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ELECTIONS GUIDE

2020

President's Welcome



Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2021 AULSS Elections Guide.

The time of the year has come where we start to plan for next year's AULSS Committee. The election period is an eventful few weeks that give students an idea of what the committee will look like for next year.

In recent years, previous AULSS Committees have put in place election rules that are designed to provide an election process that is transparent and fair to all candidates. As this new process is now finding its feet, I am very pleased to see every Executive position being filled, and a fewer number of vacant positions.

This year, the 2020 Committee passed constitutional amendments to introduce the new *Treasurer* role. The *Treasurer* will be responsible for the financial and sponsorship affairs of the Society. I am very excited to see a large interest in this role. Consequently, the duties of the *Vice-President* and *Director of Careers* have been more focused to allow them to perform their roles to the fullest. The 2020 Committee also passed constitutional amendments to expand the size of most portfolios, to support the growth of each of these portfolios. (It also means more opportunities for you to join the AULSS).

Unfortunately, there were a few positions that did not receive nominations. The incoming Committee will call for applications for these positions at the start of the 2021 academic year. This will take place through the co-option process outlined in our Constitution. (Again, your opportunity to join the AULSS!)

I would like to give a very warm thank you to our Returning Officer, Professor Franc de Zwart for all his help and support during this process. We hope to see Franc take on this role for many more years to come!

Regardless of the outcome, I hope all candidates find this a positive learning experience.

I wish you all the very best of luck!

Belal Salih

2020 President

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President (1)



Rachel Chalmers

It wasn't too long ago that as a third-year student, equally nervous and excited, I applied to be Activities Representative on the AULSS. Actually in that very first candidate statement I wrote, 'times have changed a bit since our parents' days at University, sitting out on the Barr Smith lawns with all of their mildly hippy friends... these days it's easy to feel like most of our time is spent on the other side of a computer screen watching lectures.'

Funnily enough, this sentiment feels especially true in 2020.

Navigating running events during a pandemic certainly wasn't what I envisioned this year would hold when commencing my role as AULSS Director of Activities. Interestingly, it was just as everything flipped on its head and our lives moved completely virtual, that I learned just how important keeping connected is.

Despite the odds, and with the support of my eager creative team, we managed to run first-of-their-kind virtual events like Netflix parties, home cooking, and wine tasting nights. As restrictions lessened, we brought students our Pro Vino wine tour, an inaugural Karaoke Night at Lover Boy, and are going ahead with running the biggest ball in the Southern Hemisphere, Law Ball, despite this crazy landscape.

I've so enjoyed the chance to tackle everything this year has thrown my way, and it's gratifying to see that just a few years after first joining the LSS, our vision of fostering an inclusive community, from first to final years, is coming to fruition.

In my final year at Adelaide Law School I'd really like to build on this, remembering we can all be virtual yet still feel linked. Law students who aren't able to come into the Law School as much, should still feel they have a place. Also, remembering that our Law School experience doesn't end at Ligertwood, I am keen to lead initiatives to help students feel ready for their future post Law School, following whatever path may come after finishing their degree.

Throughout my time with the AULSS, my passion and love for doing the work we do for the student body, alongside our awesome team, has grown exponentially. Given the chance, I would love to bring the Law School cohort together as your President in 2021.

So, if you have a minute spare to vote my way (as Law students we have an abundance of spare time, right?) I'd be chuffed.



Peter Tantalos

To my fellow law students, I am asking for your vote for AULSS President. I have been a part of the Law Society for three years. In those three years, I have given my 100% to providing students with the academic tools and skills to achieve higher marks, and to develop the fundamental skills employers are seeking. I have also helped transition three years of first year students into University life and served on the AULSS Executive as Director of Education. This has given me a deep understanding of how the society runs and the critical function of all the different portfolios.

I am approachable, transparent, and incredibly hard working, and I place a deep focus on my relationships with all students. My goal is to make the AULSS an inclusive society for all law students; to promote an open and welcoming environment; to invest society resources to promoting greater employment and network opportunities and increased social events.

As Director of Education, my portfolio formed the first collaborative working relationship between a University society and Library staff. I have also formed close connections with many academic staff, which have expressed their desire to work with me to provide students with internship and network opportunities.

