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**Australian National University  
Law Students' Society**

**Minutes for Committee Meeting**

*We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on Indigenous land across Australia, and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.*

**Date: 8 October 2023**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**Location: Moot Courts/Zoom**

**Present: Neha, Will C, Lilli, Lachie, Alex, Sejay, Cian, Will T, Bitu, Thu, Nikki, Malika, Charli, Kai, Jess, Ethan, E Wen, Nuha, Nikita, Andries, Piper, Mia B, Michelle, Cici, Kai**

**Absent with Apologies: Aurelia, Sam S, Brianna, Sarah H, Myka**

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

**2. President (Neha)**

**EXEC:**

Regarding law files:

- Cheating?
  - Not in a place to discuss this, not important whether it is or not
- Fair access to files from private colleges?
  - Main thing we should respond to
    - Elitism issue
    - Problem that **people feel need to get the notes – lack of past papers, information, lecture recordings etc**

- Creating a database modeled on the files?
  - Emphasize we already have exam database, novel approach with exam resources
- Use of making response in general?
- **Mentoring programs?** As an alternative approach to making things more equitable
  - First years definitely would, especially if it is marketed
  - Buddy system with groups (ie. first, second, third, fourth)

## COMMITTEE

- Met with Nikki yesterday regarding the **website**
  - Reformatting and updating before our terms end
  - Handover to next year's to continue working on this
  - Lots of old content from 2018 etc
- Meeting w Australian-Singaporean Law Students' Society soon
  - Set up this relationship for next year
- Email from Callum about 'law files' discourse
  - Whether we would respond to anything on this
  - General view from EXEC: attention better spent directing students to resources we already offer, ie. pre-exam databases and resources from last year
  - Not sure on how much we weigh in on misconduct or cheating
  - But we could comment on the issue regarding elitism at ANU
    - That certain colleges have access to resources that others do
- If we put something out, take to next CEC
  - Emphasize clear deficiencies in current approach
  - CoL been reluctant to distributing past papers etc
- EXEC please check sections on website – rewrite briefs to reflect current practice

### **3. Administration (Will C)**

### **4. Careers (Lilli)**

Nothing to report

- Wrapping things up, clerkship season is mostly over for Sydney just Melbourne
- Touching base with firms regarding relationships – looking for feedback for next year
  - Fixing up the handover and getting this ball rolling ASAP

### **5. Competitions (Lachie)**

Email from James Fisher – now approval from CoL to set up Committee

- Similar to CEC for Mooting including LSS, CoL and other interested parties
- Because otherwise only has been one person working on competitions

Competitions roundtable

- Big information dump, especially regarding external competitions
- Possibly arguing for mootings/negotiations as a subject or emphasized in First Years
- Link for Facebook group if done/interested in doing LSS competitions
  - Keeping intake, external competitions get drowned out on normal page

Competitions getting to semis or GFs in respective

- Charli: grand final in around 2 weeks time, communicating with HLG
  - Last semis round on Monday
- Jess: negotiations final on Tuesday

## 6. Education (Alex)

Pre-exam tutorials

- Decent approval from convenors
  - Contracts, international law, legal theory, ComCon, evidence
- Advertised for tutors
  - One we don't have applications for is international law
- Hybrid
  - Was good having crim in person last semester, more questions being asked
  - Make sure questions are getting captured – **get tutor to repeat the questions into microphone**
- Also PAL collaboration – meetings with coordinator and Ron Levy
  - Skills side focus at every session

## 7. Equity (Sejay)

Mostly just organizing autonomous lunched

- CALD turnout was good
- CANNOT have one this weekend as UC have law ball so cannot help organise
- LGBTQIA+ one will be next Sunday
  - Free lunch, legal professionals to network with
- If these turn out well, we can get a sponsor

International students directors:

- Coffee catch up in Week 10, Thursday
- Mentoring program – great feedback from some mentors and mentees

## 8. Events (Cian)

Peppercorn Pub Crawl planned

- Hoping this will be annual
- Thursday of Week 12
- Publishing Qpay and everything tomorrow
- Branding as end of year celebration and new issues launched
- \$5 with generous bar tabs at 2 events

Destress event also hopefully for between week 12 and exams

Juris Director:

- Good turnout for our drinks

## **9. Finance (Will T)**

MYOB accounting issues sorting out

- Interesting statements now that we are ending the year
- Halfway through year expecting 200k and at 190k which is close – good
- Will probably turn a solid profit
  - Account balance can keep growing and organization keep going

## **10. Social Justice (Bita)**

Careers Panel

- Turnout was not great but good considering the bucketing rain that day
- Panelists enjoyed themselves, good and informal participation

Social Justice Celebration dinner next week

- Managed to find 45 people to come
- Put down \$300 bar tab which should work out

Finances are going well – had to move around allocations to pay for differential

- With venue and drinks, was 725 over budget for SJ dinner
  - But we saved a lot of money on the other events so balance has paid off

Women in Law/ANU Law careers panel (18th October)

- Justice Lukass-Carlsson and members of the bar discussing there
- Encouraging all female identifying students to attend
- Good to come and support Women in Law ANU
- Wanting turnout to be better especially before we finish

## **11. Sponsorships (Thu)**

Firms very tired after clerkship work

- Contacting regarding leftover Facebook and Instagram posts to wrap up agreements
- Probably just final clerkship stuff and graduate jobs that are still opening etc
- Noticed that as year goes on after Ball, need membership to go
  - Beneficial for sponsors to pay for later year ads as more engagement

Meeting closed: 6:41pm