



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on **28/02/2022**

Chair: Ben Hines

Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Meeting opened: **9:06pm**

Present:

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| 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 |
| Yijun Cui | Equity Officer |
| Grace Wallman | Disabilities Officer |
| Elizabeth Nutting | Women's Officer |
| Edward Ford | Queer Officer |
| Nishta Gupta | Ethnocultural Officer |
| Ben McGrory | First Nations Officer |
| Julia Lim | Marketing Director |
| Justine Hu | Design Director |

Absent:

Apologies:

Late: Vivienne Davies and Maja Vasic

Early Departures: Yijun Cui (10:00pm)



MINUTES

1 Welcome, Apologies and Conflicts

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and Onor delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. No conflicts were declared.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the minutes from the Executive Meeting held 21 February 2022 be approved.

Moved: Irene Ma

Seconded: Thrishank Chintamaneni

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Irene shouted out Justine for graphic design. She also shouted out Ariana for her Honi Soit article. Irene also shouted out Naz, who volunteered to help out with Law School Basics. Finally, Irene shouted out Grace Wa. for everything she is doing.
- Harriet shouted out Julia L who has been a legend with posting things. She also shouted out Elizabeth who did a demo client interview for comps week. She also shouted out Grace Wa. in advance.
- Ben H shouted out the Socials Directors for the events coming up. Ben also shouted out Julia Tran for the set up of the SULS bank account. Ben H gave a shout out to Naz for drafting the Ukraine statement and noted its strong engagement.
- Grace Wa. congratulated Ariana for the release of Amicus Courier and Justine for the design work.
- Naz shouted out Ben H for the work he's been doing as a leader.

4 What's on this week

- a. **Mon:** Client interviewing demo, Witness Examination Demo
- b. **Tues:** Mooting Demo
- c. **Wed:** Negotiations Demo, Intro to Comps Drinks; Law Camp tickets release 1, Law School Basics #1
- d. **Thurs:** Welcome Back Party
- e. **Fri:** JD Drinks; Law Camp tickets release 2
- f. **Mon:** Morning Yoga (8am)

5 Portfolio updates

- Onor noted the interfaculty blood drive will start up this week. She also mentioned that Welcome Back Drinks is coming up in week 3.
- Nishta noted that the cross cohort mentoring program is coming up and the need for mentors.
- Ariana said she is thinking of doing intro to pubs drinks in week three or four.



- Thrishank noted the tipstaff and associates panel is coming up.
- Edward said that the Yemaya editorial callouts have been launched and encouraged people to apply.
- Ben M inquired into what happened with the posting of a First Nations event. Julia L referred to a previous conversation she had with him regarding the posts and responded that a banner was currently being designed for a Facebook group. Ben M also sought to remind SULLS that it gets funding for his events from the faculty. He asked the Executive to give acknowledgements whenever any workshops or events are run.
- Michelle gave an update about the International Students Guide.
- Harriet noted that lots of activity is currently occurring in comps and asked the executive to Direct students to join the 2022 competitions facebook group.
- Julia L noted that on the Facebook page, an agenda was made for events coming up.
- Araina asked to be kept in the loop about publications where other executives run the committees.

6 Debit Card

Yijun raised the question of whether SULLS can obtain a debit card, noting the particularly prohibitive cost of purchasing textbooks for the Equity Portfolio. She noted that there may be delay with a reimbursement and that a card would be helpful to have. Eden agreed with this and noted that he does not think there is anything prohibiting SULLS from getting a card but that it would require constitutional authorisation first. Vivienne seconded the need to get a debit card noting the steep amount that both herself and Grace Wo. had to spend ahead of their events.

Ben H said he didn't see anyone being against this in principle, but said that one thing we have to look into is the authorisation noting there are only four signatories and the need to regulate card use. Eden responded that a constitutional amendment at the next general meeting for authority would be required, and additionally that it would be necessary to create a separate bank account so that the card is not linked to SULLS' main account. He suggested that a limit on this account could be specified in the SULLS bylaws. Irene suggested that we do this as soon as possible and that our volunteers shouldn't have to bear the financial risk. Eden noted that the main reason expenses were covered by the Executive recently was because we did not have access to the bank account.

Motion: That the discussion be noted

Moved: Irene Ma

Seconded: Grace Wallman

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

7 Committee Application Processes

Eden outlined the committee application process and the current general deadline set. He talked through the internal and external application procedures and that a document would be distributed to members this week with more information.



8 General Socials

Grace and Vivienne ran through the procedures and details about the upcoming Welcome Back Party, JD Drinks and Law Camp. Ben H inquired about the price of Law Camp and Vivienne noted that the planned price has increased due to greater expenses incurred. Grace Wo. noted that they have designed their events so that profits are zero or even losses, and that in this instance costs forced the price to rise.

9 Ukraine Event

Ben H discussed SULS' rapid response panel about the Ukraine crisis to inform the wider community noting several panellists have already been locked in.

10 Blackacre Memorandum of Understanding

Ben H explained that the Law School reached out to him about digitising and publishing previous editions of Blackacre on the website. He noted that because SULS is the formal and legal publisher, we have the rights to Blackacre so this can't be done without our consent. He noted discussion from a meeting with Eden and Peter Finneran from the law school about this. Ben said that this memorandum of understanding allows the University to publish blackacre and that we have negotiated with them to have the right to take down any Blackacre or section of Blackacre and to retain control over the publication.

Eden shared the memorandum with the executive and read it out. He drew the executive's attention to the following clause:

"The University of Sydney may however, if notified of an issue with the content made available, act within the guidelines of the University's "Takedown" procedures."

Eden noted that Peter Finneran explained that this provision would ensure that an alumni can reach out to the University and request that the edition is taken down. He also drew attention to our proposed clause that would allow SULS to also retain control over the take-down process:

"The parties also agree that the Sydney University Law Society retains the right to require the University of Sydney to takedown any edition of Blackacre or any section or component thereof from public access."

Ben H suggested that one thing would be to make it obvious that alumni can request the editions or sections be taken down. Julia L suggested that this should be put in the description where it is published.

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sydney University Law Society and The University of Sydney to distribute Blackacre, subject to the minor adjustments required to effect the changes regarding SULS' takedown rights and the rights of alumni.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Thrishank Chintamaneni



The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

11 Sponsorship Discussion (In Camera)

Ben H noted that we are moving in camera because we are discussing sensitive commercial and sponsorship issues.

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: Onor Nottle

Seconded: Irene Ma

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Meeting closed: **11:03pm**