



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

ABN 49 844 560 526

4 November 2022 6:00PM ON ZOOM

Minutes of the Special General Meeting Meeting held on **04/11/2022**

Chair: Ben Hines

Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Meeting opened: 6:10pm

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
Harriet Walker	Competitions Director
Adam Schaffer	Sports Director
Grace Wallman	Disabilities Officer
Elizabeth Nutting	Women's Officer
Edward Ford	Queer Officer
Nishta Gupta	Ethnocultural Officer
Julia Lim	Marketing Director
Charis Chiu	Member
Charmaine Lui	Member
Christine Aung	Member
Danielle Tweedale	Member
Emily Scarlis	Member
Kaela Goldsmith	Member



Lea Nguyen	Member
Matthew Joyce	Member
Nick Leavenworth	Member
Niveditha Sethumadhavan	Member
Vaughan Marega	Member
Vivien Lu	Member

Late:

Adam Schaffer (6:36pm)	Sports Director
Elizabeth Nutting (6:33pm)	Women's Officer

Absent:

Kelly Ma	Sponsorship Director
Grace Wong	Socials Director
Michelle Chim	International Student Officer

Apologies:

Maja Vasic	Competitions Director
Vivienne Davies	Socials Director
Ariana Haghighi	Publications Director
Onor Nottle	Campus Director
Yijun Cui	Equity Officer
Justine Hu	Design Director
Felix Wood	SULS Member

Early Departures:

Matthew Joyce (6:55pm)	Member
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1 Opening and acknowledgement of country

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

2 Apologies and leaves of absence

Apologies were received from Yijun Cui, Felix Wood, Vivienne Davies, Maja Vasic, Justine Hu, Ariana Haghighi, and Onor Nottle.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted and a leave of absence granted for those members.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with one abstention.

Eden notified the meeting that four members, Yijun Cui, Felix Wood, Maja Vasic and Ariana Haghighi have submitted to the Chair compliant and signed proxy forms [**Appendix A**], and that those members, if present, were unable to vote unless their proxy was withdrawn in writing.

- Yijun Cui appointed Ben Hines as her proxy, with authority to vote on all matters.
- Felix Wood appointed Ben Hines as his proxy, directing Ben to vote in particular ways on specific motions on notice.
- Maja Vasic appointed Harriet Walker as her proxy, with authority to vote on all matters.
- Ariana Haghighi appointed Grace Wallman as her proxy, with authority to vote on all matters.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (Annual General Meeting, 20 April 2022) were made available [online](#) on the Society's website after the previous meeting.

Motion: That the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held 20 April 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with fourteen abstentions.

4 Business arising from the minutes

Eden explained that last meeting several motions were passed extending review processes which this Executive was bound to undertake. He notified the meeting that those review processes had been completed during July through the SULLS Consultation Project 2022, where google forms for each issue, as well as two Zoom town hall sessions for each, gave the membership the opportunity to participate in consultation with the Executive on these aspects of the Constitution. The reviews were conducted for the SULLS Electoral Regulations, the SULLS Standing orders, the SULLS Codes of Conduct, the duties of the SULLS Equity Officer and the SULLS Appointed Executive procedures. Irene conducted a separate PASS Alternative



consultation as part of this process too. Eden noted that no one attended the constitutional Zoom sessions and we received minimal engagement from the google forms. He thanked Naz, Ben, Yijun, Thrishank and Irene for helping out with running the sessions and forms and noted that given that there was little to no engagement from the student body during these sessions, the Executive has not proposed amendments to the Constitution on these issues.

Eden asked the meeting if there were any questions on the process and none were raised.

Motion: That the *2022 SULLS Consultation Project* satisfies the motions directing this year's Executive to undertake reviews on the matters of the SULLS Electoral Regulations, the SULLS Standing orders, the SULLS Codes of Conduct, the duties of the SULLS Equity Officer and the SULLS Appointed Executive procedures as per the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 20 April 2022.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with one abstention.

5 Correspondence

Eden informed the meeting that no correspondence has been received.

6 Motions on notice

Eden explained that the following section of the meeting would be with reference to the motions on notice document which was distributed in the morning of Friday 21 October 2022. For the minutes, he noted that a live version of the motions at the meeting was being screen-shared and that the full and accurate wording of the changes passed would be recorded in the minutes at **appendix B**.