If elected, I want to put greater investment in students. This includes targeted funding to re-imagine the library space, shaping it into a new positive environment for social activity, study and relaxation, including investment in increased library resources. I also want to create a new initiative that will see organisations such as the Women's Legal Service and JusticeNet receive greater contributions from our AULSS events.

I have spoken to many students and listened to them. I understand the job market was tough before COVID-19 and, especially now, jobs are increasingly hard to find. As President, I promise to provide meaningful opportunities for students to meet legal professionals and engage in network opportunities. I will also provide options for job opportunities in non-legal fields of work, where a legal degree is a valuable asset.

I have a genuine passion for student representation and this year I served on the executive of the Adelaide University SRC. I understand how to be apart of an executive team and work collaboratively with others to provide initiatives, funding and support for students.

Please Vote [1] for me, Peter Tantalos, for AULSS President. Thank you.

Vice-President (1)



Annabel Bramley

Once upon a time there was a second year Law student who ran for an Activities Representative position under Ali Jones' 'Appeal' ticket. She thought "well I don't really know what the role is, and I probably won't get it, but sure, why not?".

Three years later, this same student, having been successful in obtaining that role, going on to Direct the Activities Portfolio in 2019 (bringing you the likes of 'Charlie and the ChocoLAWte Factory' along with 13 other fabulous events), and becoming the inaugural Director of Communications for the AULSS in 2020 (yes, that is me behind the wheel of the gram, Facebook, website, and really any other communicative channel that the AULSS runs), is putting her hand up to be YOUR Vice President in 2021.

But why? You ask. Aren't you tired?

Well.... I am....but that's unrelated!

As your Vice President for 2021, I want to ensure that the AULSS' values of accessibility, transparency and integrity remain at the heart of everything we do. With a leadership style that affords my team a safe space to develop the soft skills so imperative to the success of the student experience, I hope to continue to cultivate an environment for Law students whereby they feel that their diverse interests and needs are not only advocated for, but actually met.

Having recently finished my Psychology degree and being a young person with lived experiences of ill-mental health, I would love to help the AULSS to continue to be a body that provides a network of meaningful connection and support to alleviate the stressors that arise through the course of university study.

My experience on the AULSS ensures that I not only have an extensive understanding of the innerworkings of the society, but also comprehend the potential that the AULSS has to grow. With the financial responsibilities of the VP being transferred into the new Treasurer position, there exist so many possible avenues for expansion which I would relish the opportunity to explore.

So, if you (W)ant (A)nnabel as Vice (P)resident as much as I would love to be, please consider throwing a vote my way during the Week 10 election period, it would truly mean the world.

Good luck to all the nominees participating in this year's election. The AULSS is such an incredibly rewarding group to be a part of. I wish the very best for the 2021 Committee.



Isaac Trumble

My name is Isaac Trumble and I'm running to be your Vice President for 2021. I have served on the AULSS this past year as an Activities Representative and helped organize some of the amazing events we have been able to hold this year despite COVID. This year the position of VP has been split into 2 roles, with the VP continuing to do admin and secretarial work and the Treasurer taking over the financial side of things. In this past year I have been on the Adelaide University SRC as the General Secretary which has the exact same duties as the VP of the AULSS will next year. One of these duties is being the public officer of the AULSS as required by the relevant legislation; a role I have previously filled for the SRC this year. I also have extensive experience on various other club and organizational executives filling roles such as Secretary, Communications Director and General Executive. As your Vice President there are a number of things I want to do in 2021 for the AULSS. Firstly, I want to make sure that the AULSS is first and foremost an organization which serves you, the Law students of Adelaide. I want to ensure that the AULSS is always a non-political body, and that when we are taking stances on societal issues we are doing so in a meaningful way rather than a tokenistic one, but also that the actions we are taking don't violate any of the aims and objectives of the AULSS. The AULSS's main goal should always be the betterment of our students.

I also want to ensure the AULSS isn't perceived as elitist or exclusive. The AULSS Office is of course an important resource of the AULSS, however it is my belief that for studying and socializing it should be used as little as possible. The Committee and especially the Executive need to be out and about in the Law School and always approachable and happy to interact with fellow law students and that's what I'll be doing. This is a commitment I'm making to you all now. If you have any questions about my candidacy feel free to message me to discuss either over messenger or over a beer. You'll also find me in the basement of Liggy getting far less studying done than you'd expect in a "quiet study area".

