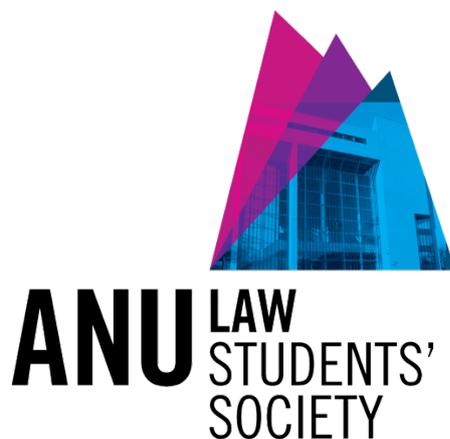


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# PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT 2018

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## OVERVIEW

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### SCOPE OF THIS REPORT

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This report will address matters arising in the period December 2017-May 2018, relating to:

- i) The society as a whole, including governance, direction and strategy;
- ii) The direct responsibilities of the President (where relevant); and
- iii) The work of non- executive directors/officers assigned directly to the President (wellbeing director, international students director and first year officers)

### SEMESTER IN REVIEW

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The 2018 LSS Committee should be proud of an outstanding first semester. The activities of the Society this year have been consistent, organised, professional and fun. We have continued the spirit of professionalism, dedication and collegiality from last year and have become stronger.

### ATTENDANCE:

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At the beginning of the year it was difficult, and still continues to be difficult to ensure that all Committee members are attending fortnightly meetings. Whilst Committee meetings are part of each member's role, having meetings with a consistent turn out has been tricky. We average at around 15-20 people each fortnight. This year we have continued to use the attendance spreadsheet which marks absences. It is difficult to ascertain whether the number of turn-out is the norm or whether we should be doing more. I have been conscious not to pressure committee members or scare them into attending meetings, rather working positively to ensure that they are doing their work and are overall engaged with Committee meetings.

We also found that the first two Committee meetings lacked participation by members, but this was due to the nature of the beginning of the year with O-Week and ALSA taking over. I introduced an ice-breaker game that seemed to have relaxed committee members.

Additionally, our meetings became more substantive with conversations about constitutional changes and attendance policies. These seemed to have brought the Committee more interested and engaged in meetings.

In saying this, Committee members have made me very proud in the way that they interact and engage with their own portfolio, and the result that they bring about. The reports of each Vice-President, and their comments at weekly Exec meetings demonstrate the outstanding work and the high standard at which the work is done. The LSS would not function without its Committee members and I do want to take this moment to thank and appreciate all the work that the Committee does either as one body or in the various portfolios or subcommittees.

### EVENTS

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I set out my term asking each Vice-President to coordinate with each other the year by using the LSS Google Calendar. This was to ensure that we would not be bombarding students with constant events and competing with each other for attendance. I think this has been quite successful and students have commented that LSS is not so in their face. This approach has also allowed for Exec members to also combine events at appropriate times. For example, the Social Justice portfolio (SJ) and the Education portfolio are combining on a speaker series event next term. The Careers portfolio and Education portfolio are working on infographics for the Facebook page to assist students in selecting electives. The SJ portfolio is also combining with Careers for the SJ Careers Panel, and are also combining with events for an end of year event that would incorporate the SJ dinner.

I would strongly encourage the next year's Executive to continue this collaboration and planning.

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### RELATIONSHIPS

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We continue to have positive and constructive relationships with other bodies at ANU. This includes: ANUSA, PARSA, Law Reform and Social Justice, International Law Society and the ANU College of Law. This has allowed for us to collaborate on events and programs like the Indigenous Cultural Competency workshop, the First Year Guide, College Education Committee, ensure no clashing events and allow for harmony within all the societies and organisations that aim to enrich student experiences.

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### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

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Towards the beginning of this term, I began conversations with Di Stewart the general manager of the College of Law, and Professor Sally Wheeler the new dean of College of Law in regard to our insurance status. They drew my attention to the weird space that the LSS currently sits in. For example, despite much of the work that we do which enriches and assists student experiences, we technically should not be calling ourselves 'ANU'. This is because we are a 3<sup>rd</sup> party incorporated association, we technically sit in our own space and using the name 'ANU' is technically incorrect. As such the LSS sits in a weird legal-illegal space within the Australian National University.

Further, because we are a separate association to the ANU we should be paying fees to book and use the various venues on campus. This is particularly problematic because we run a number of events, but our most consistent program which requires bookings are competitions. For example, one of the competitions we run required booking 3 rooms in BPB for 5 days, this cost \$2,673 a figure that even we could not maintain.

The Functions on Campus form also does not provide for unaffiliated organisations to complete the form required. By affiliating we will be able to easily complete the forms required to book venues and incur no cost. Further, I or the Exec will no longer be receiving calls from Functions on Campus confirming whether we're affiliated or not.

By affiliating we also get covered by ANU's insurance, just in case anything ever goes wrong at one of the event's we have on campus or outside campus, ANU would be able to assist us.

