



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.
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Minutes of Executive Meeting held on: **03/10/2023**

Chair: **Naz Sharifi**

Minute taker: **Julia Lim**

Meeting opened: **7:15am**

Present:

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| Alice Shan | Design Director |
| Annika Lee | Marketing Director |
| Arasa Hardie | Vice President (Education) |
| Brianna Ho | Women's Officer |
| Charis Chiu | Publications Director |
| Charmaine Lui | Vice President (Social Justice) |
| Christine Aung | Competitions Director |
| Danielle Tweedale | Competitions Director |
| Julia Lim | Secretary |
| Kaela Goldsmith | Campus Director |
| Lucas Kao | Disabilities Officer |
| Mahmoud Al Rifai | Treasurer |
| Naz Sharifi | President |
| Nick Leavenworth | Sports Director |
| Niveditha Sethumadhavan | Socials Director |
| Priya Mehra | Socials Director |
| Rohan Shankar | Queer Officer |
| Vivien Lu | Sponsorship Director |
| Vaughan Marega | Vice President (Careers) |

Apologies: Miesha Binta Noor, Maeve Cairns, Emily Wooding, Lea Nguyen

Late Arrival: Mahmoud Al Rifai (7:23am), Annika Lee (7:55am)



MINUTES

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country. Apologies were received from Miesha Binta Noor, Maeve Cairns, Emily Wooding and Lea Nguyen.

Motion: To accept the apologies received from Miesha Binta Noor, Maeve Cairns, Emily Wooding and Lea Nguyen for the Executive Meeting taking place on 3 October 2023.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Danielle Tweedale

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Procedural matters

Motion: That the public minutes from the Executive Meeting held 19 September 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Brianna Ho

Seconded: Naz Sharifi

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: That the public minutes from the Emergency Executive Meeting held 26 September 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Lucas Kao

The motion carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: That the in camera minutes from the Emergency Executive Meeting held 26 September 2023 be approved as a correct and accurate record of the meeting, but maintaining that the minutes themselves will remain in camera and confidential.

Moved: Naz Sharifi

Seconded: Rohan Shankar

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

3 Last week updates/shoutouts

- Niveditha shouted out Nicholas for accompanying her and Priya to Accor Stadium for the Law Ball menu tastings.
- Naz and Christine shouted out Danielle for her work over the weekend of the National Women's Moot.



- Danielle shouted out Naz and Vaughan for their help, Nicholas for getting the trophy for the event, Christine for running internal rounds, and Alice for winning the National Women's Moot.
- Lucas shouted out Vaughan and Charmaine for their support and collaboration, Nicholas for taking photos, and Julia, Priya and Naz for their support in attending the David Benjafield Panel.
- Lucas shouted out Danielle and Christine for the Women's Moot Gala Dinner, which was an incredible event.
- Naz shouted out Charis who has been working hard to get out all the SULLS publications on time, including Blackacre for Final Year Dinner.
- Kaela shouted out Lucas and Vivien for their help with Fair Day issues over the mid-semester break.

4 What's on this week

Tue: Ethnocultural Charity Final Year Dinner Event - going live!

Thu: Candidates' Information Session (5pm, Law Lounge & Zoom)

5 Law Ball

Priya noted that the Socials portfolio would need Wellbeing Officers for both Law Ball and Final Year Dinner. Priya emphasised their importance and that it was better to have a familiar face for people to reach out to if needed. Priya flagged that if not within the executives, callouts would open to the general membership. Priya raised Julia's idea to split the evening into two shifts as had been done for previous events, but noted that the runsheet times were still being finalised. Priya also mentioned that there were still three Law Ball tickets available for purchase.

Motion: That the SULLS Executive approves a Section 64 concession in the form of a 50% discount for any executives or volunteers attending Law Ball as a Wellbeing Officer, meaning their ticket comes to half-price (\$77.50).

Mover: Niveditha Sethumadhavan

Secunder: Naz Sharifi

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

6 Final Year Dinner

Priya noted that Wellbeing Officers are also needed for Final Year Dinner, and that similarly a subsidy would require executive approval.

Motion: That the SULLS Executive approves a Section 64 concession in the form of a 50% discount for any executives or volunteers attending Law Ball as a Wellbeing Officer, meaning their ticket comes to half-price.

Mover: Priya Mehra

Secunder: Danielle Tweedale

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.



Priya asked if executives had any suggestions for keynote speakers. Naz and Priya suggested that the executives consider options even if they are non-Faculty members. Lucas suggested that Andreas Heger from the David Benjafield Panel could be a great speaker for the event. Niveditha suggested Dr Coel Kirkby, who had received an award this year as well. Mahmoud suggested Adam Waldman, who had managed to make several intense Law units very engaging for students and also had moments of wisdom and advice. Naz noted that typically we have had more experienced and older speakers

Niveditha noted that a Valedictorian is found each year from the LLB and JD cohorts to speak at the Final Year Dinner. Niveditha suggested that there is a more formalised process for this decision, noting that it had been flagged in previous years that the process may be extremely subjective or not transparent. Naz agreed with this largely and acknowledged that conflicts of interest may be inevitable given that many SULLS executives were final-year students who would likely know the nominees, but did note it was important to minimise conflict here. Rohan noted that if there is a more formal process such as a form, vote or interview may deter students. Charmaine noted that it could only be limited to those who purchase tickets.

Mahmoud suggested that SULLS takes the route that UNSW Law Society has in the past, where they have an application form and the Law Faculty have then sifted through applications. Naz raised the concern of whether this would only limit the decision to students with academic and extracurricular excellence. Naz noted this was of course important for the Valedictorian, but thought as Rohan mentioned it may be better to keep things open.

Priya noted that she had discussed with Niveditha the possibility of a process that is more formal than a vote within the executive. Vivien suggested combining the two processes, where a committee could shortlist and then the executives could vote, although Naz raised whether this would circle back to the same issue. Arasa said he liked the idea of a selection committee. Naz noted it was a difficult situation, and suggested we return to this next week.

Mahmoud noted that he was keen for Faculty to be involved in the process, particularly as some students may be more involved behind the scenes with the Law School than with SULLS. Priya thanked the executives for their input.

7 Portfolio Updates

Christine noted that semi-finals are taking place this week for Competitions, and said it would be much appreciated if executives could help where they can. Naz reiterated the importance of supporting Christine and Danielle in their roles wherever they required it.

Julia reminded executives to take note of the office cleaning roster, noting an amendment to Tuesday because of the public holiday. Julia also noted that that Special General Meeting would be taking place on Monday 23 October at 6pm, and that she had reached out to Andy for booking a suitable Law School room. Christine noted that Shelley was the best contact for while Andy was on leave.



Naz asked Arasa for an update on the student surveys. Arasa said they would most likely be presented at the last Education Faculty meeting, for which Naz requested an invite.

Naz noted the upcoming elections and encouraged executives to reach out with any questions about joining next year's SALS executive. Naz said that even if any members were not happy with their time on executive this year, if anything this would provide even more reason to join the 2024 executive to improve and develop the society further.

8 Other Business

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed: **8:03am**