

Annual General Meeting Report 2019

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.



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President's Welcome

Having been on the AULSS for three years, I can confidently say that it has significantly shaped my university experience for the better. I have made irreplaceable friendships, worked closely with students across all year levels and had the pleasure of organising and overseeing many successful events and initiatives.



This year as President, I have been proud to represent the interests of over 1,600 Law Students, with all praise to Committee members who have dedicated an exceptional amount of work behind the scenes. The AULSS is a voluntary role and without the altruistic efforts of the Committee, we would not be able to provide the quality and quantity of opportunities for students. I would like to congratulate this year's Executive for their enthusiasm and genuine sense of responsibility for their Portfolios.

Annabel Bramley and her Activities Portfolio coordinated a dazzling Charlie and the ChocoLAWte Factory Law Ball, a polished Pro Vino and continued the Suits & Scrubs collaboration with the Medical School. Erin Mack and her Social Justice Portfolio were tenacious in fundraising for JusticeNet winning the Walk for Justice Shield, and compiled the Volunteer Handbook. Behshid Golshani and her Careers and Sponsorship Portfolio organised a number of excellent publications and careers seminars, and raised the largest amount of financial support the AULSS has received over the past five years. Mitchell Bruncker and his Competitions Portfolio fostered a durable relationship with Kain Lawyers in their facilitation of the Mergers and Acquisitions Competition. Taylor Laverty and his Education Portfolio have maintained a consistently impressive effort being flexible in organising collaborations with the Faculty; which will make these events easier to be sustained in future years. Belal Salih designed a variety of new merchandise which stylish students have been sporting throughout the Law School (and even to Ebenezer Place).

I would like to thank Alison Jones, the immediate past President, for her guidance throughout my term but more importantly, for her unwavering friendship. Thank you to Melissa de Zwart for her continual support of the AULSS. I have been impressed by the relationship the AULSS has with the Faculty, and proud to have had the opportunity to continue to foster this relationship. I would like to make a special



mention to Lex Salus and the Social Justice Subcommittee for their important contributions to Law Students' mental health and wellbeing.

This year I have focused on increased transparency and structural efficiency. With last year's introduction of multiple Officer positions, the President role has involved much more broad oversight and increased lines of communication. I would like to thank the Officers, who have had a burdensome individual role, and risen to the challenge; I hope the introduction of the Communications Portfolio operates to alleviate some of this pressure. In the interests of efficiency, it would be practical to adopt the proposed stricter accountability structure at this year's AGM with both the Communications Portfolio, and the defined reporting structure. I would also like to see the amendments for refinement of the co-option procedure to increase the feasibility of the process.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President this year, and I have been humbled to observe the efforts of all Law Students. I am continually impressed by the calibre of the AULSS events and the strength of character of Committee members and Law Students alike.

I congratulate Belal Salih for being appointed the President for the 2019/2020 term. I'm confident he knows he has my unwavering support throughout his term.

Yours sincerely



Sophia Laparidis
President, AULSS 2019



Outgoing and Incoming AULSS Committee

Position	Outgoing Committee	Incoming Committee
President	Sophia Laparidis	Belal Salih
Vice-President	Chloe Welling*, Belal Salih	Behshid Golshani
Director of Education	Alison Gunning*, Taylor Laverty	Peter Tantalos
Director of Careers and Sponsorship	Behshid Golshani	Isabelle Blacketer
Director of Activities	Annabel Bramley	Rachel Chalmers
Director of Competitions	Mitchell Brunker	NNR
Director of Social Justice	Erin Mack	Elliette Kirkbride
Education Representatives	Peter Tantalos Maddy Terrell Maddie McShane (FYR) Charlton Gunn (FYR)	Oliver Hales Imogen Tonkin
Careers and Sponsorship Representatives	Cloe Jolly Olivia Jay Jasmyn Tran Isabelle Blacketer Astrid Gillam* Maithili Mishra*	Leon Kasperski Anthony Luppino Andrew Baker
Activities Representatives	Rachel Chalmers Chelsea Chieng Chelsea Fernandez	Chelsea Chieng Stephanie Nomikos Isaac Trumble
Competitions Representatives	Rachel Neef Simone Basso Mason Bierlein Nicholas Rich Jana Humzy Theola Lee	Mason Bierlein Nicholas Rich Brooke Washusen Nadeesha Indigahawela
Social Justice Representatives	Sofia Arlotta Georgia Penglis Elliette Kirkbride	Sofia Arlotta Natasha Slater Cecilia Tran-Pham
Mature Age Student Representative	Matthew Cheung	NNR
IT Officer	Sufwan Wahabzada	NNR
Communications Officer	Elana Bartholomeusz	NNR
Equity & Wellbeing Officer	Brooke Washusen	Alexander Arthur
Indigenous Officer	Anthony O'Brien	NNR
Hilarian Editors	Nick Garbas Rory Clark Lachlan Blake Hugo Chapman*	Bianca Tramaglino Hugo Chapman Christiana Michaels

NNR = No Nomination Received FYR = First Year Representative * = Resigned



2019 Committee Meeting Attendance

Committee Members	4/3 Mon	18/3 Mon	8/4 Mon	6/5 Mon	27/5 Mon	5/8 Mon	26/8 Mon	16/9 Mon	Absences
Sophia Laparidis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Chloe Welling	P	P	Resigned						0
Belal Salih			Co-opted	P	P	P	P	P	0
Behshid Golshani	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Cloe Jolly	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Jasmyn Tran	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	1
Olivia Jay	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	1
Astrid Gillam	P	P	P	P	P	P	Resigned		0
Isabelle Blacketer						Co-opted	P	P	0
Maithili Mishra	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Mitchell Brunker	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Simone Basso	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1
Nicolas Rich	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	2
Theola Lee	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	1
Rachel Neef	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	1
Mason Bierlein	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Jana Humzy	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	L	3
Annabel Bramley	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Chelsea Chieng	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	1
Chelsea Fernandez	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	1
Rachel Chalmers	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	1
Alison Gunning	P	P	P	P	Resigned				0
Peter Tantalos	E	P	P	P	U	P	P	P	2
Madison Terrell	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	2
Madeline McShane	Elected	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	1
Charlton Gunn	Elected	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	1



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Erin Mack	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Georgia Penglis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Sofia Arlotta	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	L	2
Elliette Kirkbride	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Matthew Cheung	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Lachlan Blake						Co-opted	P	P	U	1
Nicholas Garbas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1
Rory Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Hugo Chapman	P	P	P	P	P	Resigned				0
Anthony O'Brien	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	U	P	2
Sufwan Wahabzada	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	1
Elana Bartholomeusz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0
Taylor Laverty						Co-opted		P	P	0
Brooke Washusen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0



President's Report

President: Sophia Laparidis

Summary

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the 2018/2019 AULSS Committee this year. I am proud to report on the achievements of the AULSS this year and hope to see these continued and enhanced next year.

I am lucky, and grateful, to have the support of a strong Executive and competent Officers. All Committee members have been extremely willing to help in any regard and have each made working with them personally enjoyable.

Australian Law Students' Association ('ALSA')

This year we celebrated 40 years of ALSA. The focus of ALSA this year has been a shift towards advocacy, particularly on bullying and sexual harassment in the workplace. I have been impressed with the efforts of ALSA already with their focus on advocacy. ALSA has not taken an adversarial role in the past so it is encouraging to have the peak national representative body discussing issues of law students and budding professionals on a larger scale than can be achieved by a Law Students' Society or Association.

We were very successful in the National Competitions for 2019. Our Championship Moot team, comprising of Sam Beer and Henry Materne-Smith, won the ALSA competition. The IHL Moot team comprising of Kellie Elmes and Rachel Chalmers mooted in the Grand Final and were runners up. The Witness Examination competitor, Alexi Economou, reached the Semi Final. The Client Interview team, Nadeesha Indighawela and Leon Kasperski,



reached the Quarter Final. The Negotiations team, Luke Curtale and Hugo Chapman, did not break into the final rounds but achieved 10th place nationally.

I am incredibly proud of all the competitors and impressed by the Championship Moot and IHL Moot delegates who I watched compete in the National Final.

Thank you to Appurva Raaj who attended the Conference as the student judge delegate. Belal Salih and I attended council.

In 2019, the AULSS has attended two ALSA councils. At the ALSA conference this year, after much discussion over many months, ALSA members voted to move ALSA September Council to December. The intention is that outgoing and incoming President will both attend to facilitate the handover process. We are also planning to attend this conference.

Sending two delegates is valuable as council has break-out sessions where the group splits into two or three which means that the AULSS can attend more of these sessions and gain knowledge across more areas.

This year sending a student judge to council became mandatory when sending over a certain number of competitors. Due to the number of competitions the AULSS facilitates, we were obligated to send a student judge. It was beneficial for the judges to improve their judging skills and they can be called upon to judge future AULSS competitions.

February Council this year was in Sydney and July Conference was in Melbourne. Next year's conference is in Perth so this will be an additional financial burden as flights will be much more expensive for all competitors, the student judge and council. This year's ALSA Conference clashed with the University of Adelaide exam time, but thankfully the dates next year will not.

AULSS Textbook Fund

This year we have been focusing heavily on a way to establish an ongoing support for law students. I explored the idea of establishing an AULSS Textbook Fund with James Litt who is the Development Officer, External Relations at the University. We want longevity of the benefit of this fund, and we want it to be practical and something students will use. The most suitable structure is likely to invest into the University Endowment Fund with the interest going towards the Textbook Fund that students can access each year. This will achieve longevity of the initiative.



We have a large amount of money remaining untouched each year in the bank. Belal Salih and I received financial advice on the amount of money the AULSS would be able to invest into an initiative like this. The Executive and I have discussed an investment of \$25,000. The investment would be enough for the return to allow the Textbook Fund to be accessed over both semesters.

The value in this initiative, compared to investing in a library purchase, is that library books cannot be taken into exams and this may be a crucial factor in students purchasing the textbook.

Some requirements I have considered for accessing the Textbook Fund include:

- This fund has been created to provide financial assistance to students purchasing textbooks.
- Students must be able to demonstrate financial need with supporting documentary evidence at the time of application.
- Successful recipients will be selected according to financial need.
- Evidence that they will be purchasing a textbook with the money provided.
- Whether the subject is examinable and open book, therefore purchasing the textbook is necessary for the student to take into the exam.

The administration of the Textbook Fund would need to be by practitioners. Academics may be selling their own books and have a person gain, and Law School staff may know the students personally which would make students embarrassed from applying. Therefore, practitioners would be the best placed to be on the selection committee as they are removed from the Law School but would confidently understand the requirements. The applications could be submitted to the AULSS website, something I have discussed with the IT Officer to discuss the viability of this, and then the applications could be sent to the selection committee. This ensures anonymity and a separation of the applicants from the AULSS as students would not want other students viewing their financial situation.

I will be putting much of my focus, time and effort into establishing this Textbook Fund before my term ends. However, imagine the establishment of this fund may be procedurally slow in which case it may not be completed by the end of my term. Nonetheless, since majority of the conceptual nature of the Fund has been established, I strongly recommend that next year's Executive pursues this initiative as it is worthy for students.

In the past, from 2015 and earlier, the AULSS has considered establishing a grant for a Law related activity and depending on the investment the AULSS is willing to make, this grant may be a viable suggestion. The grant was suggested to be around \$500



which is more than the price of a textbook. The Fund and the grant are then fundamentally different in that the issue becomes much less one of need and becomes more defined by students seeking extra-curricular experiences. These are both valid investments however our primary priority in providing financial help should be supporting students in their coursework. I discussed the Dean's Fund with Sheena Beaven, and students in financial need do regularly access it so I consider that a Textbook Fund will be used by students.

Uniform Clerkship Scheme

The Uniform Clerkship Scheme was run throughout July to September this year. There were six participating firms:

- Johnston Winter & Slattery
- Fisher Jeffries
- Kain Lawyers
- Cowell Clarke
- Thomson Geer
- Norman Waterhouse



The dates were:

- Applications Open: Monday 8 July 9am
- Applications Close: Friday 26 July 5pm
- Interviews Commence: Monday 5 August
- Offers Made: Monday 2 September 9am
- Offers Accepted: Wednesday 4 September 5pm

The other SA Presidents and I organised collaborative promotion for the Uniform Clerkship Scheme as to be consistent across the three Law Schools.

This year Minter Ellison did not join the Uniform Clerkship Scheme in order to meet deadlines for national firms. Demand from firms appeared to be to have the dates organised earlier despite the dates being circulated the same time as in previous years. To meet demand from firms, I would suggest moving the Uniform Clerkship Scheme to the March-April period. The reason we did not confirm dates earlier was because in January, the other SA Presidents and I tried to discuss with the Law Society whether they would facilitate the Uniform Clerkship Scheme. This is the convention in all other states except SA however the Law Society SA were disinterested in the idea.



The primary issue with Presidents organising the Uniform Clerkship Scheme is that the key organisation time which the firms demand, is the period of transition when the AULSS is handing over. To address this issue, I organised a proposal for the Young Lawyers' Committee however, as expected, they were unable to assist in this regard. They are bound by a Terms of Reference in which it is clear that the committee aims "to represent lawyers admitted to practice..." and maintained that the Uniform Clerkship Scheme did not fall within these Terms.

Application of Co-Opt Process

Since last year's reform to both the co-option process and election rules, we have seen increased transparency throughout the process of electing or appointing committee members. While in the past the process surrounding co-option was ambiguous, all casual vacancies this year have been broadly published. This means that the members appointed to this year's committee have been enthusiastic and innovative individuals with a broad range of experiences.

Due to the difficulties involved with co-option having to be undertaken after the incoming Committee's term begins, we are proposing an amendment for the Executive to resolve to shorten the time necessary to keep applications open. This change will increase efficiency in situations where it is necessary while still maintaining transparency and anonymity.

Advocacy

Advocacy in the President's role includes a monthly meeting with the Dean of Law, Professor Melissa de Zwart, reporting on the AULSS to all law school academics at the Law School Board Meetings every two months and sitting on the John Bray Law Student Alumni Network Committee. I will also be sitting on the Academic Programs Committee Student Representative to review course outlines.

The representative for the Legal Practitioners Education and Admissions Council is a rotating position through a different Law School each year. This year, the Flinders Law Students' Association President was the representative, but I was updated on the discussions from these meetings too.



Interfaculty Collaboration

This year we had a discount code for the Adelaide Medical Students' Society's ('AMSS') annual O'Week Skullduggery event. We are also running our Suits & Scrubs collaboration with the AMSS again this year. It has been encouraging to foster interfaculty events and I recommend Suits & Scrubs become established as an annual event. We also attempted to run an AULSS/AMSS intervarsity sports day on the same day as Suits & Scrubs, however this unfortunately lined up with the day of Medical School exams.

I contacted the Adelaide University Engineering Society ('AUES') early in the year and discussed a collaboration but as we are both very busy societies it was too difficult to facilitate. I would suggest attempting a collaborative event with the AUES again next year.

Law Library

Opening Hours

This was a significant issue last year with a student survey circulated. This survey had a positive effect as the opening hours became longer and were set from early in the year. I renegotiated the opening hours for the library during swot vac as it was originally meant to close at 5pm. These were the Law Library opening hours this year:

Weekdays Semester 1, Swot Week and Semester 1 Exams (4Mar-14Apr, 29Apr-6Jul) Semester 2, Swot Week and Semester 2 Exams (29Jul-22Sep, 8Oct- 23Nov)	Weekends during Semester 1 Semester 2 including Swot Week and Exams	Weekends during: Summer Vacation Mid-Semester Break Mid - year Break End of Semester Break End of Year Break
8am – 8pm	Saturday Only 1-5pm	9am – 5pm

The library was closed during the weekends of break periods and on public holidays.

