

SEMESTER 2, WEEK 4 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 8:00AM

ITEMS

Meeting started: 8.05 am

1. Welcome, Apologies

- Present: Alex de Araujo, Alison Chen, Amer Nasr, Barry Wang, Daniel Lee Aniceto, Danielle Stephenson, Donna Kwon, Felicity Macourt, Mark Teh, Maxim Vishney, Natalie Leung, Oscar Alcock, Rosette (Rosie) Sok, Sarah Purvis and Sarah Tang.
- Late: Deaundre Espejo.
- Apologies: Miriam Shendroff.
- Absent: Abbey Shi, Eden McSheffrey, Ibrahim Taha, Patrick Lucarnus, Sinem Kirk.

2. Shoutouts

- Sarah Tang: Shoutout to all people from Exec who helped out in judging past week!
- Alison Chen: Shoutout to Sarahs for their continuous hard-work!
- Amer Nasr: Shoutout to Ibrahim for the Allen's Ethnocultural signature event!
- Maxim Vishney: Shoutout to Donna for helping out with textbook loan scheme!
- Natalie Leung: Shoutout to Felicity's Careers panel!

3. Portfolio Updates:

- Natalie Leung: Want to create a survey/report with four sections (academic performance, wellbeing and student experience, international students, summer school) to feed to faculty.

4. What's On This Week:

- a. Mon: comps skills + moots (ST)
- b. Tues:
- c. Wed: Interfac Meditation 10am (OA) and Working Rights Seminar 1pm (FM)
- d. Thurs: Law in Society launch 1pm (AC)
- e. Fri:
- f. Sat: Curtin negotiations competition (ST)
- g. Sun:

5. Promoting law contingent to cuts rally (NL)

- Natalie Leung: What do Executive members feel about promoting this event occurring on Wednesday this week?
- Felicity Macourt: This event clashes with my event for Working Rights.
- Natalie Leung: I am reluctant because there are quite a few of them and I don't want it to be a medium to be promoting protests. Although, this is for law students, there are other ways of promoting events.
- Maxim Vishney: This is made specifically for law students. Not a slippery slope, because we are making a decision on it now.
- Amer Nasr: Raising the question: Is the event only advertised for 20 people? How are organisers ensuring only 20 people attend?

- Alison Chen: I also want to raise the concern of reputational damage to SULS in light of police involvement in most recent protests on campus.
- Mark Teh: I agree with Alison. We are directors of an incorporated society and should not take this responsibility lightly.
- Maxim Vishney: There are different contingencies in place, but this is only for law students and faculty which is why we should share it. There will be specific measures in place for social distancing.
- Natalie Leung: Also, weren't health orders in place last week when the police got involved. Potential of putting our members at risk with COVID and police (i.e. fines and arrested).
- Maxim Vishney: It is difficult to make that assessment at this stage.
- Deandre Espejo: It has been known that police can seek out organisers of event to fine them. Is there anything stopping SULS from being liable?
- Amer Nasr: Although I can see the benefit of sharing an externally organised event for Sydney Law students to take part in advocacy, I trust the legal and health risks are too high for SULS in light of most recent events on campus with police involvement and COVID-19 health regulations. I trust not all Executive members are comfortable too sharing this on behalf of SULS with these risks involved. Individual executive members may choose to share this in their individual capacities if they wish.
- Felicity Macourt: I also think it's an issue. I do not think we should share it for health and safety reasons, particularly in light of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Barry Wang: Apart from legal liability and health risks, there is also issue with bad publicity of event (we have no control of how many people will show up and what may happen). Too risky.
- Mark Teh: Raised query, is there a safe way to promote this through a post?
- Deandre Espejo: We have already done this through post on cuts. We don't want to post anything empty with yet another stance. Individual members should post in their individual capacities.
- Maxim Vishney: If we are not sharing this event, then can we workshop more substantive things, i.e. call-ins for MPs?
- Alex de Araujo: How about sharing posters?
- Deandre Espejo: (*In zoom chat function*): How about we use our networks to write an article on policing and cuts in rallies instead?
- Felicity Macourt (Mover): Let's organise a vote on this. Seconded by Amer Nasr.
 - o In favour of sharing post: Unanimous No.
 - o Alternative suggestion: Holding alternative events (more discussion): Unanimous Yes.

6. Bylaws (AN)

- Amer Nasr: Picking up from last week, I hope everyone had a chance to review the tentative bylaws I have shared. Today we will discuss: Privacy Policy, and Handover Sustainability Policy. If time permits, we will discuss Environmental Sustainability Policy.
- **Privacy Policy:**
 - o Amer Nasr: Drawing attention to the difference between personal and sensitive information. I have resolved a few comments added by individual Exec members post-drafting in the running google document.
 - o Mark Teh: We do not need to add that SULS may where reasonable and practical, collect information from third parties.

- Amer Nasr: This is to satisfy, for example, the SIDs we often collect from faculty to cross-check voting for new executive, among other things.
- Mark Teh: What does it mean to collect sensitive information for a secondary purpose that is directly related to the primary purpose?
- Amer Nasr: We very rarely collect sensitive information. An example would be something along the lines of collecting members ethnicities say within the Ethnocultural portfolio to be used for the organisation of an ethnocultural event. A secondary purpose in my view, can be organising a similar event later that year in reference to the prior data collected.
- ***Administrative Sustainability (Executive Handovers) Policy:***
 - Amer Nasr: It is crucial for there to be more clarity on this process for outgoing and incoming executive to ensure a cleaner transition. This is especially the case in light of our obligation with NSW Fair Trading and the ACNC to notify the change in office within 28 days. This is why I have also created this section.
 - Oscar Alcock: Expectation of keeping track of handover materials should be probably communicated to new executive as they come in.
 - Amer Nasr: The idea behind adding this draft clause is to create consistency and clear expectations early on. Currently, not all Executive roles have handover documents and to add to our directors' duties, it is worth creating clear and consistent expectations for future executive handovers.
 - Oscar Alcock: Seeing that the handover is at the end of Semester 2, is it at all practicable to include the incoming Executive in the organisation of events throughout the handover period?
 - Amer Nasr: Yes. Every year will have different electoral dates. However, what remains consistent in our Constitution is the handover is set at no later than December 1st of every year, except for the financial handover which is by January 1st of the following year. It is practical to include new exec to the extent that it is “practically possible” to do so (reflected in draft clause). Therefore, it is also encouraged and not mandatory in anyway.
- ***Environmental Sustainability Policy:***
 - Amer Nasr: We may not have enough time for this discussion today unfortunately, so let's revisit next week, but let's get it started today.
 - Oscar Alcock: Not sure with the rigidity of all events need to be catered by vegetarian options. How about providing optional vegetarian?
 - Felicity Macourt: I think it's important and nice to commit to all vegetarian as the Law School faculty has late last year.
 - Deandre Espejo: Agreed.
 - Donna Kwon: There is the draft clause on devising the financial investment strategy not to invest in any company with unduly detrimental environmental impact. If I could ask, I am working on a treasury bylaw proposal and would resolve this. I would like that to be added there instead. Let us put a hold on this one as I will draft something.
 - Amer Nasr: Alright, I think we may need to put a hold on all this for now and revisit. Let's take the necessary time for good governance to review and comment on the draft proposed clauses.

7. Without Prejudice

8. Meeting adjourned: 9:05AM