Constitutional Amendments

(1) Society debit card

Eden explained that members of the SULLS Executive regularly incur society-related expenses which have to go through an approval and reimbursement process. The purpose of introducing a society debit card is to reduce the financial burden on SULLS Executive members who have to pay for items up front, and allows the Society to pay for items directly.

He noted all payments with this card must be authorised by two signatories and only the President and Treasurer may carry a card (which can be temporarily given to other executives with approval of two signatories). This process of approving payments can only be done for items under \$500, and anything over \$500 still requires a motion by the Executive per the existing Constitutional arrangements.

Motion: to add clauses 61A–61F to Part 13 of the Constitution.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines



The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(2) Add Society debit card as authorised payment method

Eden explained that this change permits adds the newly adopted society debit card as an authorised payment method for the Society.

Julia Lim asked whether it would be better to have a more general wording instead of 'items' e.g. 'expenditures'. Eden replied that the word 'items' is already used in clause 59 and it was merely used for consistency – he did not think that the word 'items' would be read as limiting the Executive. Harriet suggested it would be good to keep the amendment consistent with the rest of the clause. There was general agreement to keep the amendment as proposed.

Motion: To amend clause 59 to add authorisation provisions for the Society debit card.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(3) Grammar adjustments

Eden noted this is a purely grammatical fix to update the listing convention in clause 58.

Motion: To amend clause 58 to update its grammar.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(4) Circular Motions

Eden explained that this provision is designed to authorise the Executive to move motions outside of meetings via a circular motion. He noted these motions should be used only for either procedural or urgent matters which cannot wait for a meeting to be held. To reflect this, the threshold for the motion to pass is for 20 executives to vote in favour of the motion. This high threshold ensures that substantive discussions occur within minuted meetings. Eden noted that he was open to changing the threshold to unanimity but this might allow for a larger amount of abstentions – he asked the incoming Executive for input on this.

Ben said for context that lots of boards have circular motions which traditionally require unanimity but that most boards do not have 23 directors. He noted that it requires the assent of all executives minus three mainly because of the size of the SULS Executive, which allows for flexibility if some members are unavailable to vote.

Edward asked about the provision relating to 'registered post' and queried whether it was necessary. Eden noted that he was mainly basing the provision off of the rest of the Constitution but agreed that the inclusion of post was probably redundant however suggested that it would not necessarily hurt to have the power there if necessary.



Motion: To add cl 69A to add authorisation for the Executive to pass circular motions.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with two abstentions.

(5) Conflicts of Interest

Eden explained that the purpose of this motion is to help Executive members effectively identify, disclose and manage any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest in order to protect the integrity of SULLS and manage risk. He said this was designed to bring SULLS' constitutional requirements in line with its obligations as an incorporated association and noted that many of the provisions have been modelled off the requirements in the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* (NSW). He discussed the logistics of the amendment.

Emily Scarlis asked whether the register would be available for any member to access at any time. Eden confirmed that it would be.

Motion: To amend clauses 6B, 11, and 67 and to add Part 26 to the Constitution en bloc.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(6) Association Public Officer

Eden explained that Fair Trading NSW requires that incorporated associations have a public officer. In practice, this has been the President however there is no constitutional provision making this clear.

Motion: To amend clause 7 to include one of the President's duties as being the Association's public officer.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(7) Definitions Formatting Amendment

Ben noted this is just to fix some formatting in the Constitution.

Motion: To amend clause 2 to fix formatting issues.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Eden McSheffrey

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(8) Sports Director Title

Ben noted this is another minor amendment to address a grammar issue relating to the Sports Director title being plural.

Motion: To amend clause 17 to refer to the Sports director in the singular.

Moved: Ben Hines



Seconded: Nick Leavenworth

The motion was carried with zero abstentions.

(9) Requirements for Filling Vacancies at a General Meeting

Ben noted that currently the requirement for filling Executive vacancies at General Meetings is that two-thirds can appoint a Member to a position in the role. He noted that this amendment is designed to clarify that it can't be just any Member voted in, but rather only those who fulfil the eligibility criteria for the particular roles which may be autonomous (such as the ISO role).

Motion: To amend clause 32 to insert the requirement of eligibility.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Eden McSheffrey

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

(10) Fix Erroneous Constitutional Amendment Procedure Section References

Ben noted that this amendment was to correct an erroneous part reference.