Law Library Client Services

I met with Library Staff to discuss reforms to the space of the Law Library. They seemed receptive to my ideas and were looking to survey and have discussions with students. They wanted to attend a committee meeting and I sent the dates of meetings but this was never pursued by them. It would be good for next year's committee to maintain a relationship as they can revamp the Law Library.



Constitutional Reform

This year on the AULSS we have seen the new Officer roles becoming more well-defined. Our Equity and Wellbeing Officer has taken responsibility for AULSS sports, and the Indigenous Officer has run specific events to promote awareness of Indigenous issues. I hope that these roles continue to become more shaped through reformed structural accountability.

The Communications Portfolio has been a position that I, with constant consultation with the Committee, have been redefining throughout my term. I would like to thank Elana Bartholomeusz who has been very efficient and effective in her role as communications. Centralising AULSS communications is important to build a cohesive media presence.

We are also proposing a multitude of changes to promote inclusivity and understanding, including an Access Plan as a valid apology for Committee Meetings, removing gender requirements from the First Year Representatives.

Other proposed amendments are to achieve procedural efficiency such as for automatic resignations when Committee Members cease being law students.

Emails

The email redirection has always been a problem as they are inconsistent and often fail entirely. This year we have had the @aulss.org server whitelisted by the university so the specific email addresses to individuals, the Committee or the Executive are received immediately. This has relieved a lot of anxiety which has been present in past years regarding very late or missing emails.

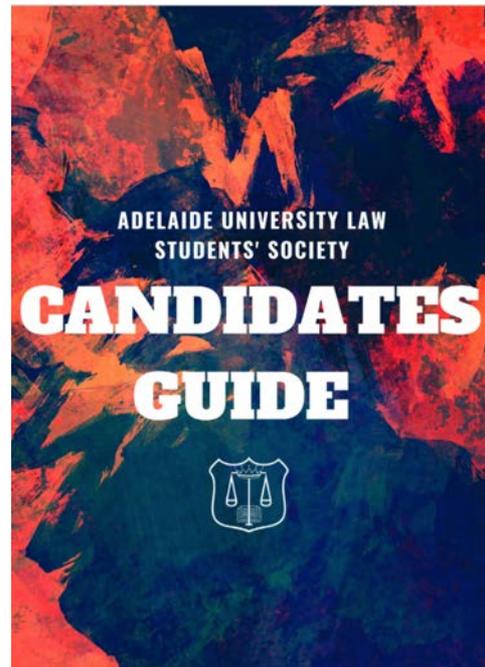
We have also organised individual logins for the Executive emails. At the beginning of the year, this existed only for President's email address. This now means that the Executive can log in and send emails from their respective @aulss.org email address when previously there was only a redirection. This also assists a smoother handover and makes the transition smoother as the incoming Executive can search for past emails from their relevant Executive.

Thank you to Sufwan Wahabzada for facilitating these changes.



Election

Since John Keeler stopped being the AULSS Returning Officer ('RO') we had the immediate past President as the RO last year. This year's immediate past President was unavailable to be the RO due to other commitments. I attempted to find RO who was going to be more consistent, so I spoke to the Adelaide University Union who had suggested someone who had previously been a RO for the University. I also spoke to Gabrielle Golding who was happy to take up the position and has done a fantastic job. I would like to extend my genuine thanks to Gabrielle and to Alex Reilly who acts as the Faculty Advisor for AULSS Elections.



Faculty Relationship

I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Melissa de Zwart who has been a constant support throughout this year. My monthly meetings have been important to continue the strong relationship the AULSS has with the faculty. I would like to thank Professor Dale Stephens, Associate Professor Lorne Neudorf, Mrs Corinne Walding, Ms Justine Dzonsons, Mrs Kerrin Maratos, Mr Alex Jones and all Faculty members for their continued support of the AULSS.

The AULSS does not take for granted how lucky we are to have such a supportive and collaborative Faculty.

Open Day

It was enjoyable to speak with eager potential law students at Open Day. Engaging with these prospective students, as a later-year student helps to give them the practical perspective they are seeking. Belal Salih and I presented 'A Day in the Life of an Adelaide Law Student' lecture and the International Humanitarian Law finalists presented a 'Let's Moot' presentation at the University of Adelaide Open Day.

The 'A Day in the Life of an Adelaide Law Student' lecture was extremely well-attended with people having to stand and prospective students engaged at the end of the presentations with considered questions. It is beneficial for the AULSS to have the



opportunity to engage with high school students as we are best placed to give an accurate description of the law school experience.

The 'Let's Moot' presentation was also well-attended and gave an accurate but simple example of what moots entail. Mooting is specific to Law so it is beneficial for prospective students to see a practical enactment of a moot so they develop a conceptual understanding of mooting. Thank you to Mark Giancaspro for his assistance in the organisation of this moot presentation.

Suggestions for 2020

I have outlined future recommendations throughout my report but there are some aspects which I would like to emphasise.

Uniform Clerkship Scheme

I suggest moving the Uniform Clerkship Scheme to the March-April period which addresses the demand from firms. This time period would give firms more value in attending a Careers Fair at that time and would align with the Eastern States. This means that dates would need to be circulated by the incoming Presidents early in their term in December.

Interfaculty Collaboration

Suits & Scrubs is a fun way to mingle with different students so this would be great to see again with AMSS. It would be great to see a collaboration with the AUES, unfortunately we weren't able to organise it this year, but interfaculty sports have been discussed with them so this is a potential avenue. The Adelaide Business Students' Society and the Arts Students Association would be good options as many students study these double degrees with law.

An AULSS x AMSS x AUES collaboration could be an interesting new initiative!

Jobs Opportunities Pamphlets

We have heavily utilised the Job Opportunities Board this year, this could be taken a step further, such as into updated pamphlets, or a Guide, which could be distributed to students in hard copy throughout the Law School.

Social Media

If the Communications Portfolio is passed at the AGM, some conformity within Portfolios and across Portfolios would refine the image of the AULSS. Elana and I attempted to achieve this by developing the Style Guide which is broken down into



different types of communications from social media to emails and each medium within that. We have also maintained consistency across some of the Careers and Education publications covers respectively.

Conclusion

From picking up a Careers Guide, to wearing AULSS merchandise, to attending Law Ball, I hope the AULSS has improved your 2019 at university in some way.

I would like to thank each and every person who has contributed in any way to the AULSS during this year. I am eternally grateful for the support we have consistently received from Committee members, the Faculty and all Law Students.

This AULSS Committee has been one that I have been proud to lead. During my term I have focused on transparency and structural efficiency and I hope to see these further established by these AGM amendments.

Thank you!



Sophia Laparidis

President

9 October 2019



Vice President's Report

Vice-President: Chloe Welling (resigned April); Belal Salih

Summary

In April, I was appointed to fulfil the role of Vice-President after Chloe's resignation, by going through the AULSS' transparent co-opting process. Being a busy time of the year, especially in preparation for Law Ball, I had to quickly learn the financial and administrative requirements of this role. This included ensuring invoices were being paid on time, sponsorship firms were being invoiced, students were being reimbursed, and minutes of meetings were being recorded. I would like to thank Chloe and Henry Materne-Smith (2017-2018 Vice-President) for helping make this transition as smooth as possible and Sophia Laparidis for her continuous guidance and support through and after the process.

This year, expanding on past financial and administrative processes to help achieve the AULSS's objectives. From the Vice-President's perspective, highlights within the year include an expansion of merchandise and increase in sales, the continuation of Law School Local cards and maintaining the financial and administrative procedures of the AULSS.

Finance and secretarial matters

The Vice-President's role comprises of both treasury as well as secretarial duties. The treasury aspect includes but is not limited to invoicing, payments and record-keeping of bank accounts. Moreover, the secretarial aspect involves but is not limited to meeting administration, minute-taking and liaising with members of the Executive and Committee.

Necessary skills for this role

From my experience I have learned this role must be treated like a part-time job, as most tasks are required to be completed regularly. Attached to this role is an expected time and energy commitment. This will include tasks expected to be done on the Vice-President's own time. Time management is a fundamental skill to ensure the committee runs smoothly. This includes invoices being paid on time, minutes taken in a comprehensive manner, constitutional and legal requirements are being followed



and more. I also found essential accounting and finance knowledge to be very helpful, in regard to the treasury requirements of the Vice-President. This was especially useful when using our accounting software and understanding our GST obligations.

Income statement and balance sheet

The AULSS has reported an unaudited¹ profit for the 2019 financial year² of **\$3,350** (FY18: \$2,255).

The AULSS' unaudited balance sheet as at 30 June 2019 reported net assets of \$130,442 (FY18: \$126,592).

As at 8 October 2019, the AULSS' bank accounts are as follows:

Account:	Balance:
Society Cheque Account (our operating account)	\$28,388.13
Business Online Saver (our interest-bearing account)	\$92,591.26
TOTAL	\$120,979.39

It is important to keep in mind the financial year of the AULSS is the default of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* (SA), which starts on 1 July and ends on 30 June. As such, this covers both the second half of the 2018 Committee's activities and the first half of the 2019 Committee's activities.

Accounting and GST

This year, we continued our ongoing relationship with Accodex and with our accountant, Markus Cirillo. I have communicated with Markus periodically throughout the year when necessary where he has always been very resourceful. The financial reports provided throughout this report were prepared with his valuable assistance.

The AULSS is registered for GST. Accodex has been responsible for assisting us with using Xero (our accounting software), managing our Business Activity Statement lodgements and assisting with GST compliance. Please note that our Income Statement is GST exclusive. GST is shown as a liability on the Balance Sheet.

I am pleased to report the AULSS is up to date with its GST obligations.

¹ As an incorporated association that does not meet the threshold for being a 'prescribed association' under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* (SA), the AULSS is not obliged to have its financial statements audited.

² 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.



Reflections on profit and budgeting

As a student association at a university level, reporting a trading income of **\$199,216** is, in my opinion, very impressive. It is reassuring seeing a net profit is also generated following our numerous operating expenses. Although we are a not-for-profit association, it is nonetheless important to be making a profit in order to sustain the Society's endeavours to be able to provide for the student body.

This year we continued to implement the budgeting process introduced by Henry Materne-Smith. This process requires Directors of each portfolio to plan all events they have for the upcoming semester, by outlining the estimated expenses and income of each initiative. These budgets are then circulated with the rest of Committee and discussed when necessary. The inherent nature of budgeting is its reliance on estimates and forecasts. Keeping this in mind, the intention of these budgets is to give the Executive a better understanding of the profitability of each event, and the impact that would have on the Society's financial position. This promotes the Executive to work together and develop a strong sense of responsibility, as seen throughout the year during various Executive Meetings. I would urge the incoming Executive to continue to utilise and develop this budgeting system.

Responsible financial management

The Society reported a total cash flow of **\$120,979.39**. While this is relatively a significant amount of money for a university society it is important to consider the role of the AULSS and its operating structure. The following passage was extracted from the 2018 Annual Report (page 3), which very well outlines the aspects the Vice-President and Committee should consider when managing the finances of the Society:

- 1. The AULSS operates in an uncertain environment. That is particularly because its most significant income items (Law Ball and Sponsorship) could be highly variable. The AULSS has little ability to control how many students decide to attend Law Ball or how many firms/organisations elect to sponsor us in a given year and it is therefore prudent to maintain an asset 'buffer'.*
- 2. Our asset level gives the AULSS a useful degree of flexibility, particularly when trialling new events which may generate losses or in pursuing social justice, competitions or education opportunities, which are typically loss-making portfolios.*
- 3. The AULSS' assets cannot be distributed to Committee Members or Members except solely in furtherance of the AULSS' objects and only 'as bona fide compensation for expenses incurred on behalf of the Society' (Constitution, clause 5).*
- 4. The AULSS has many safeguards to protect its assets from any potential misuse (many of which were introduced/improved during my tenure), namely:*



- a. *dual signatories (President and Vice-President) for its savings account;*
- b. *predominant use of EFTPOS to avoid cash handling risk;*
- c. *regular cash deposits at the bank so the office does not contain cash;*
- d. *secure storage of any cash temporarily stored in the office;*
- e. *access to the AULSS' accounting software is restricted to the Vice-President and our accounting firm;*
- f. *a cap (\$500) on expenses that the President can approve;*
- g. *all expenses above the \$500 cap must be approved by at least a majority of the Executive;*
- h. *access to the AULSS debit card is restricted to limit the risk of misuse;*
- i. *there are very high levels of transparency, with every single transaction (both income and expenses) being reported to the entire Committee at each Committee Meeting; and*
- j. *clear paper trails for reimbursements, expenses and sales.*

Keeping this in mind, the Executive this year looked into starting a textbook loan scheme. After obtaining financial advice, we found we would have the capacity to create a fund as part of the Adelaide University endowment fund. I recommend the incoming Vice-President take onboard this initiative. There are a few things to consider such as the amount to go into the fund and appointing an appropriate person/s to manage the applications and determine who is eligible to access the fund.

Invoicing

I am pleased to report all sponsorship invoices for the 2019 term have been paid in full. Prior to my appointment, a majority of firms had already been invoiced by Chloe and payments had been received. I did get the chance to work with Behshid Golshani to invoice remaining sponsors and follow up payments. This year, additional firms were invoiced during the second semester.

Meeting agendas, reports and minutes

Following last year's transparency initiatives, Committee Meeting agendas, reports and minutes were posted on the AULSS website. This has proven beneficial as more Members are able to access these documents and engage more with the AULSS. Unfortunately, this was practiced more thoroughly at the beginning of the year. For next year, I would recommend the incoming Vice-President ensure the website is regularly updated by working closely the IT Officer. I would also recommend minutes of General Meetings are sent to the President for signature immediately after they are taken, to reduce any delays.

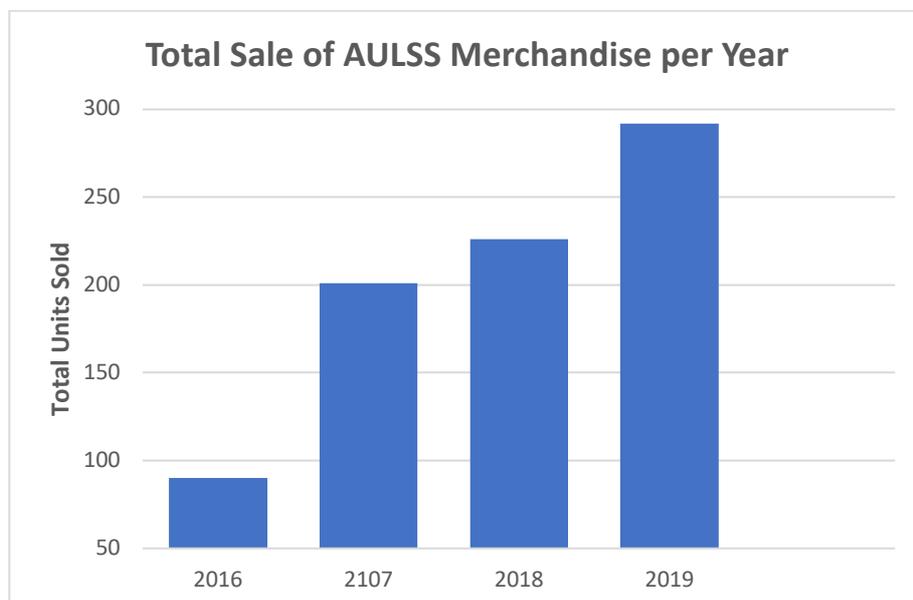


AUSKey

I am pleased to report our AUSKey account to manage aspects of the AULSS' corporate personality on the Australian Business Register and with the Australian Taxation Office is up to date. As this task was mainly completed last year, it was a matter of updating the registered office bearers. As such, the AULSS continues to satisfy its administrative obligations to Consumer and Business Services and relevant Commonwealth bodies.