Treasurer (1)



Cassidy Evreniadis

My name is Cassidy Evreniadis, and I am running for Treasurer this year! I hope to help the committee thrive in involving students as much as possible. I believe my experience in expenses and budgeting will provide the committee with the knowledge to effectively manage their finances to enable the committee to effectively accommodate their students. Before attending the University of Adelaide, I attended university in the United States for four years, earning my Bachelor's degree in Pre-Law. While studying, I had a job in the financial department of the university preparing financial reports, budgeting reports, and funding reports. This allowed me to see all of the assets, expenses and equity that the university was using. My role was supervised by the Controller and allowed me to learn a lot about financial management and the nature of a payroll office. Currently, I assist the secretary in my family's business with financial reports, managing wages, and observing the expense reports. As this is a new position, I hope to implement a new management plan, using my financial management knowledge, to enable finances to be handled efficiently and effectively.

I would love to make a positive impact on the law society by putting my best foot forward and start this position off with a bang!



Lily Maslin

My name is Lily Maslin and I am running for Treasurer for 2021.

As Treasurer is a newly established position, the student that is elected into this role will need to be a quick learner, detail-oriented and hardworking. I believe I possess these soft skills and have demonstrated them in my current role on the AULSS.

In addition to law, I am studying a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) which I believe has equipped me with skills that will be essential for this position. I have experience in maintaining accounting records which will be indispensable and I will be able to confidently express the AULSS' financial position to the committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity and thank you for taking the time to read my application.



Imogen Tonkin

Hi! My name is Imogen and I am running to be your AULSS Treasurer for 2021. This year I have had the pleasure of being one of your Education Representatives. Through that position, I have learned so much about how the AULSS functions, and I would love the opportunity to put that knowledge to use and make a difference as an executive member. I feel that I would be particularly suited to the position of Treasurer, not only because of my professional skills, but also because of the large amount of financial work I do at my job outside of uni. I mean, if I can handle all of the cash in a supermarket half-asleep at 5am, I can do anything, right?

But seriously, I know that the role of Treasurer requires some hard, dedicated work. I'm fully prepared to spend my summer (where else am I gonna go anyway?) emailing firms and getting as many quality sponsors for the AULSS as I can to ensure that we are able to run the best possible events and seminars for you. I've also developed some top-notch professional email/letter writing skills at my internship this year which I'm itching to put to use to make that happen.

As for the financial management side of things, if there's one thing I can stay totally on top of, it's money. I cannot STAND the thought of owing money to anyone, and that perpetual fear means I'll be doing all I can to make sure our accounts are settled and organised.

Finally, if elected, I will use my time as an executive member advocating for students' wants and needs. Ultimately, we are a body that exists for you, and I would love the opportunity to spend my last year of law school helping to run the seminars and events that we all know and love. The executive this year has done an incredible job of making university enjoyable in the unavoidable nightmare that was 2020. Let's make sure we continue that energy in 2021.

If you see me around the law school, please come have a chat! I would love to get to know you all a little better and hear any suggestions you may have for the next year.

I would really appreciate your vote and look forward to (hopefully) being your first Treasurer in 2021!



Amen Yohannes

Hello, I'm Amen Yohannes and I ask for your support in my running for the position of Treasurer in the 2020 AULSS Committee. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce in Corporate Finance along with my law degree. Thus, I believe this coupled with my working experience makes me the ideal candidate for this position. I carry professional working experience from my current role at the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as well as during my time working in commercial law firms. As a result, I have developed an enhanced understanding of the financial workings of non-individual entities which I believe will allow me to undertake this role, in addition to a professional work ethic and clear communication abilities. For this reason, due to the interpersonal and professional skills required for this role, that I possess, I will uphold the transparency and accountability required for the effective management of the AULSS's finance. Yes, making balance sheets and maintaining financial records aren't the most enthralling of activities. However, I look forward to applying my detail-oriented and methodical mind to this role so that the regular events and activities that gives us law students much needed reprieve from the stresses of endless assignments that happens without a hitch. On a broader note, if you see me around the place, I'd love to have a chat - after all, we are all in this (law school) together.

