



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: **10/10/2023**

Chair: **Naz Sharifi**

Minute taker: **Julia Lim**

Meeting opened: **7:15am**

Present:

Alice Shan	Design Director
Annika Lee	Marketing Director
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
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
Rohan Shankar	Queer Officer
Vivien Lu	Sponsorship Director
Vaughan Marega	Vice President (Careers)

Apologies: Arasa Hardie, Niveditha Sethumadhavan

Late Arrival: Brianna Ho (7:27am)

Absent: Priya Mehra



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Niveditha Sethumadhavan and Arasa Hardie. Online attendance was noted for Vaughan Marega, Emily Wooding, Kaela Goldsmith, Annika Lee, Miesha Binta Noor and Maeve Cairns.

Motion: To accept the apologies received from Niveditha Sethumadhavan and Arasa Hardie for the Executive Meeting taking place on 10 October 2023.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Vivien Lu

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 3 October 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Christine Aung

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Christine shouted out Danielle for her incredible slaying efforts with the semi-finals, and to Naz for being a slay person as always.
- Naz shouted out Priya and Niveditha for publishing Final Year Dinner, which sold out quite quickly unlike previous years. Naz also shouted out Nicholas for all his work behind the scenes for sports, and all the executives who attended the Candidates' Information Evening.
- Julia shouted out Mahmoud for carrying the finances of this society on his back and also for sorting out the society's insurance.

4 What's on this week

Mon: Final Year Dinner tickets went on sale; Semi-Finals all week

Tue: Ethnocultural Arts Initiative Auction (6pm - 8pm, Ashurst)

Wed: Soccer vs SUBS (6pm, Getiela Synthetic Fields, Alexandria); Social Justice Careers Fair (6pm - 8:30pm, Law Foyer), International x Disabilities x Campus Zine Making 101 (1pm - 3pm)

Thu: Longton Legal IS Professional Mentoring Launch (6pm - 7:30pm)

Fri: Annual Shahad Nomani Lecture (11am - 1pm, Law Common Room)



5 Portfolio Updates

Danielle noted that Competitions Dinner is being moved as it had initially been booked during exams.

Julia reminded executives to take note of the office cleaning roster this week. Julia also reminded executives that the Special General Meeting will be taking place on Monday 23 October at 6pm. Julia asked that any executives who have questions about the motions are welcome to reach out to Julia, Naz or Cole to clarify.

Naz also noted the importance of the motions being discussed at the Special General Meeting, noting that if not passed the process would look very different for electing executives. Naz explained which motions were being proposed, as sent out in the notice yesterday, and encouraged executives to reach out to Cole prior to nominations opening if they wished to clarify anything. Naz also reminded executives to continue working until the end of the year, and asked them to reach out to Mahmoud if they had any budgeting concerns or updates. Naz also reminded executives that the Gala Dinner is taking place soon.

Charis noted that Blackacre design is wrapping up this week, and that Law in Society is with design at the moment. Charis explained that editing was still wrapping up for Mosaic, Dissent and Yemaya, and that launches may therefore need to be held after exams.

Naz reminded executives to be prepared to take on support roles for each other, especially for our larger-scale final events such as Law Ball. Naz explained how she had discussed the matter of selecting the Valedictorian before Final Year Dinner, and opened to the floor regarding whether the executives would wish to leave the decision to the Law Faculty due to inevitable conflicts.

Danielle asked whether the Faculty had previously been involved in making the decision. Mahmoud said that previously only the executives had nominated then voted, and flagged the issue that extends until now where only law students actively involved with SULS are acknowledged the most.

Naz noted that it could be a process where Faculty makes a recommendation, particularly as they may lack context in other aspects that only students may be aware of, which executives could discuss before a final vote. Naz explained that the Valedictorian in this context was usually not necessarily the highest academic achiever, as may be the case at other institutions. Naz rehashed that the process could involve nominations, the removal of joke nominations, the discussion of criteria among executives, the consultation of Law Faculty members as an advisory mechanism, and the discussion of their recommendations among executives. No concerns were raised in response, and Danielle agreed it would be good to have them as an advisory mechanism rather than as the final decision-maker.



6 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: **7:41am**