I believe that this will aid the student society because if anything were to go wrong we would be protected by the ANU's insurance, we will be able to legally hold ourselves out as ANU. We mitigate risks by being an affiliated society.

There are no apparent risks to being affiliated, we maintain control over our finances, we can maintain the dynamic of our society and we get broader protection by the ANU, in terms of insurance.

If the internal governance policies change within ANUSA then the LSS Committee may wish to disaffiliate with ANUSA.

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## PRESIDENT'S PORTFOLIO

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### WELLBEING

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The Wellbeing portfolio initially had a strong start with the Wellbeing Director organising cards for the O-Week goodie bag with contact details for the various organisations that provide support to students. Unfortunately, this positive start turned a bit rocky as we received a resignation by the Wellbeing Director. This meant that we had to reopen applications and had Claudia join the team which has meant for a bit of a slow start to the Wellbeing portfolio. There was a Crafternoon last term and in Week 12 there will be a breakfast for students, and goodie bags provided during STUVAC. On another note, we now have a JD student on the LSS in a non-JD specific role which is great.

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### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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We were very lucky to have Tiffany Monorom continue as International Students Director. In this role Tiffany has continued the International Students Mentoring Program which has seen an increase in the number of people involved. In particular, 28 people participated this year when 17 participated last year. Tiffany has also been working with Jo Ford, the associate dean for international students. Another example of the LSS and COL working together. Further, Tiffany also ran a networking event run by Craig Collins this year which was very successful. There are more events to come next semester.

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### FIRST YEAR OFFICERS

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We have continued the arrangement from last year where the First Year Officers (FYOs) each sitting in two portfolios and assisting portfolios outside of their designated portfolio if required. Then, after law ball the First Year Officers and I will have a meeting to discuss to discuss changing portfolios. I am keen for the FYOs to gain as much of a wide and broad experience within the LSS to help them figure out where to go on to next. They will also be hosting their annual event later on this year.

Thank you, Thanaya, Henri, Adelaide and Grace for all your hard work and your enthusiasm during the year.

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### SPONSORSHIP

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### MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS

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The sponsorship process began in November last year and was coordinated through me. Firms are provided a prospectus which they use to elect packages. Once sponsorship arrangements were confirmed the maintenance of these sponsorship relationships was to be done through Shibana, the Sponsorship Director with my oversight. The main reason for this approach was that last year firms wanted one person to be the main contact, and that it was difficult for the President to be managing the Committee and corporate sponsors. Personally,

I think the President should be the main point of contact with firms and the Sponsorship Director assist the President with maintaining the relations such as help draft emails, contact VPs if they have sponsored events coming up. Liaising with firms and making sure they are happy is a huge responsibility and I am reluctant to make this role the sole-responsibility of a director.

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### SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

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Our Prospectus consists of three main packages, however this year we earned a lot of money through 'ad hoc' sponsorship arrangements. For example, some firms only want a social media package other firms want access to the Clerkship/Careers Guide. For the incoming President and Finance VP, I think adding a social media package, Guides Package or Clerkship Information Evening package is a good idea. Further, these ad hoc arrangements are difficult to quantify because sometimes you can quantify based on previous years but at other times there is no president for how much something should cost.

I would encourage restructuring the package completely, so that all firms have to pay a baseline \$1,000 and can add other events and programs to that \$1,000, allowing firms to build their own package essentially. But again, quantifying this is very difficult because each event and program will need a specific numerical value.

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### ALSA

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In 2018, the ANU LSS continues its relationship and work with the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) and other law students' societies across Australia. As councillors representing the ANU, the Vice-President (Administration), Julia, and myself attended ALSA's first council session for the year in February in Queensland. This was a productive and valuable weekend, and all suggestions and outcomes were communicated to the Executive and Committee for incorporation in their own work.

Next term, the Vice President (Education), Lauren and myself will be headed to Adelaide for ALSA Conference. We plan on bringing a statement to ALSA regarding the Indigenous Cultural Competency in courses or creating a compulsory course for ANU. I encourage the Committee to please let either myself or Lauren know if you want to submit a topic or issue to ALSA.

# Administration AGM Report

Julia Faragher

## Administration Team

- Vice-President (Administration) – Julia Faragher
- Publications & IT Director – Conor Tarpey
- Publicity Director – Jackson Carey
- Peppercorn Editor-in-Chief – Elizabeth Harris
- First Year Officer – Grace Lee

## Pre O-Week

### 1. Bytes 'n Colours Printing Contract

Following last year's successful relationship with Bytes 'n Colours, I renegotiated a new contract with BnC for 2018. We receive a 45% discount on all printing which results in significant saving. We are also proud to support a Canberra business and look forward to continuing our relationship with BnC into the future. At the beginning of the year, we printed new business cards as well as all our O-Week publications.