Many thanks,
Amen Yohannes 😊

Activities Representative (4)



Catherine Chhour

Hi! I'm Catherine and I would love to be your friendly Activities representative for 2021! I have absolutely enjoyed working with the Activities portfolio in 2020, which was a year that undoubtedly showed how essential events are in surviving law school. I've learnt that AULSS events are a fantastic way to meet new people, create amazing memories and to be excited throughout your studies! Therefore, I hope to make activities for 2021 even brighter and better because you all deserve it! I would also love to encourage more people to attend the various events because it is guaranteed to make your law school experience 10 x better! Also, a little bit more about me- I will be in my third year of law and economics, I love the beach, kickboxing and Mexican food!



Kirsty Mcginlay

Hi there! It's the loud Scottish girl you can hear down in the basement. AND I WANT TO BE YOUR ACTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVE!

Ever since I came to law school my favourite memories have been the vast number of law events that I have attended over the years and now that I am heading into my final year, I would love to help plan them to make them bigger and better for all law students.

I think activities allow law students to branch and meet a number of students in different year levels in a fun and relaxed environment. Due to attending most events over the past four years, I feel like I understand what students want from them and what a successful event looks like. I would enjoy working within the activities portfolio as I believe I am a team player and thus, would always pull my weight and help other reps in any way I can.

In hopes we will have little to no CO-VID 19 restrictions next year, I would love to help create events that makes us all forget about the fact we couldn't dance in 2020.

Please vote for female BRAVEHEART!



Theodora Sevastidis

If you know me, you probably already know that I am the type of person who will use any excuse to celebrate. So, it may not come as a complete surprise that I am hoping to join the AULSS as an Activities Representative during the 2020/2021 term! After a year of cramming in way too many courses (I'm looking at you, Winter School), I think we can all agree that 2021 events are going to be on another level. As one of your Activities Representatives, I will ensure that our team organises events that everyone is going to be counting down to. Plus, as I head into my final year of law, I want to make sure that our cohort goes out with a COVID-safe bang! I am a very team-orientated person and love collaborating and sharing ideas with others. I believe that these attributes, as well as my previous experience in planning events, make me an ideal candidate for this position. I can't wait to dance through the next year with you all!



India Whitton

It's clear to anyone who has been to an event run by the AULSS that the social culture in Law School is like no other. It's distinctive, it's fun, it's unique – and for those who don't study Law – it's incomprehensible.

This past year I have acted as First Year Rep on the AULSS Committee. In this role, I've gained insight in to exactly what it means to represent the law school, and work alongside such a diverse and dedicated committee. Now, I can apply this experience and enact real change.

I am a hard worker, and a strong and confident leader, with a passion for justice. As your Activities Representative, I'll work to preserve and build upon this culture that makes being a Law student so good. I want to play a role in its development.

I want to foster a positive and inclusive environment, in which everyone feels welcome – and what better way to do this then organising events! Let's make up for all those precious weekends wasted and roll on to 2021!

I really appreciate the opportunity to give back to a community that has taught me so much in such a small amount of time.



Chloe Winter

Hi guys! My name is Chloe and I would love to be one of your activities reps for 2021!

I am currently a third-year student – and COVID has helped me realise how much the LSS events aid in my functioning as a normal human being. The LSS does an amazing job of fostering friendships and a close-knit community and the activities portfolio plays a CRUCIAL role in this.

Years (too many!) working in hospo and a family history in the wine industry has given me insight into event planning and importantly - how to throw a good one. As well as perspective into how hard it is to manage a work/study/fun balance as a law student.

My favourite form of procrastination – especially for Corp or Admin is doing absolutely anything else so you can be sure I will be fully dedicated in a rep position!

I am seriously easy-going and approachable and would love to meet more of you all in this role! Help me fulfil my first-year law student dreams (I just want to help plan law ball <3).

Hope I can count on your vote!

Careers Representative (5)



Alexander Alex

Hi I'm Xander, and I'm running to be your Careers rep. Having come from interstate to Adelaide, I know exactly what it's like to be totally overwhelmed in law school. How do I make new friends? Should I do a comp? How do I get work experience without work experience? With so many decisions to make now as a student, a career can seem like a distant objective that you can figure out tomorrow - or maybe in three years. It's easy to feel like you're wandering around in the dark, hoping a clerkship or internship will somehow materialise but without a clear plan on how to get there. That's where I can help. Having been through the whole process, I get that it can seem like a bit of smoke and mirrors. But it really doesn't need to. My one weird trick for becoming employable (lawyers hate him!) is pursuing a broad range of experiences relevant to how far you are into your degree. As a Careers rep I am eager to share what I have learned with you, making sure that you feel on track and career ready whether you're in first or final year.