Merchandise

We saw another successful year with our merchandise in 2019, as we expanded the apparel range to include a crew neck, a hoodie, rugby tops, sweatpants and caps. The expansion of merchandise range was rewarding as we saw the greatest number of sales over the last four AULSS terms! Moreover, the design style of this year's line took a 'minimalistic' approach as shown below. My intention for this was for students to be able to wear something that looks simple, elegant and trendy while still proudly representing our prestigious Law School.



Ordering and distribution method

The process of organising AULSS merchandise essentially followed that of last year's which involved:

1. Finding an appropriate supplier
2. Selecting a design and merchandise
3. Obtaining quotes for these designs and merchandise



4. Selling orders to students via Eventbrite (or other ticketing platform)
5. Ordering excess stock for students who missed out and size exchanges
6. Having set collection dates where students who placed orders scan their tickets and collect their orders

Using this method is rewarding as it effectively mitigates the AULSS's financial risk of making a loss from this initiative. This is because payment is received upfront when students place their orders. Therefore, the only additional expense incurred are the excess stock and any fees arising from the ticketing platform, which will be assumed to be covered if the excess stock is sold and the markup on prices cover the ticketing fees.

This year, I had the pleasure of working with Gurtej and his family from Embroidery Masterz to supply our merchandise. Embroidery Masterz is a family owned South Australian local business who supply to a variety of clients. Working with a local supplier, compared to an interstate or international supplier, comes with many benefits including a much faster turnaround time of approximately 14 days from when the order was placed. I was also able to go in store and see the products and work face to face with the team, to ensure the logo and product quality was all satisfactory. The personal customer service and quality products made this an excellent and memorable experience. I strongly urge the incoming Vice-President to continue our business with Embroidery Masterz!

Crewneck Sweater

Proving great success last year, I adopted the Facebook design competition for this year. The process was the same as last year's where the Executive met to create a shortlist of the submissions made. This was then posted on Facebook where law students would like their preference design. The winning design was the displayed crewneck, receiving a total of 202 out of the 270 likes. The competition is particularly beneficial as it allows for great student engagement. This is reflected through the sales as we sold a total of 113 units, which was the strongest selling item this year.



Hoodies

The navy hoodies continued on the same design layout as the grey crewneck. This allowed for a more uniform design style throughout the merchandise and reinstated the minimalistic theme of this year's apparel. This offered students the option to buy a hoodie while enjoying the design of the crewneck. A total of 48 hoodies were sold, which is less than last year's 115. This can be due to the introduction of a wider range of apparel.



Rugby tops

Taking on board the advice of my predecessor, Henry Materne-Smith, the rugby tops were re-introduced this year. Like last year, the same tow colours were available including a plain navy design and a striped navy and white design. With the overall design being the same as last year's, the logo itself however was the same as the crewneck and hoodies to keep a uniform line of apparel for the year. The striped designed seemed to be more popular as 69 units were sold compared to the plain navy design which 47 units were sold. A common issue we had with this supplier was regarding the striped rugby tops, where the XS was the same size as the S, and on a more general note the rugby sizes being quite generous. This issue can be mitigated by ordering a sample size range to have for students to try before placing their orders.



Sweatpants

The sweatpants were newly introduced this year as an exciting expansion to the traditional AULSS merchandise that has been offered over the years. The sweatpants were slim fitting with a vertical 'AULSS' print on the side followed by our emblem. 7 pairs were ordered through Eventbrite and an additional 3 were sold from the excess stock order. Similar to the rugby's, the sweatpants seemed to be quite generous in size as well.



Caps

The caps were introduced to expand the AULSS merchandise to include accessories. They were offered in a white or navy colour with a total of 5 caps being sold. Unfortunately, no orders were placed on the white colour. While a small excess of 5 caps remain unsold, this is not detrimental as they can be sold throughout the year being one-size-fits-all. Caps or other accessories can also be used as prizes for events organised by the AULSS.



Merchandise finances

Sales	Price	Quantity	Total	\$	\$
Grey Crew Neck	\$45.00	113	\$5,085.00		
Navy Hoodie	\$60.00	48	\$2,880.00		
Rugby Top Navy	\$55.00	47	\$2,585.00		
Rugby Top Striped	\$55.00	69	\$3,795.00		
Trackpants	\$50.00	10	\$500.00		
Caps	\$20.00	5	\$100.00		
Total Sales		292		\$14,945.00	
Expenses	Price	Quantity	Total	\$	\$
Less Grey Crew Neck	\$31.50	116	\$3,654.00		
Less Navy Hoodie	\$44.95	50	\$2,247.50		
Rugby Top Navy	\$42.50	49	\$2,082.50		
Less Rugby Top Striped	\$42.50	70	\$2,975.00		
Less Trackpants	\$44.95	12	\$539.40		
Less Caps	\$9.00	10	\$90.00		
Less Eventbrite Expense	\$517.77	1	\$517.77		
Total Expenses		307		\$12,106.17	
Total Profit/Loss					\$2,838.83

While it was excellent to see we had a great year of merchandise sales, there is always room for improvement and growth. For the incoming Vice-President, I would recommend they begin this process as early as possible, to ensure the apparel arrives in time for the winter so students can make the most of their orders. While the new items sold the least, I would encourage looking into various accessories such as ties and socks, as well apparel such as t-shirts. This is a great opportunity to work with the Committee and engage with the student body. With the introduction of these new expansions, I would recommend selling them at lower prices, by reducing their markups. In order to appeal to more students without compromising their quality. If Eventbrite is used again, or any other ticketing platform, I would recommend including GST within the sale price, to prevent any confusion by students. Lastly, I would recommend a size sample is organised via the supplier, to help provide a tangible size guide of the merchandise.

Law School Local

The Law School Local discount card program was continued again this year. This is a loyalty program which allows card holders to access discounts at various places. We continued our relations with past venues including Beach Burrito and Super California while introducing new venues such as Caffiend Coffee Co. and Colour Cosmetics.



The idea behind this initiative is to build on the Law School's community and create a more inclusive culture by providing Law students with discounts and benefits through their studies. Purchasing a card also automatically pre-register students for Law Ball.

This project is arguably still in its growth stage as it was only introduced in 2017. As such, it seems a 'quality over quantity' approach is best to sustain and expand this initiative. Based on venues' feedback from previous years, feedback suggests it is better to develop a strong relationship with a few venues, rather than a distant connection with lots of venues. This year, purchasing the card was valid at 6 venues, compared to last year's 8. While the price of buying or renewing a card remained at \$5, we did see a decrease in sales from last year. This could be due to less emphasis being placed on advertising the cards and perhaps less engagement with the venues from our behalf.

I would like to thank both our ongoing and new Law School Local partners in 2019:

- **BRKLYN:** 20% discount off the entire menu from Tues-Thurs.
- **Pohkay:** 10% off all menu items.
- **Beach Burrito Glenelg:** \$10 Frozen Margaritas, \$5 Glenelg Gold, \$20 Sangria bottles, 2 for 1 Bounty Shots;
- **Super California:** Friday free entry before 11pm, VIP line, \$5 first pour before 11pm; Saturday free entry before 10pm, half price after 10pm, VIP line;
- **Caffiend Coffee Company:** \$3 small and \$4 large coffees, 10% off all food, \$2 off toasties when purchased with a coffee; and
- **Colour Cosmetica:** \$100 hair and makeup packages.



Should this initiative continue, I would recommend the incoming Vice-President to touch base with all venues and discuss with each one their feedback early on in the year. I would also recommend the Vice-President work with the Communications Officer promote the Law School Local cards more regularly throughout the year. This can be done following an approach taken in previous years of including a poster on the AULSS office, social media posts and a dedicated section in the newsletters.



Lastly, when looking to expand venues, an excellent starting point is the committee as lots of members may have connections with relevant venues.

Suggestions for 2019

In addition to the suggestions made throughout the report, I would suggest the Executive consider proposing a constitutional amendment to separate the Vice-President's treasury and secretarial roles. This can be done by introducing a director of treasury to focus purely on the society's financial matters. This would include paying invoices, managing the bank accounts using our accounting software and working with the Executive to create effective budgets. This will therefore give the Vice-President more time and room to enhance current initiatives such as merchandise sales and Law School Local. Dividing the workload would also ensure all tasks, both financial and administrative are being completed on time.

Conclusion

It has been an honour to be a part of the AULSS as the Vice-President since my co-option in April. I would like to extend my gratitude firstly to Sophia Lapidis for always being very supportive and resourceful throughout her presidency. I would like to also warmly thank the Executive for their amazing work, their dedication and always being available to attend last-minute Executive Meetings. Lastly, I would like to thank the Committee for their commitment and enthusiasm, because without you, the AULSS would not be where it is today. I have gained invaluable knowledge and experience that I am keen to translate during my presidency next year to uphold the integrity of the AULSS and the role it plays in our Law School. Congratulations on another successful year, it has been my upmost pleasure to work with everyone this year.



Belal Salih
Vice-President
8 October 2019



Financial Reports



Profit and Loss

Adelaide University Law Students' Society Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019
Trading Income	
Apparel/Merchandise	6,524
Closing Event	2,007
Interest Income	671
Law Ball	110,598
Law Dinner	7,914
Opening Event	1,144
Other Revenue	706
Pro Vino Ticket Sales	6,019
Pub Crawl/T-shirts	2,853
Quiz Night	4,818
Sales (Other)	6,124
Social Justice (KeepCups)	123
Social Justice Breakfasts	2,336
Sponsorship	47,378
Total Trading Income	199,216
Cost of Sales	
Apparel/Merchandise Expenses	7,575
Total Cost of Sales	7,575
Gross Profit	191,641
Other Income	
LSL Sales	883
Total Other Income	883
Operating Expenses	
Advertising	108
ALSA (Affiliation and Other)	995
ALSA (Competitors)	10,418
ALSA (Conference and Council Delegates)	3,513
AULSS Sports	135
Bank Fees	704
Careers (Various Expenses)	872
Closing Event Expenses	1,204
Competition Expenses	2,340
Consulting & Accounting	1,591
Donations	310
Education (Other)	1,953
General Expenses	942
Gifts	36
Indigenous Officer Expense	71



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Profit and Loss



	2019
Law Ball Expenses	108,006
Law Dinner Expenses	11,026
Mature Age expenses	14
Meeting Expenses	324
Miscellaneous Activities Expenses	12,505
Office Expenses	16
Opening Event Expenses	1,336
Postage	34
President Miscellaneous Expenses	20
Printing – Careers	4,978
Printing – Education	1,655
Printing – Hilarian	1,306
Printing – Other	392
Pro Vino Expense	6,180
Pub Crawl Expenses	3,640
Quiz Night Expenses	5,461
Social Justice (Other)	3,547
Social Justice Breakfast Expenses	1,837
Vice-President Miscellaneous Expenses	506
Website & IT	1,200
Total Operating Expenses	189,174
Net Profit	3,350





Balance Sheet

Adelaide University Law Students' Society Incorporated As at 30 June 2019

30 JUN 2019

Assets	
Bank	
Online Saver	92,374
Society Cheque Account	39,608
Total Bank	131,982
Total Assets	131,982
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	1,540
Total Current Liabilities	1,540
Total Liabilities	1,540
Net Assets	130,442
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	3,350
Historical Adjustment	77,006
Retained Earnings	50,087
Total Equity	130,442



Careers & Sponsorship Portfolio Report

Director: Behshid Golshani

Representatives: Liv Jay, Cloe Jolly, Jasmyn Tran, Izzy Blacketer, Maithili Mishra (resigned September), Astrid Gillam (graduated)

Summary

It has been an honour being the Director of Careers and Sponsorship (C&S) this year. Having come into this role with no previous experience on the AULSS, I consider it a privilege to have gotten this position and to have worked with the Committee this year. More importantly, I have loved working with the C&S Representatives this year and have ended a huge year we have had.

There were some concerns at the beginning of the year due to the delay in the release of the Sponsorship Prospectus but we have finished the year with record-breaking funds.

On the Careers side, we took part in the Triversity Law Fair for the second year in a row and following it we made the decision to part ways with the AAGE and organise our own individual Careers Fair. We also organised a number of Careers Events on different areas of law and with a diverse panel of speakers for each one.

We also published our annual Careers Guide and Clerkship Guide in Semester 1.

This portfolio has been hard work this year, but I am proud of all of our events and initiatives we have organised this year and we hope it has been of value to students as well.



Careers

Triversity Law Fair 2019

Prior to 2018, the AULSS held our own independent Law Careers Fair in Bonython Hall with the assistance of University of Adelaide Careers Services. In 2018, the decision was made to join the AAGE's Triversity Law Fair mainly due to external pressure from the other Universities' law student societies. This decision was made for 2019 due to pressure from the AAGE to sign up early on and I was not co-opted yet. After a decrease in attendance and feedback from students we made the decision to part ways with the AAGE and organise our own independent careers event next year.

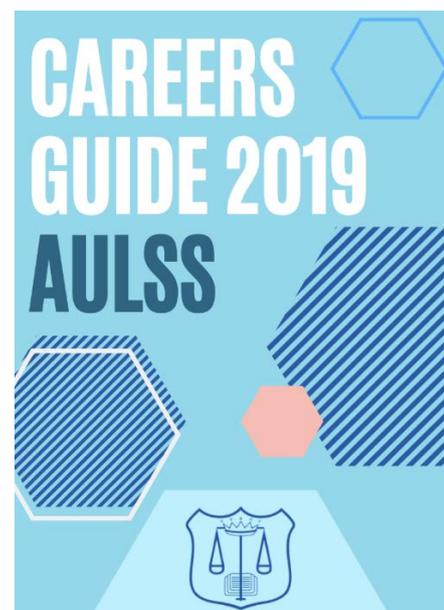


In order to ensure this careers event next year will be in the best interest of firms and students, we have contacted all of our partner firms and sponsors and have organised meetings with those in SA and phone calls with those interstate. These calls and meetings will likely have to continue into December by the 2020 portfolio.

Careers guide

There was a major update to the structure and content of Careers Guide in 2018 so we mostly followed what the 2018 portfolio had done in 2018. Additionally, the Careers Guide was our biggest sponsorship item by attracting sponsorship income from the following 11 firms and GLDP providers: Lipman Karas, Johnson Winter and Slattery, Thomson Geer, King Wood and Mallesons, HWL Ebsworth, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Law Society of South Australia, Cowell Clarke, Leo Cussen Centre for Law and College of Law.

The Careers Guide was promoted on our Instagram stories before its release and another subsequent Instagram story after its release. We printed 250 with plastic cover on front and back and black coil binding. Copies of the Careers Guide which distributed around Ligertwood and also provided at our seminars. The Careers Guide was also advertised



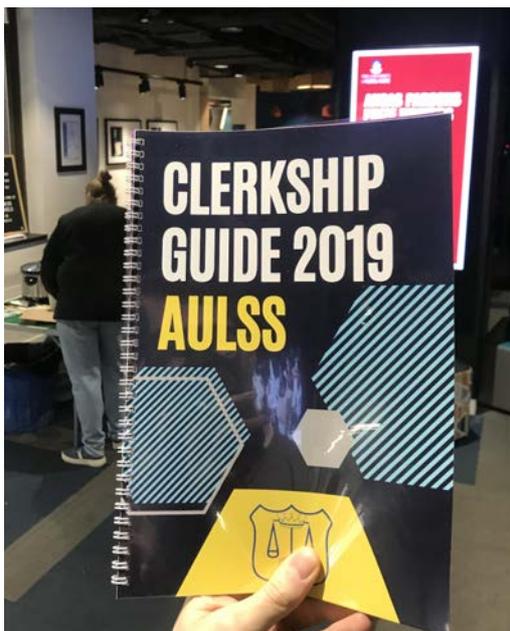
on Facebook and posted on the "Publications" tab on our website. The total cost was \$3,520.

