiness and health.

As part of the Compass Days convened by the university's Social Inclusion Unit, SULS has also organised programs for Year 8 students from across the Sydney region. Subcommittee members and volunteers from Sydney Law ran interactive activities including a mock criminal trial in the Moot Court and a 'whodunnit' activity. These Compass Days will take place again in semester 2, and I would encourage anyone eager to get involved to contact either myself or Sally Kirk. Further, Sally and myself will be attending Garma Youth Forum in early August, as part of Garma Forum in the Northern Territory, on behalf of the Law School to utilise the content and spirit of these activities in providing workshops for young people aged 8-18 in attendance.

I am excited for the semester ahead and the many programs and initiatives that we will be running with the Social Justice & Equity Subcommittee. I am also looking forward to working with the Staff-Student Consultative Committee to discuss issues related to student health and wellbeing, proposed policies and access initiatives. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to last year's Equity Officer, Dana Tittamore, for her guidance and for all the subcommittee members that have assisted me throughout the year so far.

If you would like to discuss anything with me about your circumstances, any advice or strategies to make your time at university easier, or any hardship that you're facing, please don't hesitate to message me on Facebook or email me at equity@suls.org.au. All discussion between us will be strictly confidential, and I'm happy to provide any guidance or assistance you may need in accessing the various support schemes at university.

QUEER ADAM URSINO



The Queer Portfolio has had an exciting start to the year! The semester commenced with First Year Law Camp, where I had the great pleasure of facilitating the awareness morning tea for non women-identifying students. The Queer and Women's portfolios interacted synergistically to develop a comprehensive assortment of topics to discuss with the intention of developing social awareness in first year students. This provided an opportunity to discuss topics such as feminism, LGBTIQ+ awareness and allyship, and consent. Queer and feminist discourse differs between high school and university, either in its existence or its rigour. It is therefore important to, in essence, raise the discursive bar. I believe the awareness morning tea went some way to achieving this — it was well received, and many students emphasised how much they had learnt. I'd like to express my gratitude to other members of this year's executive for their valuable input and for guiding small group discussions to dissect and deconstruct the myriad of issues explored.

This year, the queer portfolio has continued the theme of celebrating days of LGBTIQ+ significance via

Facebook posts and mentions in the SULLS weekly. These include Transgender Day of Visibility and International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT). These posts and mentions are significant as they function as a reminder that the queer portfolio is active and that queer students on campus and in the law school have a right to feel safe and represented. Conveniently, IDAHOBIT fell on May 17 — during SULLS Mental Health and Wellbeing Week. The Queer Portfolio celebrated with rainbow cupcakes.

This semester saw attempts at planning 2017's "Big Gay Moot", though the event was subject to a few false starts. The embryonic idea of working with the University of New South Wales fell through, but there is promise of a joint Big Gay Moot endeavour next year. Nevertheless, this emphasises a strong relationship with the queer portfolios of law societies at other universities.

The "Queries for the Queer Officer" form — accessible via the SULLS webpage — remains active this year, and I have had the great privilege of responding to questions and

comments from queer students. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the use of this form, especially if you have any concerns about the law school's engagement with the LGBTIQ+ community or would simply like to know more about how to get involved with the activities of the Queer Portfolio. Of course, feel free to get in contact by emailing queer@suls.org.au, but the form provides the option to remain anonymous.

One submission to this form highlighted the failure of various staff in respect of using preferred names. This is particularly problematic for transgender students, but of course affects other student groups, too. This necessitated contact with Sydney Law School Deans to pursue a solution to this situation. This highlights the role of the Queer Officer in respect of engaging with the law school to make sure they remain sensitive to the diverse identities at the University, and by extension, making the law school a safe and supportive space for queer students.

As the semester drew to a close, I was excited to yet again work with Women's Officer Gab Royle to get the ball rolling for Yemaya, SULS's annual journal of gender and sexuality. A talented team of editors has been selected, and they are now editing pieces and perfecting what is a crucially important journal. I engaged with the Queer Action Collective to ensure that

we have submissions from queer students. The journal will be released in Semester 2, and I thank Rachel Irwin — Yemaya's Editor in Chief — for her passionate and capable leadership.

Semester 1 also saw preliminary stages of planning for Semester 2. Next semester will be a much busier one. Finally, the Big Gay Moot will be held, as will a panel discussion with inspiring legal minds pertaining to the intersection between LGBTIQ+ identities and the law. Another key event is the launch of Yemaya. Of course, this is not an exhaustive list, and I look forward to fleshing out and undertaking more ideas over the next few months.

SPORT

NICHOLAS LEHM



SULS Sport continues to grow year after year, and Semester One was no exception. There was exceptional involvement in Interfaculty Sport, accompanied by dominant results! Our dedicated subcommittee has helped the Sport portfolio to many firsts, including new collaborations and initiatives, and merchandise has been as successful as ever.

Fielding at least one team for every event, Law currently sits at second place in the race for the Emily Small Shield. The highlight of the semester was placing first, second and fourth in the Women's 3 km run, as well as a resounding win in Ultimate Frisbee! With a heap of silver medals we are coming back even more determined to win in Semester Two.

