



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on **16/05/2022**

Chair: Ben Hines

Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Meeting opened: **9:09pm**

Present:

Ben Hines	President
Irene Ma	Vice President (Education)
Thrishank Chintamaneni	Vice President (Careers)
Julia Tran	Treasurer
Eden McSheffrey	Secretary
Harriet Walker	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
Edward Ford	Queer Officer
Nishta Gupta	Ethnocultural Officer
Julia Lim	Marketing Director
Justine Hu	Design Director

Absent: Kelly Ma, Maja Vasic

Apologies: Naz Sharifi, Ben Mcgrory, Elizabeth Nutting

Late:

Early Departures: Harriet Walker (9:47pm)



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. An apology was received from Naz Sharifi, Ben Mcgrory, and Elizabeth Nutting.

Motion: That Naz Sharifi, Ben Mcgrory, and Elizabeth Nutting's apology be accepted.

Moved: Julia Lim

Seconded: Adam Schaffer

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

No conflicts were declared

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the minutes from the Executive Meeting held 9 May 2022 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Yijun Cui

Seconded: Irene Ma

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Ben H shouted out Naz and Onor for becoming USU Board Directors.
- Ben H also shouted out Julia L and Ariana for their work on the SULLS Exams survey.
- Nishta shouted out Julia L and Justine for all of their hard work with marketing.
- Nishta also shouted out Vivienne and Grace for organising law cruise.
- Ben H shouted out Edward for his work with the Queer Mentoring Program and Coffee Catchups.
- Ben H shouted out Elizabeth for her Roe v Wade Panel.

4 What's on this week

- Mon:** FedCon Moot, Law School Basics #3: Exam Preparation; Dreamboard opens
- Tues:** Peden Moot, Clayton Utz Networking and Interviewing Skills Workshop; IDAHOBIT; Lunchtime yoga
- Wed:** Johnson Winter & Slattery Clerkship Presentation, Butterfly Foundation talk, Intercohort + Clerkship mentoring launch; SULLS v SUBS Soccer; Clayton Utz Ethnocultural Careers Panel
- Thurs:** Clayton Utz Clerkship Presentation, Ashurst Inside-a-Deal Workshop; Queer Coffee Catch-Up, Mental Health Panel; Meditation Workshop
- Fri:** King & Wood Mallesons Clerkship Presentation, Careers Mentoring Introduction, Yochi 20% Discount, SULLS Trivia Night
- Mon:** Corrs Clerkship Presentation



5 Portfolio updates

Edward noted that tomorrow is IDAHOBIT and explained the significance of the event. He emphasised that it is about celebrating queer people globally while also raising the very real challenges queer people still face. He wanted to take this opportunity to inform the executive of the challenges faced by queer people, noting that especially in countries like ours that it is easy for non-queer people to forget the challenges sometimes faced. He discussed a recent report delivered by the Trevor Project on Asian American and Pacific Islander LGBTQ Youth and the alarming statistics coming out of that report. He noted that 40% of these youth seriously considered suicide in the past year, 17% attempted suicide, and at least 50% were not out to anyone about their sexuality. Edward encouraged the executive to support queer people in their community and committees.

Grace Wo. discussed ideas for our semester one informal noting the Executive's discussions recently about cultural accessibility. She explained that this would look like having the event not being held at a bar and that a potential idea was a picnic. She asked the executive for their input so that the event is as inclusive as possible. Vivienne noted another idea is booking out a cinema. Onor suggested Archie Brothers or Laser Tag. Yijun suggested an ice-skating option. Irene suggested Sky Zone.

Ben H noted a picnic would be a good idea, and that the Executive's choice can be filtered down into three broad categories. The first being a traditional informal at a bar, the second being an event where people could drink but it was not centred around alcohol, and the third option where there would be no drinking at all. He emphasised he was behind the decision to have a more accessible event.

Grace Wo. also discussed Law Ball and the proposed date being 8th of October. Vivienne also discussed Law Camp. Grace Wo. also asked for feedback on recent events.

Onor noted that she had a meeting with her committee and would love more support on the blood drive but that there is no uptake. She encouraged the executive to participate.

Grace Wa. noted that she drafted some guidelines for accessibility. She encouraged people to use these in practice.

6 SSCF

Ben noted that this Thursday, a meeting is coming up where we are presenting the result of the SULLS exam survey to Faculty and asked for Executive input.

7 Morning Tea

Ben noted that tomorrow at 10:30am we have an in-person morning tea with faculty and encouraged the executive to attend.

8 USU Gala

Ben mentioned that we have two extra tickets to the USU Gala and asked if any Executive members were interested in attending.



9 Student Life Grant Applications

Ben said that the university has distributed some information about student life grants and encouraged the Executive to apply to secure funding for some initiatives that might qualify for the grants.

10 Sydney Law Building

Ben mentioned that the law school is attempting to revitalise the law annexe, help improve the SULS office, and fix the moot court. He asked if the Executive had any input on this.

11 Event Timing

Ben said that when we plan events something to note is that on Fridays there are no law classes and there are a disproportionate amount of students who are debating coaches. He said this can affect the attendance at some of our events and that it was something to keep in mind.

12 Next Meeting

Given next week is our last meeting for the semester, Ben H suggested that we have next week's meeting in person.

13 Other Business

None raised

Meeting closed: **10:04pm**