Clerkship Guide

For the second year, the AULSS released a Clerkship Guide. Again we followed the same format and structure as last year with the Addition of a firm Profiles Section. Each firm provided their answer to the following questions and the responses were contained as a profile for that firm:

1. What are the firm's practice areas?
2. What are the key values of your firm?
3. What do you look for in applicants?
4. Who is the contact person for Clerkship and Graduate queries?

The firms that had sponsored for an advertisement had their adverts present in the proceeding or preceding page of their firm, which increases the effectiveness of their



advertisement. The Clerkship Guide attracted sponsorship income the following firms and GDLP providers: Lipman Karas, Finlaysons Lawyers, Allens, Thomson Geer, MinterEllison, King Wood and Mallesons, Herbertsmith Freehills, Gilbert and Tobin, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Clayton Utz, Baker McKenzie, Ashurst, Cowell Clarke, Corrs Chamber Westgarth and College of Law.

The release of this guide was delayed due to delays in design and formatting. This took away from the effectiveness of the Guide and students were not able to take away a lot of value from it as the release was during Swot Vac. We printed 200 copies of the Clerkship Guide with plastic cover on the front and back

and black wire coil binding. The guide was distributed around Ligertwood and in the Law Library. The total cost was \$2,080.

AULSS Careers Seminars

Careers Seminars are a fantastic way for students to learn more about their prospective career path in law by hearing from individuals practicing in that field with



different levels of experience. We organised a number of careers seminars starting from early semester 1 a number of which were sponsored:

- Effective Legal Research Strategies and Methodologies - Lipman Karas
- Mergers and Acquisition Information Session - Kain Lawyers
- Information Session on GDLP - College of Law



Seminar Details:

Title	Speakers	Date	Attendance and Reception
Careers in Government, Public Law and Policy	<p>Timothy Cross, Department of Education</p> <p>Ceit Deane, Department of Public Prosecutions</p> <p>Daniel McCabe, Department of Public Prosecutions</p> <p>Gabi Mitchell, Australian Tax Office</p>	1 May 2019	<i>Approx. 30</i> Normally a popular seminar but due to bad weather and lack of promotion attendance was lower than usual
C&S and Education collaboration: Lipman Karas Effective Legal Research Strategies and Methodology	<p>Elizabeth Carroll-Shaw, Associate at Lipman Karas</p> <p>Lucy Caruana, Associate at Lipman Karas</p>	9 May 2019	<i>Approx. 30</i> This seminar was very popular with 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students)
Ask a Clerk	<p>Liv Jay, clerking experience at Lipman Karas, Fisher Jeffries and MinterEllison</p> <p>Mitchell Bruncker, clerking experience at Johnson Winter and Slattery, Fisher Jeffries and Herbert Smith Freehills</p> <p>Alex Falcinella, clerking experience at MinterEllison, Fisher Jeffries and Crown Solicitor's Office</p>	30 May 2019	<i>Approx. 25</i> Due to lack of promotion and bad weather attendance was lower than usual



	Philip Rocconi, clerking experience at Young Workers' Legal Services, Crown Solicitor's Office and the ACCC		
Mergers and Acquisitions Information Session	Gerry Cawson, Director at Kain Lawyers Alyce Ricciardi - Associate Director at Kain Lawyers Stefan Harris, Lawyer at Kain Lawyers	27 August 2019	<i>Approx. 20</i> Majority of attendees were competitors in the Mergers and Acquisition later that night
Careers in Criminal and Family Law	Sriyani Partridge, Senior Associate at Hume Taylor & Co. Lawyers Leesah Randall, Solicitor at Mangan Ey & Associates Pty Ltd Tanya Wundke, Solicitor, Child Support Unit at Legal Services Commission SA Sarah Graham, Solicitor, Criminal Law Unit at Legal Services Commission SA	29 August 2019	<i>Approx. 35</i> I arrived at an effective promotion strategy which resulted in a strong attendance
All About Associateships	James Keeves, Associate to the Hon Justice Besanko Azaara Perakath, Associate to the Hon Justice Blue Angus Van Balen, Deputy	8 October 2019	<i>Approx. 50</i> It was the first time this seminar was organised. Attendance was high due to lack of resources available on Associateships.



	Associate in the Federal Court of Australia		
Next Steps X AULSS: Women and the Law	Anita Caruso, Property Lawyer at Laity Morrow Karena Millios, Senior In-house Counsel at Elders Kerry Clark, Barrister at Murray Chambers Associate Professor Bernadette Richards Catherine Branson, former judge on the Federal Court of Australia and former President of the Australian Human Rights Commission	15 October 2019	TBC

Next Steps Seminars

Previously, the AULSS had a partnership with Next Steps Seminars Series, run by Joanna Howe and Anna Olijnik. There were only 3 Next Steps seminars held in 2019. Two were about getting experience in Criminal Law and the other was in collaboration with the AULSS which was Women and the Law. Upon contact with the faculty it was announced to us that the faculty was not planning on organising any Next Steps Seminars in semester 1. This was disappointing to us Next Steps Seminars often attract highly experienced speakers which the AULSS would not have the network or resources to organise for. Additionally, students have always found Next Steps Seminars highly valuable.

Sponsorship

The Sponsorship Prospectus was significantly rewritten by the 2018 team so in 2019 we followed the same structure and sponsorships items as the 2018 version. Some of



the prices for the package items available were modified as per the advice of the 2018 Director.

The release of the Prospectus was delayed by approximately one month due to the delay in my co-option into the committee.

However, the Prospectus was sent out to approximately 100 firms in mid January including law firms in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne, Professional Services firms such as banks, accounting firms and management consulting firms and GDLP providers. A number of applicable firms had changed their contact person, so significant effort went into finding a new contact person wither by internet search or calling the firm and inquiring about the appropriate contact person.

Despite the expectations going into 2019 of low sponsorship income, I am proud to say that the 2019 C&S portfolio had the record-breaking sponsorship income at least in the last 5 years. This would not have been possible without the admirable efforts of the C&S Representatives.

The total amount of sponsorship income during the 2018/19 term was **\$50,328 including GST or \$45,753 excluding GST (figure updated Thursday 10 October 2019)**.

The AULSS would like to sincerely thank our generous 24 sponsors in 2019: Lipman Karas, Johnson Winter and Slattery, Finlayson Lawyers, Allens, Thomson Geer, MinterEllison, Australian Government Solicitor, Piper Alderman, King Wood & Mallesons, Herbert Smith Freehills, Gilbert and Tobin, HWL Ebsworth, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Clayton Utz, Ashurst, Baker McKenzie, Cowell Clarke, Corrs Chamber Westgarth, Kain Lawyers, The AAGE (through the Triversity Law Fair) Boston Consulting Group, College of Law, The Law Society of South Australia and the Leo Cussen Centre for Law.

Suggestions for 2020

Careers Fair 2020

I would certainly recommend the 2019/20 portfolio to get in contact with firms as early as possible to discuss possible ideas for the event to arrive at a final decision about it format as soon as possible. This will direct the sponsorship income and plans for semester 1 2020 much easier. Through the discussion the C&S portfolio has had with firms this year, it seems that an afternoon event the night before the AAGE's Law Fair is the most attractive option as it would allow us to host interstate firms as well. This would help our relationship with firms, as well as providing our students with a well-rounded event on their potential employers.



Sponsorship Prospectus 2020

I would recommend expanding the 2020 Sponsorship Prospectus to include more sponsorship items. Some of these items may be resource heavy but such items do not have to be followed through in 2020 in the event that no firm is interested in sponsoring them:

- Commercial Law Breakfast Series
- Mentorship Program
- More Social Justice items
- Specific student seminars marketed to firms with a focus on that certain area of law
- More casual networking events

Next Steps Seminar Series

I would recommend the 2019/20 C&S portfolio to get in touch with Either Joanna Howe or Anna Olijnyk to inquire about their plans for the Next steps Seminar Series as early as possible in the academic year. It would be good for the AULSS to then plan our seminars around the Seminar Series. If the Faculty is planning to not run the Next Steps Series again, I would recommend the 2019/20 portfolio to look at the 2018 AGM report and organise the few most popular Next Steps Seminar themselves.

Additionally, Joanna and Anna have both been amazing with helping us plan these seminars and putting us in contact with potential speakers. Therefore it would be good to maintain communications with them.

Targeted Careers Events

There was a gap in 2019 in careers seminars targeted at 2nd and 3rd years students. A number of firms have also expressed to us that they would be interested in alternative ways of getting in contact with students earlier on. Such events would provide earlier year students with insight into the law and legal practice which means they would be better prepared in their 4th year when most students seek Clerkships and Internships.

Conclusion

I wanted to give a special thank you to the following people on the Committee. The amazing results we achieved would not be possible without the help and support from them:

- **The amazing careers and sponsorship representatives Liv, Cloe, Jas, Izzy, Maithili and Astrid.** Nothing would have been possible without your hard



work and lasting support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working alongside you.

- **Sophia** for always providing her guidance in navigating our portfolio and for her personal support throughout the year.
- **The Executive** for helping me produce the Careers Guide and Clerkship Guide.
- **Elana** for her beautiful and meticulous work on social media and graphic design. Even though most times little to no notice was given to her.
- **Sufwan** for designing the Careers and Clerkship Guide and upkeeping with website postings.

A final thank you to the AULSS 2019 Committee for their assistance with promotion, organisation and attendance of our events. It was very much appreciated.

We have been able to build on the strong foundation that the 2018 portfolio set for us. Hopefully the portfolio next year is able to further develop our initiatives and achieve even better results.



Behshid Golshani

Director of Careers and Sponsorship

10 October 2019



Activities Portfolio Report

Director: Annabel Bramley

Representatives: Rachel Chalmers, Chelsea Chieng, Chelsea Fernandez

Summary

Fulfilling the role of the 2018-2019 Director of Activities has been an incredibly challenging yet rewarding experience. I have had the privilege to work alongside three other incredible women, my representatives Rachel Chalmers, Chelsea Chieng and Chelsea Fernandez, who have not only helped to uphold the incredibly high standard of social events that the AULSS runs, but have also provided a significant amount of support to both myself and the rest of the committee. I wish to extend particular gratitude to Chelsea Chieng, who offered her photography services to us whenever required (free of charge I might add) and also to Sophia Laparidis who, as the 2017-2018 Director of Activities, guided me through the diverse range of experiences that this position incurs.

Fourteen events will have been held by the Activities Portfolio at the end of 2019. This will have included long-standing celebrations such as the Law Ball, Law Dinner and Pub Crawl, as well as newer events brought in last year such as three free year-level specific catchups, the Pro Vino wine tour in McLaren Vale, a Suits & Scrubs collaborative party with the Adelaide Medical Students' Society (AMSS), and an alcohol-free summer event.

The agreed upon goal for the Activities Portfolio for 2019 was to deliver quality, worthwhile events to our cohort at an accessible price relative to the student budget. On reflection, I am positive that this has been achieved to the best of our ability. We maintained the accessibility policy established in 2018, ensuring students with mobility impairments were able to attend our events. A cheaper, non-alcoholic ticket was also offered again to students for Law Dinner. Further, we were able to keep the Pro Vino ticket at same price as in 2018 while adding an additional stop and a multitude of extras.

I look forward to seeing a new Portfolio form for the 2019-2020 term. I would like to congratulate the representatives who will be elected in due course, as well as Rachel Chalmers who will be taking on the role of Activities Director. I am incredibly proud of all Rachel has achieved this year in her representative position and am confident that whatever direction she decides to take the Portfolio in next year, she will ensure that students remain our number one priority.



1. Year Level Drinks

Second-Year Drinks

Date: 07/03/2019

Venue: The Havelock Hotel

Cost: Free

Held on the Thursday of Week 1, Second Year drinks kicked off the year of events for the Activities Portfolio. Having recognised that this particular cohort were very engaged as First Years, we wanted to ensure that this engagement was sustained into their following year of study. Additionally, we wanted to provide a space (as with all of our other Year Level Drinks) where students could develop relations with those who they might not already be orientated with.

In an attempt to increase turn out at Year Level Drinks, we offered a \$500 bar tab on the night which could be used on house wines, tap beers and ciders and base spirits.

While we did have a decent turn out at this event, it was evident that the group of students who attended were all from one friendship group and thus, we did not really achieve our goal of welcoming a broad range of students into their Second Year of Law. However, the Havelock Hotel were great, and I would definitely recommend them to be used as a venue in the future.

Fifth-Year Drinks

Date: 08/03/2019

Venue: The Parkside Hotel

Cost: Free

This event was held the day after Second Year drinks and was run with the same intention, but for the Fifth Years. The event was well-received by students online and thus, we anticipated decent attendance. However, a mere 8 students attended (including myself and Sophia). This was very unfortunate considering the Parkside Hotel had reserved off a large area for us and provided additional staff on the night to help cater for us.



Third- & Fourth-Year Drinks

Date: 14/03/2019

Venue: Harry's Bar on Grenfell

Cost: Free

A week on from Second-Year Drinks, Third- & Fourth-Year Drinks were held at Harry's Bar on Grenfell. This was a good central location (just a short walk from University) and luckily, was attended by a few more people than Fifth-Year Drinks. Yet in respect of the event combining two year levels, attendance was poor.

Given the turnout at all of these events I would advise the 2020 Activities Portfolio to seriously consider whether running these events are beneficial to the student body. While I am aware that poor attendance at these events may have been isolated to this year specifically, it is important for the future of the Activities Portfolio that the AULSS has a good reputation amongst local businesses. There is potential for this reputation to be strained when venues go out of their way to cater for events (providing additional staff, excluding the public from specific areas, offering special prices) that end up hindering their business. I would not want to see a situation where the AULSS was turned away from hosting an event at a venue because of previous failure to deliver a successful event.

2. Opening Party

Date: 22/03/2019

Venue: West Oak Hotel

Cost: \$15

We opted to host our official opening event at the West Oak Hotel given its popularity in previous years. The West Oak were very approachable and are generally a great venue to work with. However, we were required to pay for their photographer and provide a DJ at our own expense which hasn't occurred in prior engagements.

Although the turnout was small in comparison to the large numbers seen at the 2017 and 2018 Opening Party's, the attendance of 165 students was still such that we considered the event successful. Everyone adhered to the 'Seeing Red' theme well which made the group easily identifiable and encouraged people to interact with those they'd never met before. It was lovely to see a large group of First Years in attendance and ended up being a really enjoyable event.

I would perhaps invite the 2020 Portfolio to reconsider the nature of this event given its clashes with the range of external events occurring during 'Mad March'.



In addition, it was likely to our detriment that a ticketed event was hosted at a location that is otherwise free for people to enter. Although a specific area was sectioned off for guests, drink specials were arranged and expenses were incurred by the Portfolio, this is unfortunately not generally taken into consideration by students who are primarily looking for the lowest-costing option possible.

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3. Pro Vino

Date: 13/04/2019

Venue: Coriole Vineyards & Leconfield Wines

Cost: \$70

The Pro Vino wine tour was established by the 2018 Activities Portfolio in order for the AULSS to run an event of a comparable nature to Law Ball in Semester Two. Although the event received fairly good attention in the Semester Two slot, we decided to move it to Semester One for 2019 in order to increase engagement and the likelihood of running the event in sunnier weather.