The Fitness Club kicked off again in 2017, however this time it was in collaboration with the Sydney University Triathlon Club, boosting our numbers and giving us some experience with their seasoned athletes for an 8 km run. The second half of this year will include many more exciting fitness activities, among them boxing, rock climbing, yoga, and more runs. An event to especially look forward to is the City2Surf on August 13, where we will be running in support of Batyr.

Semester One also included the first ever merchandise design competition. Many brilliant entries were received, with the winner to be announced in Semester Two and their design to be incorporated into our merchandise line. Hoodies, crewnecks, and t-shirts were sold at the First Year Law Camp for the first time, and were incredibly popular throughout the semester.

Looking forward to Semester Two, you can expect a new online merchandise store (with an expanded range!), further interfaculty sport, the SCLSS Intersports Day, charity sporting events like Tough Mudder, and a revitalised Fitness Club!



MARKETING

OLIVIA GRIVAS

Being only its second year of life the marketing portfolio comes with many an opportunity for creativity and experimentation. Building from the wonderful work of last year's marketing officer (Tiff Wu) marketing has kept up continuing roles and expanded into new ones.

One of the most important roles of the marketing director is to ensure that the word gets out about the great events that the other execs work tirelessly to put together. Facebook events and posts have continued as usual, made beautiful by our talented Design Officers (Christina Zhang and Rhea Cai). Instagram has been kept all the more #aesthetic and Twitter 140 characters of #informed thanks to the introduction of the marketing subcom and shoutout to the lovely souls of Belle Buchanan and Esha Kumar for having all of the caption hilarity and #relevant retweeting prowess I lack. The calendar continues, with a nice new teal integration onto the website for easy access. If you've noticed your own smiling face on one of our Facebook albums, undoubtedly this was due to the tireless work of my very favourite people - the Photography Subcommittee. Anton Ngyuen,

Casper Lu, Tanvi Patel, Jono Gu and Helena Liu have tirelessly sacrificed their lunchtimes, evenings and even celebratory Saturday nights to capture your best angles. Massive shoutouts are to be given to them for their hard-work.

A couple of new things have popped up on our website as we try and move as much as we can into the digital age. We were proud to launch an informative and constantly updated Jobs Board, an initiative by our Careers VP (Tiff Wu) that helps connect students to new opportunities for getting legal experience. Consolidating a tired system and moving well and truly into more efficient 21st century life, our Education VP (Liz Sheahan) launched her initiative of an Online Textbook Exchange which has seen over 500 books listed (!!)

Liz and I also built a forum called Ask Me Anything where students can ask questions that can be both publically and privately responded too. Over in Internationals our International Officer (Sam Dyna) wanted to create more of a community, and share the stories of successful International Students which saw the birth of a new International Facebook group and the International Profiles. The Hackathon was probably the most

involved big-picture project from the marketing portfolio this year, with a long-term strategy culminating in videos, a new part of the website, a seemingly endless registration process, photos, live-tweeting, even a Margaret Zhang flatlay. Shoutout to Richard Karaba my subcom member that assisted me in what was a crazy event! Thanks Richard! But overall most props are to be given to Emily Shen (Publications Officer) a queen of organisation who led an amazing inaugural event. We made many mistakes but also wins, all of which will be passed on next year to make the event better. Across the board we gave recording events a stab - using an iPhone and mic. As awesome as this would be - and we did manage to get the first Law School Basics up onto the website - it's pretty tough to maintain and quite temperamental. Lesson learnt! In Careers and Sponsorship - an idea spearheaded by Sponsorship Director James Madden - we've begun some low key data collection which is super exciting as it not only helps us plan and market our events better, but it'll help next year's execs get a picture of how we run.

Internally, the exec have been amazing at complying with my endless demands to fill in forms, update calendars, read infographics and to use threads. For their kind compliance, and working around me when I'm busy, I am endlessly grateful. Coming up in Semester 2 I'm hoping

to see the launch of a marketing campaign for our Campus Fish Tank initiative run by Campus Director Calida Tang, with a long-lost video promo. I'm also looking forward to releasing some more 21st century updates with an online merch store with Sport Director Nick Lehm. The website will see some new smiling faces and a bit of a tidy all ready for 2018. Thanks to everyone that helped Marketing make it through a crazy Semester and I can't wait for the next!



CAMPUS CALIDA TANG

The year kicked off for the Campus Portfolio with the traditional Semester 1 Welcome Back Drinks held at Taste which saw a huge number of law students attend to take advantage of the generous bar tab. It was a great opportunity for older students to catch up with their peers following the lengthy summer break as well as for first year LLB or JD students to get to know some new faces across the different years.

The Campus Representatives were elected for LLB I-IV, JD I and for the first time the JD Part-Time stream by their respective cohorts (or appointed in the absence of competing applicants where all other constitutional requirements were satisfied) early on in the semester. I held an initial face-to-face meeting with each cohort representative to discuss their responsibilities for the coming year (which includes communicating ideas and concerns from their peers to me) as well as to brainstorm some exciting event ideas. Having met and chatted to the 2017 Campus Representatives, I can say that I am incredibly fortunate to be working with enthusiastic and caring individuals who have represented their cohorts very well so far.

