

Australian National University
Law Students' Society



Minutes for Committee Meeting

Date: 23/4/17

Time: 6.40pm

Location: LSS Common Room

Present: Anna, Bryce, Shani, Eden, Felicity, Tony, Suchara, Em, Kate, Katharine, Belinda, Ashish, Brigid, Julia, Hugo, Lucy, Kathy, Sarah, Angela, Rocky, Maddison, Max, Laksshini, Victoria, Joe, Jessica, Campbell, Lily, Eddie, Shiban, Carina, Tiffany

Absent with Apologies: Sheng, Bede, Matt, Mickey

- **President Report:**

- Welcome back from break
- Welcome to Tiffany, new IS Director
 - Falls under Bryce's portfolio
 - Portfolio assignment may change in the future
 - Commencing portfolio by researching needs of international student law students
 - Finding out what needs to be done, and what the LSS can do
 - If you can perceive something within your portfolio re: international students
 - Social event + survey forthcoming
- Goodbye to Em (Wellbeing Director)
 - Heavily involved in process of handover
 - If you have friends who may be interested, start letting them know
 - Timetable to be sorted in the next few weeks
- Review of regulations by Anna and Bryce
- Bryce has been managing sponsors
- ALSA going well

- AGM this month
 - Constitutional requirement, must be within 5 months of start of calendar year
 - Only date that can work: Wednesday evening 17th May within constitutional requirements
 - 6.30pm Law Theatre
 - Food will be provided
 - Minimal constitutional changes
- This month is going to be very busy
 - Clerkship evening – our most important event re: sponsors
 - GMD Lunch - SJ
 - Finals for senior competitions, winners go to ALSA
 - Go in to the term remembering that as the LSS, we provide a *huge* amount for law students, so much of student knowledge and interest comes from the opportunities we provide
 - If you're struggling, please reach out to Bryce or Em (or your VP)
- **Administration Report:**
 - Quiet over break
 - Congrats to Peppercorn during Week 6
 - Call out for submissions for next article due start week 10
 - More constitutional reform
 - Attendance policy clarification
 - Wasn't clear during handover, so it took a while to understand obligations
 - Will upload document tonight clarifying
 - Warning system in place, will be contacted if you have a warning
 - Warning if you hit 3 explained absences
 - Running attendance document in the Important Documents folder
 - Yellow = explained absence
 - If you're consistently missing meetings we want to check in and make sure you're ok
 - Warning if unexplained absence (if you don't tell anyone you'll be absent)
 - Reasoning is that the Exec has disciplinary powers under the constitution (very broad)
 - Unacceptable behaviour (e.g. bullying or harassment) can result in disciplinary action
 - Q: warning if late to meeting?
 - Bryce: no formal answer
 - Anna: just be as respectful as you can, let us know if you'll be late (as soon as practicable)
 - Q: does it extend to other events?
 - To AGM/SGM, yes
 - Other events (e.g. clerkship night) unclear/discretionary depending on what the event is
- **Publicity – Julia:**
 - Portfolio has been underutilised in the past
 - Reshaping into something more active
 - Generally, give as much notice and warning

- With 7 different portfolios, it can be hard to avoid overlap and competition
- Open to new ideas re: advertising
- The pamphlet is going to be split by weeks (rather than fortnight) so we're highlighting events as they're imminent

- **Finance Report:**

- Paid
 - Law Ball Deposit
 - UNSW Private Law Moot
 - Adobe Subscription
 - MYOB Subscription
- Tea requests:
 - Turkish Apple
 - Melbourne Breakfast

- **Careers Report:**

- Clerkship evening
 - Starting at 6pm for students
 - Auditorium, CIW (China in the World building)
- Aiming to be more accessible to all year levels for students
 - More introductory information
- Event order: starts, mingling, formal presentations, food + booze break, second round of presentations, Q&A
- No discussion of cover letters or CVs
 - This is because there will be sessions the following week (Week 11, sponsored by ME)
- Bryce: will give access to the master calendar to everyone to improve communication
- Rosters will go up in the next few days, sign up
- If you have your RSA, let Rocky know
- Suchara: dress code?
 - Business casual
- Bryce: what's a clerkship?
 - A clerkship is done in the summer of your penultimate year
 - Vocational institute
 - ACT & NSW: 3 months, paid
 - Rotate through different areas inside the firm to gain exposure
 - Very competitive to get in (top 1%)
 - VIC: 3 weeks
 - Brisbane: application procedure finished already