Not only was this change made, but we also decided to beef up the event, adding an additional location and a myriad of extras for students in order to make the event more worthwhile. This was a major concern of ours given the cost of the event for students who would also potentially be paying for tickets to our other Semester One events.



Three busses collected 115 students from Victoria Drive (out the back of the University) and delivered them to the first location, Coriole Vineyards. On arrival, guests were given the option of 5 different tastings (included in the ticket price) and were otherwise free to explore the venue. A couple of attendees kindly donated their speakers so that music could be played during the hour that we were there.

Overall, Coriole were a good venue to work with. However, as we arrived there late (due to waiting for late students), our tastings were cut shorter than they otherwise would've been. I would recommend that for next year's tour the arrival time at Victoria Drive be made earlier to compensate for late arrivals.

Following Coriole, the buses drove guests to Leconfield Wines. This is where Pro Vino was held last year, and it was wonderful to return to the venue. Two glasses of bubbly were offered to guests on arrival and two food trucks were stationed so that food could be purchased. I would particularly like to recommend the 'Staazi and Co' Greek Vegan food truck that was there as they were a huge hit. A variety of large outdoor games were also made available for guests to entertain themselves with.

Our resident DJ Alasdair was used instead of the live band who were present last year. This was a big money-saving option and having spoken with those who attended both year's events, I don't believe the lack of live music was a concern at all.

At 4:30pm guests again boarded the bus for the trip home. We allowed attendees the option to be dropped off either at Victoria Drive as they were picked up in the morning, or to attend our afterparty at the Havelock Hotel (who provided drink specials and a sectioned off area for guests).

Overall, Pro Vino received wonderful reception – we had students asking for a similar event to be run again in Semester Two. I am confident that moving the event to Semester One was the right choice. I would note for next years' Activities Portfolio to be weary of lost property as neither the bus company nor either winery was able to locate the requests we received for missing items. I would also suggest that whoever is in charge of this event remains incredibly switched on in respect to the details we require of the wineries (as Rachel had to do a tremendous amount of reminding, following up and negotiating because the wineries were so busy and forgot a few of our requests).



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4. Pub Crawl

Date: 17/05/2019

Venue: Multiple Locations

Cost: \$25

The theme of this year's Pub Crawl was 'Eggshell Skull' and was designed by student, Denali Wright. 8 locations were 'crawled' to this year, offering a range of different drink and entry specials. Chelsea Fernandez ensured that venues were secured early and thus, the event was fairly easily organised.

146 students attended the event which was unfortunately not enough to break even. This was most likely due to the Federal Election being the following morning as well as the addition of Pro Vino into Semester One and Law Ball being only a couple of weeks away. Although the event was enjoyed by those who attended, I would advise next years' Portfolio to reconsider whether a Pub Crawl is still a sought-after event. If the Portfolio do choose to continue this event, I would strongly encourage them to move it to Semester Two so that students do not feel financially burdened by attending so many events in Semester One.



5. Law Ball

Date: 01/06/2019

Venue: Adelaide Oval

Cost: Prices starting from \$101.50

I am incredibly proud to say that the AULSS Law Ball remains the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, this year attracting over 1080 students to the William Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval. I would like to thank the committee who volunteered half an hour of their time on the night to help wristband and scan-in attendees. The night simply is unable to run without this help.

The theme of this years' ball was 'Charlie and the ChocoLAWte Factory'. This allowed for a myriad of amusing puns on our Facebook event and impressive decorations, again provided by the team at Bliss Events. Our poster designer, Adam Porplyzia, did an incredible job on setting the feel of the event, providing both a professional poster and Facebook Event banner all within an adobe document that could be manipulated for other uses.

As per usual, tickets sold incredibly well, with the first round selling out in under a minute. Because there were still pre-registered law students without tickets after round one, round two was modified so those students were guaranteed tickets. The Hilarian also ran a competition which awarded its winner a free ticket – another creative way to increase engagement surrounding Law Ball.

On recommendation from last years' Portfolio, we reduced the number of awards and attempted to hold speeches at an earlier time. While the reduced number of awards did help to keep guests engaged, speeches didn't end up occurring all that much earlier as guests were still arriving during the time we had planned to hold them.

Engagement with guests on our Facebook Event was thorough and regular. I ensured posts were delivered every other day so that attendees remained up to date with information. I also decided to post the canape selections in the event this year with a dietary key next to each item so that guests knew what they were able to consume on the night. This meant that we weren't undated with messages asking about this.

Again, the 'Law Ball Preparation' Instagram competition was run, with its winner, Celina Le being awarded a free night's accommodation at the InterContinental Adelaide. The Best Dressed Female received a gift voucher to popular clothing store, The Birdcage Boutique, and the Best Dressed Male received a suit, vest and tie, generously donated by Peter Shearer. I would absolutely recommend working with Peter Shearer again as they were very enthusiastic about engaging with our guests.



Hentley Farm, One Rundle Trading Co and ORTC Man also kindly donated prizes for the winners of our 'Before, During and After Law Ball' Instagram competition. The InterContinental Adelaide also offered a discounted room rate for those wishing to stay in accommodation for the night.

The event ran smoothly for the most part. Adelaide Oval were great in again providing a cloak room and allowing us to project a code on their T.V screens which could be scanned using a mobile phone for guests to use a unique Snapchat filter.

Security was increased this year on the basis of the function staffs' risk assessment done at the end of last year. While I absolutely understand and implore the need for safety at an event of this scale, I was disappointed with the heavy-handedness and attitudes of some members of this section of staff. Having spoken with the function staff in the days following, they have assured me that this will be rectified if the ball returns to the oval in 2020.

Law Ball definitely remains the most coveted event in the AULSS social calendar. I would recommend next years' Portfolio begin planning for this event as soon as possible to ensure its highly regarded reputation is upheld. I have been in contact about securing Adelaide Oval as a venue for 2020 however, am still waiting on a date to be confirmed.



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6. End of Exams Party

Date: 05/07/2019

Venue: Uni Bar

Cost: Free

The newly renovated Uni Bar was an excellent location to host the End of Exams Party. The staff were incredibly accommodating, offering appealing drink specials and letting us have the entire space to ourselves for the whole night free of charge (which is unheard of for a Friday night in hospitality). 70 drink cards were purchased to give to the first 70 attendees. This worked well as a good amount of people came early on and the event was well attended given the time of the year. An added bonus of hosting the event at the Uni Bar was that they provided a great DJ, and guests were able to utilise the pool tables and other games to amuse themselves. Given the size of the space, this would be a great location to host a big collaborative event. An attempt was made to do so with the AUES (Adelaide University Engineering Society) but unfortunately, they were unable to make room in their schedule.

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7. Back to School Party

Date: 02/08/2019

Venue: Distill

Cost: Free

There was considerable doubt that this event would occur in its lead up, as try as she may, Chelsea Fernandez could simply not get a response from any of the venues she contacted about hosting us. Fortunately, however, after considerable follow-up Distill were able to accommodate us in their downstairs area (they did offer us the use of their private upstairs location, however a considerable fee would've been charged to do so). To our surprise (given the turn out at previous smaller events), attendance at this event was fantastic. While this could partially be explained by the 70 free drink cards that were offered to the first 70 students through the door, we believe that it was more so that people had had enough of a break since Semester One events and were ready to re-connect with their peers. An added bonus was that because the turnout was great, Distill opened up their upstairs room for us anyway and thus, we got an otherwise exclusive room for free! As long as the person overseeing the event is able to continually follow-up with management, I would recommend Distill as a venue.

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8. Quiz Night

Date: 16/08/2019

Venue: Carrington Street Function Centre

Cost: \$25

The theme of this years' Quiz Night was 'Music Icons'. As with last year's theme, this allowed students to come either in a group or alone (meaning everyone could be included on a table).

Because I was unable to attend due to a wedding, I chose to write the quiz. While this was a far larger job than anticipated, it saved us a considerable amount of money given we didn't have to pay for the Quiz Meisters who ran the event in 2018. I would definitely recommend doing this again in 2020, although I would suggest doing so well in advance so that whoever writes the quiz doesn't have to put their study at jeopardy. In addition to writing the quiz myself, Chelsea and I organised 6 students who were attending the event to each host a round which I believe worked well (giving the event a more home-grown feel!).

The Carrington Function Centre were again very accommodating to our needs, providing spirits, wine and beer at \$4 (with the remaining \$4 subsidised by us) and allowing guest to bring their own food to feast on. To avoid the issue that occurred with the speakers in 2018, we opted to hire speakers from JP Light and Sound. Although these were an expense it meant that everyone was able to hear the quiz questions from start to finish.

A \$50 Coles/Myer voucher was awarded to the Best Dressed Male and Female with the Best Dressed Table receiving an \$100 Betty's Burgers Voucher. 24 bottles of Hentley Farm wine and 6 bags of Haighs Chocolates were also purchased to be awarded to the tables who came first, second and third in the quiz. Finally, a wooden spoon was given to the table who received the lowest score.

132 tickets were sold which meant there was 13 tables of 10 (with a couple of extras on two tables). While this was less tables than last year, the event was still thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. I would also like to commend Chelsea on organising this event a week earlier than was planned for.



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9. Triversity Law Dinner

Date: 20/09/2019

Venue: Stamford Plaza

Cost: Alcoholic Ticket \$93, Non-Alcoholic Ticket \$81

First, I would like to thank the Law Society of South Australia for sponsoring this event and Desiree Holland for organising our insightful speaker, His Honour Judge Anthony Rossi of the District Court.

Second, I would like to thank the Flinders University Law Students Association and the University of South Australia Law Students Association for accepting our invitation to join in hosting this event. I truly believe that offering triversity social events to students is an exceptional way of mimicking the realities of networking after university.

The Stamford Plaza on North Terrace was the chosen location for this event. This was due to the fact that most other venues within the CBD were requesting minimum spends of \$15 000 – an exorbitant request in respect of a student-run event. Nevertheless, the Stamford were a wonderful location. We were hosted in the Crystal Ballroom which overlooked North Terrace which was visually stunning. Jennifer and Emily were great event managers and I would definitely recommend working with them again next year.



Students were able to purchase either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic ticket under their relevant institution (i.e. 'Adelaide University Alcoholic ticket', 'Flinders University Non-alcoholic ticket'. This allowed those who do not drink a cheaper ticket option which was well-received. Alcoholic ticket purchasers were given a gold wristband and Non-alcoholic ticket purchasers were given a silver wristband on the night so that the bar staff could distinguish guests. The beverage package ran for 4 hours. In hindsight this should have been extended to 5 hours as guests partied on all night. However, this would have also meant an increase in cost so taking everything into consideration I don't think this was too bad (guests were able to purchase drinks after the package ran out).

To avoid the issue that occurred with seating arrangements in 2018, attendees were emailed a Google Doc to add their names to a specific table. This worked quite well. However, I would suggest that a close eye is kept on the document to make sure people aren't simply adding names without purchasing a ticket.

Tables of 10 were waited upon with a two-course meal. For entrée, cider braised pork belly with roasted beetroot, caramelised apple and celery remoulade was served. For main, guests ate grilled Coonawarra beef tenderloin with truffled potato gratin, butter poached baby carrots, porcini mushroom jus and parmesan chards. Dietary requirements were accommodated accordingly (the Stamford were also not phased by last minute requests which was a plus). A dessert table was supplied by Cherry Darling's Bakehouse which included an array of delicious slices. The Stamford opened up a specific room for these to be displayed in which looked very sophisticated. Other elements of the night included a DJ, photographer, photobooth, light and sound system and balloons as centrepieces and floor decorations.

Although this event was incredibly enjoyable, unfortunately it made a big loss. The Stamford required the final contract with the number of food and beverage packages to be signed 10 days prior to the event. Tickets to this event were only made available 14 days prior to the event to avoid overlap with the numerous other AULSS events occurring during this time. Thus, an estimate of 130 guests was made (and signed off on) on the basis of 90 Adelaide University Students (94 attended last year's dinner), and 20 students each from Flinders and the University of South Australia. Yet only 74 tickets were sold. While I believe this was again partially to do with this specific cohort's level of engagement, I would recommend that next year's Portfolio ensure further effort is made to advertise the event across all three universities.



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10. Suits & Scrubs Party

Date: 11/10/2019

Venue: Super California

Cost: \$10

Returning for another year, the Suits & Scrubs party (in collaboration with the AMSS) will see students dressing up in either their suits or scrubs and dancing for a cause – with a proportion of the ticket sales being donated to ShineSA; who promote positive sexual health, wellbeing and relationship services throughout the South Australian community. Ticket holders will receive a free drink card on arrival at the venue (Super California) as well as exclusive access to the club between 9-11pm. Free and express entry will be offered all night otherwise. In addition to the usual drink specials (\$6 base spirits, beers and cider), a special edition cocktail and cocktail shot will be offered, from which a proportion of the sales will also be donated to ShineSA.

It would be great if this event could return again in 2020 as it has been a pleasure to work with the AMSS over the past two years. I would love to see a long-standing relationship with the AMSS be established. I would highly encourage next year's Activities Portfolio to explore additional collaborations with other student societies as it is a great way to get a diverse range of students mingling.

At the time of writing this report, 135 tickets have been sold. Hopefully this number increases by the end of the week (which is when the event is being held).



11. Summer Alcohol-Free Event

Date: 30/10/2019

Venue: Ligertwood Courtyard

Cost: Free

Mental health is a subject that has always been very close to my heart. Thus, I am elated that my Portfolio is able to offer an avenue for students to unwind and relieve some stress during the final weeks of Semester Two. This event will take place during the day in the Ligertwood Courtyard which will hopefully encourage attendance from those who are not necessarily able to come to our evening events. We hope to either provide the Mini Golf course that was present last year (as this was hugely successful) or offer some giant yard games (such as chess, checkers or Jenga) that were also very popular at Pro Vino. There was the option to run this event during Mental Health Awareness Week in Week 9. However, considering all the other wonderful events being put on by the other Portfolios and Lex Salus during this time, I decided that it would be more effective (and hopefully beneficial to students) to run this activity at a later date.

12. Closing Party

Date: 22/11/2019

Venue: TBD

Cost: TBD

This event is currently being worked on by the Portfolio. As an annual event, and the final event of the year, we hope it garners good attendance. We are looking to host it at Loverboy, one of Adelaide's newest club venues. This will hopefully make it a fun and unique experience for students.

Suggestions for 2020

In 2019 the Activities Portfolio had real focus on inclusivity and accessibility. I would implore next year's Portfolio to continue under this focus. Evidently, inflation and student engagement were an issue this year. I hope to work closely with Rachel in the summer holidays on some strategies to help avoid this for her Portfolio in 2020.

For example, a possibility is to entirely recalibrate the beginning of Semester One, such that Pro Vino – which I hypothesise will grow exponentially in its popularity over the next few years - would become the first official event in the AULSS social calendar. This would provide a stark contrast to the other external events - Fringe Festival, RCC and Womad for example - that occur during the period that Opening Party is traditionally held (which may be a reason why attendance was low this year).



Otherwise, I propose that the Pub Crawl (if offered in 2020) be moved to Semester Two as having Pro Vino, Pub Crawl and Law Ball (amongst the other smaller events) in Semester One was quite cramped and may have been counterproductive to ticket sales.

