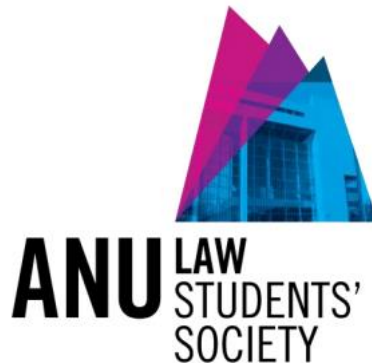


Australian National University Law Students' Society



Minutes for Committee Meeting

Date: Sunday, 28 February 2016

Time: 5:00pm

Location: LSS Common Room

Absences with apologies: Rachel, Sorin, Bryce, Ellie, Isabel, Rachel, Rhea

Absences without apologies: Stephen, Kanika

President's Report

- Trying to get attendance up so let us know ASAP if there's any issues with Committee Meetings
- O-Week sponsors and organisation work to get through
 - Runs itself and Exec takes care of it
- Recently came back from ALSA with Bryce; three important takeaway points were:
 - Textbook price: advocacy program
 - Mental health and advocacy
 - Committee running and efficiency

Admin Report

- First year elections will run from 22 March to 24 March – publicity
 - Will have online elections so talking to ANU IT or electionbuddy
 - Publicity is key to this election because there are many keen students
 - Get likes up on Facebook
 - Will publicise around the law school a week before the election page goes up so people like the page
- Website
 - Working on it slowly
 - Moving it to a wordpress format and updating information and photos
- Committee meeting times will be once a month: dates/time will be posted ASAP

Finance Report

- Prospectus done and sent to sponsors
- More sponsors than last year including Minters, G+T, CU, Baker, Allens, Gadens, Norton Rose, KWM, Ashurst
 - Revenue is \$48900 so far
 - \$5000 from PARSA predicated on JD events
- Full budget drawn up to go to Exec once it's all together
- Give receipts to Ellen for reimbursement
 - If you have something for reimbursement send receipt to Ellen, must have an LSS event with LSS branding made by LSS page and bank details

Events Report

- Thank you for coming to the O Week event
- After few phone calls, something managed to happen even though Law School and thunderstorm issues
- 70 people good considering night after Toga
- Next year there will need to be a serious change of nature/timing of event because we can't have Pre-Toga anymore
- Event team hoping to have event that allows members of law school to be able to meet in a casual manner with students, e.g. Champagne picnic or morning tea
- Also trying to have something like a Pub Crawl later in the year so it would be good to have a good working relationship with the Law School
- Kirsty's proposal about Law Ball
 - Make it more accessible to people who may be struggling financially and opening to bigger number of people
 - Change it from sit-down two-course meal function to stand-up canapé event
 - Goal and objectives of the change
 1. Law Ball becomes more affordable, potentially a shorter event
Could get tickets under \$100 but no chance to get confirmation from venues about this
 2. Allow more people to go to event – can hold more people when they stand up, allow more room for dance floor and DJ
 3. Reduce ticketing issues – find group of 10, get late and on random table, people might be more inclined to attend if in groups
 4. Food would be a higher quality if canapés as two course meals are extremely difficult to pump out to 200+ people
 - Document available on the LSS page
 - Set out foreseeable objections to this change
 1. Law ball as sit-down event is tradition
People place high-value on tradition but tradition exists to be subverted – chance to make it more inclusive
 2. People look forward to sitting down with friends: more opportunity to mingle with friends if can walk around
 3. Won't be as formal
Won't change the dress-code
 4. Sore feet
Would accommodate by having seating options around the room and cocktail bar tables with stools

- Ellen Trevanion on the proposal
 - ANUSA is looking at reforming GAC which will mean clubs and societies can claim less on Balls because GAC ran out of money twice last year
 - This might mean other clubs will look to cut costs on their balls – will everyone do canapés?
 - We are not affiliated with ANUSA/PARSA so don't use GAC
 - How does this affect alcohol? Two-course is better from an alcohol management perspective
 - Kirsty's reply
 - Big change to make so many societies will be hesitant to make this change
 - Alcohol management: lots of canapés
- Anna McNee on the proposal
 - All other societies funded by GAC?
 - Yes, most are
 - Would lower ticket prices of other balls impact our ticket pricing?
 - Yes – more competitive
- Felicity Brown on the proposal
 - Interested in what other Law Societies do in terms of raising accessibility
 - Monash had an outdoor ball and another had a cruise but difference with them is that they're a lot bigger and can afford bigger events and Ball wasn't the only formal event they have in the year
 - Also can't do outdoor in Canberra because too cold in winter
 - Eden Lim's reply
 - Obviously a very big change so didn't want to dismiss straight away
 - Coming from consultation with two past Events VPs, really worried about the logistics – people not wanting to stand up for long periods of time, people being drunk and trying to stand, in light of what Ellen just said about GAC, ticket prices are an issue but we already subsidise and because we might be the only 'Ball'
 - Why would we change a tradition which is so successful which sells out every year and has waiting lists every year
 - There are other ways we can solve the issues brought up – room for another event that is more formal
 - Ellen Riley's reply
 - Other perspective – done a stand up law ball before – was fantastic and 18-25 stand up drinking all the time
 - From insurance perspective, most accident-prone period is leaving the venue
 - Best way to get drunk is to sit down and drink and not realise how drunk you are – so chairs on the side/lounge situation is good – up/down/dance group –
 - Risk posed by standing up do not compare to ticketing issues
 - We are a progressive university – more within spirit of ANU and LSS to go for inclusivity as opposed to tradition
 - Good time for a year with GAC cuts and don't think there's any issue about less formality
- Rosie Heselev on the proposal
 - What are the values we are trying to have in this committee and what is more important – inclusivity v tradition

