

# SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC. ABN 49 844 560 526

Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: 01/08/2023

Chair: **Naz Sharifi**Minute taker: **Julia Lim** 

Meeting opened: 7:15am

#### **Present:**

Arasa Hardie Vice President (Education)
Vaughan Marega Vice President (Careers)

Mahmoud Al Rifai Treasurer
Julia Lim Secretary

Vivien Lu Sponsorship Director
Christine Aung Competitions Director
Danielle Tweedale Competitions Director

Priya Mehra Socials Director
Niveditha Sethumadhavan Socials Director
Kaela Goldsmith Campus Director
Nick Leavenworth Sports Director

Charis Chiu Publications Director

Lea Nguyen International Student Officer

Maeve Cairns Equity Officer
Lucas Kao Disabilities Officer
Alice Shan Design Director
Miesha Binta Noor Ethnocultural Officer

#### **Apologies:**

Charmaine Lui Vice President (Social Justice)

Brianna Ho Women's Officer
Emily Wooding First Nations Officer

Late Arrival: Naz Sharifi (7:26am)

Absent: Annika Lee, Rohan Shankar



#### **MINUTES**

### 1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Charmaine Lui, Brianna Ho and Emily Wooding.

**Motion:** To accept the apologies received from Charmaine, Brianna and Emily for the Executive Meeting taking place on 1 August 2023.

Moved: Julia Lim

Seconded: Danielle Tweedale

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

#### 2 Procedural matters

**Motion**: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 22 May 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Julia Lim

Seconded: Vaughan Marega

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

#### 3 Start of semester updates/shoutouts

- Niveditha shouted out Priya who carried the Socials portfolio over the break, visiting a dozen venues and keeping all the executives in the loop.
- Danielle shouted out Christine as always, as well as Arasa and Priya for judging, and Niveditha for writing practice questions. Danielle also shouted out Julia for SULS work until late in the office.
- Christine shouted out Danielle for carrying competitions over the Winter break.
- Vaughan shouted out Vivien for working with Vaughan over the holidays.
- Julia shouted out Naz for her tireless work over the break for SULS, and Arasa for his assistance in SULS member updates as well. Julia also shouted out Christine and Danielle for registering their events for Comps.

#### 4 What's on this week

Mon: Negs Semi Final Tue: JD Torts Semi Final Wed: JD Torts Semi Final

Thu: Brunch & Brushes, Negs Semi Final



#### 5 Law Ball Update & Theme Discussion

Priya noted that the venue has been set, and asked executives to please put through their theme preferences by voting in the online sheet. Niveditha asked executives to please give their honest thoughts, to ensure that any feedback can be taken into account. Naz said she really liked Option 1, as it fits the venue really well.

#### 5 Executive Retreat

Julia explained to executives that the second SULS executive retreat that has taken place in past years is optional, and presented some location options for those who were interested. The tentative date would be mid-September, but depends on executives' availability.

#### 6 Portfolio Updates

Julia reminded executives to make use of Slack for SULS-related correspondence whenever possible. Julia also asked executives to take note of the office cleaning roster, and to clean up after themselves. Julia formally declared her conflict of interest going forward as a Board Director of the USU, and reminded executives that we have a Register of Interests on the SULS website. Julia also noted that she had recently bought office supplies with Naz, including a new merchandise rack and sandwich press for members to use.

Naz noted that the Gala Dinner is happening in October, and explained it would be a great opportunity to celebrate 120 years of SULS. Naz thanked Vaughan for his help with booking a venue for the Speaker Series. Naz asked executives to please communicate as soon as possible how they can be supported.

Naz also asked executives to please discuss their budgets with Mahmoud. Naz asked executives to please respond to communications in a timely manner. Naz noted that SULS election processes will start in September, and offered neutral advice to anyone who is interested in running. Naz reminded executives of the expectation to treat each other with kindness and transparency.

Danielle asked executives to encourage any people they know to apply to become internal convenors. Danielle also reminded executives that Intro to Comps Drinks will be taking place on Monday at Courtyard. Danielle also noted that the Comps Dinner will be taking place in November.

Maeve noted that textbooks for the textbook loan scheme are open for the first two weeks, and asked executives to please make note of the new instructions.

Kaela reminded executives that the Welcome Back BBQ will be taking place next Monday, and encouraged any executives who are available to attend.



## 7 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: 7:50am