### 2. First Year Guide

This publication was made in collaboration with the ANUSA College of Law Representatives, Angela Chen and Campbell Clapp. The sourcing of information and cost was split evenly between the LSS and ANUSA. The publication was put together in InDesign by Conor. The publication was well-received by first years we interacted with during O-Week. However, despite printing the same amount of guides as last year as per the recommendation, we did have a few leftover at the end of O-Week. I determine that this is due to the decrease in size in the law cohort this year and recommend that next year's VPA liaise with the College to find out the number of the 2019 cohort. I do note that the extra guides left at the end of O-Week did allow the ANUSA CoL Reps to take some on their First Year Camp.

### 3. T-shirts

I organised t-shirts to be printed for every member of committee in a new move for this year. I believe the t-shirts have been a good idea to both foster committee togetherness and belonging and to increase our visibility at events. The t-shirts are white with a minimal design featuring the LSS logo, year, committee member's name and position. We went with ROJO Customs for the printing again to support another Canberra business and because they were able to produce the t-shirts in a very quick turnaround time. We were very pleased with their service and value. I would recommend getting committee t-shirts to next year's VPA.

## Semester 1

### 1. O-Week and Market Day

I organised rosters for O-Week for the CoL Welcome BBQ and Market Day. We had a misunderstanding with ANUSA about our Market Day stall fee due to not being affiliated and therefore charged a fee instead of a refundable deposit. However, we are currently in the process of affiliating and would recommend doing so in future years so this should not be an issue going forward.

### 2. Casual Vacancies

I facilitated the filling of several casual vacancies over the summer and throughout this semester, welcoming Sam Groves (Juris Doctor (Online) Director), Avneet Bakshi (Education Director), Claudia Weatherall (Wellbeing Director) and Eddie Stewart (Social Director).

### 3. First Year Officer Elections

I held the First Year Officer elections in accordance with constitutional requirements. We experienced issues with the APOLLO voting software when it declared that there had been a tie in our First Year Officer election for our JD candidate. In order to be safe with regards to constitutional requirements, we held a second election to find a clear winner. Congratulations to Adelaide Bragias, Grace Lee, Thanaya Naidu and Henri Vickers on their election.

### 4. Constitutional Amendments

I have worked closely with Suchara to draft the constitutional amendments up for discussion at the AGM.

### 5. ANUSA Affiliation

I have worked closely with Suchara to determine how the LSS can best affiliate with ANUSA mainly so that we can have access to insurance and better risk management. This has involved meeting and discussion with Eleanor Kay (ANUSA President) and Lewis Pope (ANUSA Clubs Council Chair) to ensure that we are correctly following the affiliation process. Most of my work has involved reading the plethora of Clubs Council regulations and checking that the LSS Constitution complies with them.

### 6. Publicity

Publicity continues on well with our Facebook page maintaining good reach and more activity on our Instagram account this year. However, I still think there is more room to be creative with our publicity endeavors and I hope to explore this next semester.

### 7. Publications & IT

The addition of a Publications Director this year has been an incredibly valuable asset to the team and I cannot thank Conor enough for his work. His work on the First Year Guide was great and I have also had encouraging feedback from other VPs that he has worked with. From the IT side of things, I did an audit of the LSS website over the summer to remove out of date information and the e-newsletter is running on track the same as last year.

### 8. Peppercorn

Peppercorn has undergone a revamp and rebrand this year under our fantastic new Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth. Following committee restructure from last year, I created the Peppercorn Subcommittee which saw the appointment of Emily Bales, Lucy McKindlay, Tainissa Vakeeswaran and Sarah Li to fill out the Peppercorn Editorial Team. This new model has seen an increase in online content posted throughout the semester culminating in the first print issue to be launched in Week 12. I am very excited to see the first edition in print and would like to congratulate Elizabeth and her team on a successful first semester.

## **Upcoming – Semester 2**

1. OGM
2. 2019 Committee Elections
3. Facilitating 2018-19 Committee Handover

## Finance Report for LSS AGM 2018 - 15 May 2018



### 1. Summary

Opening balance:	<b>68,985.20</b>
Projected 2018 income:	<b>159,610.65</b>
Projected 2018 expenditure:	<b>171,385.39</b>
Closing balance:	<b>57,210.50</b>
Operational Movement:	<b>(11,774.74)</b>

### 2. Report

#### Annual Review of 2017 (See supplementary file.... Idk)

At the beginning of the year the LSS's auditory Kee, and myself, did a high-level review of last year's finances. In laymans terms, it was quite a good year. Sheng, last years money-man managed a well constructed budget and the society finished with an operating profit of \$7,868.