Additionally, I would encourage the 2020 Portfolio to engage with the other student societies as soon as possible (perhaps during the summer holidays) so that collaborative events can be established early on and thus, worked on prior to the beginning of Semester One. I believe the reason that the suggested increase in collaborative events in the 2018 AGM report was not followed through for this reason. I think a light-hearted sports day or bowls tournament would be great avenue for collaboration with another student society.

Crucial to our success this year was having the vast majority of the Semester One events organised during the summer holidays. In hindsight, it would have been incredibly beneficial to have also organised a large proportion of the Semester Two events during this time too. I don't doubt that this would be a huge effort, however I would strongly suggest that this is done next year. Activities is a Portfolio where something is always happening and the least amount of additional work that has to be endured by the Director and Representatives during the academic period, the better.

Conclusion

Albeit an incredibly stressful, time-intensive and challenging year, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Director of Activities for the AULSS. This role has not expanded my knowledge in a myriad of areas involving event-organisation, but also forced me to develop a range of skills I truly don't believe could have been acquired through my normal University education. I am delighted to have formed so many new friendships through being on the AULSS and am so excited to watch those who are continuing on next year thrive in their new positions. Again, I would like to thank my wonderful Representatives, the Executive (golly, what a year!), and the rest of the committee for making 2019 absolutely unforgettable.



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Director of Activities

8 October 2019



Competitions Portfolio Report

Director: Mitchell Brunker

Representatives: Rachel Neef, Simone Basso, Mason Bierlein, Nicolas Rich, Jana Humzy, Theola Lee

Summary

'Competition is great. And as long as it's friendly and not a malicious thing, then I think it's cool.'

- Janet Jackson

Preparation for the Year

Unlike in previous years, due to the late co-option of myself and the even later co-option of the Competitions Portfolio, preparation for the year ahead began in February. At that time, the Competitions Portfolio began contacting judges for each of the Semester One competitions. We encountered the usual problems that arise when contacting judges every year: lack of response; inability or unwillingness to commit to the dates we need; or not having up to date contact information. In particular this year we suffered from a lack of judges available or willing to volunteer for Client Interviewing. I would recommend to the incoming Director that contact be maintained with previous winners of the competition, and that efforts to find judges begin earlier for Client Interviewing.

One of the key resources for the Competitions Portfolio is the ALSA Problem Bank, which provides us with problem questions for all of our competitions. To access the ALSA Bank, each year the AULSS must provide ALSA with two problem questions. I am extremely grateful to Meg Lawson, for letting us provide the Witness Examination problem question that she wrote for the 2018 Grand Final, and to Gaida Merei for writing a Client Interviewing problem for the second submission.

Competitions Information Seminar & Registration

The Semester One Information Session was held on Thursday 7 March 2019 in Week 1 of the Semester. It is always difficult to get notice out of the Information Session and get attendance given how early in the semester the Session is required to be. Nonetheless, I was impressed with the number of students who attended this year and were interested in Competitions. The Information Session aims to give a brief overview



of all the Semester One Competitions and traditionally the winners from previous years provide some tips for each of their competitions. I would like to thank Danielle Gilby, Lesley Jayasuriya, Tina Tran and James Williams for taking the time to present on their respective competitions.

The Information Session also provides the dates of, and instructions for, registration for each of the competitions. These details are provided prior to the Information Session in an all students email. Despite that information being provided, we had the same issues with registration this year as in previous years. Specifically, we had early registrations (which cannot be accepted) and students failing to register individually. This led to a number of invalid registrations. Where possible, the Competitions Portfolio attempted to email students who had invalidly registered to attempt to get them to re-register.

Semester One Competitions

The dates for Semester One Competitions were as follows:

Round	Open Moot	Client Interviewing	Witness Examination	Negotiations
1	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March	Wednesday 20 March	Tuesday 19 March
2	Wednesday 3 April	Thursday 28 March	Wednesday 27 March	Tuesday 26 March
QF	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 4 April	Wednesday 3 April	Tuesday 2 April
SF	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 11 April	Wednesday 10 April 2019	Tuesday 9 April
GF	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 2 May	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 30 April

Herbert Smith Freehills Open Moot

Simone Basso and Nicolas Rich coordinated the Open Moot this year. I also thank Herbert Smith Freehills for sponsoring the Open Moot again in 2019.

The Open Moot is an appellate advocacy competition, and the senior mooted competition organised by the AULSS. The AULSS caps the Open Moot at 10 teams (of 2–3 students), however this year we ultimately (after one team withdrew) 21 competitors. This is a fairly typical number of competitors for the Open Moot.

Generally, the Open Moot did not encounter too many difficulties this year. However, one issue was the lack of Grand Final judges. Traditionally, we ask judges of the Supreme Court or Federal Court (current or retired) to judge the Grand Final — but



in a number of instances this year we either did not receive a response to our emails, or the judge was unavailable. In the end we had too many judges after some unexpectedly replied to our emails. Regrettably, I had to ask one of our judges, Enzo Belperio, to sit out of the Grand Final to even out numbers. I am grateful to Enzo for taking the news gracefully.

Another issue relates to conflicts of interest. Generally, this is an issue that affects the Open Moot more than other competitions, given that more senior students are competing and, by virtue of their experience, have a greater chance of having interacted with the profession. This ought to be managed more proactively, as we had issues this year of multiple draws being released and consequent inconvenience to judges. The importance of disclosing conflicts may be something to include at future Competitions Information Sessions.

I also thank all of the judges throughout the competition including: Lloyd Wicks, Charlotte Thomas, Sam Leeson, Ashley Files, Josephine Battiste, Azaara Perakath, Ashley Files, Simon Blewatt, Heath Barklay QC, Ian Robertson SC and Enzo Belperio. I am especially grateful to our Grand Final judges: Ashley Files, His Honour Chief Judge Evans, The Honourable Justice Besanko, The Honourable John Sulan QC and The Honourable John Doyle AC QC.

Congratulations to our winners of the Open Moot in 2019: Alison Jones, Henry Materne-Smith and Sam Beer.

Lipman Karas Witness Examination

Rachel Neef and Jana Humzy coordinated the Witness Examination this year. I thank Lipman Karas for their sponsorship of Witness Examination, and in particular for offering their offices as the venue for the Grand Final. We had 26 competitors register this year for Witness Examination, after dropouts this number was reduced to 20.

I would like to thank all of our judges: Meg Lawson, Enzo Belperio, Ashley Files, Azaara Perakath, Sam Leeson, Madeleine Harland. Thank you in particular to the Grand Final judge Sam Gomersall, of Lipman Karas.

Witness Examination relies on volunteers to act as witnesses throughout the competition. Although the problems were not as manifest as with Client Interviewing (see below), there were still problems. Only 11 volunteers registered, and the balance was filled by people the Competitions Team could contact on short notice. One suggestion, which will be made to the incoming Director, is to have a separate and additional call for volunteers.

Congratulations to Alexei Economou, the winner of the 2019 Witness Examination.

Client Interviewing

Mason Bierlein coordinated the Client Interviewing Competition in 2019. We had 55 people register to compete for the Competition this year, which exceeded our cap of



40 competitors. It was great to see a lot of interest in Client Interviewing, and it is always one of our most accessible competitions — from first years all the way through to final years.

Client Interviewing is a competition heavily reliant on volunteers to act as the clients. Competitors, in teams of two, interview the client in the presence of a judge. The judge observes and obtains some feedback from the client after the interview is over. Volunteers were again an issue in 2019, as they have been in other years. This year we had 10 volunteers in Client Interviewing, and I would like to thank them all for their time — often helping out on multiple occasions. We had issues, however, with volunteer commitment. Volunteers would occasionally drop out halfway through a round, withdraw from crucial finals rounds, or make mistakes with the problem question. Moreover, we simply did not have enough people volunteer. Often the Competitions Team, or other members of the AULSS Committee were forced to help out. Although I am grateful to them for doing so, we should not be in a situation where we are forced to ask whoever is in the AULSS Office to come round night. Mason has suggested a tiered-system of rewards for volunteers, an idea which I think has significant merit to it. I will suggest it to the incoming Director in handover.

Mason also had a number of issues coordinating the Competition by himself. Although he fared admirably, it is a difficult job coordinating competitors, judges and volunteers as one person. I will suggest to the incoming Director that perhaps two representatives be allocated for Client Interviewing.

I want to thank all of our judges throughout the competitions including: Gaida Merei, Molly Scanlon, Liam Cobain, Will Gray, Lesley Jayasuriya, Dr Beth Nosworthy, Kieran Chester, Jack Williams, Gaida Merei, Tina Tran, Darren Lee. I especially would like to thank Matthew Elson, of Fisher Jeffries, for judging the Grand Final. Congratulations to the winners of Client Interviewing in 2019, Nadeesha Indigahawela and Leon Kasperski.

Negotiations

Theola Lee coordinated the Negotiations Competition in 2019. In total 24 competitors registered, and after dropouts this number became 22.

The Negotiations Competition pits competitors (in teams of two) against each other in a mock negotiation scenario. Competitors are judged by a judge who observes the negotiation in the room, but does not take an active role. Each problem question in Negotiations features a number of secret facts for each side, and part of the challenge is whether those secret facts can be revealed by the other side.

The only main issue in the Negotiations Competition this year was dropouts. More than any other competition, Negotiations requires two teams in order for the round to proceed. When competitors dropped out, the Competitions Team was forced to try and find 'swing teams' to stand-in for certain rounds.



I would like to thank all of our judges for the Negotiations Competition including: Ben Hutchins, Mark Brady, Danielle Gilby, Peter Kassipidis, Alex Falcinella, Darren Lee, George Lukic and Floyd Bakewell. I am also very grateful to Her Honour Judge Bochner for taking the time to judge the Grand Final.

Congratulations to Hugo Chapman and Luke Curtale as the winners of Negotiations in 2019.

ALSA

Each year the Australian Law Students' Association ('ALSA') convenes the intervarsity competitions for the Open Moot, Witness Examination, Client Interviewing, Negotiations and others not relevant to the AULSS.

Traditionally the AULSS sends the winners of each of the competitions the AULSS run to compete at ALSA. Often, the winners of the competitions do not want to go, or are otherwise unable to go. In which case the Competitions Team approach the runners-up or semi-finalists to fill the team.

The role of the Director of Competitions is limited to coordinating the various persons that the AULSS will send to ALSA. In that respect I worked closely with the President, Sophia Laparidis, in coordinating our delegation. Additionally, this year I coordinated with Professor Dale Stephens to assist in the International Humanitarian Law ('IHL') Mooters being sent to ALSA.

This year the AULSS sent: Hugo Chapman and Luke Curtale (Negotiations); Leon Kasperski and Nadeesha Indigahawela (Client Interviewing); Alexei Economou (Witness Examination); Henry Materne-Smith and Sam Beer (Championship Moot); and Rachel Chalmers and Kellie Elmes (IHL Moot). Additionally, Belal Salih and Sophia Laparidis attended the conference on behalf of the AULSS. Appurva Raaj attended as the student judge the AULSS provides for the competitions.

All the AULSS' competitors at ALSA did outstandingly. However, I would like to particularly highlight the exceptional achievement of Henry and Sam in winning the Championship Moot.

Mooting Information Session & Registration

Much like in Semester One, in Semester Two we again hold an information seminar. However, given the prominent position of First Year Moot and Novice Moot in Semester Two, the information session takes on a mooting focus. To that end, it is tradition to ask a successful mooter to run the session. I thank Sam Beer for taking the time to share his experiences and to run the mooting basics presentation.

The session is also an opportunity to give details about the M&A Competition, which also runs in Semester Two. Although, even a quick show of hands during the session showed that most people in the room were there for the mooting components.



The Semester Two Session was held on Thursday 1 August 2019 (Week 1) in the Ligertwood 231 Lecture Theatre.

The session also gave information about registration for Semester Two Competitions. As with Semester One, the details of registration had already been provided in an all students email along with the relevant link.

Semester Two Competitions

The dates for Semester Two Competitions were as follows

Round	Novice Moot	First Year Moot	M&A
1	Wednesday 14 August	Wednesday 14 August	Tuesday 27 August
2	Wednesday 21 August	Wednesday 21 August	N/A
QF	Wednesday 28 August	Wednesday 28 August	N/A
SF	Wednesday 4 September	Wednesday 4 September	Tuesday 3 September
GF	Wednesday 11 September	Wednesday 11 September	Tuesday 10 September

Novice Moot

Mason Bierlein and Nicolas Rich coordinated the Novice Moot in 2019. Novice Moot began with 28 competitors, which eventually became 26 after withdrawals. Two withdrawals are on the lower end of the spectrum for Novice Moot and are manageable. However, the Competitions Policy in favour of penalties for unjustified withdrawal will be enforced.

Novice Moot is generally one of the most popular moots, however, that trend did not play out in 2019. Although 28 competitors are a low amount, it does not appear to be any cause for concern. I expect that Novice Moot occasionally experiences a lapse where keen mooters have participated in the Open Moot and are rendered ineligible by that, or by some other mooting experience. The pattern is probably cyclical, and unless the number of competitors gets drastically lower and continues for a number of years, the Novice Moot should continue unabated.

There were not many issues with Novice Moot in 2019. Some minor ambiguities arose with the interpretation of the Novice Moot Rules, changes to fix those minor issues will be suggested to the incoming Director.

I am grateful to all of our judges for Novice Moot. In the preliminary rounds we relied on student judges, as is the norm for the Semester Two Moots. I thank Liv Jay, Sam Beer, Henry Materne-Smith, Appurva Raaj, Natasha Slater and Lesley Jayasuriya for



lending their expertise and time. In the final rounds I would like to thank Azaara Perakath, Mark Giddings and Delano Leen. Finally, an especial thanks goes to our three Grand Final judges: Enzo Belperio, Sam Abbott QC and Ian Robertson SC. Congratulations to Patrick O'Neill as the winner of the Novice Moot in 2019.

First Year Moot

Simone Basso and Theola Lee coordinated the First Year Moot in 2019. We had 40 competitors register for First Year Moot, which is the upper limit for the competition. After dropouts, 33 competitors remained. Seven dropouts is quite high, though First Year Moot does normally get a higher number due to the workload in the competition. To the extent possible, in the Mooting Information Session we try to convey the heavy workload, but it typically is something that has to be experienced. Although the dropouts are, to an extent, understandable, they are extremely frustrating to the Competitions Team. This is particularly so when little to no notice is given by the student. For that reason the Competitions Policy on unreasonable withdrawals will be applied where appropriate.

It should be kept in mind that with some of our student judges, even with all of their mooting experience, may be fairly early in their degree. For those student judges, care should be taken before choosing a problem question on an area of law that they are wholly unfamiliar with, having not taken the subject as yet.

As with the Novice Moot, I would like to thank all our student judges: Airlie Waterman, Claudia Floreani, Connor Rossi, Izzy Blacketer and Rachel Chalmers. For the finals, I also thank Azaara Perakath, Danielle Gilby and Angas van Balen. Again, as with the Novice Moot, I especially thank our three Grand Final judges: Enzo Belperio, Sam Abbott QC and Ian Robertson SC.

Congratulations to Lilly Slaughter, the winner of the First Year Moot in 2019.

Kain Lawyers' Mergers and Acquisitions Competition

Jana Humzy and Rachel Neef coordinated the M&A Competition in 2019. This was the second year that the AULSS has run the competition, and it was again a great success. Much of that success was due to the sponsorship by Kain Lawyers, and the hard work put in by their staff. I want to thank in particular Dayna Roberts, Alyce Ricciardi, Stefan Harris and Gerry Cawson for all their hard work. The work between the AULSS and Kain Lawyers on the M&A Competition began in 2018, and I am grateful to my predecessor Sam Leeson for his work last year. In 2019, it was a team effort working with Kain Lawyers, and Behshid Golshani and Sophia Laparidis contributed enormously to the AULSS' relationship with the firm.

