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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: 15/08/2023

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

Meeting opened: 7:20am

Present:

Alice Shan Design Director
Annika Lee Marketing Director

Arasa Hardie Vice President (Education)

Brianna Ho Women's Officer

Charmaine Lui Vice President (Social Justice)

Christine Aung Competitions Director
Danielle Tweedale Competitions Director
Emily Wooding First Nations Officer

Julia Lim Secretary

Kaela Goldsmith Campus Director

Lea Nguyen International Student Officer

Lucas Kao Disabilities Officer

Maeve Cairns Equity Officer

Mahmoud Al Rifai Treasurer

Miesha Binta Noor Ethnocultural Officer

Naz Sharifi President

Nick Leavenworth Sports Director
Niveditha Sethumadhavan Socials Director
Priya Mehra Socials Director
Rohan Shankar Queer Officer

Vivien Lu Sponsorship Director
Vaughan Marega Vice President (Careers)

Apologies: Charis Chiu

Late Arrival:

Absent:



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1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Charis Chiu.

Motion: To accept the apologies received from Charis Chiu for the Executive Meeting taking place on 15 August 2023.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Nick Leavenworth

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: To retrospectively accept the apologies received from Niveditha Sethumadhavan for the Executive Meeting which took place on 8 August 2023, and to amend the in camera and public minutes accordingly to note her apology.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Vaughan Marega

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 8 August 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting, noting the amendments.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Danielle Tweedale

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: That the in camera minutes from the Executive Meeting held 8 August 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting, noting the amendments, but maintaining that the minutes themselves will remain in camera and confidential.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Vaughan Marega

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Naz shouted out Lea for her incredible event in collaboration with CLSS, KLUS and SEALS
 yesterday, which was really well-organised. Naz also shouted out Emily for her work behind the
 scenes in organising upcoming events and creating a community for First Nations students within
 the Law School.
- Priya, Julia and Nick shouted out the Comps queens for all their tireless work, including Intro to Comps Week.
- Priya shouted out Niveditha and Danielle shouted out Christine for being wonderful co-Directors.



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- Julia shouted out Annika for being a member of this year's Law Revue cast.
- Vaughan and Christine shouted out Julia for organising office hours, and Christine shouted out Julia for helping with the internal competition draws.
- Danielle shouted out Christine, and both Danielle and Naz shouted out Maeve for her work with the Textbook Loan Scheme

4 What's on this week

Mon: SULS x CLSS x KLUS x SEALS Welcome Back Event

Tue: Education Consultative Forum **Wed:** SULS Interfac: Ultimate Frisbee **Thu:** JD I Firm Networking Night

5 Portfolio Updates

Arasa explained that the Education portfolio's survey takes place each year, and emphasised its importance in ensuring that the Law Faculty are aware of issues and have input from students. Vaughan noted that it would be a good opportunity to raise concerns regarding the treatment of students' special considerations applications at times as not being submitted for valid reasons, to which Arasa agreed. Naz also noted the Student Staff Consultative Forum is taking place on Wednesday next week.

Naz noted that Faculty have confirmed they will be covering tickets for faculty members who are attending the SULS Gala Dinner event. Naz also reminded executives that these meetings take place in person, and that those who have not told Naz in advance should not be attending online. Naz also reminded executives that the Committee Mixer is taking place next Monday, and asked executives to notify her if they may know anyone who is interested in being the Electoral Officer. Naz also asked executives to please avoid complacency in these final months as executives, and trying to also keep executives in the loop through these portfolio updates each week. Naz also discussed the keynote speaker allocation for the Gala event, and asked executives to please bring forward any suggestions or concerns at any time.

Danielle confirmed that all internal competition draws have gone out by last night or will be going out today. Danielle noted that preliminary rounds are starting next week, with seven internal competitions running for this semester.

Maeve noted that the Equity portfolio will be running a Pathways into Sydney Law event in collaboration with Gilbert + Tobin at 10am - 1pm on 9 September, and thanked Lucas and Emily for agreeing to be involved in the panel. Maeve explained it would allow students who identify with equity backgrounds to learn about the pathways available and to also network with Gilbert + Tobin representatives.

Nick noted that the Sports portfolio has some great events coming up, including an event in collaboration with the Careers portfolio, and a follow up Sports Law event with Bird & Bird for 20 September. Nick said he had met with SUBS last week, and that there will be a soccer match with



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them later this semester, and that we may also have a dodgeball match with UNSW's Business society. Nick asked executives to please bring forward any ideas for collaboration. For merchandise, Nick noted that we are working with the supplier to order quarter zips and jerseys.

Brianna shared that the Policy Pitch had been launched, and asked executives for their support in promoting it as an inaugural event between the Women's and Disabilities portfolio. Lucas seconded this and also noted that he was hoping to hold a presentation within a Faculty meeting, to allow SULS to raise issues and advocate for students directly, such as on issues relating to mental health. Lucas also noted he was creating an internship program for disabled students, and asked for any recommendations on contacts for this.

Charmaine noted that the next Social Justice portfolio event will be in collaboration with Disabilities, which was an evening event currently in the works. Charmaine also said that Teela Reid may be invited as a keynote speaker for another event, and also shared that they were collaborating with Careers.

Julia reminded executives to take note of the office cleaning roster this week, with executives on Wednesday being primarily responsible for cleaning. Julia also noted that she had visited the C&S Office this week and was able to clarify some aspects, such as SULS holding elections rather than voting executives within the annual AGM, which means hopefully our registration should be processed soon.

6 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: 7:54am