Making use of the proximity which Taste has to the Law School, four Happy Hours were held throughout the semester which offered discounted drinks to law students. The timing of these Happy Hours were set through consultation with the different cohorts' Campus Representatives so that many of them coincided with the period following assignment deadlines or exams in order to accommodate for the busy schedules of law students.

One of the most exciting initiatives as part of the Campus Portfolio this year has been the organisation of the first Trivia Night in three years. I was incredibly fortunate to secure the support of the Law Revue team which provided two amazing hosts for the evening, Tom Davidson Mcleod and Floyd

Alexander-Hunt. As Assistant Directors of this year's Law Revue, Tom and Floyd are a combined comedic force to be reckoned with and certainly made that clear as they helped run a hugely successful and hilarious Trivia Night which saw over 100 students attend Manning Bar for the event. The loose theme for the questions on the night was 'Law in Popular Culture' which I chose to be as broad as possible to allow for the people to attend regardless of what stage in their law degree they were in. As such, it was so great to see such a spectrum of teams from LLB I to JD Part-Time battle it out to answer the tough questions which my Campus Representatives helped to formulate.

The final new but exciting initiative which was run in conjunction with the Sport, Equity and Social Justice Portfolios was the Wellbeing Week held in Week 10. As part of this, I set up a 'Wellbeing Wall' in the Law School which encouraged any passerby to write down what made them happy/thankful/inspired on coloured paper and contribute to the display. It was so great seeing what different people had to say as well as having people stop and look at the wall between classes as the primary purpose of this initiative was to promote mental well-being in the leadup to the stressful exam period. A number of other events were also held including free-massages in the Chillout Room and a fundraising Movie Night. Attendance at these were lower than expected likely due to the fact that they were marketed relatively late. From this, I learned that it would be necessary to have events set in stone at least 3 weeks prior to their run date to allow for more effective marketing and better student participation.

Semester 2 will be filled with further exciting events including the second Welcome Back Drinks, a public forum, the SULLS Fish Tank and potentially an additional on-campus event similar to the hugely successful Trivia Night if the budget allows. I'd like to thank the Campus Representatives for their incredible help and support so far and look forward to working with them over the next semester to organise more exciting initiatives for law students!

INTERNATIONAL

SAM FROUHAR



The International Portfolio promotes representation and opportunity at Sydney Law School, and this year has seen the Portfolio continue to expand and strengthen on a variety of initiatives.

The International Portfolio and the Marketing Portfolio collaborated to introduce the first ever 'International Spotlights/Profiles' page on the SULLS website. The page allows students to search for international alumni who have graduated from Sydney Law School and read about their time during and after law school, as well as any tips they have for international students in the current domestic and international legal market. I would like to thank Olivia Grivas for her hard work on this initiative, and the alumni who participated in the project, Brecht Valcke (Belgium), Bernice Chia (Singapore), Darren Clark (Canada), Dr Mimi Zou (China), Emanuel Blum (Netherlands & Canada), Eric Van Winssen (Canada), Kate Reagh (Canada), Aun Qi Koh (Malaysia), and Sara Bond (Canada). Looking ahead to Semester 2, there will be a greater focus on alumni from the Asia-Pacific region. I hope that this project will be continued by future executives of SULLS as it is the most efficient way for international students to contact

and seek advice from our fantastic International alumni.

In semester 1, SULLS also hosted a variety of social events such as the 'International Movie Night', 'International Pub Crawl' and the 'International Morning Tea'. These events gave students an opportunity to have fun and socialize with international and domestic students in an informal setting throughout the semester, in turn, creating an inclusive environment for students to build meaningful relationships with each other. The 'International Morning Tea' was particularly meaningful because 20 professors and staff members were in attendance to meet and speak with students in a relaxed and informal setting.

Proposed for Semester 2 is an 'International Potluck Dinner', a Visa Migration Seminar tailored specifically to law students and numerous other events. More details on these events will be released in the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE ATTENDANCE

EXEC MEMBER	LATE	EXPLAINED ABSENCES	UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES
Rohan Barmanray	0	0	0
Isabella Ledden	0	0	0
James Madden	0	1	1
Sally Kirk	0	3	0
Longen Lan	0	1	0
Liv Grivas	0	1	1
Tiff Wu	0	4	1
Nina Newcombe	0	7	1
Alice Yang	3	1	0
Calida Tang	1	0	0
Eric Gonzales	2	1	0
Emily Shen	4	2	0
Gab Royle	0	1	0
Liz Sheahan	0	1	0
Nick Lehm	1	1	0
Nicole Burger	0	0	0
Sam Frouhar-Sepehr	2	0	0
Gaston Gratton	3	0	0
Christina Zhang	1	0	0
Adam Ursino	2	1	1
Rhea Cai	1	3	1