- Dan McNamara on the proposal
 - Inclusivity point: trying to reduce LSS clique of people who can afford to go to many events which neglects people who can't do this
 - They shouldn't be ignored as LSS Ball should represent everyone
 - Social Justice dinner is still running as a sit-down dinner so Law Ball format will still be occurring in the events calendar
- Dan Trevanion on the proposal
 - Would like to see costings because substantive cost was drinks cost last year so type of event might actually drive up the cost
 - Change is good – but would want change in format of law ball with presentations, e.g. competitions wins, academia, guest speaker
 - Look at what we want it to be and see which option is best – interests like inclusivity and cutting costs
 - Kirsty's reply
 - Will work together with Eden to come up with something everyone is happy with
 - Will do costings at a later date
 - Eden's reply
 - Lots of venues have a capacity of people so it's very tricky, Canberra have X amount of venues which hold X amount of people, but in terms of pricing they've been ruled out because they're too expensive
 - Look at venues which can and will take 700-800 law students standing up for 3-4 hours
- Issue of Honours Students
 - Honours students are always stuck together in the library because all friends have left so having a specific Honours social event would be great
 - Ellen Riley has been contacted with same issue by an Honours student, so they can get in contact with her
 - ANUSA is also looking at expanding Honours events in general

Education Report

- N/A

Competitions Report

- BBQ went really well quite a few people signing up
- Competitions start in Week 4
- Wit Ex and Client Interview: may need to get Committee in to get in and help out

Careers Report

- Careers Fair being run by ANU Careers in Melville Hall on 10 March
- Going to need some help from 9:30am-10:30am to set up and 11:45am-3:00pm to man the LSS stall
 - Put a poll up on LSS committee page to get people to help
- Careers Guide is going well
 - Chasing up final submissions – scholarships, internship programs, Aurora,
 - Being printed on 7 March
- Something we are hoping to do is organise a non-corporate firm night
 - Other law societies usually have a corporate and non-corporate night

- The limiting factor with Careers Guide is that there are some sponsors that have to be in it, so there is no bar from having other things
- Corporate sponsors mandate that we have certain events or have thing named after corporate partners who sponsor those events
 - Whilst it locks us in with events and dictate how we run certain events, it doesn't bar us from doing things

Social Justice Report

- Three primary aims for what we want to do this year
 1. Social Justice Dinner
 - Leaving aside for now because there are more pressing things to organise
 2. Speaker Events
 - Last year we had the Women in Law Breakfast
 - May rebrand because we want more men going to the event
 - Have a 'Politics in the Pub' type event so making it less about this person in this capacity but looking at the actual issues of Social Justice
 - Issue last year with ticketing where because of the weather on the day of the Women in Law Breakfast, a quarter of the people didn't showed up but tickets couldn't be purchased at the door – not sure how to go about rectifying this issue for this year
 3. Social Justice Trip
 - Getting law students together to raise money and doing a challenge
 - Primary focus is to find a good organisation to raise money for and do a challenge with them, e.g. Inspire Adventure
 - So far with Inspire Adventure, you would do a cycling challenge and raise money
 - The alternative is education based by meeting up NGOs
 - So far Australia options are getting there but need more research
 - Cambodia option is costing about \$4500 per person
 - Looking at partnering with a law firm to get mentoring and sponsorship with them if they send someone over
 - Trip will be about 10 days and not sure how willing certain firms will be in terms of billable hours, pro bono work – look at what type of lawyer and what law we are going to go for
 - Law firms which have money to do this finalise their budgets two years in advance – is there an accessibility issue if it costs that much
 - Other volunteering alternatives, e.g. writing info sheets and visiting prisoners

JD Report

- Welcome Trivia Night went well last week: had 80 people compared to 15 last year
- Establishing a relationship with MedSoc to organise a joint event
- Q&A panel in Week 5 which will be funded by PARSA
 - Could combine with LLB to get staff involved
 - Format potentially LLBs, food then JDs or just combine both
 - If Q&A style, ask Bryce because more education related
 - GDLP Convenor (Elizabeth) is lovely and really keen so can contact her
- Should start to include PhD law students in all JD events because they feel left out

Peppercorn Report

- Coming along nicely
- Hoping to get first edition out on 24 March
- Two hard copy to soft copy editions and developed a website with formatting
- First meeting on Thursday and decide on a lot more content
 - Theme: ideas for continuing sections, e.g. exchange, programs, competitions, first year content at camps
 - How formal wanting to make Peppercorn?
 - Get more involvement with new columns – want better cover and photos, horoscopes and satire section
- Let us know if you have any ideas
- Will call for submissions

Wellbeing Report

- N/A

Any other business

- Ellen Trevanion
 - Last year there was a huge shortage of photos on website so we will be getting camera for Peppercorn which can be used for any event
 - If we constantly have photos on newsfeeds people will engage on the page
 - Share events on your college pages – 10:30am and 6:30pm are the best times to get reach