The report draws attention to two main matters:

- (1) *"In common with many similar not-for-profit student-led associations, the association does not **maintain a comprehensive internal controls system over income**. As a result, we have **been unable to confirm that all amounts receivable by the association have been properly accounted**. However, we were able to sight adequate support for income and expenditure recorded in the minutes and transaction records of the association. As a review procedure, it was not practicable to extend our testing of income and expenses beyond the details provided by the association."*
- (2) *"Further, the association does not maintain a comprehensive controls system over the internal accounting function. For example, 'Sales in Advance' was not brought to the Profit and Loss Statement after the event. This further led to discrepancies in the **GST balance**. Furthermore, we have been unable to confirm that **all petty cash transactions have been properly accounted**. These items were **materially resolved** by the association as at the date of this Report"*

Both these concerns have been 'materially resolved.' Sheng introduced comprehensive financial regulations towards the end of his term with bring the 'comprehensiveness' required. It also resolves the issues concerning petty cash. The concerns amalgamate significantly in regard to law ball last year. The reports are produced on an accrual basis and because the event has not occurred when the tickets are sold the revenue is unearned, and our GST obligations on the large event is essentially postponed till it is 'earned'. It is hard as a uni student coming into these roles to not every now and again think 'cash basis'. It is important to note that as our accountant is reporting this way, we will be reconciling our accounts with MYOB that way. Only with this review did we identify that we never brought the tax obligation forward such that we incurred the GST owed from that event ~6k only last week.

### 2018 Income

This year is not so unique income wise. The main change is that we secured a grant from the College of Law. Presently this operates as a sum of 10,000 less the amount not used of the previous year. Thus, we secured 8,245.65 this year as that's what we could justify using the grant 'formula'.

Sponsorship was a huge success. We have already received ~55,000 of the 59,700 we are to receive this year. This exceeds the amounts reported for 2017 of 52,727.

## **2018 Expenditure**

The LSS has had a conservative fiscal tendency for a long time. As a not for profit representing its members who can potentially gain all its utility, constant profits like last year are inefficient. We start this year with a balance of ~69,000, which is ridiculous.

To remedy the pot of gold we are sitting on, we plan to spend ~12,000 more than we will earn this year. Given the history of the conservative committee, I hope this motivates spending. All innovation and initiatives require some money so the LSS is extending its support.

To summarise the increases, most noticeably, the LSS has:

- Increased its sponsorship of WILO to 2,700,
- Increased the expenditure on SJ events,
- Consolidated the Juris Doctor budget,
- Increased international student expenditure, and;
- Increased Law ball expenditure to keep ticket prices fixed.

With over 170,000 going towards events and activities for LSS members, this year could be the best year to pay that 5-dollar membership on QPay.

## **To conclude**

The LSS has never been in such a good position. We have all the resources to make this the best year yet. I invite you to ask as many questions as to this report and the figures.

### 3. 2017 budget

#### TABLED SUMMARY OF INCOME/EXPENDITURE

	<b>2018</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$</b>
Membership	2,500.00
Sponsorship	59,700.00
Merch	1,000.00
Interest	120.00
Grants	8,245.65
Ticket Sales:	
<i>Law Ball</i>	84,000.00
<i>O-Week events</i>	1,245.00
<i>Social Justice Dinner</i>	2,000.00
<i>Women in law breakfast</i>	800.00
	<hr/> <b>159,610.65</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
Administration	6,144.79
ALSA	11,850.00
Careers	8,250.00
Comps	5,732.60
Education	3,150.00
Events	95,300.00
Finance	8,908.00
JD	4,000.00
Peppercorn	6,500.00
SJ	13,400.00
Miscellaneous	8,150.00
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**PROJECTED INCOME**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2018</b>
	\$
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>	
17 Sponsors	<b>59,700.00</b>
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>	
CoL Grant	<b>8,245.65</b>
<b>TICKET SALES</b>	
Law Ball	84,000.00
O-Week events	1,245.00
Social Justice Dinner	2,000.00
Women in law breakfast	800.00

## **PROJECTED EXPENDITURE**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>\$</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Business Cards	175.00	175.00
Tshirts	870.00	
Meeting expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00
CR Supplies/Office	200.00	200.00
Website maintenance	250.00	250.00
Initiatives	500.00	500.00
First Year Guide	1,800.00	
Template Design	100.00	100.00
Membership Stickers	235.79	50.00
Market Day	350.00	350.00
Incorporation Fees	164.00	164.00
	<b>6,144.79</b>	
<b>ALSA</b>		
ALSA Affiliation	600.00	600.00
ALSA Delegate Rego	6,000.00	6,000.00
ALSA Expenses	1,750.00	1,750.00
Council Rego + Flights	3,500.00	3,500.00
	<b>11,850.00</b>	
<b>CAREERS</b>		
Careers Guide	1,850.00	
Clerkship Guide	1,850.00	
Workshops	150.00	150.00
Cocktail Evening Workshop	1,700.00	
Clerkship Night	2,500.00	2,500.00
Social Justice Career Night	200.00	400.00
	<b>8,250.00</b>	
<b>COMPETITIONS</b>		
Skills Sessions	300.00	100.00
Comps Opening	200.00	150.00
Gifts & Prizes	1,300.00	300.00
Intersity Rego	3,125.00	3,125.00
Comps Printing	200.00	50.00
Comps Guide	607.60	
	<b>5,732.60</b>	
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Tutorial Program	1,400.00	1,400.00
Laws1001	250.00	250.00
JD Events	250.00	250.00
Education Speaker Series	650.00	600.00
Initiatives	600.00	400.00
	<b>3,150.00</b>	

