

# **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY**

*The following changes will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 17 May 2017, commencing at 6:30 pm in the Law Theatre at the ANU College of Law.*

This document outlines the proposed amendments to be made to the Constitution of the Australian National University Law Students' Society Inc., in accordance with Section 4 of the Constitution.

The President and the Vice-President (Administration) note that changes which entail corrections of a purely grammatical, typographical or formatting nature will be made by the Executive following the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Section 4.4 of the Constitution.

The President and the Vice-President (Administration) also note that further amendments to the Constitution regarding elections and some other matters will be proposed at the Ordinary General Meeting to be held in the second half of the year, following more extensive consideration by the Committee of the Society.

## **Amendment 1**

Amend Section 4.2.4 by replacing 'thirty three (33)' with 'thirty (30)'.

## **Amendment 2**

Insert Section 15.2.1 under Section 15.2, reading:

The Executive must consider any such submission at their next meeting, convened in accordance with section 17.1.6. The Executive may, by a two-thirds majority, elect to reverse or amend a decision made by the Committee under section 15.1 if it is deemed necessary or appropriate.

## **Amendment 3**

Amend Section 16.3.1 by inserting the word 'voting' immediately before the word 'members'.

## **Amendment 4**

Amend Sections 17.1.5, 17.2.13, 17.3.12, 17.4.12, 17.5.5, 17.6.4 by replacing all instances of 'the Continuity Guide' to 'their handover'.

### **Amendment 5**

Amend Section 17.2.12 to now read:

to facilitate the handover process between outgoing and incoming members of the Executive;

### **Amendment 6**

Insert a new section between Section 17.3.3 and Section 17.3.4 (same level) reading:

to liaise with any external accountant employed by the Society from time to time;

### **Amendment 7**

Inserting two new section between 17.3.12 and 17.3.13 (same level), reading:

to organise, order and distribute Society merchandise;

and

to submit reports and/or statements to relevant statutory, regulatory or other authorities as required by law in a timely manner;

### **Amendment 8**

Amend 17.5.4 to read:

to organise and facilitate careers events, which must include at least one careers fair and one clerkship information evening;

### **Amendment 9**

Insert a section between 17.5.4 and 17.5.5 reading:

to produce careers publications, including at least the Careers Guide and the Clerkship Guide;

### **Amendment 10**

Amend 17.7.3 to read:

to coordinate, facilitate or promote activities pertaining to social justice issues that may be funded by the resources of the Society;

### **Amendment 11**

Remove Section 17.7.5.

### **Amendment 12**

Remove Section 17.7.6.

### **Amendment 13**

Amend 17.7.7 to read:

to host at least four (4) events including, but not limited to:

17.7.7.1 careers events;

17.7.7.2 social events; and

17.7.7.3 educational events

relating to social justice, which are to be conducted in a manner that promotes diversity, inclusion and accessibility.

### **Amendment 14**

Remove Section 17.7.8.

### **Amendment 15**

Insert a new section between Sections 17.7.8 and 17.7.9 which reads:

to complete a report to form part of their handover, indicating what was achieved in the Social Justice portfolio in their term, and suggestions for improvement in the following term;  
and

### **Amendment 16**

Amend Section 17.8.4. by replacing ‘maintaining regular contact with the College’s Faculty liaison’ with ‘liaising with the College’s Director of Mooting and Student Competitions’.

### **Amendment 17**

Amend Sections 17.8.7.2, 20.9 and 20.11.2 by replacing instances of ‘his/her’ or ‘her/his’ with ‘their’.

### **Amendment 18**

Insert a new section after Section 17.8.7 and its subsections (at the same level as 17.8.7) which reads:

to complete a report to form part of their handover, indicating what was achieved in the Competitions portfolio in their term, and suggestions for improvement in the following term;  
and

### **Amendment 19**

Insert new section between 18.2.1.7 and 18.2.1.8 (same level), reading:

One (1) Juris Doctor Director (Online);

Further, amend Section 17.4.13 to replace the words ‘the relevant sub-committees’ with ‘the Juris Doctor Director (Online)’.

### **Amendment 20**

Amend Section 19.2.2 by replacing ‘for the Information Technology portfolio’ with ‘for the use of information technology within, by or for the purposes of the Society’.

### **Amendment 21**

Insert a new section between Sections 19.2.3 and 19.2.4 which reads:

to take responsibility for the maintenance of the Society’s website;

### **Amendment 22**

Remove Section 19.3.5.

### **Amendment 23**

Amend Section 19.4.4 by inserting the word ‘relevant’ immediately prior to the word ‘sponsorship’.

### **Amendment 24**

Insert new sections 19.10.2 and 19.10.3, using the same text as 19.9.2 and 19.9.3, respectively (but replacing all instances of ‘Careers’ with ‘Social Justice’).

### **Amendment 25**

Insert new subsections following all other subsections of 19.10, in the order indicated below, reading:

to assist in facilitating social justice events as identified under section 17.7;

and

to develop and maintain relationships with the College and other relevant social justice groups at the University;

and

to ensure that all Social Justice events are of the highest quality and in line with the purposes of the Social Justice portfolio;

## **Amendment 26**

Insert new subsections following all other subsections of 19.12, in the order indicated below, reading:

to organise events and produce resources that promote the mental and/or physical wellbeing of members; and

and

to liaise with and assist other portfolios as appropriate for the purpose of carrying out the abovementioned functions of the Wellbeing Director.

## **Amendment 27**

Insert a new section following Section 19.12 (same level) that reads:

The duties of the Juris Doctor Director (Social) and Juris Doctor Director (Education) are the same as the Social Directors and Education Directors, respectively, excepting that such duties must be carried out with a special focus on, and for the benefit of, students enrolled in the Juris Doctor program.

## **Amendment 28**

Insert a new section following Section 19.12 (same level) and, if Amendment 28 is passed, following that new section, that reads:

The duties of the Juris Doctor Director (Online) include:

to assist with the dissemination of resources produced by the Society to students undertaking the Juris Doctor (Online) program;

to ensure that the special needs and interests of students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (Online) program are communicated to relevant parties within the Society and that such needs and interests are accounted for in the activities of the Society, where relevant; and

to represent the special needs and interests of Juris Doctor (Online) students in relevant fora, including committees within the College, where deemed appropriate by the President and the Vice-President (Education).

The subsections are to be numbered appropriately in a manner consistent with the rest of the instrument.

## **Amendment 29**

Remove Section 19.13 and all of its subsections, and to make the following associated amendments:

- Amend Section 18.2.2 by replacing ‘two (2) Directors which are’ with ‘one (1) Director that is’
- Amend Section 18.2.2.1 by replacing ‘; and’ with ‘.’
- Remove 18.2.2.2

**Amendment 30**

Amend Sections 20.1 and 20.1.1 by replacing the words ‘nine (9) hours of polling’ with ‘at least nine (9) hours of physical polling on the premises of the College or fifty-six (56) hours of online polling’.

**Amendment 31**

Amend Section 20.5 by inserting ‘at least’ immediately prior to the word ‘seven’.

**Amendment 32**

Amend Section 20.6.1 by inserting ‘paid or voting’ immediately prior to the word ‘two’.

**Amendment 33**

Insert two new sections, in the order indicated below, between Sections 20.7 and 20.8 (same level), reading:

Only students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (On-Campus) may submit a nomination for the roles of Juris Doctor Director (Social) and Juris Doctor Director (Education).

and

Only students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (Online) may submit a nomination for the role of Juris Doctor Director (Online).

**Amendment 34**

Amend Section 20.10 by replacing ‘ordinary’ with ‘paid or voting’.