

# MINUTES

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC. ABN 49 844 560 526

Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: **05/09/2023** Chair: **Naz Sharifi** Minute taker: **Julia Lim** 

#### Meeting opened: 7:13am

#### **Present:**

Brianna Ho	Women's Officer
Charis Chiu	Publications Director
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
Lucas Kao	Disabilities Officer
Maeve Cairns	Equity Officer
Mahmoud Al Rifai	Treasurer
Naz Sharifi	President
Nick Leavenworth	Sports Director
Niveditha Sethumadhavan	Socials Director
Priya Mehra	Socials Director
Vivien Lu	Sponsorship Director
Vaughan Marega	Vice President (Careers)

Apologies: Miesha Binta Noor, Lea Nguyen, Alice Shan, Arasa Hardie, Annika Lee, Rohan Shankar

#### 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 Miesha Binta Noor, Lea Nguyen, Alice Shan, Arasa Hardie, Annika Lee, Rohan Shankar. Online attendance was noted for Lucas Kao, Mahmoud Al Rifai, Kaela Goldsmith, Vivien Lu and Brianna Ho.

**Motion:** To accept the apologies received from Miesha Binta Noor, Lea Nguyen, Alice Shan, Arasa Hardie, Annika Lee, Rohan Shankar for the Executive Meeting taking place on 8 August 2023.

Moved: Naz Sharifi Seconded: Vaughan Marega The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

#### 2 Procedural matters

**Motion**: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 29 August 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Naz Sharifi Seconded: Vaughan Marega The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

#### 3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Naz shouted out Charmaine for running the SciSoc x SULS collaboration event which had a great turnout and was well-organised, with fantastic panellists and appreciation from SciSoc on how we worked with them.
- Naz also shouted out Christine and Danielle for running the preliminary Internal rounds, as well as their continual support for the executives alongside their incredible work within the Competitions portfolio.
- Nick shouted out Julia for helping out with merchandise while he was absent.
- Christine shouted out Danielle for being a wonderful co-Director.
- Christine also shouted out Priya for her support with the Competitions portfolio, including coaching and judging.
- Julia shouted out Charis for her incredible work with the Publications portfolio, including but not limited to Blackacre.
- Naz shouted out Emily and Charmaine for their work with writing the statement regarding the Voice. Emily shouted out Charmaine for her help with the statement.





#### 4 What's on this week

Wed: SULS Interfac Sport: Sitting Volleyball
Thu: Longton Legal ESL Mooting Program Final Competition
Fri: Longton Legal Introductory Mooting Program Final Competition
Sat: G+T Pathways Program

#### 5 SULS Electoral Legal Arbiter

Julia noted that she had reached out to Dr. Fady Aoun from the Law School, who had acted as SULS' Electoral Legal Arbiter for the past two years. Julia noted that Fady had kindly agreed to take on the role again, and asked if any executives had any questions or concerns. Julia noted that elections had been uncontested for the past two years, and that Fady's role would come into play if there were any concerns raised about the conduct or decisions made by the Electoral Officer. Julia asked if executives had any concerns about this, noting that Fady's eligibility as an academic falls under section 14(f) of Appendix 1 in the SULS Constitution.

**Motion**: That the SULS Executive moves to appoint Dr. Fady Aoun as the Electoral Legal Arbiter for the 2023 SULS elections.

Moved: Julia Lim Seconded: Nicholas Leavenworth The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Naz also noted that a few applications had been received for the Electoral Officer role, for which applications closed last night.

#### 6 Statement on the Voice

Naz noted that Emily, her committee members and Charmaine had been working on SULS' statement regarding the Voice Referendum. Naz explained that edits were still being made and that we would be aiming to publish the statement within this week.

#### 7 Law Ball Discussion

Priya noted the Law Revue team had reached out to gauge interest for the Revue Band to perform at Law Ball. Niveditha noted that the band had reached out about playing, and they wished to discuss with executives given that this had not been part of Socials' initial plans or budget. Danielle provided context based on past Revue Band experience, explaining that there is significant rehearsing and preparation involved, which would help justify a certain payment amount requested by the band. Christine and Vaughan suggested we focus on what the current budget allowed, as much as students would enjoy seeing them perform. Naz noted the constitutional aspect where in most cases the only subsidised tickets were for Safety Officers at events. Nicholas asked whether it was a longstanding tradition from past years, and it was noted





this is not the case. Mahmoud explained that we also had the major Final Year Dinner event remaining, and reinforced that we had not budgeted or planned for this. Naz agreed and noted it was not foreseen as part of the Socials portfolio's wider vision for the event.

Priya also confirmed that as previously discussed, executives would need to purchase tickets for Law Ball without any priority or discount made available. Naz explained that executives could feel free to express preference for tables of executives if anyone wished to sit together, for internal coordination purposes.

#### 6 **Portfolio Updates**

Lucas noted that he had been putting up posters for the David Benjafield Panel, and asked executives to please engage with the event and share with friends. Naz thanked Lucas for his incredible work for the portfolio since entering the role.

Julia reminded executives to take note of the office cleaning roster this week. Julia also noted that she had heard back from Andy who thought that the Outlook calendar was not going to work as an option for organising Law School venue bookings. Julia explained that Andy had instead suggested that the executives adopt what the Competitions portfolio has implemented with the Google Sheet tracker for when there are several bookings. Andy had suggested that email would be fine for one-off requests. Danielle and Christine suggested that we add other executives to the Competitions portfolio's current tracker.

Naz noted that Blackacre submissions are due tonight, and asked executives to please help spread the word. Naz apologised that she has been generally less present due to other commitments, but hoped that she would have a more stable schedule from this week. Naz asked for executives to please remind her if anything needed to be followed up on. Naz noted that she would also be reaching out for individual chats as we reach the end of the year. Naz reminded executives to feel free to purchase equity tickets, and also reminded executives to purchase Gala Dinner tickets.

#### 7 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: 8:02am