

ANU LSS AGM 2018

Chair: Julia Faragher

Minutes: Grace Lee

Quorum: 30

Time: Tuesday 15th May, 6pm

Place: Law Theatre

Item 1 - Welcome

- Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country delivered by Suchara Fernando
- Introduction of Chair and Standing Orders delivered by Julia Faragher

Item 2 - Executive Reports

President's Report

- Attendance
 - An issue at the beginning of the year (15-20 people at fortnightly meetings)
- Events
 - Work with other VPs to plan their year and combine events where possible
- Relationships
 - Continue to have positive relationships with other societies and college of law
- Constitutional reform
 - To ensure that we connect under ANUSA (able to use ANU logo, have insurance and able to hire out rooms 'properly')
- President's portfolio
 - Wellbeing, International students, FYOs
- Sponsorship
 - Maintaining relationships with corporate sponsors, possible idea of implementing an 'opt in' system
- ALSA
 - Going to conference in July
- Suchara moves to pass her report, seconded by Rocky
- The report passes

Administration Report

- Julia takes her report as 'read'
- ALSA
 - Julia attended ALSA February Council in Lauren's place
- Directors
 - Elizabeth has been a fantastic Peppercorn Editor-in-Chief, please mark your calendars for the first Peppercorn print edition launch next Wednesday
 - Publicity Director has just resigned, will be opening up applications for the casual vacancy soon
 - Introduction of Publications to the joint IT & Publications role has been a great success and Conor has done a fantastic job
- Committee involvement

- Shoutouts to Nila and Sophia for always going above and beyond and lending a helping hand
- Julia moves to pass her report, seconded by Lauren
- The report passes

Finance Report

- Issues we encountered last year
 - Issue with control system of income (law ball; deferred tax)
 - Petty cash; Cheng introduced a new system to mitigate those issues
- 2018
 - Started off with a large balance of money
 - WILo was agreed to be in our budget; increased it this year to \$2,700
 - Law ball; ticket prices will remain the same this year
- Nic moves to pass his report, seconded by Thanaya
- The report passes

Careers Report

- Publications
 - Careers Guide: aimed to increase comprehensiveness, included student contributions this year (150-175 is a good guide)
 - Clerkship Guide: added introduction and student experience section (200 + is a good guide, but this is dependant on the size of the cohort)
- Careers Fair
 - Really successful
 - Recommend rethinking relationship with ANU Careers going forward
- Clerkship Information Evening
 - Really successful, great response from the law firms
 - Future: not appropriate to be moving to a bigger venue, continue to swap the speaking order, make it more spacious
- Minter Ellison workshop
 - Ran them last week and this week, turn out of around 30
- Careers Ed infographic
 - Will be released after exams
- Networking workshop
 - Next semester
- Mock interviews
- SJ Careers panel
- Rocky moves to pass his report, seconded by Nic
- The report passes

Competitions Report

- Internal competitions
 - Constructed new questions to prevent repetitiveness
 - Competitions were successful; not many teams dropping out in total, new questions were used
 - Grand finals were all really successful
 - Appeal regarding two day ban rule; reached an outcome
- Next semester

- Going through competition rules and working to mitigate the issues that arose in first semester
- Banning students
 - Has been working well this year and ensures competitions are fair for all competitors
- Victoria moves to pass her report, seconded by Suchara
- The report passes

Education Report

- LAWS1001 and 'Things I Wish I Knew in First Year'
 - Two events earlier in the year; one focused for LLB and one for JDs
- Exam Database
 - Taking down the exam database at the end of this year
 - Working to increase resources for students
- Problem Solving Workshops
 - Ran three problem solving workshops; these will be a continuing thing as turn out was really good
- Assessment Return
 - A lot of complaints recently about assessments being returned late, extremely late; working with law lecturers to change policy so that students are given more timely feedback
- Pre-exam Tutorials
 - Running in swotvac period for every compulsory subject
- Indigenous cultural competency
 - Overall goal is to make it compulsory as part of the law degree
- LLB Review 2019
 - College of Law will be reviewing the curriculum
 - Hoping to have student voice incorporated into the changes
- Upcoming
 - Speaker event; early term 3
 - Working with infograph with Rocky
- Lauren moves to pass her report, seconded by Lucy
- The report passes

Events Report

- Semester 1
 - O-Week party: for next year, question whether we needed an after party
 - Lunchtime sport: turned from soccer to touch, struggling to get numbers
 - JD social drinks
- Semester 2
 - Law ball: increased the budget this year, at the convention centre for 700 people, theme is Prohibition
 - FYO's event
 - Combined event with SJ: SJ Dinner, less of a cost, speaker event, smaller cocktail event
- Lucy moves to pass her report, seconded by Suchara
- The report passes

Social Justice Report

- Law in Action: Cambodia initiative
 - Formal LSS sub committee
 - Budget introduced to contribute to fundraising initiatives
 - Decrease in group size
 - Idea of including an academic aspect
- SJ mentoring program
 - Small group of 10 mentor-mentee partnership
 - Large student (mentee) interest
- LGBTIQ* Issues Panel last week
 - Important discussion that needs to occur annually
- Improvements
 - Mentoring program needs to start a lot earlier
 - Cambodia: more advertising
- Future events
 - Indigenous events in law
 - WIL breakfast with Gillian Triggs
 - SJ careers panel with careers team; reaching out really early
 - SJ dinner with social team
- Sarah moves to pass her report, seconded by Suchara
- The report passes

Item 3 - Constitutional Amendments

ANUSA Affiliation

- Suchara talks about the pros and cons of affiliating with ANUSA

Motion 1 - Dissolution

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as a requirement for affiliation to ANUSA
 - Good for our money to go to other students
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando
- Question: Should we be giving our assets to other law student societies?
 - Hard to arrange as the majority of them are affiliated with the College of Law and aren't entirely student run
- This motion passes
 - For: majority
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 1

Motion 2 - Removal of office bearers by members

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as a requirement for affiliation to ANUSA
 - Also increases democracy and accountability in the society
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando
- This motion passes
 - For: majority

- Against: 0
- Abstaining: 0

Motion 3 - Casual Vacancies

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as making a change to better reflect our current practice
 - Thinks it's more appropriate for the executive to appoint rather than a 30+ person committee
 - Also more appropriate as executive have signed up to take on more responsibilities and directors have not
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando
- Question: simple majority?
 - Julia confirms that the wording is consistent with all executive votes
- This motion passes
 - For: majority
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 0

Motion 4 - Elections

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as tightening up our election requirements and clarifying preferential voting
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando
- This motion passes
 - For: majority
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 0

Motion 5 - Release of Election Results

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as clarifying whether we release exact numerical results from elections
 - Following discussion with committee this outcome to not release exact numerical results publically was decided
 - Can be really challenging/brave to run in a student election and we want to encourage that
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando
- This motion passes
 - For: majority
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 0

Motion 6 - Finances

- Moved by: Julia Faragher
 - Julia speaks to this motion as changing the constitution to reflect our current practice of 3 purchase cards held
- Seconded by: Suchara Fernando

- Discussion: all executive members to have cards / number of signatories on account
 - Nic notes there is room for committee to discuss signatories on account in future
 - Sarah raises the possibility of all executive members holding cards for ease of organising events
 - Rocky questions 3 cards over 2 and asks whether the VPA's is essential
 - Lauren speaks in favour of 3 cards as reimbursement can be tough on a student budget
- This motion passes
 - For: majority
 - Against: 0
 - Abstaining: 3

Close of Meeting - 7:45pm