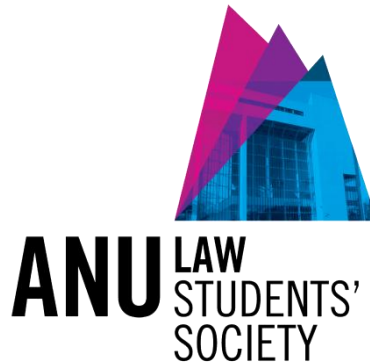


# Australian National University Law Students' Society



## Agenda for Committee Meeting

**Date:** Saturday 23 April, 2016

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** LSS Common Room

**Present:** Rachel, Sorin, Eden, Harry, Ben, Ellen T, Felicity M, Felicity B, Tara, Dan T, Lucy, Rose, Matt, Max, Bryce, Kirsty, Kanika, Dan M, Ellen R, Amy, Olivia

**Absent with Apologies:** Rocky, Julian, Nick, Rhea, Anna, Ellie, Ashish

**Absent without Apologies:** Stephen, Patrick, Isabel, Lauren, Isabelle, Rosie

### Law Ball

**Quorum reached: 21 people in attendance**

#### **Eden's summary of costs**

- QT
  - Stand up: \$89 pp for 800 people
  - Sit down: \$100 pp for 680 people
- Rex
  - Stand up: \$89 pp for 500 people
  - Sit down: \$99 pp for 400 people

- Hotel Realm
  - Stand up: \$84 pp for 750 people
  - Sit down: \$104 pp for 490 people
- National Convention Centre
  - Sit down: \$104.50 pp for 520 people
  - Stand up for 600+ people (only 2 hour drinks package)

### **Kirsty's summary of the motion**

- Stand up function would make it more accessible, affordable and inclusive
- Affordability: not a huge discrepancy in price
- Accessibility: price will allow people who have strict budgets, support themselves and rely on welfare payments can
- Inclusivity: increasing the capacity will include more people; people can also attend by themselves, or in smaller groups
- Less ticketing issues: do not need to sort out tables
- Food: might be a bit better because it is difficult to cater for 500+ people
- Objections which people might have:
  - Tradition: personal belief that tradition exists to be subverted, we should focus on inclusivity
  - People look forward to sitting with friends: would be nicer to stand around a mingle
  - Won't be as formal: no reason why it can't
  - Sore feet: this is an issue, however we are used to standing up in Civic when we go out

### **Questions from the Committee**

- What are table sizes? Always 10.
- Do you always have to plan where people sit? Yes, e.g. how to cater for dietary options for specific people.
- Do those costings include decorations, DJ, transportation? No.
- Why do we have to bus people? They won't go, and drunk people may drive themselves.
- How much are buses? Very expensive.
- Could we potentially look into sponsorship of Law Ball? No, we have always offered Law Ball as part of the prospectus. ANU Legal Workshop has expressed interest, but this would only cover \$1000.

- Which venue were you leaning towards? QT – capacity and canapé wise.
- Without buses, how much are we looking at on top of \$89? DJ, decorations – tickets could still stay under \$100.
- How much have we subsidised each ticket in the past? This has varied – this year we could comfortably keep both stand-up and sit-down under \$110, even \$105.
- How much were tickets at QT last time? \$115 non-member, \$110 member.
- Do all numbers include a dance floor? Yes.
- Do we know the layout of the dance floor? Yes – stage, dance floor then seats.
- If you have stand up, does that mean you don't have a dance floor? No, there will be a wooden floor in front of the DJ.
- Who does risk assessment? Has not been in the handovers, it should happen though (hotels have insurance).
- Do we know how many chairs will be available for 800 people? No, just 'cocktail furniture'.
- Can we reserve for just ANU LSS students? Yes, and some law students do three rounds of ticketing for different types of students. We already have two tiers: member and non-member.

### **Opinions of the Committee**

- Dan M: we should focus on what the best option/package is instead of whether to sit or stand
- Olivia: convincing people to spend \$100 to stand up for 4 hours is difficult (compare to working a shift).
- Rachel: stand-up would have to be significantly cheaper to make it seem like they're really getting value for money. Further, at the NCC they don't allow stand up for more than 2 hours because they don't have enough furniture to cater to people who would want to sit and have a break.
- Felicity B: both types of events could have different things come out of them – sit down could be ceremonial, ask what purpose you want out of it.
- Dan T: there is a difference with purpose and what your experience will be, so not sure if a \$10 price difference or 120 more people is enough to move the meter. There are other ways to go about access and inclusion.