As to the M&A Competition itself, competitors (in teams of two) tackle a mock transaction problem in several stages. The first stage is a written advice to the client, the second is a client interview, and the third is a negotiation between the two parties to the transaction. I am grateful to Gerry Cawson for writing the problem question for



the M&A Competition this year. This year, 27 competitors registered, and 20 competed.

Although the format we adopted in 2018 and in 2019 for the competition has worked well, there are areas for improvement. It has been suggested, in consultation with Kain Lawyers, that the negotiation rounds (Semi Final and Grand Final) involve the use of secret facts in the same way that the Negotiation Competition does.

I want to thank all of the judges for the M&A Competition: Timothy Bowley, Ben Hutchins, Alyce Ricciardi, Gerry Cawson, Jack Williams and Stefan Harris. Congratulations to Finn Marshall and Steven Slimming as the winners of the 2019 M&A Competition.

External Competitions

The AULSS does not itself coordinate any external competitions. However, the Competitions Portfolio often receives emails advertising certain competitions that may be of interest to students. When the number of teams available to be sent from the University is limited, then the Director coordinates with interested students to make sure the limit is not exceeded.

Generally this year, although we advertised a number of competitions, uptake of those opportunities was low. There is no particular issue with this, as the AULSS does not lose anything by students not participating. In future years, however, there may be additional ways to promote these competitions as many of them are highly regarded.

This year the competitions we promoted to students included: Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot; Younes + Espiner Intervarsity Criminal Law Moot; Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition in Tokyo; ANIMAL Law Moot; Melbourne Law School Negotiation Competition; ALSA National Essay Competition; and the AAT Negotiating Outcomes on Time (NOOT).

As Director I also assisted the coach of the University of Adelaide's Jessup International Law Moot Team, Joel Lisk, in the team selection process for 2019/2020.

Suggestions to the 2020 Director

Some of the suggestions for the 2020 Competitions Portfolio and Director have already been made above. Certainly I would suggest retaining the relationship with Kain Lawyers regarding the M&A Competition — it worked to great effect. Indeed, the close relationship with a law firm in the running of a particular competition have a number of benefits: it made organisation easier, provided a ready supply of judges, and provided for excellent engagement between students and the profession. I would recommend attempting to create new relationships of this kind for the other



competitions. This would no doubt be a joint endeavour with the Careers & Sponsorship Portfolio.

One of the chief, and consistent, problems is the lack of volunteers. Mason's idea above regarding a tiered reward system is a good one, but more than that, a complete overhaul of the volunteer system is needed. Otherwise, these problems will simply continue.

Budget

The Competitions Portfolio is not a budget-intensive portfolio. As in previous years, our chief costs included: ALSA-related costs, gifts for judges, printing costs (reimbursements) and catering costs for grand finals.

I thank Chloe Welling and Belal Salih, as Vice-Presidents, for their help in coordinating the budgets.

Conclusion

The Competitions Portfolio works largely autonomously from the rest of the AULSS Committee, and often the workload involved goes unappreciated. I save my final, and most heartfelt, thanks to my Competitions Portfolio: Nic, Mason, Jana, Rachel, Theola and Simone. Throughout the entire year, each of them stayed in the Law School for many late nights (even on round nights not their own) and tackled a vast workload in Competitions on top of their already busy lives. Their contributions to the AULSS go largely unsung, but no-one works harder than they do, and without them, there would be no Competitions at all. I thank each of them for everything they have done.

Mitchell Brunker

Director of Competitions

8 October 2019



Education Portfolio Report

Director: Taylor Laverty

Representatives: Charlton Gunn, Maddie McShane, Maddy Terrell, Peter Tantalos

Summary

The Education Portfolio has had a busy and fruitful year. With a strong focus on first year engagement, academic support, connection through informative and friendly events and relationship building and sustaining, particularly with faculty, the events held all bore these ethos' in mind.

Semester One had a strong focus on first year engagement. As mentioned, the Education Portfolio is an important advocate for students in relation to all educational matters. A high level of communication is required particularly with first year students to make their shift into Law School and university on a whole, a smooth transition. We worked to ensure that this huge step in the lives of young law students was memorable, accepting and illuminating.

In semester two the education portfolio, and with its new director, had a very driven focus on expanding the portfolio and the tasks performed by each of the representatives. This led to a successful collaboration with the Law Librarian Paula and the Law Library team by extension. The collaboration has resulted in a new and strong relation with the Law Library staff, who are excited to collaborate with the future education portfolio, with the goal of giving students more education seminars and events, as well as interactive and practical experience. Our first year engagement was maintained through a fantastic second round of first year drinks at the West Oak Hotel and we continued in our goal of providing academic support and informative events the value of the cohort.

We hope you all, as members of the Society, truly found valuable the tremendous efforts that the Education team have put together in 2019. Following is a more detailed summary of 2019.



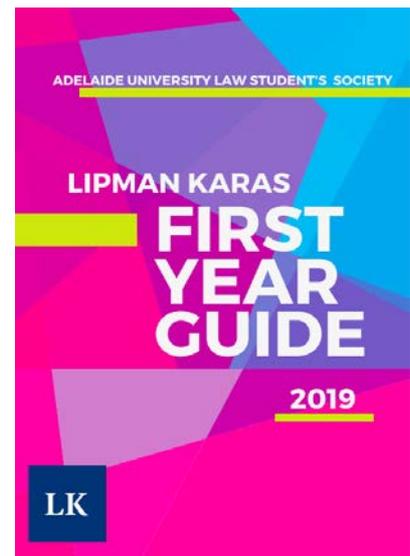
Semester 1

First Year Guide

Date of Release: 26/02/2019

Cost: Free

This is an annual publication that the education portfolio publishes. It is a summary of all the aspects of the law school including the law society, where to access various services, law subject timetables, guides on how to answer problems questions and many more. We bought approximately 250 copies and within a few weeks these were almost completely all taken. We gave them out at the law orientation day after the introductory lecture and at the food event afterwards in the law foyer. This ensured that we distributed as many copies to first years as possible. The feedback from first years was very positive and they found it especially helpful in approaching their first problem question and locating law office and other services on campus.



First Year Afternoon Tea

Date: 06/03/2019

Venue: Ligertwood Foyer

Cost: Free

The First Year Afternoon Tea was a great way to mingle with first years, discuss the upcoming first year election and answer any questions. There was also a lot of support from other members of the committee which was amazing!

Reflections

This event was extremely well attended and should continue in the future.

Unfortunately, we ran out of food almost immediately. Although the food was beautiful, we did not receive enough to cater for everyone. Abbots and Kinney was the catering company used and was extremely helpful as we could pick up the food on campus. The Krispy Kremes were most popular and in the future might be better just to stick with these, with some GF and fruit options, for such a large cohort of people. We therefore used a different caterer for the Stress Less Afternoon Tea. We left twice



throughout the event to get more supplies and as a result, exceeded the estimated budget.

First Year Elections

Dates:

- Elections Open: 11/03/2019 - 15/03/2019
- Circulate Candidate Statements: 19/03/2019
- Voting: 27/03/2019 - 28/03/2019
- Successful Candidates Notified: 29/03/2019

Venue: Ligertwood Foyer

This year we were approached by a non-binary student about how they could not be elected as they did not identify as 'male' and 'female'. This led to a meeting discussion which will (hopefully) produce a constitutional change to the requirements of 'two people', regardless of gender. As the Constitution could not be altered before the elections, unfortunately this student could not be included. There were quite a few nominations this year which was great! We posted students' candidate statements as they were sent to us, hence unedited. This led to some poor grammar and typos but we thought it was best to leave them as is. Quite a few students turned out to vote, especially since voting occurred at the conclusion of many first year classes. Votes were counted multiple times and there were no issues. This led us to our successful candidates, Maddie and Charlton!

First Year Drinks

Date: 15/03/2019

Venue: The Havelock Hotel

Cost: Free

The first year drinks was very successful. It was hosted by the Havelock Hotel on the upper balcony. The Havelock Hotel were very helpful in supplying us with wristbands and also in the organisation of a drinks tab and keeping track of the spending. Maddy did a great job in creating free drink cards and the event ran very smoothly. There were approximately 100 people there, which was a greater turnout than the previous year. This is most likely due to the increased communication to first year students through the AULSS Facebook page and also the cooperation of lecturers to either allow us to speak at the beginning of the lectures and/or the lecturers would post on MyUni, as an announcement in their respective subject, explaining the event and the benefits of attending first year social events. The feedback from the night was very



positive among many students that attended, with students explaining that they had formed friendship groups from attending the first year drinks night.

Lipman Karas Legal Research Seminar

Date: 09/05/2019

Venue: Moot Court

Cost: Free

This was the third event the portfolio ran during the semester and was very successful as well. This was held in the Moot Court and we had three junior associates from Lipman Karas run the session, with skills in many different fields of law and among different jurisdictions. They explained the differences between platforms such as LexisNexis and Westlaw, the way to conduct various types of Boolean searches and how to use database resources such as Halsbury's, FirstPoint and CaseBase to find relevant information quickly and effectively. They also explained the law reports of different jurisdictions, such as the courts of Hong Kong, and what it is like to work in a firm and the research level that is required from solicitors in legal practise. This was a well attended event and students were very interested in attending similar events in the future.

Semester 2

First Year Drinks (Sem 2)

Date: 5/09/2019

Venue: West Oak Hotel

Cost: Free

Maddie and Charlton organised the first year drinks held at the Westy (West Oak Hotel). Everyone was impressed by the work and effort that was put in- everyone at the event had a great time and numbers were really high! Well done!

Reflections

The event had a great turnout, and was a great initiative to collaborate with West Oak to make the event seem packed. West Oak were amazing in providing a tab of \$200. This is a great second First Year Drinks event.



AGLC 4

Date: 10/09/2019

Venue: Moot Court

Cost: Free

In the second semester the Education Portfolio, and with its new Director, had a very driven focus on expanding the Portfolio and the tasks performed by each of the Representatives. This led to a successful collaboration with the Law Librarian Paula and the Law Library team by extension. The collaboration has resulted in a new and strong relation with the Law Library staff, who are excited to collaborate with the future Education Portfolio, with the goal of giving students more education seminars and events, as well as interactive and practical experience.

At the AGLC4, slides were used and later posted to the event so that students who could not attend for any reason, particularly that another class was being held, could still access this information. Many thanks to Paula Everett for giving us such an informative presentation, and to all students who came along! We had a packed house and received very good feedback.

Reflections

One suggestion we discussed was to line this up with assignments early: perhaps next year we could run a similar seminar early as Paula has significant numbers of students around assignments asking for help on this topic. It would be good to provide a learning opportunity or opportunities early on.

Study After Law School

Date: 12/09/2019

Venue: Ligertwood, Room 5.04

Cost: Free

Shortly following the AGLC4 Seminar we held the Study After Law School Seminar. We heard from the Adelaide Law School's Research and Academic Coordinator, Justine Dzonsons, about the postgraduate options offered by the Adelaide Law School. A very special thank you to special guests Michaela Okninski, a University of Adelaide PhD candidate who spoke about her experiences as a PhD student researching the legal environment surrounding voluntary euthanasia and Leighton McDonald-Stuart, a current GDLP student who spoke to his experiences undertaking the GDLP program at The University of Adelaide.

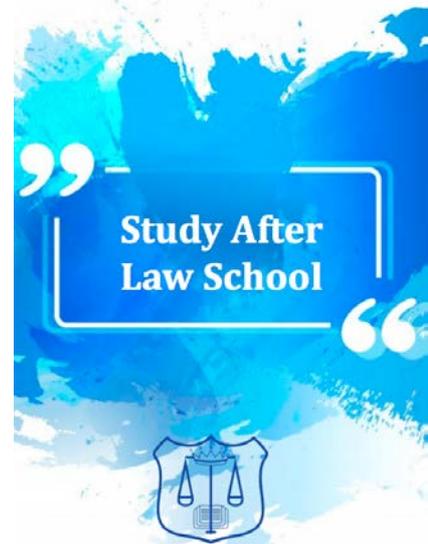


Reflections

Not many people came. We noticed attendance rates on Facebook events do not correlate to real attendance: we had similar numbers ticking attending on the AGLC4 Seminar event. We now understand that Semester 2, Week 7 is a tough time of year in because the Semester begins to feel especially long at this time.

The guest speakers were, in my opinion, one of the best aspects of this event. It is lovely to actually get a chance to listen to PhD students talk about such a huge part of their lives.

We released an A5 bi-fold pamphlet which looked great. Although I would not rule out cold hard printing, in the future, consideration to a purely online publication might be worth trialling and could be beneficial given the small turnout and our current environmental urgencies. A link could simply be posted in the slides or the AULSS website.



GDLP Networking Night

Date: 19/9/2019, 6-8pm

Venue: Ira Raymond Exhibition Room.

Cost: Free

Our most recent event was the GDLP Networking Night. The GDLP Networking Night was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the various GDLP pathways available through informal conversations with Australia's leading GDLP providers! In attendance was Leo Cussen, The College of Law and Adelaide Uni/Law Society of SA. ANU still are not running the GDLP so were not in attendance.

Overall, the event was successful but not extraordinary in comparison to recent years. We had approximately 30 students in attendance. Providers were pleased with the amount of final year students they spoke to but did request that in the future the time be shifted half an hour forward so as to not leave providers in the final half an hour with no students to talk to and to capture the 5pm lecture/seminar leavers.

They continue to enjoy the informal set up (rather than a pre-talk before networking) as it allowed both providers and students to approach each other. We used Eventbrite as a free registration system to garner numbers. Finger food and light refreshments



were offered to providers and students. We used G&P who provided an antipasto platter and purchased some sparking water and juice.

Reflections

We wished we had booked the Moot Court early so as to avoid using a room outside of the Law School and having to direct students and GDLP provider staff to random rooms. I consider that numbers could have been considerably higher if this were actioned. Also, the antipasto platter is really yummy from G&P but do not expect much volume.

Study Overseas

Date: 12/15/2019

Venue: Ligertwood Foyer

Cost: Free

As of writing, the Portfolio is yet to hold the Study Overseas Stall and we look forward to giving students an opportunity to meet face to face with faculty and Study Overseas to discuss their Overseas options.

Ideas for 2020

1. Possibilities for a third first year drinks was spoken about, however, given the large number of events already, we decided that a smaller number of events (done well) was better than a large number of events (possibly organised poorly). All things the same and no director changeover, this could probably be achieved next year.
2. An idea was floated numerous Event in the Liggy that will hopefully get the whole law school involved. Such as a start of year like a free sausage sizzle, push-up, wall sit or bar-hang competition (with a prize to incentivise attendance and an audience).
3. Explore the opportunity to do a start of second semester first year event such as an escape room (to help build relationships).
4. Electives Guide back up and running would be fantastic
5. Day-to-day things set up early, like first year Facebook page.



Conclusion

Again, the Education Portfolio would like to thank everyone who attended our events throughout the year and we hope you gained some benefit from attending! It was a pleasure to provide these opportunities for you!

I would like to first thank the Education Representatives who did an absolutely amazing job in pulling together whatever was and will be required to bring home our second semester events. Because of the changeover there was a very short space of time in which to organize events in the second semester. Not only did the representatives continue to be involved throughout turbulence, they were involved with enthusiasm, ideas and critical thought to make the best of a difficult situation. Get behind all of them, as they truly did it and are doing it for the Law School.

Thank you also goes out to all the other members of the Committee who helped on our events and gave advice whenever we sought it or who were just around in the office for a bit of a laugh and a bit of fun.

