



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 25 October 2021

Chair: Wendy Hu

Minute taker: Sinem Kirk

Meeting opened: 9:12pm

Present:

Wendy Hu	President
Sinem Kirk	Vice President (Education)
Cameron Jordan	Vice President (Careers)
Tiana Dumonovsky	Treasurer
Felix Wood	Competitions Director
Caroline Xu	Competitions Director
Onor Nottle	Socials Director
Georgia Watson	Socials Director
Calvin Kwong	Sports Director
Justin Lai	Publications Director
Sissi Xi Chen	International Student Officer
Nora Takriti	Women's Officer
Bru Hammer	Queer Officer

Absent:

Nathan Allen	First Nations Officer
Sarah Purvis	Marketing Director
Gretel Wilson	Sponsorship Director

Apologies:

Alison Chen	Secretary
Eden McSheffery	Equity Officer
Sophia Semmler	Vice President (Social Justice)
Sofia Mendes	Campus Director
Mahmoud Al Rifai	Ethnocultural Officer



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an acknowledgement of country. Apologies were received from Alison, Eden, Sophia, Sofia and Mahmoud.

2 Procedural matters

- Capacity check-in
- **Motion:** That the minutes from 18 October 2021 be approved.
Moved: Wendy Hu
Seconded: Sissi Chen
The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Felix & Sophia for helping collate constitutional amendments for SGM
- Alison for constitutional amendment work
- Calvin & Sofia for Wellbeing Week: takeovers, panels and yoga
- Nora for modern slavery panel
- Disability Officer launched at GM

4 What's on this week

Mon:

Tues: Yemaya Launch at 1-2pm

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

Mon:

5 Purchase of Digital Gift Cards (JL)

Justin asked if digital gift cards are permissible. Tiana said this is fine.

6 SULLS Office use (WH)

Wendy said we are not allowed to use the SULLS office yet. Mahmoud & Justin wanted to store art cases so Wendy said they can email her about when they need it. Anyone else needing office use should email Wendy. Wendy mentioned 5th December she can open it up for us to get our things.

7 Update from Constitutional Reform Committee (WH)



Wendy explained the proposed model for the Presidential Expressions of Interest (EOI) system and how we could allow an EOI to be published everyday for a week. Dane said this is a huge administrative burden so now the proposal is that every second day, we will post EOIs so this gives people three attempts to submit EOI. In the event of no EOIs, there are two days where someone who didn't submit an EOI can submit one. If there are none at all, it goes to a GM and each position is individually elected. Only change is that AA requirements can't be enforced in the GM.

Wendy explained the other update on the dual position debate. What the Constitutional Review Committee has done now is draft up provisions to counteract the issue, not ban dual positions. Rationale is that if an Exec member feels their participation at an event is going to conflict with their USU/SRC/SUPRA campaign then they can recuse themselves. Felix thinks this is a more harmful draft than simply banning. He explained that just going to law camp gives you an advantage and so, theoretically you'd have to conflict yourself out. Felix explained that being part of SULLS Exec means you need to be present and part of the community thus forcing Exec members to lock themselves away is silly. Felix thinks since it basically benefits your campaign to go to any and every event, you'd have to sub out for everything. As such, a strict reading of this provision means you can't go to any event. Onor agrees that it reads too broadly and can apply to any event. Onor says maybe an Exec member just wants to go to an event because they're interested or want to socialise even if it looks like they can benefit for their potential campaign. Felix said the intention of provision is to dissuade SULLS Exec to choose their electability. Onor understands the reasons behind it but sees that because it's so broad, it won't necessarily be applied. Onor expressed that the provision would really only be enforced if someone makes a complaint and since not many people will complain, it will end up being a random clause that just sits there. Wendy said that the intention is to catch the most egregious behaviour which is likely to occur at long-exposure events and directly approaching members for a campaign through official SULLS channels. The Constitutional Review Committee understands it is hard to police. Wendy said that Dane wants to run a consultation forum about these amendments so feel free to raise it with them as they're happy to answer any questions.

Wendy provided the proposed amendment for reference:

Part 25: Independence

91. A member of the Executive must not use the resources of the Society to promote candidates for any election, including, but not limited to, Commonwealth or State parliamentary, local government, University, club or society elections.

92.

- (1) Any member of the Executive that is actively considering to be or is a candidate for election to:
- a) Board Director of the University of Sydney Union;
 - b) President of the Students Representative Council of the University of Sydney;
 - c) Representative of the Students Representative Council, where their candidacy is first place on a ticket;
 - d) Editor(s) of Honi Soit;
 - e) General Councillor of the Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Society; or
 - f) Fellow of the University of Sydney Senate;



shall recuse themselves from attendance at any event of the Society where they hold a position which can be reasonably perceived to provide a direct or indirect benefit for their candidacy.

(2) Sub-clause (1) does not apply if it is necessary for the organisation and functioning of the event that the member of the Executive is in attendance. For the avoidance of doubt, Executives that attend such events must nevertheless comply with clause 91.

93.

(1) A member of the Executive may be the subject of a complaint to the President or Secretary for breaching clauses 91 or 92 by:

- a) a member of the Society; or
- b) an Electoral or Returning Officer of any of the elections or bodies in clause 92(1).

(2) Upon the receipt of a complaint under sub-clause (1), the Executive must consider the complaint at the shorter of

- a) the next scheduled meeting of the Executive; or
- b) a convened a meeting within one week.

(3) An Executive member subject to a complaint in sub-clause (1) may be dismissed by an absolute majority of the Executive.

(4) The Executive must give such a member of the Executive a reasonable right of reply, by submitting a written response and/or speaking at the meeting. However, nothing prevents the Executive from dismissing this Executive member if they do not wish to exercise their right or, after a reasonable time, makes no reply.

(5) To remove any doubt, nothing in this clause limits a General Meeting's power to remove a member of the Executive pursuant to clauses 31 or 33(a).

8 Bylaw drafting for handover (WH)

Wendy mentioned Camerson & Gretel were thinking of dropping a handover-related bylaw and suggested to ask Exec what they want in their handover and go from there. Cam asked if it's still necessary. Wendy thinks bylaw is a good idea for future execs.

Meeting closed: **9:33pm**