Motion: To amend clauses 48(d) and 53A(d) to refer to Part 17 rather than Part 16.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with two abstentions.

(11) Remove Constitutional Amendment Validity Being Contingent on USU Approval

Ben noted at the outset of the discussion that he has discussed the following motion with the USU and that they are okay with us passing it. He said that presently, Constitutional amendments only take effect if we table them with the USU and receive their approval of those amendments. He noted that this is not a motion for disaffiliation and that SULLS would still need to comply with USU requirements, however the reason behind this amendment is that we are now a registered charity and an incorporated association with our own responsibilities to external bodies such as the ACNC and Fair Trading NSW, who have their own requirements to maintain charitable status and valid incorporation. He said that important parts of those requirements pertain to standards of governance e.g. decisions being made by the SULLS Executive – whereas under the present arrangement it is made by the USU. He noted that the clubs and societies office of the USU is not made up of SULLS Members and therefore this undermines SULLS' ability to amend its own Constitution.

Ben emphasised that SULLS will continue to sign a USU affiliation agreement each year which outlines the same obligations around abiding by USU and USYD regulations. He noted the purpose of this motion is to merely remove the Constitutional entrenchment of those requirements and that the USU seemed on board with this amendment given this limited purpose.

Motion: To remove subclauses c–e from clause 70.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with two abstentions.



(12) Removal of Requirements for Recognition by External Body

Ben noted that, similar to the rationale of the previous motion, this is designed to ensure SULLS is independently making decisions.

Motion: To amend clause 90 to prioritise SULLS' interests.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with two abstentions.

(13) Amending of General Meeting notice requirements via External Body

Ben noted that this motion is to remove SULLS' requirement to give notice of Meetings through 'recognised publications of the University of Sydney Union' – noting that this was more important when the publication 'Bull' was around. Ben noted even PULP may not be published frequently enough to meet this requirement so this motion clarifies that it is to be distributed through usual publications 'where convenient' and that the USU website counts as publication.

Motion: To amend clauses 47 and 51 en bloc to make clear optional distribution of notice through USU publications for General Meetings.

Moved: Ben Hines

Seconded: Eden McSheffrey

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Bylaw Amendments

(1) SULLS Debit Card maximum amount

Eden explained that this motion is a Bylaw amendment and Ben clarified that all members present could vote. He then noted that the provision was designed to create the bylaw referenced in the newly passed clause 61B(b) of the Constitution. He said the purpose of moving this provision into the bylaws is to allow the Executive to alter the maximum limit as they see fit and depending on how the use of the Society debit card evolves. He noted the reason for having a limit is to protect the funds of the Society in the event that the debit card is stolen or lost.

Motion: To create clause 156A in the SULLS Bylaws.

Moved: Eden McSheffrey

Seconded: Ben Hines

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

7 Reports of Executive Members

No reports were given.



8 General Business

1. Election Notice

Eden noted that the Electoral Officer would deliver their report next year during either an Executive meeting or during the Annual General Meeting. For the minutes, Ben noted that a binding electoral notice had been issued on Monday 24 October 2022 at 4pm confirming that the 2023 Executive will be as follows:

- President: Naz Sharifi
- Vice President (Education): Arasa Hardie
- Vice President (Careers): Vaughan Marega
- Vice President (Social Justice): Charmaine Lui
- Secretary: Julia Lim
- Treasurer: Mahmoud Al Rifai
- Sponsorship Director: Vivien Lu
- Social Directors: Niveditha Sethumadhavan & Priya Mehra
- Competitions Directors: Christine Aung & Danielle Tweedale
- Sports Director: Nick Leavenworth
- Campus Director: Kaela Goldsmith
- Publications Director: Charis Chiu
- International Student Officer: Lea Nguyen

Motion: To note and accept the Electoral Officer's notice of the incoming Executive.

Mover: Ben Hines

Secunder: Eden McSheffrey

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2. Bank Signatories

Ben explained the requirement to authorise signatories of the SULLS bank accounts.

Motion: SULLS hereby authorises the bank authorisers of all SULLS bank accounts to change with the incoming 2023 Executive from:

- Benjamin James Hines (President 2022) to Nazanin Sharifi (President 2023);
- Julia Elizabeth May-Yook Tran (Treasurer 2022) to Mahmoud Al Rifai (Treasurer 2023);
- Eden James McSheffrey (Secretary 2022) to Julia Joon Hee Lim (Secretary 2023); and
- Yijun Cui (Equity Officer 2022) to the Equity Officer of the 2023 SULLS Executive.

