

# Adelaide University Law Students' Society Inc.

## Minutes: Annual General Meeting



**Date:** Monday 19 October 2020

**Meeting Opened:** 06:15 pm

**Meeting Closed:** 09:06 pm

**Location:** Via Zoom and In Person

**Meeting called by:** Behshid Golshani

**Minutes taken by:** Behshid Golshani

### Present (33):

1. Belal Salih\*
2. Behshid Golshani\*
3. Rachel Chalmers\*
4. Isaac Trumble^
5. Chelsea Chieng^ (left at 08:47)
6. Catherine Chhour^
7. Steph Nomikos^ (via zoom)
8. Izzy Blacketer\*
9. Andrew Baker^ (arrived at 06:19 pm)
10. Divya Narayan^
11. Leon Kasperski^
12. Anthony Luppino^
13. Annabel Bamley\*
14. Christiana Michaels^
15. Sandro Pikula^
16. Annie Yuan^
17. Rachel Neef\*
18. Nadeesha Indigahawela^
19. Nicolas Rich^ (arrived at 06:35 pm)
20. Lilly Maslin^ (via zoom)
21. Alexander Alex^ (via zoom)
22. Kellie Elmes^
23. Mason Bierlein^
24. Brooke Washusen^
25. Peter Tantalos\*
26. Imogen Tonkin^
27. Oliver Hales^
28. Bryan Lau^
29. Elliette Kirkbride\*
30. Sofia Arlotta^
31. Tash Slater^
32. Alexander Arthur^
33. Felix Eldridge (left at 08:38)
34. Hanna Jung
35. Yinui Alicia Ng
36. Michelle Newmann
37. Riki Theodorakos
38. Celena Le
39. Lauren Sim (via zoom)
40. Richie Davis (via zoom)

41. Bhavna Gupta (via zoom)

\*Member of the AULSS Executive

^Members of the Committee

**Valid apologies (6):**

1. Cecilia Tran-Pham^
2. Natasha Slater^

**Invalid apologies (0):**

1. India Whitton^
2. Meghan Prefontaine^
3. Daniel Shizas^
4. Lachlan Blake^
5. Hugo Chapman^
6. Charlton Gunn

**Not present without notice (0):**

**Notice**

In accordance with clause 29 of the Constitution, notice of this meeting was circulated and uploaded before the Committee Meeting, following consultation with the President on Monday 7 September 2020.

An agenda and related documents for this Committee Meeting were circulated on Friday 11 September 2020.

**Quorum**

In accordance with clause 21(1) of the Constitution, there being at least half of the current Committee plus one in attendance (including at least two members of the Executive), quorum was present at the time the meeting opened.

**Chairperson**

In accordance with clause 23(1) of the Constitution, the President acted as Chairperson.

**Executive reports**

The Executive provided reports under clause 31 of the Constitution.

## Agenda Items

### Item: Statement of Acknowledgement of Country

**Presented by** Belal Salih

**Discussion** The Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS) would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands of 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.

### Item: Minutes and issues from the 2019 Annual General Meeting

**Presented by** Belal Salih

**Discussion**

**Moved by** Annabel Bramley

**Carried by** Izzy

## Agenda Items – AULSS 2020 Annual Report

### Item: President

**Presented by** Belal Salih

**Discussion**

- We would like to congratulate the election winners and for the good campaigning and good engagement.
- Pursuant to the note in the AGM report and the conclusion of the 2020 AULSS elections, attached to the minutes are results of the 2020 AULSS Elections and in the incoming committee for 2021:

