

SEMESTER 2, WEEK 10 – Monday 02 November 8:00 am

Meeting opened at 8:05 am

Meeting Chair - Amer

Attending: Amer, Oscar, Natalie, Dani, Alison, Daniel, Flick, Deandre, Donna, Alex, Max, Mark, Sarah Purvis, Rosie.

Late: None

Apologies: Sinem.

Absent: Abbey, Barry, Eden, Ibrahim, Miriam, Pat and Sarah Tang.

Items

- 1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country (Amer).**
- 2. Capacity Check-Ins (Amer).**
- 3. Portfolio Shoutouts:**
 - Dani: shoutout to Nat for her soft skills workshop.
 - Nat: shoutout to Alison for her client interviewing event.
 - Alison: shoutout to Alex and Nat for his negotiations comp win and her client interviewing win.
 - Sarah P: shoutout to Dani for her meditation videos.
 - Amer: shoutout to Alison for her legal and tech awards night.
 - Amer: shoutout to Eden and Sinem for the Yemaya launch.
 - Amer: shoutout to Oscar for his interfac nutrition event.
- 4. Portfolio Updates**
 - Oscar: The Interfaculty 5k run via Strava is being held on Wednesday 18th November (save the date)
 - Dani: Wellbeing week is in Week 12 – events/exact schedule to be confirmed soon
 - Amer: The student support program forms can be filled out online now for those who need support/can offer support to both domestic and international students over the summer who cannot return home.
- 5. What's On This Week:**
 1. Mon: LGBTQIA+Rights Policy Panel (6:00PM) – Eden was not on the call to talk about the panel but Amer offered some insight on the event and encouraged Exec members to attend.
 2. Tues:
 3. Wed:
 4. Thurs: Ticket Debate (1:00PM) – Amer: the second presidential debate, we are looking for another person to assist Deandre in moderating the debate as the previous moderator is unable to attend.
 5. Fri: MOSAIC Launch (7:30PM) – Ibbey was not on the call but Amer asked Alison to share a few words. She encouraged everyone to tune in. Alison confirmed that the journal looks great and that Daniel has put a lot of time in to make it look so polished.
 6. Sat:

7. Sun: Womens Picnic – Sinem was not on the call but Amer confirmed that the picnic is being held at Jubilee Park in Glebe. Amer asked everyone to engage with social media and consider going to the picnic. Amer also announced that 2 women’s committee members are working on a blog piece regarding the online experience for overseas students during Covid.

6. Bylaws

1. Clarification on Voting for Bylaws

Discussion on Code of Conduct

- Amer: Does Suls have jurisdiction to extend rights within bylaws to bind members beyond contexts of Suls events?
- Amer was unconvinced, having looked at provisions from other societies’ bylaws, some of whom had ‘good fame and character’ requirements instead.
- Amer suggested that this higher-level requirement might be more suitable.
- Amer floated that we could include something in the constitution as an amendment instead for members to be of good fame and character to be a part of the Society.
- There was no comments, and Amer asked whether Executive members preferred to keep the Bylaw as it currently read.
- Amer asked for a quick poll and 8 out of the 14 members voted in favour of the code of conduct so the provision is kept as it stands. No comments were offered for anyone else who was against it.
- Regarding bylaw 124 - no further comments.
- Regarding bylaw 135 - no further comments.
- Amer noted a correction from a previous meeting. Miriam said that we need a unanimous vote for bylaws to be carried but Amer advised that a simple majority vote is sufficient as per s 72 of the SULLS Constitution.
- Amer moved a motion to adopt all amendments to bylaws. This was seconded by Donna and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motions of Notice for SGM

- Amer: SULLS will release these this Friday (6th November) to membership.
- Amer: Amer is working with the electoral review committee and will be suggesting some amendments. He will share the recommendations soon, but they are still being finalised.
- Amer: If any Executive member would like to propose any motions to be put on notice, please let us know.