Mover: Ben Hines

Secunder: Eden McSheffrey

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Meeting closed: **7:08pm.**



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APPENDIX A - PROXY FORMS

ASSIGNING OF EXECUTIVE VOTE BY PROXY

26 October 2022

I, **Maja Vasic**, Competitions Director, appoint **Harriet Walker**, Competitions Director, as my proxy for the purposes of the Sydney University Law Society Inc. Special General Meeting to be held on 4 November 2022.

[Cross out the option which does not apply]

1. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf on all matters.

OR

- ~~2. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf for the following matters only:~~



Maja Vasic
Competitions Director

Signed 26 October 2022



Harriet Walker
Competitions Director

Signed 26 October 2022

ASSIGNING OF EXECUTIVE VOTE BY PROXY

1 November 2022

I, **Yijun Cui**, Equity Officer, appoint **Ben Hines**, President, as my proxy for the purposes of the Sydney University Law Society Inc. Special General Meeting to be held on 4 November 2022.

[Cross out the option which does not apply]

1. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf on all matters.

OR

- ~~2. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf for the following matters only:~~



Yijun Cui
Equity Officer

Signed 1 November 2022



Ben Hines
President

Signed 1 November 2022

ASSIGNING OF EXECUTIVE VOTE BY PROXY

3 November 2022

I, **Ariana Haghghi, Publications' Director**, appoint **Grace Wallman, Disabilities Officer** as my proxy for the purposes of the Sydney University Law Society Inc. Special General Meeting to be held on 4 November 2022.

This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf on all matters.

Ariana Haghghi

Ariana Haghghi
SULS Publications Director

Signed 3 November 2022



Grace Wallman
SULS Disabilities Officer

Signed 3 November 2022

ASSIGNING OF MEMBER VOTE BY PROXY

1 November 2022

I, **Felix Wood**, SULLS Member, appoint **Ben Hines**, SULLS President, as my proxy for the purposes of the Sydney University Law Society Inc. Special General Meeting to be held on 4 November 2022.

[Cross out the option which does not apply]

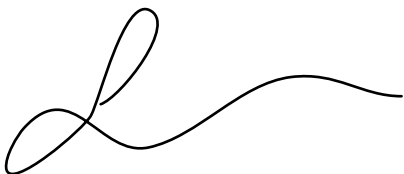
~~1. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf on all matters.~~

OR

2. This form authorises the proxy to vote on my behalf for the following matters only:

With reference to the motions on notice:

1. To vote **in favour** of motions **one** through to **seven**;
2. To vote **against** motion **eight**;
3. To vote as he wishes for motions **nine** and **ten**; and
4. To vote **in favour** of motions **eleven** through to **thirteen**.



Felix Wood
SULLS Member

Signed 1 November 2022



Benjamin Hines
SULLS President

Signed 1 November 2022



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APPENDIX B - MOTIONS AS PASSED



CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. Society debit card

Motion: to add clauses 61A–61F to Part 13 of the Constitution.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
	<p>Society Debit Card</p> <p>61A. The Executive may authorise the President and Treasurer to obtain an official Society debit card which is linked to an account of the Society.</p> <p>61B. The account to which the card is linked must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) be separate from the main savings account of the Society; andb) contain no more than the amount prescribed in the Bylaws at any given time unless a resolution by the Executive has been passed in accordance with clause 59(b) authorising certain expenditure which exceeds this limit. <p>61C. The Society debit card may only be used by Executives with the written authorisation of the Treasurer and one other signatory.</p> <p>61D. The Executive has the power to revoke the access of any member who has been provided with access to an official Society debit card under this section by a motion.</p>



	<p>61E. If the Society debit card is misplaced or stolen, the member who last had the card must immediately notify the Executive.</p> <p>a) Upon receiving notice of the lost or stolen card, the signatories of the Society must immediately take steps to prevent loss to the Society.</p> <p>61F. Any misuse of the Society debit card by an Executive may be grounds for dismissal.</p>
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2. Add Society debit card as authorised payment method

Motion: Amend clause 59 to add authorisation provisions for the Society debit card.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>59. All payments from the Society shall be by cheque or electronic funds transfer (EFT), and shall be authorised as provided in this section.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>59. All payments from the Society shall be by cheque, electronic funds transfer (EFT), or using the Society debit card, and shall be authorised as provided in this section.</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) The Treasurer and one other signatory to the accounts of the Society may approve use of the Association Debit Card for items worth less than \$500.</p>

3. Grammar adjustments

Motion: To amend clause 58 to update its grammar.



Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>58. The Society shall have such banking accounts as the Executive sees fit and the signatories shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Treasurer; b) the President; and c) the Secretary; d) the Equity Officer; e) any other member of the Executive that the Executive appoints when the Executive deems it necessary <p>any two of whom may operate such accounts on behalf of the Society.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>58. The Society shall have such banking accounts as the Executive sees fit and the signatories shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Treasurer; b) the President; c) the Secretary; d) the Equity Officer; and e) any other member of the Executive that the Executive appoints when the Executive deems it necessary <p>any two of whom may operate such accounts on behalf of the Society.</p> <p>...</p>

4. Circular Motions

Motion: To add clause 69A to add authorisation for the Executive to pass circular motions.

Wording of the Change

Old Clause	New Clause
	<p>Circular Motions</p> <p>69A. The Executive Committee may make decisions through a motion outside of a meeting, provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The moving Executive member circulates the precise wording of the



	<p>motion through e-mail or registered post to the Executive;</p> <p>b) The motion requires the assent of all non-conflicted executives minus three to pass;</p> <p>c) The precise wording of the motion and its outcome is recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Executive; and</p> <p>d) The motion must pass within five days of its distribution or it is deemed to have failed.</p>
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5. Conflicts of Interest

Motion: To amend clauses 6B, 11, and 67 and to add Part 26 to the Constitution en bloc.

Wording of the change

Old Clauses	New Clauses
6B. The Executive shall exercise their powers in good faith and in the best interests of the Society.	6B. The Executive shall exercise their powers in good faith and in the best interests of the Society and avoid any conflicts of interest.
Duties of the Secretary 11. The duties of the Secretary shall include: ...	Duties of the Secretary 11. The duties of the Secretary shall include: ... m) Maintaining a register of interests of the Executive to identify and keep record of any actual or potential conflicts of interest.



Part 26: Conflicts of Interest

92. This part applies to all members of the Executive.

93. Each member of the Executive is under a duty to give notice to the Executive in a meeting of:

- a) Any material direct or indirect interest the executive member may have in relation to a matter being considered or about to be considered in a Society meeting or other motion where the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the executive member's duties; or
- b) The executive member is in the employment of or has an interest in a specified company or other body to which the Society is proposing to deal with.

94. The Society will maintain a register of interests documenting any actual or potential conflicts of interest and any actions taken to address the conflict of interest.

95. Any changes to an executive member's interests must be disclosed promptly to the Secretary who will circulate any changes to the register and outline this in the minutes of the next executive meeting.

96. After an executive member has disclosed the nature of an interest in any matter, the



	<p>executive member must not, unless the SALS Executive otherwise determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) be present during any deliberation of the committee with respect to the matter, orb) take part in any decision of the committee with respect to the matter. <p>97. For the purposes of the making of a determination by the Executive under section 96, the executive member who may have a conflict of interest must not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) be present during any deliberation of the committee with respect to the matter; orb) take part in any decision of the committee with respect to the matter. <p>98. Where an executive member has a significant, ongoing and irreconcilable conflict, and where such a conflict significantly affects the executive member's ability to carry out their duties and responsibilities to the Society, resignation may be appropriate.</p>
<p>Availability of Documents</p> <p>67. The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a Member of the Society, at any reasonable hour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) This Constitution;b) The Bylaws; and	<p>Availability of Documents</p> <p>67. The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a Member of the Society, at any reasonable hour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) This Constitution;b) The Bylaws;



c) Minutes of all Executive and General Meetings of the Society.	c) Minutes of all Executive and General Meetings of the Society; and (d) The Society's register of interests.
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6. Association Public Officer

Motion: To amend cl 7 to include one of the President's duties as being the Association's public officer.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
7. The duties of the President shall include: ...	7. The duties of the President shall include: ... m) being the Society's public officer.

