

1. In Review

I would like to thank the 2019 LSS Committee for a fantastic second semester thus far. It's truly been a great start, with really engaging events, workshops and programs.

I am extremely proud of the hard work that everyone has put in throughout the second half of the year. Our first education event of the semester was a huge success, as was our law ball – huge credit must go out to the events team for putting on an absolutely massive and successful law ball event – not to mention the other numerous initiatives that have also run. A notable success over the break was the ANU Championship Moot team at ALSA, who performed spectacularly to come Runners-Up.

Attendance

Meeting attendance continues to be a perennial issue for the LSS more broadly. I really hoped that pizza and (hopefully) more productive discussion at meetings would improve committee attendance. Admittedly, for the most part this year attendance has definitely been improved. But we have started to experience a drop off as of late. I guess this will be an inevitable issue with volunteering roles, but I really would encourage committee to please make it to the final few meetings – we don't have long left at all.

2. Reform

I Elections

A really key reform that I have been looking forward to implementing this year is the transition to appointments for directors. We've identified that engagement amongst the student body has been a real concern around election time. We really hope that this should improve accessibility and student willingness to engage in elections and be an ongoing part of the LSS. Only time will tell, but we have historically seen a huge uptake in people nominating for casual vacancies as opposed to elections, so we are confident that this should get us on the right track.

II General Reform

Most of the other reforms to go through this OGM are to update some section naming and descriptions, which were not sufficiently updated in the past, as well as to update the role of the IPP. This is mainly to account for the change in ALSA to a December council, which will act as a handover council and thus require that the IPP attend.

3. Partnerships

I University Groups

We have continued to maintain productive working relationships with ANUSA, PARSAs, the International Law Society, the Law Reform and Social Justice Group, Law Revue and the Women in Law Organisation.

In particular, we have strengthened the formalities associated with our Law Revue sponsorship, creating an actual sponsorship document. This more effectively sets out the entitlements and obligations to be followed by both sides.

I also have some upcoming meetings with various members of the College of Law to discuss a variety of aspects. A key discussion will be held alongside the ANUSA CoL Reps with Tony Connolly to work on a law school policy for notifying students of Summer and Winter courses more sufficiently in advance.

II Sponsors

We continue to maintain productive and meaningful relationship with our sponsors. This year saw a substantial adjustment to our sponsorship packages. Whilst this ultimately did have some hiccups along the way, it was largely a positive outcome. With my successor, whoever that may be, I will be chatting through some updates that should be made given firm feedback, but on the whole the current options will largely remain the same.

A key initiative that I will discuss further with Thanaya about starting to plan for the Careers portfolio for 2020 is a firm visits program whereby the LSS coordinates one or two trips to Sydney so that students are able to meet and interact with our sponsors in a more meaningful manner than can often be the case at events such as clerkship evening.

III ALSA

The final ALSA council will be in December in Brisbane. As touched upon, this will now be run as a handover council where the President for 2020 and the IPP (me) will go and engage in productive handover discussions. The previous two council sessions have been as incredibly productive, both in terms of the activities and advocacy of the Association itself, and in terms of the lessons we can bring back to the ANU LSS.