

Australian National University
Law Students' Society



Minutes for Committee Meeting

Date: 30/7/17

Time: 6.37pm

Location: LSS Common Room

Present: Bryce, Anna, Eddie, Tiffany, Jess, Mickey, Ella, Eden, Tony, Sheng, Nina, Belinda, Ashish, Joe, Carina, Max, Rocky, Lucy, Shiban, Felicity, Bede, Aley, Katharine, Laksshini, Brigid, Kathy, Julia, Hugo, Sarah, Suchara, Angela, Campbell, Shani

Absent with Apologies: Matt, Lily, Maddison

Absent without Apologies:

- **President Report:**

- Thank you to Ella and Tiffany for work over the break
- Welcome to new members – Nina, Aley, and Ella
- Theme for this semester – restricting the LSS in an internal and functional sense that we are serving the students
 - Led by Bryce, but VPs leading the charge
 - Admin restructure
 - Peppercorn
 - Publicity/Marketing
 - Publications which all portfolios have to do
 - Corporate sponsorship
 - President handled it this year – unsustainable
 - Equity/access/inclusion
 - Could ISD and Wellbeing be better put elsewhere?
 - Are there other things we don't do as an LSS which we should?

- Expanding or redrawing portfolio lines
 - Not happening this year – restructuring report will be handed over to incoming Executive
 - If there's an element of the LSS which you think needs adding to/ removing, then please let Bryce know
 - ISD Report:
 - Blog
 - New page on LSS website
 - Promoted through Facebook page
 - New blog every fortnight – topics change (e.g. mental health, employment, support)
 - Tiffany writing blog – 500-700 words
 - Peer mentoring program
 - Designed to assist International Students transition to law school
 - Advice-giving program
 - Older students (mentors) and new students (mentees)
 - Minimum 1 meeting per week
 - Commit to program for entire semester
 - Selection done through Google Forms – why they're interested, what they want to get out of it etc.
 - Preference for mentors
 - Contact Eddie and Tiffany if you have any other ideas
 - Launch in Week 4 – lunchtime BBQ on the law lawns
 - Certificate of appreciation and possibly merch as thank you gift
 - Speaker event
 - Week 9 or 10
 - Many international students graduate and don't know what they want to do
 - 4 speakers:
 - ANUSA lawyer – visa and immigration information
 - ANU Legal Workshop – GDLP program
 - International student alumnus – someone who has gone through process of finding work in Australia
 - Lawyer – unsure of details
 - Aley: will they be open to JDs too?
 - Tiffany: yes
 - FYOs meeting with Bryce at end of meeting
 - Law School renovations
 - Will have Office and Common room until end of term
 - Unclear where new office and common room will be
 - Made it very clear to CoL what we require, but we are still waiting
 - Moving everything out of office after exams
- **Administration Report:**
 - Publicity
 - Please fill out survey ASAP
 - Answers will go towards restructuring portfolio – not trivial

- IT
 - Newsletter went out on Tuesday
 - If you have any events which are not on the calendar, please put them in or message Anna
 - If you have any additional content for newsletter, please message them to Anna
- Peppercorn
 - Plodding along – if you have any content ideas, please let Peppercorn team know
- **Finance Report:**
 - Worked on Finance handover
 - Financial reports fixed up/tidied up budget
 - Merch!
 - \$30 for sports shirt
 - Carina designed
 - Spending
 - Invoicing is preferred method of payment
 - Reimbursements next
 - Credit card is final option – difficult to coordinate Anna, Bryce, and Sheng’s lives
- **Careers Report:**
 - Busy over the winter
 - SJ Careers Panel
 - Speakers:
 - Elizabeth Lee
 - WLC
 - AGs
 - DPP
 - In Pop-Up village
 - Please fill out roster!
 - ANUSA event
 - Non-corporate careers
 - Firm visits
 - MinterEllison mentoring breakfast
 - 4 ANU students selected
- **Competitions Report:**
 - BBQ launch for Novice Comps – Monday Week 3 12.30-2pm on Law Lawns
 - Workshops on Thursday and Friday of Week 3
 - Fellows Rd Theatre
 - Novice – anyone who hasn’t done that particular competition before
- **Education Report:**
 - Releasing survey on take-home v sit-down exams, or both?
 - Shift towards take-homes but have had negative feedback
 - JDO Rep
 - Discussing with Bede

- Solution to removing exam database
 - Assuring students that there are resources being provided by CoL which are just as good, if not better
- ALSA Conference:
 - In Canberra this Winter – discussing issues which LSS' face around the country
 - July Conference – competitions happen throughout the week
 - Bryce and Eden went
 - Big topics of discussion:
 - Increasing Indigenous content in legal education (not required in priestly eleven) – comparing Course Guides for property law in particular
 - Rural Remote Regional Boutique Report – less relevant to ANU because we aren't an RRRB uni – discussing how ALSA could help such LSS'
 - Access and Inclusion – push towards including these issues in LSS' more formally
 - Positive update from ALSA – short and long term wellbeing plan
 - LSS' will need to look how we implement those targets
 - Good because it pushes for longer-term goals
 - Long-term achievement from ALSA
 - Pushing to update disclosure guidelines before admission to practice
 - Test concerned with health condition affecting ability to practice
 - Physical and mental health conditions are treated one and the same – you only have to disclose if it will affect your ability to practice
 - Action items:
 - President – mostly about Sponsorship etc.
 - Admin – will discuss with Julia and Hugo individually
 - Finance – Xero v MYOB discussion will be had
 - Events – equity tickets discussion will be had
 - Comps – will talk to team about topics, some very interesting
 - SJ – no items, but will be involved with Equity portfolio restructure
 - Careers – talked about items, but would have to re-work ideas because of limited number of law firm sponsors in Canberra
 - Education – Equity portfolio largest topic, things which ALSA wants Bryce and Eden to do
 - Will check in at next Committee meeting as to what's changed between now and then

- **Events Report:**

- Manual tabling done by Events team
- List of 28 Committee members who have bought tickets
 - People arrive at 6.30, enter room at 7pm
 - Release roster for jobs this week
 - Having people on the stairs checking people have wristbands
 - After 7.15pm, jobs will end
 - Budget is tight – to save \$800 – need people to put covers on chairs during the day
 - Felicity will upload run-sheet – dinner at 7.20pm, drinks package ends at 9.30pm

- Plug the MJ Bale suit!!!!
 - Have a great night ☺
 - After party
 - Academy
 - Special drinks menu and poster by Monday
 - Uber promo-code
 - Up to \$20 off for new users
 - Snapchat filter
- **Social Justice Report:**
- Cambodia raffle tickets for MJ Bale suit
 - Sorting out float
 - SJ Careers
 - WIL Breakfast
 - Date August 17th 9-11am
- **Discussion: First Year JD Representative:**
- Lots of questions about what positions they can go for
 - JDs can run for any position
 - Introduce a First Year JD position?
 - Not to take away from existing FYOs
 - Only a 3 year degree – goes by very quickly
 - General consensus: sounds good!
 - Talking point: when is the Committee too big?
 - Allocate one of the FYOs to a JD?
 - All FYOs are used currently -
 - Might give perception that JDs can only run for JD-specific positions
 - We need to make it very clear that JDs can run for any position on the LSS
 - Making one FYO a JD-specific role?
 - Wait to introduce position
 - Possibility of having JD sub-committee?
 - Exposure towards committee
 - Bede to prepare document for next Committee meeting to vote on
 - Send ideas to Bede by the end of this week

Meeting close: 7.35pm