



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: **19/09/2023**

Chair: **Naz Sharifi**

Minute taker: **Julia Lim**

Meeting opened: **7:21am**

Present:

Alice Shan	Design Director
Annika Lee	Marketing Director
Arasa Hardie	Vice President (Education)
Brianna Ho	Women's Officer
Charis Chiu	Publications Director
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
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
Vivien Lu	Sponsorship Director
Vaughan Marega	Vice President (Careers)

Apologies: Rohan Shankar, Charmaine Lui, Lucas Kao

Late Arrival:

Absent:



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Rohan Shankar, Charmaine Lui and Lucas Kao. Online attendance was noted for Christine Aung, Annika Lee, Miesha Binta Noor, Kaela Goldsmith and Vaughan Marega.

Motion: To accept the apologies received from Rohan Shankar, Charmaine Lui and Lucas Kao for the Executive Meeting taking place on 19 September 2023.

Moved: Julia Lim

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 12 September 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Nicholas Leavenworth

Seconded: Vaughan Marega

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: That the in camera minutes from the Executive Meeting held 12 September 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting, but maintaining that the minutes themselves will remain in camera and confidential.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Nicholas Leavenworth

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Naz shouted out Priya and Niveditha for their work with Law Ball and the sold-out First Release on Monday. Naz also shouted out Christine and Danielle for their work and dedication for the Competitions portfolio.
- Brianna shouted out Lea for her events last week, which Naz said the Dean had given lots of positive feedback for.
- Vaughan shouted out Julia for her work in supporting him for the Careers event last week.
- Julia shouted out Vaughan and the Careers committee for their work in organising an incredible event.
- Christine shouted out Danielle for her work as co-Director in supporting her and the Competitions portfolio. Christine also shouted out Mahmoud for his prompt help and support with reimbursements.



- Priya shouted out all executives for their support with Law Ball in the lead-up to ticket sales.
- Julia shouted out Alice for mooting in the Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot and also shouted out Arasa for judging a practice moot for the team.

4 What's on this week

Mon: 10am Law Ball Tickets - First Release

Tue: 5:30pm David Benjafield Panel (SJ x Careers x Disabilities)

Wed: 10am Interfac Touch Footy, 10am Law Ball Tickets - Second Release, 6pm Sports Law Speaker Series at Bird & Bird

Thu: 1pm, SULLS x NRF: Social Justice & The Corporate Sector Panel

Fri: 11am Ethnocultural Arts Initiative Charity Paint Event

Sat/Sun: Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot

5 Portfolio Updates

Maeve noted that she had been processing Law Ball Financial Grants, and confirmed for Mahmoud how many had been processed so far.

Julia reminded executives to take note of the office cleaning roster this week, and asked that executives please clean whenever they use the space.

Emily noted that the event that was meant to take place this Wednesday may be rescheduled and further worked on with the Law School to further gain traction. Emily also noted that a viewing night may be arranged for Incarceration Nation later in the semester.

Brianna noted that the Women's portfolio had launched a volunteering collaboration, and explained that they were kicking off an Instagram takeover initiative for women in the law.

Alice noted that aside from the usual designs, the Design portfolio has also started on various SULLS journals.

Lea noted that the study sessions had been taking place, and the Student Staff Morning tea was last week. Lea noted that there will also be a Longton Legal event, as well as a potential collaboration with Sports, Disabilities and Campus for Wellbeing Week.

Charis noted that Blackacre was on track for Final Year Dinner, with a designer being locked in soon. Charis said that there were not as many contributors as expected for the journals, so it was hoped that they would come in during the last few weeks of semester.

Arasa noted that the Student Body Survey would be pushed again on socials before the committee writes up the report. Arasa also said that Derwent was the new Associate Dean of Student Life, and that they would be meeting and working together about intensive units. Arasa also noted that the committee had been writing content for social media to be posted before exams, and that questions and panellists were being prepared for upcoming events.



Vivien noted that there will be the event for thanking SALS sponsors on 27 November in the evening, and asked executives to note in their calendars.

Mahmoud recapped that various reimbursements had been processed, and that he would be speaking with an insurance broker this week to check about potential insurance arrangements for the next year. Mahmoud explained that the investment project would be postponed given the increased spending this year.