7. Definitions Formatting Amendment

Motion: To amend clause 2 to fix formatting issues.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
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Part 2: Definitions 2. In this Constitution, except where a contrary intention appears: “ALSA” refers to the “Australian Law Students’ Association”;	Part 2: Definitions 2. In this Constitution, except where a contrary intention appears: “ALSA” refers to the “Australian Law Students’ Association”.
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8. Sports Director Title

Motion: to amend clause 17 to refer to the Sports Director in the singular.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
Duties of the Sports Directors	Duties of the Sports Director

9. Requirements for Filling Vacancies at a General Meeting

Motion: To amend clause 32 to insert the requirement of eligibility.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
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<p>Filling casual vacancies of elected members</p> <p>32. (1) The members of the Society may, at a General Meeting, carry a motion on notice to elect any member of the Society to fill a vacant elected position by a two- thirds majority vote of those members present and voting.</p>	<p>Filling casual vacancies of elected members</p> <p>32. (1) The members of the Society may, at a General Meeting, carry a motion on notice to elect any member of the Society to fill a vacant elected position by a two- thirds majority vote of those members present and voting, provided the nominated member satisfies the relevant eligibility criteria.</p>
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10. Fix Erroneous Constitutional Amendment Procedure Section References

Motion: to Amend clauses 48(d) and 53A(d) to refer to Part 17 rather than Part 16.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>48(d) This rule does not apply to motions to amend the Constitution, which must comply with the procedure set out in Part 16.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>48(d) This rule does not apply to motions to amend the Constitution, which must comply with the procedure set out in Part 17.</p> <p>...</p>
<p>53A(d) This rule does not apply to motions to amend the Constitution, which must comply with the procedure set out in Part 16.</p>	<p>53A(d) This rule does not apply to motions to amend the Constitution, which must comply with the procedure set out in Part 17.</p>

11. Remove Constitutional Amendment Validity Being Contingent on USU Approval

Motion: to remove subclauses c–e from clause 70.

Wording of the change



Old Clause	New Clause
<p>Part 17: Alterations to the Constitution</p> <p>70. This Constitution may be amended or added to by a three-quarters majority of those members present and voting at any General Meeting, provided that:</p> <p>...</p> <p>c) The said amendment(s) do not contravene any University of Sydney or University of Sydney Union regulation(s);</p> <p>d) A copy of the amended constitution, and minutes of the meeting at which the amendment(s) were made, are presented to the Clubs and Societies Office of the University of Sydney Union within fourteen (14) days of the meeting; and,</p> <p>e) The amendment(s) do not become effective until approved by the University of Sydney Union</p>	<p>Part 17: Alterations to the Constitution</p> <p>70. This Constitution may be amended or added to by a three-quarters majority of those members present and voting at any General Meeting, provided that:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) The said amendment(s) do not contravene any University of Sydney or University of Sydney Union regulation(s);</p> <p>d) A copy of the amended constitution, and minutes of the meeting at which the amendment(s) were made, are presented to the Clubs and Societies Office of the University of Sydney Union within fourteen (14) days of the meeting; and,</p> <p>e) The amendment(s) do not become effective until approved by the University of Sydney Union</p>

12. Removal of Requirements for Recognition by External Body

Motion: to amend clause 90 to prioritise SULS' interests.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
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<p>Part 24: Recognition</p> <p>90. The Society shall comply with all requirements of the University of Sydney and the University of Sydney Union for recognition as a registered society of the University of Sydney Union.</p>	<p>Part 24: Recognition</p> <p>90. The Society shall attempt, where consistent with the objects and best interests of the Society, to comply with all requirements of the University of Sydney and the University of Sydney Union for recognition as a registered society of the University of Sydney Union.</p>
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13. Amending of General Meeting notice requirements via External Body

Motion: To amend clauses 47 and 51 en bloc to make clear optional distribution of notice through USU publications for General Meetings.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
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BYLAW AMENDMENTS

1. Society debit card account maximum

Motion: to create clause 156A in the SULS Bylaws.

Wording of the change

Old Clause	New Clause
	<p data-bbox="764 772 1292 806">Society Debit Card Account Maximum</p> <p data-bbox="764 856 1398 930">156A. Pursuant to clause 61B of the Constitution, the prescribed maximum amount is \$500.</p> <p data-bbox="859 980 1414 1199">Note: this clause is designed to be amended as the financial needs of the Society change. However, the security of the Society's accounts should be an essential consideration in choosing whether to amend the prescribed maximum.</p>



Confirmation of Minutes

Chair: Ben Hines

Minute taker: Eden McSheffrey

Signed 17 November 2022

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