



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.  
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 22 March 2021  
Chair: Sophia Semmler

Meeting opened: 9:05pm

## Present:

Wendy Hu	President
Cameron Jordan	Vice President (Careers)
Sophia Semmler	Vice President (Social Justice)
Tiana Dumonovsky	Treasurer
Alison Chen	Secretary
Gretel Wilson	Sponsorship Director
Felix Wood	Competitions Director
Caroline Xu	Competitions Director
Onor Nottle	Socials Director
Georgia Watson	Socials Director
Sofia Mendes	Campus Director
Calvin Kwong	Sports Director
Justin Lai	Publications Director
Sissi Xi Chen	International Student Officer
Eden McSheffrey	Equity Officer
Nora Takriti	Women's Officer
Bru Hammer	Queer Officer
Sarah Purvis	Marketing Director
Arasa Hardie	Design Director

## Late:

Sinem Kirk	Vice President (Education)
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## Apologies:

Mahmoud Al Rifai	Ethnocultural Officer
Nathan Allen	First Nations Officer



## MINUTES

### 1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an acknowledgement of country. Apologies were received from Nathan Allen and Mahmoud Al Rifai.

### 2 Procedural matters

**Motion:** to approve the minutes from

Moved: Sophia Semmler

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

### 3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Cameron - Alison for updating Zoom link on the Practice Group Presentation
- Gretel - Cameron for doing a great job hosting the first practice group presentation of the year
- Wendy - Calvin for interfaculty sport
- Alison - Wendy for helping organise and chair the AGM

### 4 What's on this week

- **Mon:**
  - Allen & Overy Practice Group Presentation: Commercial Awareness
- **Tues:**
  - Introduction to Publications - Justin explained explaining publications to the student body, insight into the abstract process, more transparency
- **Wed:**
  - Ashurst Practice Group Presentation: Litigation
  - Interfac Futsal - more than 20 sign-ups
- **Thurs:**
  - Yoga - dojo in SUSAC, maximum 50 capacity
  - Law School Basics 1-2pm with Peter Gerangelos, Ed Couzens, Gordon Yen and Jason Chin
  - International Student Weekly Catch-up - Clerkships - Sissi noted she is having difficulty finding international students to speak about their experiences. Gretel asked if there is much discussion amongst international students about the skills workshops e.g. networking and interviewing skills workshops, CV workshops, or if those areas have already been covered. Sissi noted that firms tend to prioritise local students and permanent residents, and some students are actually qualified in another jurisdiction but find it difficult to secure work here due to the preference for local students and permanent residents. Georgia asked if we could collaborate with other law societies at USyd to share experiences, and Sissi noted she has been in conversation with CSLSS who have been promoting vacation programs in other countries. Wendy raised the HSF International Student evening in Week 5.



- **Fri:**
  - Careers Mentoring Program Mentee Application Deadline - Cameron noted there have already been over 60 sign-ups but the number could be higher, especially given the program traverses multiple portfolios
- **Mon:**
  - Gilbert + Tobin Practice Group Presentation: Intellectual Property

## 5 **Anonymous Google Form for cohort concerns**

Sofia proposed an anonymous Google Form and received feedback Sofia noted there is a bit of overlap between the Equity Box and suggestion form, and noted the campus representatives have been very adamant on having their own forms despite the existing mechanisms. She suggested rebranding the suggestions box and marketing it more. She mentioned that the Equity Box should stay distinct as there may be sensitive concerns raised there that should stay confidential.

## 6 **Committees**

Wendy asked if anyone still has open committee positions. She suggested it might be worth doing a post for the Photography and Design committees.

Wendy also asked people to upload the committee profiles to Google Drive. She also suggested that Executive members read their committee members' responses on what are three things you want SULLS to achieve by the end of 2021.

She also outlined that the committee page can be used by Executive members to promote programs that need higher participation or would benefit from greater promotion.

## 7 **SRC Survey for 12 week semesters**

Swapnik (SRC President) messaged Wendy asking for SULLS' help in disseminating an SRC Survey for 12 week semesters and would like the Executive's discussion and approval. Felix stated his support for the survey as students would benefit from, SULLS has made a statement to Faculty about this issue before, and would provide us with more opportunities to understand student concerns. Wendy also noted the draft advertising guidelines circulated around with the Executive last week. The Executive resolved to publicise the survey.

Meeting closed: 9:42pm