



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on **9/5/2022**

Chair: Ben Hines

Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Meeting opened: **9:07pm**

Present:

Ben Hines	President
Irene Ma	Vice President (Education)
Thrishank Chintamaneni	Vice President (Careers)
Naz Sharifi	Vice President (Social Justice)
Julia Tran	Treasurer
Eden McSheffrey	Secretary
Kelly Ma	Sponsorship Director
Harriet Walker	Competitions Director
Maja Vasic	Competitions Director
Grace Wong	Socials Director
Vivienne Davies	Socials Director
Onor Nottle	Campus Director
Adam Schaffer	Sports Director
Ariana Haghighi	Publications Director
Michelle Chim	International Student Officer
Yijun Cui	Equity Officer
Grace Wallman	Disabilities Officer
Elizabeth Nutting	Women's Officer
Edward Ford	Queer Officer
Nishta Gupta	Ethnocultural Officer
Ben McGrory	First Nations Officer
Julia Lim	Marketing Director
Justine Hu	Design Director

Absent:

Apologies:

Late: Yijun Cui (9:12pm); Ariana Haghighi (9:30pm)

Early Departures: Justine Hu (9:20pm)



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and Elizabeth Nutting delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

No apologies were received and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the minutes from the Executive Meeting held 2/5/2022 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Grace Wallman

Seconded: Elizabeth Nutting

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Julia L and Edward shouted out Eden for restocking the office supplies.
- Ben H shouted out Elizabeth for her performance in the negotiations competition.
- Elizabeth shouted out Maja and Harriet for all of their competitions work.
- Julia L shouted out Justine and the design committee for churning out all of the design work.

4 What's on this week

- a. **Mon:**
- b. **Tues:** MinterEllison Law Students' Society LGBTQ+ Roundtable 2022; RUNSYDUNI; HSF Clerkship Presentation; PIL Moot Grand Final
- c. **Wed:**
- d. **Thurs:** Cruise !!!
- e. **Fri:** Roe v Wade Panel
- f. **Mon:** Fedcon Moot Grand Final

5 Portfolio updates

Adam discussed the events for the upcoming SULLS Wellbeing Week. Naz discussed the Dissent journal callout and encouraged Executive participation. Michelle noted the upcoming Diverse Career Pathways for International Students Seminar. Irene mentioned that the Ed committee created an Instagram account. Ben M discussed several recent updates in his portfolio, including last week's event, the upcoming First Nation's Voices Project cultural tour, his work on trying to secure a cultural safe space on campus, and work on events to be held in Reconciliation Week.



6 Creation of accessibility guidelines for SULLS events and potential binding changes to bylaws regarding disabilities and maybe other autonomous portfolios

Grace Wa. discussed the need to develop a set of guidelines about accessibility for SULLS events. She noted that she has spoken to other autonomous portfolio holders about making such guidelines intersectional, with a view to incorporate all of the portfolios' perspectives.

In relation to the Disabilities Portfolio, she noted that there were a number of specific things which arose in her consultation with disabled people in the SULLS community that need to be addressed. Grace said that some disabled students have avoided various events because they have concerns about accessibility and emphasised that certain accessibility requirements should be put into the Bylaws. She noted for example having a quiet space at events, ensuring there is an accessible bathroom, ramp and wheelchair accessibility and other physical accessibility requirements. She noted that she is in the process of writing those bylaws and will reach out to other members of the Executive – particularly Socials and other autonomous portfolios – for their suggestions. Grace Wa. also mentioned that she wanted to include things that Nishta brought up in our previous meeting, such as making SULLS events culturally accessible as well. She emphasised that these issues of accessibility affect a lot of events and that she wants SULLS to be an accessible space.

Ben M raised the topic of safe spaces for disabled people and also First Nations peoples, and noted that he is speaking to the Law School and broader University about setting up a space for First Nations students and offered to loop Grace into those discussions.

7 Queer portfolio matters

Edward noted that he is attending a roundtable event tomorrow: the MinterEllison Law Students' Society LGBTQ+ Roundtable. He asked if the Executive had any suggestions for topics or concerns to raise. Edward also noted that The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) was coming up soon, and thought it was a good idea for SULLS to make a statement emphasising that SULLS is a safe space.

He also noted that he has been speaking to other Executives about making a statement in relation to recent media attention and the proposed laws affecting transgender women. He proposed that SULLS makes a joint statement with law school in unequivocal support of transgender students in response to the proposed 'Save Womens Sports' bill which has increased media attention on transgender individuals. He noted that a statement is also appropriate in light of comments made by an election candidate that have increased distress in the LGBTQIA+ Community.

Ben M said he was happy to help with IDAHOBIT and the statement.

8 Socials – Cruise and Retreat

Vivienne discussed the second retreat and asked the Executive for date preferences. Eden noted that this retreat is entirely paid for by the Executive and isn't on SULLS' funds.



9 ALSA Competitors

Ben H raised the ASLA Conference and noted that costs for attendance will also need to be voted on in addition to nomination of delegates. He then asked the Competitions Directors if they knew the number of competitors we would be sending to the event. They responded that we would be sending 3x IHL Mooters, 2x Negotiations competitors, 2x Client Interviewing competitors and 1x Witness Examination competitor. Ben H asked if there were any objections to sending those competitors and none were raised. Maja noted that, from a faculty funding perspective, we have a budget for the Coaches to accompany the Moot, Negotiations, and Client Interviewing competitors too.

10 Other Business

None raised.

Meeting closed: **9:37pm**