



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: **15/05/2023**

Chair: **Naz Sharifi**

Minute taker: **Julia Lim**

Meeting opened: **9:03pm**

Present:

Naz Sharifi	President
Arasa Hardie	Vice President (Education)
Vaughan Marega	Vice President (Careers)
Julia Lim	Secretary
Vivien Lu	Sponsorship Director
Christine Aung	Competitions Director
Danielle Tweedale	Competitions Director
Niveditha Sethumadhavan	Socials Director
Priya Mehra	Socials Director
Nick Leavenworth	Sports Director
Lea Nguyen	International Student Officer
Maeve Cairns	Equity Officer
Lucas Kao	Disabilities Officer
Emily Wooding	First Nations Officer
Brianna Ho	Women's Officer
Rohan Shankar	Queer Officer
Miesha Binta Noor	Ethnocultural Officer
Annika Lee	Marketing Director
Alice Shan	Design Director
Eden McSheffrey	Immediate Past Secretary

Apologies:

Charmaine Lui	Vice President (Social Justice)
Mahmoud Al Rifai	Treasurer
Charis Chiu	Publications Director
Kaela Goldsmith	Campus Director



Absent:

Late:

Early Departures: Eden McSheffrey (9:30pm),
Miesha Binta Noor (10:47pm)

MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Charmaine, Charis, Kaela and Mahmoud.

Motion: To accept the apologies received from Charmaine Lui, Charis Chiu, Kaela Goldsmith and Mahmoud Al Rifai for the Executive Meeting taking place on 15 May 2023.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Christine Aung

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 8 May 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Brianna Ho

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 OGC & ALSA In Camera Discussion

Motion: That the meeting move in camera.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Vaughan Marega

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

[In camera discussion]

Motion: To move out of camera.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Maeve Cairns

The motion was carried unanimously with zero objections.



4 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Charis shouted out Vivien for her support with the Careers Guide in the midst of various printing and design issues.
- Julia shouted out Annika and Alice for their work in producing content for many events, and Naz also thanked Alice and the Design team for their Careers Guide work.
- Niveditha shouted out Priya for the Law Cruise, and also shouted out Naz for her support. Niveditha also shouted out Christine and Maeve for being Wellbeing Officers at the Cruise.
- Nick shouted out Kaela for being a legend with Wellbeing Week, and Julia and Naz shouted out Nick in return for his work with Wellbeing Week. Nick also shouted out Julia for being a legend.
- Priya shouted out all executives who helped for Law Cruise, including Danielle, Naz and Julia.
- Christine shouted out Priya and Niveditha for an incredible Law Cruise, and shouted out Danielle for Grand Finals Week, as well as Lea and Naz for their help. Naz shouted out Christine and Danielle for their work in organising an incredible Grand Finals week.
- Vaughan shouted out any executives who attended the Norton Rose Fulbright presentation on Monday, including Lea, Dani, Nick, Mahmoud and Alice. Vaughan also shouted out Alice for her amazing work with the Careers Guide.
- Arasa shouted out Naz for helping with the Law School Basics panel, and also shouted out Alice for her Design work.
- Alice shouted out Vivien for her support, and Vaughan for his organisation.
- Nick shouted out Maeve for graduating today.
- Danielle shouted out Naz for supporting and checking in with everyone and picking up tasks to help everyone out.

Motion: For Arasa Hardie to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Maeve Cairns

The motion was carried unanimously with zero objections.

4 What's on this week

Mon: Clifford Chance Clerkship Presentation (1pm - 2pm, Law Foyer)

Tues: Gadens Clerkship Presentation (1pm - 2pm, Law Foyer); A&O Commercial Awareness (5:30 pm, Law Lounge)

Wed: JWS Practice Group Presentation (1pm - 2pm, Law Foyer); Know Your Rights Seminar (11am - 12:30pm, Law Lounge)

Thurs: Career in Law Speaker Series | New York Alumni (9am - 10:30am, Zoom); Minter Ellison CV & Cover Letter Workshop (1pm - 2pm, Law Foyer)

Fri: Clayton Utz Skills & Networking Presentation (1pm - 2pm, Law Foyer)

5 Portfolio updates

Naz reminded executives to please send reports by Wednesday. Danielle noted that Winter competitions are coming up, and asked executives to please spread the word and get involved if they are interested. Julia reminded executives that those rostered for Thursday office hours are responsible for cleaning the office this week.



6 Law Ball Venue

Niveditha explained that the venue options were based on various considerations from previous executives and feedback, including: a) a space that would accommodate for 900 - 950 people maximum; b) Saturday or Friday as the date; c) a memorable venue; d) being fiscally responsible and having consultation with every step.

Priya noted that the top option at the moment was Option A, which may allow for a cohesive event with all aspects such as food being covered in a package, and including interactive food stations and bars. Priya flagged the concern of 800 people crowding in that environment, but that this could be resolved with spacing out the stalls. Priya noted that a recent Women's event had successfully done this, although with smaller numbers.

Priya explained that Option B is also a solid option but that a full proposal was being waited on. Priya noted the major concerns of capacity. Nick asked how many people were at Law Ball last year, for which Priya noted there were around 900 - 950 people who showed up.

Naz noted concerns with the three-decker structure of Option C, where at Law Ball people can usually bump into each other and it brings cohorts together. Priya responded that the capacity of the boat would not necessarily need to be reached to create a packed space, but that there could also be one main deck to keep things more central.

Lucas raised that if there were three decks, apart from accessibility issues, there could be a higher chance of people tripping and other safety issue. Lucas reminded executives of the importance of there being a quiet space made available on the night. Nick said he loves boats. Nick flagged the issue of there being tighter time constraints involved with a cruise format. Julia thanked Priya and Niveditha for their incredible work in scouting venues. Julia thought that with such a large flagship event, there would be enough to be worried about in organising without the extra risk and safety concerns raised by being on a boat.

Christine thought that Option B may not be best to ensure that we can have greater capacity. Christine asked whether a seated dinner at Option A would be an option. Priya responded that this would be around 700 people for capacity and then even less with a dance floor. Priya clarified for Brianna that there would still be seating available, but not enough for everyone to be seated at the same time.

Naz raised that the cocktail format does not seem to align with a ball, which seems to be more traditionally with a seated dinner. Priya noted that 700 people would be an absolute maximum with seated dining, and that the cocktail format would allow for up to 1000 people. Lucas agreed that a cocktail-style event would be less like a ball, but that there would be the pro of being able to mingle with friends. Christine agreed that most people would envision a seated banquet dinner for a ball, and suggested that it may be worth reaching out to friends and others within SULS, whether informally or through a poll, to check for preferences. Priya and Niveditha confirmed that ideally the venue would be confirmed soon.



Nick agreed that the banquet style event would be more ball-like, but raised that last year's issue may be resolved with a venue that runs everything cohesively. Nick also suggested that last year's event may have nearly been too spacious, and that a slightly smaller venue may help even with a banquet-like format. Lucas noted that in first year he attended a cocktail-style event, which led to people sitting on the ground later in the evening. Priya asked for any queries, concerns or thoughts to be raised with Priya and Niveditha within the coming days.

8 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: **10:59pm**