Held on Notice from AGM

- Amer: Dane Luo’s motion passed unanimously, it concerned whether constitutional amendments require notice. Amer examined standing orders/positions of other law societies, dealing with the issue of standing order 37 as to whether amendments can be amended. Amer’s reading of the confusing provision was that amendments cannot be amended when other amendments are being discussed, rather than no amendments are allowed.
- Amer recommended the unclear provision 37 be struck and recommended the addition of the following provisions, 39 and 40, all of which have been extracted below.

Strike s 37: An amendment may not itself be amended.

Add s 39: An amendment to a motion on notice can only be considered ‘on the floor’ of a General Meeting if the chair determines the amendment does not substantially change the intent of the motion or is otherwise necessary in order to comply with another provision outlined in the SALS Constitution.

Add s 40: An amendment to a motion on notice that does not satisfy the above requirement, must be put on notice for another General Meeting.

- The motion was raised by Amer to place these on notice, presented by the Executive to the SGM and was seconded by Donna and carried by a unanimous vote.

7. SALS Alumni

- Amer: SALS would do well to improve our relationship with alumni, including from a competition, mentoring and job opportunity standpoint. LinkedIn appears to be the most suitable platform regarding increasing alumni engagement.
- Sarah P: Noted that alumni do engage with Sals through the newsletter. Important to keep engagement.
- Amer: Asked if there were other thoughts?
- Amer: Concluded that the relationship has been “ad hoc” in the past and Sals would benefit from formalising this relationship and having a proper database of sorts. He invited any exec member to assist in the revamping of the LinkedIn social media channel, to assist.

8. SALS Handover Day

- Amer: The purpose of me establishing this is Promote good faith and start a relationship between exiting and entering Executives + Provide overall guidance as a starting point for all elected/elected and appointed executives.
- We are looking at Saturday 21 November 9am -12pm as a date. I have attached a tentative timeline of what would take place on the day. I would like to raise that this would be the day after our SGM and the appointed positions would not have been selected at this stage. Should we wait until appointed positions are selected?
- Max: Raises the challenge of the overlap between incoming and outgoing Exec,
- Amer: Suggests that Max’s obstacle can be overcome by Exec members on the outgoing and incoming Exec forming larger breakout groups.
- Donna: Doesn’t see the point of the Treasury outline when the new Treasurer will set the tone for the new Exec
- Amer: Responds to Donna’s query by arguing that the aim of the day is mentorship and emphasising Sals’s responsibilities to everyone. We will focus on providing information that is beneficial for all those present and then allow for the majority of the time, individual executive members to meet one-on-one. This is also to avoid massive delays in handover processes.
- There was consensus that this handover should happen before exams (therefore prior to appointed positions).

9. End-of-Year Celebration (SALS Committees)

- Amer: To celebrate the achievements of all SALS Executive and Committee members this year.
- Tentative date and time via zoom: 6:30PM - Thursday, 12 November, 2020.

- There was consensus to have the celebration before exams.
- Amer: I have attached a sample timeline of events. Are there any thoughts on these?
- Amer: 'Among us' was suggested by Donna as a potential game to play with the committees.
- Alex thinks that the Exec should gather in person and noted the limitation that 'Among Us' has maximum of 10 people who can play, further noting that SULLS trivia might be better as also suggested by Amer.
- Donna noted that having loads of speeches might be boring.
- Alex and Sarah P suggested that thanking committee members in their personal capacities would be more suitable.
- Amer: Queried whether we should drop the event outright. Amer further stressed that more discussion is needed on the issue.
- Alex and Amer: Thinks it should go ahead for committees, focusing on speeches and maybe adding fun awards i.e. superlatives. Executive could have their own lunch/dinner in their personal capacities to celebrate a difficult and rewarding year. Amer invited committees to do the same in their personal capacities too.

10. SULLS Elections

- Amer reminded everyone to take care of themselves during the election and to stay friendly and relaxed.
- Amer reinstated the rule that talking about the election in the SULLS office is not permitted in order to avoid unnecessary stress, given too that some Executive members are running on different tickets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00AM.