<b>EVENTS</b>		
O-Week	1,500.00	2,000.00
BBQs	200.00	200.00
First Year Events	800.00	800.00
Law Ball	92,500.00	70,000.00
Lunchtime Sports	300.00	280.00
	<u>95,300.00</u>	

<b>FINANCE</b>		
Membership Promotion	200.00	200.00
LSS Merch	1,500.00	2,500.00
MYOB Payments	408.00	480.00
Audit Fees	3,500.00	8,000.00
General spending	300.00	200.00
BAS Payment (GST)	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<u>8,908.00</u>	

<b>JURIS DOCTOR</b>		
Welcome Drinks	1,000.00	900.00
End of Semester Drinks	1,000.00	500.00
Semester 2 Event	1,000.00	1,000.00
End of Year Drinks	1,000.00	800.00
	<u>4,000.00</u>	

<b>PEPPERCORN</b>		
Peppercorn	6,000.00	6,000.00
Launch 1 & 2	500.00	500.00
	<u>6,500.00</u>	

<b>SOCIAL JUSTICE</b>		
SJ Dinner	5,050.00	4,500.00
Women in Law Breakfast	3,550.00	3,000.00
LGBTIQ* Issues in Law	1,050.00	1,000.00
WILO	2,700.00	1,500.00
Speaker Series	150.00	400.00
Law in Action Trip	600.00	
Mentoring	300.00	
	<u>13,400.00</u>	

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Law Revue	4,000.00	4,000.00
Wellbeing	2,400.00	3,200.00
Presidential Bonding	500.00	500.00
International Students Budget	750.00	200.00
Other	500.00	500.00
	<u>8,150.00</u>	

## Vice President Careers AGM Report 2017

Rocky Lagudi

### Careers So Far

#### **1. Publications:**

- The major focus this year was to improve the comprehensiveness of content
- Cannot thank and commend Conor (Publications Director) enough for all of his hard work, putting up with my constant requests and making the guides look fantastic
- **Careers Guide:**
  - o Increased contributors from last year's guide
  - o Retained and improved section balance, ensuring there was not a focus on private careers
  - o New inclusion: student contributions – highlighting that there are many immediate and available opportunities to success as a student
- **Clerkship Guide:**
  - o Significant increase in non-sponsored content
  - o Restructured introduction section, providing a more holistic look at the clerkship recruitment process
  - o New addition: student testimonials, allowed us to give a brief snapshot of varied clerkship experiences
- Recommendations:
  - o 200 Careers and Clerkship Guides were printed this year
    - 150-175 is a good number for Careers Guides
    - 200-200+ is ideal for Clerkship Guides (however, this is dependent on student interest in the Clerkship Information Evening)
  - o Expand upon the new student contributions and testimonials sections
  - o (Although not to be actioned by the Careers Portfolio) Ensure that the publications director is given a hand over and understands the requirements of Bytes n Colours – the absence of that this year made it difficult in the final stages of Careers Guide printing

#### **2. Careers Fair:**

- The event was successful – very good student turnout and was very informative
- The event was 'co-hosted' with ANU Careers at the Athenaeum Room in Llewellyn Hall – was a good, relatively central location given the current construction
- There were inconsistencies in communication with ANU Careers, and this definitely needs to be addressed moving forward
  - o This year, we did not play a major role in the organisation of the event, besides with publicity (where we still used ANU Careers content)
  - o We were not really included in any correspondence, which I did try to push for on the basis of my handover (although, ultimately there was no need for me to be included)
- Recommendations:
  - o Ultimately, I do not see the point of this event being considered a coordinated effort when it really is not, nor does it need to be
  - o Keep our involvement simply to the publicity stage of the event
  - o We should still have a stall – Careers fair does positively reflect on our sponsors and is a great event

- We should still remain in contact with ANU Careers in the lead up to ensure that our sponsors do get invited
- Our resources could be better utilised elsewhere rather than attempting to coordinate an event that is in no way really ours

### **3. Clerkship Information Evening:**

- Was held on Wednesday 2 May at the John Curtin School of Medical Research
- Was a resounding success – we had 250+ attend the event, while the sponsors were happy with this venue
- We tripled social media interest in the event this year due – can attribute this to a social media promotional campaign that began a month in advance
- We improved actual running time – this year we only ran 10 minutes behind
- Recommendations:
  - Ensure that the event does not fall during Budget Week
  - Ensure it is at JCSMR again next year – while we did overflow in the first session, there really is no alternative bigger venue besides Llewellyn Hall (which is too big)
  - Ensure that the firms in each half of the speaking order do get swapped each year (Clayton Utz in particular should get a very early spot next year)
  - Improve the use music to shepherd the crowd in – this was definitely our most effective tool to keeping on time
  - Spread the firms out to the whole foyer – this year we kept them relatively close as we did not expect such huge numbers