Felix Eldridge

Hey everyone, my name is Felix Eldridge, I'm a fourth year Law & International Studies student and I'm running to be one of your Careers Representatives for 2021!

So many law students want, or need, jobs outside of the legal profession and I'd like to go out of my way to ensure that these people are catered for by the AULSS. In particular, I think the AULSS should cater for those students who do double degrees and wish to pursue careers outside the traditional LLB pathway.

If elected, I will work to include panellists in careers seminars not from a direct law background. Over the last year, I've worked closely with a variety of clubs ranging from economics, business, politics and arts to deliver a variety of educative seminars and events and if elected, I can bring my expertise to this portfolio!

I've had plenty of extracurricular experience at university, including being President of the Politics and International Relations Association, serving on the Arts Faculty Board and being an editor of the student magazine On Dit.

With your support I hope to see you at, perhaps on the other side of the table this time, an AULSS Careers Seminar!



Bhavna Gupta

A struggle that every student faces is not knowing where their degree can take them. Knowledge about the range of legal industries, different job prospects and networking can seem mysterious and daunting, however my aim as a Careers Representative in the AULSS will be to make this process more accessible.

My name is Bhavna Gupta and I am a second year Bachelor of Laws student. Approaching my penultimate year, I understand the value of networking and staying informed about different career opportunities. As your Careers Representative, I will aim to alleviate the stress that accompanies planning for the future by providing a reliable avenue that informs about different legal careers, enables you to meet professionals in the industry and provides a better perspective on how to effectively transition from your degree to your career.

Being your representative will allow me to take your suggestions and implement them to ensure that you are receiving the information and opportunities that you want. I am always happy to have a chat about anything and cannot wait to help provide the best resources for you to navigate your career pathway.

Thank you.



George Komninou

Hi! I'm George and I would love to be one of your Careers & Sponsorship Representatives in 2021.

When it comes to figuring out what career path you'd like to pursue, we're often in a lingo between choosing with our head and our heart. The law? Literally anything else? Nobody knows. As someone who has completed a Bachelor of Health and Medical Sciences, I completely sympathise with this.

Whether legal or not, contacting any firm for future career opportunities can be very daunting and tiresome. I aim to facilitate a more streamlined process where students can be better aware of the qualities your future employers will look for, and for you to therefore make a more informed decision about where your future lies.

I am a very dedicated and enthusiastic person, who will utilise these qualities to ensure you get the best service possible. Throughout our interactions, I will encourage as many questions as possible, so our future employers become further aware of the class that exists at our University.

I hope I can count on your support.
Thank you!



Anthony Luppino

Hi, my name is Anthony Luppino and I am running for a position on the AULSS as a Careers Representative for 2021. After being successfully elected into this role for 2020, I am looking to further my experience and run again for this position.

Everyone that knows me personally would say that I am an outgoing, yet extremely friendly and enthusiastic person to be around that is always determined to achieve success. After completing work experience role at a commercial law firm in 2019, I have built many strong connections with notable figures in the law community, of which has only grown since joining the AULSS in 2020. Once again, I aim to utilise this for all students via this role, where one of my main goals is to act as a facilitator in connecting students with various representatives from top law firms, in addition to any other relevant opportunities that arise.

Overall, I believe that I can help alleviate the stress in finding jobs and obtaining useful experience for all students, whilst also providing them with access to an extremely formidable network base within the legal community.

I would really appreciate your vote. Thank you.



Bella Mickan

Sick of hearing you need a 7.5GPA to get a job in law? You are not alone.

Worried about clerkships applications? I will provide you with the perfect amount of waffle to secure that elusive interview.

Hey! I'm Bella and I would love to be your Careers Representative!

Jokes aside, the chatter in Liggy that there are no jobs for graduates is tiresome, believe me I know. I want to make it my mission to alleviate this pressure for all law students by ensuring opportunities to hear from, and network with, future employers. Opening the lines of communications between students and employers will provide invaluable exposure to the differing avenues of law, even allowing you to pick the lesser evil to sell your soul to.

I have held events for students on 'Careers in Human Rights Law' and want to take this to another level by holding careers nights in all the areas that YOU want more exposure to.

If Law School has taught me anything, it is that there is no one pathway to success. I would love nothing more than to provide you with every opportunity possible so you can determine your own pathway to your dream job.