- Bryce: if you have 800 people in a room, is there more risk? Can work both ways. If we do stand up, we should pull back the numbers.
- Ellen T: there may be liquidity issues if we have to pay upfront. It's about a \$10 price difference so the difference is negligible with the perception people will have about value of the event. Further, we risk losing future ticket sales because people save up and buy into 'Law Ball'.
- Kanika: Ursies recently changed Valette to stand up for 3 hours with drinks and lots of canapés – it's been fine.
- Sorin: if we didn't have allocated tables and swarming, won't that occur when you're hovering around and waiting for drinks and canapés?

**Kirsty moves the motion, Tara seconds the motion.**

- Vote for stand up: 8
- Vote for sit down: 17

**Motion is defeated.**

### **President's Report**

- Met with Women in Law organisation, to see if we can help them with a mentor-mentee program
  - We are happy to support them – will help with events and contact firms
- Also will have ALSA applications come up soon where one person on the committee can go to the Conference with us
- Will open applications for External Competitions Director

### **Admin Report**

- AGM will be Wednesday 18 May 2016 (subject to approval)
  - This will be the date of the next committee meeting
- Post Instagram username and password for Committee
- Will be pestering people for calendar dates

### **Finance Report**

- 15 sponsors now so extra \$6000 from last year
- Cheapest name badges to get are \$90 pin badges

- For merchandise, Cookery has a set price agreement with various fabrics, prints, etc.
  - Touch Football jerseys are very versatile
  - They offer free website and warehousing
  - Ellen can provide username and password so people can try designing their own merch and see what we want to order
- Will do a BBQ and set up sales in colleges to get rid of merch before winter

### **Education Report**

- Elective Guide is underway so we will need some help from committee
- Please encourage other friends to apply for pre-exam tutorial
  - Around \$75 for the hour
- Have many exam database entry so these will go up soon
  - If there are any subject gaps may need committee help to source these
- If you have feedback on the following things, please email [lsseducation@anu.edu.au](mailto:lsseducation@anu.edu.au):
  - How you found transition to seminars?
  - Electives – what you would like to see that isn't there?
  - ANU law school is also looking at having intense electives so they are completed in one term – what you think about this?
  - Ghost writing and how you found it– let me know (this will be kept anonymous).
- Working with Learning Communities t have a workshop on IP in the music industry
- Education Speaker Series – if you have ideas please let me know

### **Competitions Report**

- Finished preliminary rounds – committee should come, as two finals are being hosted by the sponsors
- Events will be made for:
  - Tuesday W10 at Clayton Utz from 6pm for Negotiations
  - Wednesday W10 at Supreme Court from 6:30pm for WitEx
  - Thursday W10 at Ashurst from 6:30pm for mooting
- Now publicising external comps opportunities

## **Careers Report**

- Clerkship Night is coming up on Friday 13 May
- It is compulsory for committee to go as all sponsors will be there

## **Social-Justice Report**

- Social Justice Trip
  - Hoping to get liability approval by next week
  - Interviews and how to pick applicants is being planned right now
  - Will then focus on fundraising when applicants are selected
- Social Justice Speakers Series
  - Women in Law will stay the same because of the sponsorship we have received
  - Hopefully do a Politics in the Pub style event

## **Events Report**

- Venue will be booked on Tuesday
- Looking at having a staff-student event outside but Stephen has not been cooperative
  - Afternoon tea on a lunch hour on Thursday
- May have an LSS soccer team in August in the inter-firm competition
- Looking at a lunchtime/intersity sport thing as well

## **JD Report**

- N/A

## **Peppercorn Report**

- Underway with getting website up and will be launched with second issue online
  - It is a separate site but will link to ANU LSS website
- Had a good meeting this week
- Peppercorn is getting a camera (DSLR probably)
- We have a running calendar on the website

- Giving away hoodies to people for good submissions
- Coffee pug will be the Peppercorn mascot
- If anyone is good at drawing cartoons, please let us know!
- Also send in overheard submissions!

### **Wellbeing Report**

- N/A

### **Any other business**

- The Law Common Room is terrible
  - Two cups, no cutlery, one microwave, no tea and coffee
  - May be money in the budget – if interested people want to send Kirsty a message, we could buy tea and coffee/furniture from Green Shed and get Services to get rid of some the bad furniture
- We will organise a bonding session for committee