### **4. MinterEllison Workshops:**

- CV & Cover Letter Writing + Interview Skills Workshops
  - These will be held on Thursday 10 May and Tuesday 15 May (both will have been held by the time this is presented at the AGM)
  - We look forward to a positive turnout, however it has been difficult to garner significant interest with a very short turnaround following Clerkship Information Evening
  - This year we ensured that the workshops were held on different days and in different weeks, but at the same venue on both occasions

## **Careers Going Forward**

### **1. MinterEllison Talent Pathway Program:**

- Waiting to hear from MinterEllison regarding the specific details for this year, however this program will be running again

### **2. Careers-Ed Infograph:**

- The first two will be released in the final weeks of this semester
- The aim is to provide students an overview of the careers and education options available to them
- Will develop this resource depending on the response and feedback

This year, there will be a specific focus on providing students with practical skills in Semester 2.

### **3. Networking Workshop:**

- Will run on Monday July 30 (Week 2, Semester 2)
- We have a fantastic speaker, Emily Kucukalic, coming down from Sydney to speak
- She will be providing a lot of skills and advice for students on how to best navigate networking events, such as Cocktail Evenings, etc.
- The event will have relevance to all students (both law and non-law) and will not be directed specifically at those applying for clerkships

### **4. Mock Interviews:**

- Expected dates are likely the Monday-Wednesday of Week 3, Semester 2
- This will be coordinated alongside ANU Careers Consultants
- There will be a window of time (probably 2-3 days) where students can book in a half hour mock interview
- This booking system will ensure that the times are flexible, rather than students having to show up and wait in a line, with the potential of missing out
- The interview will involve students being asked approximately three questions, following which they will receive personalised feedback within that session

### **5. SJ Careers Panel:**

- Will be talking more to Sarah about this during the Winter holidays
- Likely event date is 2 October

## Vice-President (Competitions) AGM Report

Victoria Hoon

### The Competitions Portfolio

**VP:** Victoria Hoon

**Directors:** Zachary Shunmugam, Sophia Xian, Melly Zhao and Kunal Vankadara

**First Year Representative:** Henri Vickers

### Internal Competitions

#### **1. Questions**

- In December 2017, sent out a few emails to lecturers and students asking for them to write questions.
- Received two senior mooted questions from James Barret and Ben Ye.
- Received one client interview question from Tony Zhang.
- Matt Staraj agreed to write a novice mooted question. Will follow up with him when he will send it through.

#### **2. Senior Competitions Launch BBQ**

- Good turnout and a good amount of signups.

#### **3. Competitions Workshops**

- Mooting Workshop
  - o Facilitated by a few members of the Jessup team over the years.
  - o Had a good turnout and it was a really good workshop. Was more senior-focused, so examined factors such as style.
- Witness Examination Workshop
  - o Facilitated by Michael Eburn, with the help of Damian Chen.
  - o Two workshops run over two different days.
    - First workshop focussed on planning and examination in chief.
    - Second workshop focussed on cross-examination.
  - o A lot of publicity done and there was a good turnout (10 people) at the second workshop.

#### **4. Client Interview**

- Director: Sophia Xian
- Nine teams
  - o Two teams dropped out throughout the competitions.
- Committee-members as clients.

#### **5. Negotiation**

- Director: Melly Zhao
- 19 teams
- Had some issues with teams having already seen the question, so we will be looking to source new questions.

#### **6. Witness Examination**

- Director: Kunal Vankadara
- Six competitors competed

- To accommodate for competitors, we offered to provide the competitors with witnesses if needed. Witnesses are committee-members.

## **7. Mooting**

- Director: Zach Shunmugam
- Thirteen teams competed
  - o Three teams dropped out throughout the competitions.
- Question submitted by James Barret was used in the competition.
  - o Received some feedback that there were too many issues to be covered well in the time given, so we will be looking to contacting James, or changing the amount of time that students have for submissions in the competition.
- King & Wood Mallesons was really helpful in providing judges, and have expressed interest in providing more for the Novice Competitions.
- Big thank you to our student judges who helped out as well!

## **8. Grand Finals**

- All of the Grand Finals were really successful! We had a good turnout at the events and had a few students who showed interest in participating in the Novice Competitions next semester.
- Ashurst hosted the Client Interview Grand Finals.
- Clayton Utz hosted the Negotiation Grand Finals.
- King & Wood Mallesons hosted the Mooting Grand Finals.
- Witness Examination Grand Finals held at the ACT Supreme Court.
- Certificates!
  - o With the help of Conor, I arranged for certificates to be made for the winners and runner-ups of each of the competitions. Really exciting, and now we have files/layout that we can use in the future.

## ALSA

The winners will be representing ANU at the ALSA conference in Adelaide over the semester break. We will be confirming their participation in the coming days.

## Appeal

Received one appeal regarding the two-day ban rule. Suchara, Lauren and I met to assess the appeal. Ultimately, the appeal was unsuccessful and the student was notified of the outcome. The appeal raised some areas in the Competitions Rules that need to be amended over the break.