Sean Pettingill

Hey, my name is Sean and I'm hoping to be one of your Careers Representatives in 2021. I'm in my 2nd year of Law, but 6th of university. I've also completed a Bachelor of International Relations (French) (Honours).

While Law School is a great way to meet new people and develop new skills, it can be hard to figure out what you want to do when you graduate, and what career would best suit your skills.

As your representative, I intend to ensure students are as informed as possible about what careers are out there both in and out of law. Having been at university for a hot minute, I've been fortunate enough to gain significant work experience and I plan to use those connections and knowledge to connect students with all kinds of careers opportunities.

Having gone through the experience of applying for professional jobs I believe I am in a unique position to help students gain careers advice, experience and networking opportunities.

I'm keen to use this position to give students an even greater opportunity to find the right career for them.

I look forward to seeing you around the Law School!

Cheers,
Sean

Mature Age Representative (1)



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I acknowledge that we are on Kurna Country. I would like to pay my respects to the Kurna People, to the Elders past and present. I walk on Kurna Country with respect and knowledge that we are on stolen lands where sovereignty was never ceded.

It would be a privilege to sit as the Mature Age Representative of the AULSS. I believe that I am best suited to this position as I will deliver through my lived experiences, my diversity as well as a new approach to working together within the Law School. Considering the year that 2020 has been, it is clear that the status quo in many areas of society is changing opening up newer, innovative ways of dealing with various issues. I consider it vital to the University experience to have representatives who are adaptable, approachable, empathetic as well as experienced in such roles and with this in mind I believe I am the candidate to make the days at Uni, especially for mature age students more engaging, enjoyable and a bit more “mature” (except when we have drinks at the UniBar). So, no pressure...vote for me...please.



Meaghan Prefontaine

I would like submit my candidature to resume my position as mature age representative on the AULSS in the 2021 academic year. Unfortunately, 2020 was a challenging year and many of my plans in this position were unable to come to fruition due to social distancing measures. With a bit of luck, next year I will strive to organise more in person social events for the mature age and graduate entry cohort as well as being more active with these peers on social media. This would involve liaising more closely with the communications portfolio in order to reach out to as many mature age and graduate-entry students as possible. I am particularly interested in creating further resources to help mature age students transition from professional work life back into study. The reality is many mature age students lead busy lives balancing work, school, and family, and are commonly seldom on campus. I am committed to representing the mature age cohort and doing my best to make sure they feel integrated in the greater law school community and that their interests are being addressed in the broader scheme of AULSS decision-making.

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Director of Education (1)



Nadeesha Indigahawela

Hi everyone! My name is Nadeesha and I am running to be your Director of Education for 2021. I am a penultimate Law and Arts student, who is incredibly passionate about Law and all things AULSS! This year I have had the absolute pleasure of being part of the AULSS as a Competitions Representative, in which I ran the Herbert Smith Freehills Open Moot. I had a blast in this role, as I not only pushed myself running a competition, but also loved engaging with other portfolios and law students at all of the AULSS events!

If you ever see me at a law event, I am most likely standing around with a big smile on my face, extremely chuffed to meet everyone doing law, which is why I would love to be the Director of Education for 2021! I am an incredibly bubbly and friendly individual who loves to engage with everyone, and am more than happy for you to chew my ears off with any questions or queries you may have!

Being in my final year means that I will be able to approach the role retrospectively and thus, can implement things that I wish I had in my first few years of Law School. If elected, I aim to continue the AGLC-4 and research skill seminars, as I believe them to be incredibly beneficial. I would like to, however, include a seminar on how to approach problem and short answer questions in order to help students feel less apprehensive about starting assignments. I also aim to implement plans with other portfolios, such as having a seminar that helps students understand what the intricacies of the degree and beyond (what is a GDLP, am I right?) and also creating a guide that outlines the Priestly 11 from the point of view of students to act as a supplement to the course outlines.

Essentially, my main goal for next year, if I am lucky enough to lead the Education Portfolio, is to ensure clarity and transparency, in a way that allows for the Portfolio to be an entity that individuals feel comfortable coming to, to ask any question whether they are law related or law adjacent! If you would like to ask me any questions or get to know me more before the election, please feel free to reach out to me – I am more than happy to chat!

