Vice President Careers AGM Report 2019

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**What we have done so far**

1. *Publications*

**Careers Guide**

* This year’s focus was to provide a more expansive range of career opportunities during and post university by adding in criminal law, international law and family law section
* Reduce the focus on corporate law careers and highlight other opportunities in private law
* Focus not only on working in a specific career but also on how to apply or establish a career in that field
* Focused on firms and organisations which were not included on the last couple of years
* Followed last year’s advice and printed 150 copies

**Clerkship Guide**

* Included completing international clerkships
* Added section about what clerkships are offered and compiled more information available online/ in other resources to provide students a more easily accessible reference
* Altered the student contributions section to focus on working in different practice groups and what firms do in each practice group

**Recommendations**

* Create a limit on the amount of pages (not including firm material) in the guides combined to ensure that printing the guides is not too expensive
* Expand upon the diversity of students included (especially including more international students and JDs)
* Promote the guides online more as printing is increasing in price

1. *Careers Fair*

* The event was organised by ANU Careers, the LSS assisted with promotion of the event
* We had a stall at the event, which predominately involved handing out the Careers Guide and giving some students advice or talking about LSS opportunities
* There was a great student turnout and a wide variety of firms and organisations
* The Guides were handed out very quickly but we also encouraged people to look online
* Recommendations
  + Meet Rachel (from ANU Careers) in December of the year before to plan/ organise ahead
  + Touch base with Rachel every fortnight from when uni starts to ensure it is on track
  + Focus only on promotion of the event
  + Ensure that all our sponsors receive an invite and get a list of firms attending

1. *Clerkship Information Evening*

* This year it was held on Tuesday May 7 at the new Cultural Centre in Kambri
* We had 16 firms in attendance, much more than in previous
* Moving the event to a larger and more convenient venue was a great idea- there was a lot more space and we could accommodate all the firms
* The event was targeted at older year students from the beginning as firms did not want to speak to first years
* We opted to have a ‘grazing table’ instead of canapes and drinks and food service was only run from 6-7pm due to cost. The FYOs made up plates of food and drink and left them on each firm table for firm representatives.
* We had to negotiate a lot with the Cultural Centre and their prescribed caterers to reduce costs and make the event reasonable to run
* We had similar student attendance to last year, our social media was reduced
* The presentations run on time and we removed the intermission based on previous year’s feedback. This made the event run a lot smoother
* Use the theatre bells to move people into the ‘Cinema’ area
* Recommendations
  + Keep the event at the Cultural Centre and use the grazing table
  + If we have more firms attending use more of the foyer
  + Apply to FOCs much earlier for confirmation and get Certificates of Currency earlier
  + Promote on other venues outside of social media- in lectures, more signs etc.

1. *MinterEllison Workshops*

* The annual CV and Cover Letter and Interview Skills Workshops will be held on Tuesday 14 May and 21 May (both will have happened before the AGM)
* It has been difficult to generate a lot of interest due to the close turnaround with Clerkship Information Evening but we are hoping for a positive turnout

1. *ANU Careers Resume ‘Rescue’ Review Sessions*

* A Careers consultant from ANU Careers is running specialist sessions at the Law Foyer, targeted at law students
* This will run from Week 9- 12 and during the semester break (until Clerkship application deadlines) if there is enough interest
* Thus far there has been adequate interest and the sessions were booked up quick
* This predominantly involved coordinating with ANU Careers and promoting on social media
* Recommendations
  + Consider running these at a different times of Semester 1 as it is hard to Clerkship Information Evening, MinterEllison Workshops and this at the same time
  + Meet with David from ANU Careers early in Semester 1 to plan this and the mock interviews

**What is still to happen**

1. *SJ Careers*

* This will be held in the first of Semester 2 to try and increase attendance and promote alternative career options as Semester 1 is largely focused on the Clerkship process

1. *AFEC Networking Event*

* This event had to be moved to the 2nd part of Semester 2 as the speaker (same as used last year Emily Kucukalic) is not available earlier
* We have decided to collaborate with AFEC to reduce costs and increase turnout
* AFEC and the LSS are splitting costs, organisation and promotion equally
* The content will most likely focus on Cross Cultural Networking as many Law and CBE students want to work overseas and these will also be more applicable to international students

1. *Mock Interviews*

* ANU Careers did not have enough capacity to run more mock interviews than last year
* We have decided to use the ANU Careers video interviews service and tailor the questions to law clerkship and graduate interviews
* The first 20 or 30 students will receive feedback on their interviews
* This will be available from week 2-5 of Semester 2

1. *Infographs*

* We will publish the rest of the infographs in Semester 2
* This needs to be discussed in more detail with Bri

1. *Hackathon*

* I have offered David some assistance with organising this in Semester 2

1. *Firm visits*

* Some sponsor firms have suggested they that would like to have firm visits next year
* Planning/ thinking about this should start this year to see if it is possible or make the necessary adjustments for next year