## External Competitions

- Director: Prisca Ochan

### **1. Allen & Overy Private Law Moot**

- In order to ensure the best team possible, we gave preference to students who had completed private law courses, in particular, Equity and Trusts.
- Received eight applications.
- Sending a team of four in May.

## **2. Clayton Utz Intervarsity Negotiation Competition**

- Managed to get a question written by one of our internal Negotiation judges, Ellie Wallis to write a question to be submitted to the competition. Ellie has also allowed for the question to be used in our internal competitions in the future.
- We are sending Alice Scamps-Goodman as the judge.
- Received four applications.  
Sending a team of two in May.

## **3. DPP Plate Mock Trial**

- Received six applications.
- Team will be chosen and notified soon.

## **4. Next Semester**

- Planning of participating in the following moots, and more if possible.
  - o Kirby Contracts Moot
  - o Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot
  - o Animal Moot
  - o Baker & McKenzie National Women's Moot
  - o AAT Moot

### External Competitions Travel Subsidy

Drawing from my experiences as an ANU representative and feedback from other competitors, I consulted with Prisca and the Executive whether it would be feasible and possible to offer financial assistance/ subsidy to teams who make it to the semi-finals or further. This will also provide incentive to teams to put in effort, perform well and represent ANU at a high standard. After consultation with Nic, the travel subsidy will be up to \$1000.

### Other competitions

#### **1. Criminal Law Moot**

- We were sent an email at the beginning of the year (January) from UNSW student (William Jackson) to see whether we were interested in participating/ co-ordinating a Criminal Law Moot Competition. William was in the process of organising the competition.
- I told him that we would be interested in participating in a competition if it were to be organised. I also sent him a proposal that was sent from the UOW Criminal Law Moot team 2017 regarding an ANU Criminal Law Moot. I suggested that we would be interested in co-ordinating the competition if it were to be run in Semester 1 (next year).
- William told me he was contacting academics and looking for sponsorship and would get back to us.

#### **2. Microsoft Case Competition**

- In March, Suchara was approached by Microsoft to help promote the Microsoft Case Competition.
- The Executive agreed that this would be a good competitions opportunity for students who don't necessarily want to pursue a career in the legal industry and/or those who wanted an opportunity other than Mooting and Negotiation.

- We were required to post 5 Facebook posts and distribute posters around the College of Law and LSS Common Room.

### **3. The Legal Forecast Hackathon**

- In March, Suchara and I met with Jess Watt from The Legal Forecast.
- About a legal disruption hackathon and how we can help with the ACT Launch. We offered to ask the LSS committee if any of them were interested in helping.
- We're also interested in getting involved in the competition, so we will be looking to be getting involved in the Disruption Law Legal Case Competition in August and potentially organising/ participating in an ACT Internal Mini Hackathon later in the year.

#### Next Semester

Next semester we will be running our novice internal competitions. During the break, I will be working on the competitions guide and will be meeting with Competitions Directors to make relevant amendments to the Competitions rules.

### **1. LAWS1001 & ‘Things I wish I knew in first year’**

Early in the semester, we ran an introductory event for first year LLBs and for first year JDs. Around 40 LLB students attended LAWS1001 and found it extremely useful hearing from later year students and academics. Our JD reps also ran a ‘things I wish I knew in first year’ with presentations from different 3<sup>rd</sup> year JD students.

### **2. LSS Exam Database**

Following the agreement with the College of Law from 2017, we are aiming to have the LSS database deleted by the end of this academic year. This will be somewhat dependent on a meeting that will take place in the coming weeks between CoL staff and LSS representatives to assess what progress the College has made in preparing students for exams.

### **3. Student Resources**

We are continuing to work on developing greater resources for students, especially in regard to assessment preparation. This semester that has included 3 problem-solving workshops run by lecturers on HIRAC and problem questions in their specific courses. Informal feedback has been very positive, and we will be conducting a survey for all participants following the last workshop in Week 10. Informal study sessions will run in Weeks 11 and 12. We are also exploring options to work with ASLC, PAL and the College of Law to develop more written resources.

### **4. Pre-Exam Tutorials**

Pre-exam tutorials will run in the week leading up to end of semester exams for every compulsory course.

### **5. Indigenous Cultural Competency**

The education team have been working collaboratively with the ANUSA CoL Reps, the ANU Indigenous Department and CoL staff to work on an advocacy project supporting compulsory Indigenous cultural competency in the ANU law school and around Australia more regularly. We held a very successful workshop in Week 9 and have created a project group of students to develop an advocacy strategy. There are also plans to take this project to ALSA.

### **6. Speaker Events**

At least one education speaker event will run in Semester 2. This will focus on a corporate law topic.

### **7. Collaboration with Careers**

We are working with Careers to develop an infographic for students with elective, internship and career suggestions for students based on which compulsory subjects they enjoy.