Danielle noted that Quarter Finals were happening this week and that all SALS Competitions' Education programs had wrapped up for the year. Danielle also said that the website would be updated soon, that there were various intervarsity events happening, and that the National Women's Moot was happening this weekend. Danielle also noted the Competitions Dinner date as 17 November.

Niveditha said that Law Ball tickets had been released this week, and that decor details will be confirmed this week as well. Niveditha also explained that event and ticketing information will be released for Final Year Dinner very soon. Niveditha said that Socials would be pushing for more equity tickets to be sold, ensuring that students are aware of the option. Priya also noted that they had received a lot of queries regarding Law Ball ticket sales, and explained that USYD students needed to buy the tickets and that the 12, 6 or 2 ticket bundles were a hardline requirement for logistics. Priya said a post would be made soon to confirm as well. Priya noted that allowing exceptions to the bundles would result in unfair arrangements for other students.

Nicholas said that the Sports committee were currently looking for an oval for the SUBS v SALS sport event, and asked executives to please help with finding a location. Nicholas noted that SUBS had been phenomenal in working with SALS to organise. Nicholas also said that dates were being finalised with UNSW Business and Law societies, as well as SUBS, to arrange a dodgeball game. Nicholas noted that he had finally been able to get through to the supplier to confirm the quarter-zipper designs.

Kaela explained that she would be working with Sports again, as well as the International and Disabilities portfolios in preparation for Wellbeing Week. Kaela also noted that in addition to various fete events for Fair Day, there would also be study packs being prepared for students.

Miesha noted that the Ethnocultural Arts Initiative has been the focus for the Ethnocultural portfolio, and said that a few more submissions were needed. Miesha said that it was hoped that Virtual Reality would be incorporated as well. Miesha explained that the planned venue was no longer available for the Shahad Nomani Lecture, and asked executives for their support in finding speakers for the sponsored Mosaic launch event.

Annika gave a belated shoutout to Vivien for helping with posts, as well as to Priya and Niveditha who have been answering Law Ball queries in the social media inboxes. Annika explained that the Longton Legal profile had been updated on the website as well.

Vaughan noted the David Benjafield panel taking place tonight in collaboration with Social Justice and Disabilities, as well as the Social Justice panel with NRF this Thursday. Vaughan also gave a



belated shoutout to Vivien and Annika for their support in promoting events last week. Vaughan also mentioned that there will be an Ashurst event in collaboration with Sports, and Careers in the Law Speaker Series event which would be taking place soon pending confirmation from Faculty for the venue. Vaughan noted that other than events, he was continuing to respond to various emails from sponsors, Jobs Board requests forwarded to Julia and providing general careers advice to students.

Naz noted that she had interviewed a candidate for the Electoral Officer role and asked them about their experience and working relationship with the society in the past. Naz noted that another candidate would be interviewed later today. Naz noted that expressions of interest would then open soon after the appointment.

Naz explained she had been meeting with the Faculty and various university stakeholders, and also reminded executives to please RSVP for the Gala event. Naz reiterated expectations about continuing to be diligent with communication, meeting attendance and supporting other executives. Naz noted that October would be a huge month for SULS in particular, and asked executives to pace themselves but to also be ready to support other executives when they need.

7 Other Business

Mahmoud raised that there was a recent appointment to the Federal Court of Australia which was worth noting, that being the appointment of the Honourable Justice Shariff. Mahmoud noted the importance of having a judicial bench that reflects the diverse community that appears before it. Naz echoed the importance of diversity and asked that any who were considering running for the SULS executive next year also consider the importance of having various perspectives, backgrounds and experiences.

Motion: The SULS Executive celebrates the appointment of the Hon. Justice Shariff to the Federal Court of Australia and reiterates the importance of having a judicial bench that reflects the diverse community that appears before it.

Moved: Mahmoud Al Rifai

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Arasa noted that the onus is not on the person providing the apology, but on the Executive to provide leave for good reason, per section 29 of the Constitution. Naz clarified that it was her intention to bring to the executive in any cases where inconsistent attendance was becoming a pattern, and that it was in line with standards that had been clearly set out from the beginning of the term. Naz thanked Arasa for raising this to ensure we are in line with the Constitution.

Meeting closed: **8:07am**