Thank you to all those involved in making the changeover as smooth as possible, your thorough communication and assistance made my life so much easier, especially Sophia, who although was simply performing her role, stepped up extraordinarily in those few weeks.

Finally, thank you to the Exec and the Committee for turning some brilliant peers into some great new friends! You have all made my final days as an Undergrad at Adelaide Law School very bright and joyful indeed. Best wishes to Peter and all the other Committee members in 2020, I am so happy that a current Representative who I have confidence in and who I have seen operate with ideas, enthusiasm, tact and consideration will be your new Director in 2020!

Taylor Laverty

Director of Education

24 October 2019



Social Justice Portfolio Report

Director: Erin Mack

Representatives: Georgia Penglis, Elliette Kirkbridge, Sofia Arlotta

Summary

The Social Justice Portfolio has worked hard throughout the year to not only raise awareness and funds for many important causes, but provide opportunities for law students to engage with these issue and help make a difference.

We continued the strong tradition of encouraging discourse on important social issues through the Social Justice breakfasts, with a variety of speakers speaking on a number of important topics. I am also extremely proud of the new initiatives we have introduced this year, including more fundraising events as well as re-introducing the volunteer handbook to help provide more opportunities for law students.

I would like to thank the representatives who were imperative in achieving this.

Social Justice Breakfasts

The Social Justice Breakfast is a cornerstone event of the Social Justice Portfolio, providing a forum for students to enhance their learning and awareness of key social justice issues through hearing speakers talk on topics they are passionate and knowledgeable on. It also provides for students to be able to meet and engage with their fellow students on topics of their interest.

Women and the Law

The first breakfast of the year was held at the Public Café in week 4 and was themed 'Women and the Law'. Dr Susan Close spoke to us about her experiences as a woman working in a professional setting, as well as areas of potential policy reform related to women and the law.



Tickets: \$25, included a wide range of meal options, coffee and juice

The Environment and the Law

The second Social Justice Breakfast was held in week 5 of Semester 2 and was held for the first time at the Café Outside the Square. This café is run not for profit, and aims to help the homeless population of Adelaide. The theme of this breakfast was 'the Environment and the Law', which was also a first-time topic for the Social Justice Portfolio. Dr Michelle Lim, an academic from the university who researches biodiversity conservations and sustainable livelihoods, spoke to us about climate change and the role of the law in addressing it.

Tickets: \$25 with dietary requirements catered for a juice and coffee provided

Indigenous People and the Law

The third Social Justice Breakfast for the year is to be held Thursday of week 10, with the theme of 'Indigenous People and the Law'. We decided in order to make this event more accessible to law students that we would hold the breakfast at the university in the Moot Court, which allows for a later start time and cheaper tickets. We will be hearing from Taylor Johanson, a solicitor with the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement who will speak about her work with Indigenous communities.

Tickets: \$10, including a catered breakfast of yoghurt, pastries and fruit and coffee from St Raphaels



Walk for Justice

The Social Justice Portfolio lead the AULSS to take out the shield for the team to raise the most money for the third year in a row, with a massive fundraising effort raising \$4,316 for JusticeNet, a pro bono legal service. The walk for Justice is a great opportunity for students to engage with other members of the legal profession while raising funds for an important cause.

The Social Justice Portfolio led a huge effort in fundraising for our team. Leading up to the walk 5 fundraising events were held:

1. Pancake fundraiser

Held in week 5, we cooked pancakes using the Law School barbeque and sold them in the foyer with a range of toppings available.

2. Smoothie bike

Held in week 6, we used the Ecoversity smoothie bike to sell smoothies outside Ligertwood. We had a variety of flavors on offer, which were very popular.

3. Pancake fundraiser

Pancakes were sold again in week 7 due to the popularity of the first fundraiser and to use leftover supplies

4. Bake sale

A bake sale was held in week 8, with goods baked by the portfolio as well as the subcommittee.

5. Sausage sizzle

Held in week 9, the sausage sizzle was a popular fundraiser and much easier to organize.

The Social Justice Sub-committee was established for the second time this year, and they were imperative in helping to successfully run these events. I thank them for all their support and help throughout the lead up to the walk.



While these events were highly beneficial from a fundraising perspective, they were also a good way to encourage students to join our team. We had the largest team on the day, with over 60 students joining in. To encourage fundraising by individuals for the team, we ran a competition for the top three individual fundraisers to win an AULSS branded Keep Cup.



Volunteering Handbook

The Social Justice Portfolio published a Volunteer Handbook for the first time in recent years. The aim of this publication was to highlight the benefits of volunteering for the law cohort, as well as provide a connection between the volunteering opportunities and students.

The guide comprehensively covered 12 volunteering opportunities within the legal sector in South Australia, as well as other opportunities within the law school, and in the non-legal sector. Information about the aims of the organisations was provided, as well as the type of work usually undertaken by the volunteers, the application process, as well as a testament from a previous volunteer where available.



The guide provides all information necessary for a student to be able to give back to the community while also learning new skills and developing professionally. Producing the guide was a significant undertaking for the portfolio, and I am extremely proud with the level of detail and information that has been provided in the guide. I hope that the student body has found it useful.



The guide was released online at the beginning of week 5 of Semester 2, with printed copies distributed around the Law School and at subsequent Social Justice events.

Throughout the second half of semester 1 we ran for the first time a donation drive for the Hutt St Centre. This was a part of their Winter Warmers campaign, which seeks to encourage donations of clothing and food during winter. A donation point was set up in the foyer of Ligertwood for students to drop off donations. We focused on using social media to encourage students to donate, including Facebook posts and a video on Instagram, and posted Hutt St's 'wish list' of items that they needed.

The donations were dropped off at the Hutt St Centre at the end of the semester, and the supplies were very much appreciated during the more difficult colder months.

General Fundraising

Other fundraising initiatives were held throughout the year, including a bake sale for International Women's Day earlier in the year, and a Soup Drive with Lex Salus in semester 2 to raise money for the Women's Legal Service.

Money was raised for the Hutt St Centre by selling raffle tickets at the AULSS quiz night. Prizes including wine, chocolate and a signed portrait and books generously donated by Dale Stephens were on offer. There was high demand for tickets on the night, and they sold out quickly.

Suggestions for 2020

I encourage the portfolio next year to involve the wider law school and engage more students through utilising the sub-committee for more events throughout the year. It is a great way to involve more law students in the AULSS and make the society more inclusive and welcoming to all law students.

I also would encourage the incoming portfolio to continue to adapt and design events and initiatives of the portfolio to not only raise awareness for important issues, but provide an opportunity for law students to engage with these issues more. This may include thinking of ways to make the Social Justice Breakfasts more accessible, creating new initiatives that involve not-for-profits, and continuing to update the volunteer handbook when new opportunities arise for students to get involved.



I would also highlight that organisation is key, especially earlier in the year and in the lead up to the Walk for Justice. There are many opportunities for the portfolio to engage with students and highlight worthy causes, and organisation is key to take advantage of these.

Conclusion

To conclude, I would like to thank the wonderful representatives once again for all their hard work this year. We have helped raise awareness and funds for a number of important causes, while also providing for law students opportunities to engage with some of these important social issues and take action.

I would also like to thank the rest of the AULSS committee and the executive, for their support and hard work throughout the year.

I wish the incoming Social Justice Director and their portfolio all the best.

Erin Mack

Director of Social Justice

10 October 2019



Communications Officer Report

Officer: Elana Bartholomeusz

Summary

This year has been yet another busy year of Communications! With 2019 being only the second year of the Communications Officer role, I am glad to say that this year has been extremely productive. As the AULSS becomes more involved on social media channels, there's been an increasingly strong need to provide all kinds of content across announcing clerkships and sponsored content, to promoting our wellness or social events. Throughout the year, my contributions have involved creating many events, writing captions and promotions for almost every portfolio, and creating Instagram stories and posts to celebrate students' achievements and promote upcoming events. With some graphics and poster designing in the mix, it has been a big balancing act to work across all the needs of all portfolios! I cannot thank the other Directors and Officers enough for their collaboration and support during this process.

Online Presence: Social Media

The AULSS has continued to have a strong social media presence this year across Facebook and Instagram, with information also listed on our website thanks to IT Officer Sufwan Wahabzada.

I've been ensuring a steady flow of posts and announcements, updates, and events in our law school campus life on Facebook and Instagram. Increasing our follower count on both platforms, we've never been busier - and require more scheduling than ever! This year, the AULSS Facebook page has released over 35 events across Activities, Careers, Social Justice and Education portfolios. This is a staggering amount of activities to promote, especially considering the 12 and 13-week semesters of the academic year. For almost all of these events I have produced and co-produced the graphics, captions, and follow-up promotion posts. As well as this, we have had many ongoing Facebook posts updating students about further study, professional job opportunities, external competitions, and much more.



Organisation

Collaborating, organising and coordinating all of these updates is an essential part of the Communications role. Over this year, I've found that working across multiple portfolios with competing deadlines is a challenging yet rewarding process. Through creating both serious and creative content for a wide range of committee members, I have connected our content on a timed schedule - ensuring no clashes, mitigating busy periods, and liaising and working with other committee members to balance their desired dates to post.

The help of a monthly Comms Calendar and several Comms chats between myself, Sophia Laparidis, and each AULSS Director has been essential in ensuring that all socials are planned and approved in a timely way.

Communications Style Guide

One key creation this year was devising the internal Communications Style Guide in Semester 1. I wrote this to ensure a continued 'voice' for the AULSS across all social media channels. Ideally, this would be used by other Officers covering or posting any content while I was unavailable, year level groups, and for Communications in 2020 and beyond. Covering two 'voice' (with casual and professional registers), writing style and tone, how to use certain mediums, style of pictures, and least preferred tactics, the Guide should ensure continuity and consistency.

Suggestions for 2020

This role is certainly getting bigger and better as time goes on - which is a great thing! However with the increased number of amazing events that the AULSS have put forward this year, the need for social media promotions becomes more demanding. I would suggest more organisation and a stricter deadline requirement for other committee members to put forward information to publish. In future, perhaps an amendment to create a Representative role could work well!

Conclusion

Ultimately, it has been a very busy year for Communications, with much online content produced, many events attended, and seminars promoted. I am grateful to the indispensable help of Sophia Laparidis, and the contributions of every Director, Officer, and Representative I drafted content for throughout the Communications



process. Thank you to every law student for reacting to every post, meme, competition, and showing our amazing events and seminars your time and support!



Elana Bartholomeusz
Communications Officer
10 October 2018



Equity & Wellbeing Officer Report

Officer: Brooke Washusen

Summary

I have enjoyed spending the past year developing a relatively new Committee position. I hope the incoming Officer, Alexander Arthur, finds this report helpful, and I congratulate him on his appointment to the role.

Coffee Catch-Ups

Fortnightly coffee catch-ups were conducted in Semester 1. While beneficial for the students who did attend, they were not overly successful. I would not recommend running these catch-ups next year.

Improvements

If a future Equity & Wellbeing Officer would like to attempt these catch-ups again, I would suggest trying to get members of Faculty involved, so that students can feel better connected to their professors and have an opportunity outside of class to discuss issues with both the law and student wellbeing in a casual setting.

AULSS Sports

Compared to previous years, the success of AULSS Sports was limited. This was predominately due to the lack of commitment from many of those who signed up to play. In Semester 1 we had 1 women's netball team, 2 mixed netball teams and 1 men's soccer team. The women's netball team was pulled early in the season due to lack of players and the men's soccer team hardly played. Participants withdrew from the teams due to lack of commitment from other players. In Semester 2 the number of teams was reduced to 1 mixed netball team. Casual running club did not run due to lack of interest. We also had some communication difficulties with ICA Stepney this year, which resulted in unknown overdue invoices and information being sent to people who were no longer connected to the AULSS.

Given the other sporting options available at the university, I would question whether or not it is viable to continue this program in the future. Commitment has been low and we have often needed to get fill-ins from outside the Law School, which should



be the exception, not the norm. I do, however, think it should still run next year to see whether or not this year was an anomaly.

Improvements

The initial expression of interest email needs to be clear as to whether or not students are actually making a commitment. This said, I was very blunt about the fact that I expected a 100% commitment for anyone signing up for the program in Semester 2, and I still received low or even no commitment from a number of participants. This is highly disappointing and shows a lack of respect to both the organisers and the committed players. I would also suggest that, should multiple nights be available for a particular sport, or a student wishes to express interest in more than one sport, that the initial form allows them to say whether they are wanting to play in all the indicated sports/nights, if available, or whether they have a preference. This will make it easier to organise teams, and will hopefully avoid the issues we had in Semester 1 of this year.

To tackle the commitment issue, it may be advisable for players to pay their full game fees for the season upfront. This way if a student doesn't play despite the commitment they've made, it will be at their financial disadvantage. This will also reduce the amount of unpaid game fees.

Lex Salus

The relationship between Lex Salus and the AULSS has strengthened this year. We recently collaborated to help organise the Mental Health Week, which included a guest talk from the Chief Justice. I have also been used as the communication point when Lex Salus has needed to use AULSS resources, such as Albert.

Improvements

The collaboration between Lex Salus and the AULSS only really started in Semester 2 of this year; I would recommend continuing this relationship from the beginning of 2020. It is important when interacting with Lex Salus to remember that they are a separate organisation to the AULSS, and that our goal is to work collaboratively with them, not take over their role.

Hilarian Articles

This year I wrote a Wellbeing Article in each of the printed editions of the Hilarian. These articles were on reaching out (mental health), the benefits of extra-curricular activities, and sexual health. These are all areas that I believe are important to discuss



and share information on, and I was thankful for the opportunity to share my opinions in this student-run publication.

Improvements

I have no improvements to suggest. I hope that the incoming Officer will continue this presence in the Hilarian, and I recommend that they write on topics they are passionate about within the realm of Equity & Wellbeing.

LGBTIQ+ Events (OutLaws)

After being approached by Lorne, we are planning to run our first OutLaws event. OutLaws is a collection of LGBTIQ+ groups in (predominately) North American Law Schools. This event will be an LGBTIQ+ and Allies lunch. The goal of this event is to establish the OutLaws program so that it can continue (and grow) in 2020. I will also create a Facebook group for LGBTIQ+ and Ally students to help build a local community and show support. This will also assist in promoting future OutLaw events and initiatives.

Improvements

I very much hope this initiative continues next year; Lorne is certainly enthusiastic and willing to assist. In terms of professional development, I would suggest an LGBTIQ+ panel and/or networking night. In terms of community building, I would suggest drinks nights, luncheons and/or movie nights, among other things.

Suggestions for 2020

Constitutional changes need to be made to better define this role. This should include placing the running of LGBTIQ+ (OutLaw) Events within the responsibility section of the position. While this is something that I have only recently started working on, I think it is very important and would like to see it grow during my last year in the law school.

The position should also be placed within a portfolio so that it is easier for the Officer to report to the Exec. I would recommend the Social Justice portfolio, as this is the portfolio that overlaps that most with Equity & Wellbeing.

I recommend that the committee continue to think about whether this role should continue, or whether it should be removed, and the Social Justice Portfolio changed to the Social Justice & Wellbeing Portfolio. I still believe the role is redundant (it should be noted that many of Eloise's suggestions in last year's report were picked up by other portfolios who were more suitable to carry out the ideas), but with some clearer constitutional responsibilities and a new Officer, this may be different.



Conclusion

I have enjoyed my time on the Committee this year, and I have liked being able to collaborate with different portfolios. I wish Alex all the best for next year.

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Brooke Washusen
Equity & Wellbeing Officer
10 October 2019



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