*The Portfolio Team-*

**Directors:** Anamika Chowdhury + Eddie Stewart

**First Year Officer:** Adelaide Bragias

**JD Social Officer:** Rhiannon Oats

SEMESTER 1

*O-week party-*

- This year the annual LSS O-week party was held at MOLO Bar on the Tuesday night of O-week
- The theme was 'Lawyers Long Weekend'
- It was a successful event which sold 150 tickets and signed up loads of new LSS members
- It was a wonderful opportunity for new Law Students to meet and mingle around food and drink
- The after party was then held at Mooseheads
- I would reconsider the need for an after party as it was a more social event at the bar and didn't really need 'kick ons'

*Lunchtime Sport-*

- We have entered a touch football team into the ANU Sport's lunchtime competition
- It is played on Thursdays between 12-2 and is no cost to the players
- Turnout so far has been successful and we are having loads of fun playing as a team
- We would still like to have more people on the team so we have a few more subs and will keep advertising till we can up our numbers to a more substantial team

*First Year Officers Event-*

- This responsibility is given to the first year reps and is only slightly overseen by our team

*JD Social Drinks-*

- The Juris Doctor social team have done a fabulous job so far with welcome and end of semester social drinks
- These events are great at helping JD students meet each other in a relaxed setting

SEMESTER 2

*Law Ball-*

- This year we have decided to move Law Ball away from the QT after multiple issues with this venue last year
- We have now booked the National Convention Center for Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August

- The dinner package is slightly more expensive at \$125 per person as opposed to QT's unbeatable deal of \$100 per person
- On balance we have decided to significantly cut down on decoration costs in order to keep ticket prices down, as we value to venue over the appearance of the room
- The theme decided upon is 1920's prohibition
- We have not released our save the date as of yet but will by the end of this month
- Tickets are aiming to go on sale right before the holidays

*Combined event with Social Justice Team for an Academic Dinner-*

- Our final event for the year will be in conjunction with the Social Justice team as we are aiming to create a more formal version of the Social Justice Dinner
- So far a speaker has been organised and we are currently looking at venues
- We are also hoping to engage academics with this event

## **LSS Mid Year AGM Social Justice Report**

### **Portfolio Team**

- VP: Sarah Svehla
- Directors: Carina Stone and Nila Norbu
- First Year Representative: Grace Lee

### **Outline**

1. Law in Action: Cambodia Initiative
2. Social Justice Mentoring Program
3. LGBTIQ\* Issues in the Law
4. Improvements
5. Future events

### Law in Action: Cambodia Initiative

- Decided to go ahead with the program after confirming Cambodian NGOs were still operating despite some political instability
- Sub committee formal LSS body under Social Justice portfolio
- Introduced a budget to facilitate fundraising initiatives and team bonding
- Smaller group from 18 to 10 due to decreased interest as well as feedback that a smaller committee could better facilitate team dynamics and commitment
- The group had their first committee meeting last week and will begin the fundraising process in the near future
- We looked at making it a 'shelf course' with the College of Law, specifically Jo Ford, and applying for Colombo Funding however this was left too late to apply properly so we will work on the application throughout the year to pass on to next years portfolio to apply for

### Social Justice Mentoring Program

- Pilot year
- Small group of 10 mentor-mentee partnership, including Dean of College of Law- heavily supports and endorsed
- Over 40 mentees applied, so large student interest and mentor interest predicted to grow over the years as becomes more established
- Following up throughout the year to track their progress
- Final meet and greet in Term 3 to reflect and ensure relationships maintained

### LGBTIQ\* Issues in the Law Discussion Panel

- Very successful- 60ish people came to the free even
- Peter Hyndal, Heidi Yates, Karen Toohey, Stephanie Lum and mediated by Ben Lawrence
- Emphasis on issues facing LGBTIQ\* community with less limelight- focus on transgender and intersex peoples
- Good venue as intimate and could hear without microphones used

- Great catering from Vanilla Bean with lots of food

#### Improvements

- Mentoring program needed to send out the applications to Law Col staff earlier- this could also expand to outside of Law Col for mentors as staff are very busy/ prefer relationships to develop organically with students/ already mentor students
- Cambodia program, needed to advertise more perhaps considering the smaller interest than last year
- Cambodia program also needed to start process of Colombo plan funding application earlier

#### Future events

- Next term we are focusing on an Indigenous Issues in the Law Q&A Panel with Education team- model off last year, with particular focus on Heart of the Nation discussion which has faded since
- Next term also have Women in Law Breakfast with Gillian Triggs, the venue and flights and accommodation are all booked we just need to confirm with sponsoring law firm and topics to be discussed with Triggs
- In term four we are focusing on the SJ Careers panel with the Careers team- likely having CJ Murrell?
- In term four we are also hosting the SJ Dinner with the Social team, we are in the process of determining a venue (likely to be Hotel Hotel) and have Deng Adut coming to speak
  - Also potentially the idea of bringing along an Academic to the event to act as a networking/ collaboration with Law Col staff event