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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC. ABN 49 844 560 526

Minutes of Executive Meeting held on **19/09/2022** Chair: Ben Hines Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Meeting opened: 9:13pm

Present:

Ben Hines	President
Irene Ma	Vice President (Education)
Thrishank Chintamaneni	Vice President (Careers)
Naz Sharifi	Vice President (Social Justice)
Julia Tran	Treasurer
Eden McSheffrey	Secretary
Kelly Ma	Sponsorship Director
Harriet Walker	Competitions Director
Maja Vasic	Competitions Director
Grace Wong	Socials Director
Vivienne Davies	Socials Director
Onor Nottle	Campus Director
Adam Schaffer	Sports Director
Ariana Haghighi	Publications Director
Michelle Chim	International Student Officer
Grace Wallman	Disabilities Officer
Elizabeth Nutting	Women's Officer
Edward Ford	Queer Officer
Nishta Gupta	Ethnocultural Officer
Julia Lim	Marketing Director
Justine Hu	Design Director

Absent:

Apologies: Yijun Cui

Late:

Early Departures: Kelly Ma (9:42pm), Grace Wong (9:31pm)





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1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and Naz delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

Motion: That Yijun Cui's apologies be accepted. Moved: Naz Sharifi Seconded: Julia Lim The motion was carried unanimously with zero absensions.

No conflicts of interest were declared at the outset of the meeting.

2 **Procedural matters**

Motion: That the minutes from the Executive Meeting held 5 September 2022 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Thrishank Chintamaneni Seconded: Naz Sharifi The motion was carried unanimously.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Eden wished Thrishank a happy birthday
- Ben shouted out michelle for the international students morning tea event
- Edward shouted out Eden for judging the Rainbow Moot practice round and Ariana who wrote the question for the queer client interveiwing competition and will be writing the semi and grand final question too.
- Irene shouted out Ariana, Eden, Ben and Harriet for being panellists for Subject Survival Night.
- Ben shouted out Irene for organising the Subject Survival Night.
- Harriet shouted out Julia L for dealing with all of the promotion for the panel event tonight.
- Julia L shouted out the Competitions Directors for being on top with marketing turnaround.

4 What's on this week

- a. Mon: Advocacy Panel
- b. Tues:
- c. Wed: Disability in the Legal Sector Careers Panel 6-7pm; Para Sport Gala Day @ law lawns 11-1
- d. Thurs:
- e. Fri:
- f. Sat: UNSW x SULS Coastal Walk
- g. Sun:
- h. Mon:





5 **Portfolio updates**

Irene noted 87.7% of 122 students found hard copy reading guides a useful resource. Financial considerations, comprehension, and easy annotation were all reasons for the broad support. Irene noted this result has been distributed to faculty.

6 Marrickville Legal Centre x Queer SULS

Edward said as part of the Rainbow Client Interviewing competition, Marrickville Legal Centre has agreed to run an LGBTQIA+ sensitivity workshop for competitors and non-competitors. It is going to be integrated into the competition and Edward encouraged the Executive to attend.

7 Queer Competitions (wow!)

Noted that the signups are open now for the client interviewing competition and that it is open to both LGBTQIA+ identifying people and allies. He also noted that the final for the Rainbow Moot is happening next week with Justice Kirby.

8 Socials DJ

Vivienne noted that Socials got revised quotes from the DJs which means it does not need to be put to the executive for a vote. Vivienne also discussed the rationale about choosing the Iris Project.

9 SULS Tutoring Database

Irene noted that she received an application from a UTS student for the SULS Tutoring Database and asked the Executive for their opinion on admitting non-USYD students. Irene noted that her committee suggested that we should not necessarily admit people from outside USYD.

Ben asked how comparable certain content is to the USYD curriculum. Ben also suggested that USYD marks harsher than many Universities and asked how we navigate moderating marks or admitting people to the database. He did note that at the end of the day it is a student choice but he queried whether younger students can discern between this.

Edward suggested if we don't have a shortage of tutors we should just exclude them and queried what the advantage was in including other students. Irene explained that students choose the tutors themselves and Edward said based on this then it might be fine.

Grace Wa., said that there is no way people can make an informed decision on this and noted especially for first years it might be difficult. This is given external tutors don't necessarily have access to the curriculum of USYD subjects.

10 USU Response* to Alumni Speaker Series Event

Ben noted that the USU has not responded to the events which occurred at the Alumni Speaker Series Event. He emphasised that none of this relates to any USU Board Directors on SULS and is solely the USU Executive's issue.



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Ben said it was disappointing the USU hasn't reached out to SULS or said anything about the event or the impact on our members. He wished it to be noted that 'the USU Executive and President has done fuck all about the situation'. Irene echoed Ben's sentiment.

11 Unfinished Votes (perpetually less than majority)

Ben noted an administrative point regarding the SULS Executive internal voting spreadsheet.

12 4th Quarter

Ben noted we are entering the last quarter of our year on exec and suggested it was a good time to reflect on what we want to achieve as an Executive in the final push of the term.

13 In Camera

Motion: That the meeting move in camera. Moved: Naz Sharifi Seconded: Thrishank Chintamaneni The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(In camera discussion)

Motion: That the meeting move out of camera. Moved: Naz Sharifi Seconded: Thrishank Chintamaneni The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

14 Other Business

None Raised.

Meeting closed: 10:37pm