**Outgoing President:** Belal Salih

**Incoming President:** Panagiotis (Peter) Tantalos

**Outgoing Vice-President:** Behshid Golshani

**Incoming Vice-President:** Annabel Bramley

**Treasurer:** Imogen Mary Tonkin

**Incoming Careers Representatives:** Anthony Luppino

Bella Mickan

George Komninos

Felix Eldridge

Bhavna Gupta

**Incoming Activities Representatives:** Catherine Chhour

Theodora Sevastidis

Kirsty McGinlay

Chloe Winter

**Incoming Social Justice Representatives:** Alexander Arthur

William Fay

Aditi Tamhankar

- TEXTBOOK FUND: 8-9 applications in Semester 1, with the majority accepted. It is to the discretion of the selection committee to accept applications. Most have been accepted.
- There was a similar number in semester 2.
- Rachel C: In other states firms also cannot run clerkships without being part of the scheme so there is much higher participation from firms
- Nadeesha: Did you contact other firms non-commercial?
- Belal: Yes, unfortunately the smaller the firm the harder it is for them to bring people on.
- Izzy: In Vic they get the Gov but we do not have the reputation for that.
- Brooke: Some firms never get back to people? Would it be possible moving forward to have a mandatory rejection date? It seems a bit unfair for students to put in the effort.
- Belal: I understand but only so much we can do as a student society. There is still a lot of discretion left with the firm.
- Rachel C: Some also retain CVs on file and reach out to you later for any other job openings.
- Nadeesha: Why be allowed to vote online when you're overseas but not when you're interstate? We could have done that last year when I was overseas? For people who really can't come in.
- Belal: It was not done because we were just not sure if we were allowed to or could conduct the logistics.
- Rach N: We are not allowed to track student numbers to look at eligibility.
- Izzy: Also tracking them would have been easier because the number of votes would have been a lot larger.
- Rachel C: I did the law ball pre-reg manually for a lot larger group of people than the returning officer could do it as well. I think we need to further explore these options in advance before the election.
- Belal: Definitely hoping to improve on this and moving voting entirely online to make it more accessible.
- Rachel N: More strict campaign rules - people could not get into the building on a couple days of the election.

- Divya: How many voters?
- Belal: Around 235 total number of people submitted. A little more than the last 2 years which was good to see!

**Moved by** Rachel Neef

**Carried by** Brooke

**Item: Vice-President**

**Presented by** Behshid Golshani

**Discussion** (Merchandise) Leon: Do you have an ETA of when merch will arrive?

- Behshid: Hopefully by the end of next week, we did have a larger order this year, and supply has been a little slower due to COVID.

(Conclusions) Alex Arthur: Thank you Benny for all your hard work and I really appreciate all the work you do.

- Financial reports – Moved by Belal, Seconded by Divya

**Moved by** Brooke

**Carried by** Leon

**Item: Director of Activities**

**Presented by** Rachel Chalmers

**Discussion**

- \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
- Annabel: Thank you to Rachel, she had to keep very VERY flexible and still delivered amazing quality events.
- Isaac: Looking forward to law ball, as a rep there was a while we would not hold a law ball and Rachel had an amazing attitude and persevered. She has been a great leader to work with.

**Moved by** Isaac

**Carried by** Rach N

**Item: Director of Careers and Sponsorship**

**Presented by** Isabelle Blacketer

**Discussion**

- \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
- Nadeesha: (Trivarsity Fair) It is also going back to the convention centre?
- Izzy: Yes, in handover we will come up with strategies to get students to the convention centre.
- Leon: The success of this year will also carry onto next year and we have a lot that we have learned which will help us with this.
- Belal: ALSA also places a lot of emphasis on mentorship programs with professionals within the industry.

**Moved by** Rach N

**Carried by** Nicolas Rich

**Item: Communications**

**Presented by** Annabel Bramley

**Discussion**

- \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
- Discussed report and the importance of the communications portfolio to the future promotion of the AULSS.

**Moved by** Brooke

**Carried by** Peter

**Item: Director of Competitions**

**Presented by** Rachel Neef

**Discussion**

- \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
- Izzy: Great job with comps, thankless work. Thank you!

**Moved by** Nadeesha

**Carried by** Izzy

**Item: Director of Education**

**Presented by** Peter Tantalos

- Discussion**
- I look forward to being the President of the AULSS next year and working with all new members and members which are returning next year. Also a thank you to Belal for being and mentor throughout the years and for constant support.
  - \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
  - Rach N: Next year for the first year guide can we make sure initiatives of every portfolio that is advertised in the guide is run past the director of each portfolio.

**Moved by** Rach C

**Carried by** Brooke

**Item: Director of Social Justice**

**Presented by** Elliette Kirkbride

**Discussion**

- \*Read through report and outlined initiatives\*
- Brooke: For the CLE it's looking at bystander training for young grads, not about law reform.
- Izzy: On that note, I want to say a big thank you to Elliette for running SJ focused Seminars and events that were not sponsored.
- Annabel: It was good that we use our ability to influence and make change to actually do it.

**Moved by** Izzy

**Carried by** Nadeesha

**Item: Equity and Wellbeing Officer**

**Presented by** Elliette Kirkbride

**Discussion**

- Role is vague and hard, especially seeing as wellbeing is such a personal issue.
- Released a guide under his role.
- More guidance from Divya (future SJ Director) in the future will be good.



**Meeting closed at 09:06 pm ACST**

Signed by the member who presided at this meeting pursuant to s 51(1)(b)(ii) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA):

Name: Behshid Gholami

Position: Vice-President/Public Officer

Signature: B. Gholami

Date: 04/02/21

Name: Belal Salih

Position: President

Signature: 

Date: 04/02/21