- **Competitions Report:**

- Next 2 weeks, comps finals
- 26th – Negotiation finals at Clayton Utz
 - Free food and champagne
- Thursday 27th – Client interview finals
 - Fellows Road T 6pm
- Monday
 - Law link 6pm

- Mooting Tuesday 2nd May
 - KWM
 - Tickets already sold out
- Paper presentation this year for ALSA
 - You present a paper (any assessment) to a panel of judges
 - 5000 words
 - LSS will shortlist 3-5 people
 - Will be open for about a month
 - Bryce: it's a great opportunity for not that much extra effort
- **Education Report:**
 - Very busy
 - LLBHons Meeting
 - Changes to Evidence which have been passed
 - More practical etc.
 - Indigenous content in priestly 11 – taking to ALSA
 - ANU Fund Disbursement Committee
 - Met on Friday
 - Recommend how money is allocated to projects provided
 - Emphasis on Wellbeing projects – Eden really pushed for this
 - Electives Guide
 - A few big issues with it
 - Based off student feedback
 - Only provided if they love or hate it
 - Certain electives are missing – less well rounded
 - Defamation issues
 - Wayne was really good about it
 - When things that were defamatory were taken out, all the information left is stuff on Programs and Courses
 - Shouldn't be done on a yearly basis
 - Going to decide in the Education portfolio meetings
 - ANUSA CoL Reps
 - Exchange requirements re Honours
 - Meeting with Jo Ford next Wednesday
 - About how the courses contribute to your degree
 - Speaker series
 - MCC for 15 May
 - Panel format
 - Pre-exam tutorials
 - Venue hire forms put in
 - Tutor forms going out
 - JD Event
 - Held in Phillipa Weeks library on 1 May
 - Pizza on the lawns before at 6pm
- **Program on sexual assault – Bryce:**
 - Convenors approve initiative, but won't happen this semester
 - Not enough to ensure privacy etc. for this semester

- This will happen from next year onwards
- **Events Report:**
 - Law Ball
 - All going to plan
 - AFEC are having their ball the night after ours
 - Want to start ticket sales ASAP
 - Save the date going out this week – minimalist
 - Julia to help with graphic design
 - Theme: Versailles
- **Social Justice Report:**
 - Cambodia
 - Under way
 - Organising committee set up and taking over – headed by Anamika
 - Myanmar essay project
 - Essays due back in the last weekend of April
 - Speaker series
 - Next week – 3rd May 6-8pm at CIW
 - The Hon MP Linda Burney, Dr Asmi Wood, Jacinta Nampijinna Price
 - Contacting RAPS for funding Jacinta to come from Sydney
 - GMD
 - 9 May 12-2pm
 - Marketing on 26 April
 - Tickets are \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members (with membership included)
 - Fundraising component added – money going to Gender Agenda
 - Associate Professor Wayne Morgan, Dr Helen Watchirs OAM, Professor Margaret Thornton, and an Ashurst Partner
 - Simon Rice might be mediating event
 - Lawyers from Ashurst likely to be there
 - Google form in Facebook event
- **Wellbeing Week rundown:**
 - Timetable is looking quite full for the week, but scope
 - Daily yoga/meditation sessions with ANU Sport
 - Monday:
 - Lunch
 - Petting Zoo
 - Eating well workshop
 - Diverse careers in law panel
 - Tuesday:
 - GMD
 - Painting on law lawn workshop
 - Teaching and learning forum
 - Clerkship night
 - Wednesday:
 - Batyr event

- Playdate with rescue greyhounds
- Wellness Doctrines speaker event
- Thursday:
 - Lunch
 - Student open forum
 - Rachel Field speaker
- Friday:
 - CoL choir
 - Wellbeing at ANU strategic policy discussion
 - Bar tab at Fellows Bar – mingle and drinking
- Roster going out in Week 9
- Ideally helping out with 2 things during the week

Meeting close: 7.31pm