Director of Careers (1)



Leon Kasperski

Before getting into my ideas for the Careers Portfolio, I better introduce myself! I am Leon Kasperski and am running to be your Careers Director for 2021. I am an incredibly personable individual, who is always down for a chat about absolutely anything, as it is the law school environment which I love!

I have had excellent experience in the Careers Portfolio, as a Careers Representative this year, where I assisted in running the Careers Fair, was a co-editor on the Careers Guide and co-ran a Public Law seminar. I worked closely with the current Careers and Sponsorship Director, and will adopt this experience, along with my own ideas to make your careers process as seamless as possible. For instance, I will certainly be continuing the Careers Guide, a myriad of seminars, along with the Careers Fair. The latter is particularly poignant to me as Adelaide Law School is going back to the Tri-varsity Fair and will require a firm advocate who has not only seen the inner-workings of previous Careers Fairs, but also has a close relationship with the current Director to allow a seamless transition with the external organisers.

I also have many ideas to take the Careers Portfolio to new levels. Firstly, I aim to collaborate with both the Competitions and Education portfolios to engage younger students in a more practical side of the law degree. Coming from someone who loves advocacy, I am a huge believer in practical learning and the soft skills not learned in the classroom. What is most crucial is that this is supported by a team which is always there to support you if you have any queries and cultivate your foundation of knowledge like never before. Secondly, I aim to be extremely interactive with all law students through social media; that way I can provide the leadership you are seeking. Thirdly, I aim to bring you closer to firms than ever before, with tours of law firms, where they can give you first hand information about their practice areas and where you can ask questions in an environment like none other.

I really appreciate you taking the time to read my candidate statement! If you have any questions or simply want to get to know me better, please feel free to message me or come and say hi in person! Thank you and stay safe and well!

Director of Activities (1)



Chelsea Chieng

Hello! My name is Chelsea Chieng and I am running to be the 2021 Director of Activities! I have been on the AULSS Committee for 3 wonderful years now and have been an Activities representative for the past 2 years. You may know me as the Quiz Night host, the photographer at most of the events, or the girl that is always really loud on the Pro Vino bus (oops).

I have had so much fun organising the AULSS events, and I hope you have enjoyed them as well! I am extremely confident that after three years of experience I have exactly what it takes to be the Director of Activities and that I will organise some amazing events for you all! I am extremely passionate about our law school activities and I take them very seriously – because I know just how important it is to have something to look forward to, and something to get you through those tough assignments. We truly have the best culture out of all the degrees (in my opinion at least!), and it is something I am always so grateful for and passionate about.

As fun as the events are, I know first-hand how much hard work is required behind the scenes. I have watched and learnt so much from my previous directors, and I know that I am equipped and ready to dedicate myself to this important role with all of its challenges (and honestly what could be more rewarding than getting to party with you all?!).

I hate to be dramatic, but I know that these events mean a lot to a lot of people! They are what makes law school all that more bearable! They bring us together and encourage you to make some time for yourself! They allow you to finally let your hair down after a tough week! And they are the best way to make new friends and just have some fun!

I would absolutely love to be the Director of Activities for you in 2021. This year has been hard on us all, so I am very determined to make next year the best year yet! I hope to see you all with a drink in hand very soon!

Love, Chelsea xoxo

Director of Social Justice and Equity (1)



Divya Narayan

My name is Divya Narayan and I am currently a 4th year student that is passionately running for the role of Director of Social Justice and Equity on the AULSS Committee in 2020/2021. I am an experienced AULSS committee member and have volunteered at community legal centres, Oxfam, and am now volunteering at the EDO. This demonstrates that I have both the relevant experience and the enthusiasm about social justice issues to be successful as Director of Social Justice and Equity. I am confident in expressing my opinions and ideas to my fellow peers in an assertive, yet respectful manner, and I will ensure to make your opinions heard. I have realistic expectations regarding the high level of commitment required from this Directorial role. Accordingly, I commit to attending every meeting where possible, ensuring that the ideas of my representatives have equal importance to my own, and being receptive and eager to hear ideas and contributions from all law students without prejudice. My main aim as Director of Social Justice and Equity is to solidify a tangible purpose for this portfolio and to create clear targets for the year ahead, which I feel is currently lacking. I truly believe this portfolio has great potential for growth and if elected to be Director, I will aim to achieve two main goals. The first is to expand and diversify the types of events that are run. I hope to include unique and important topics that are current and relevant, and cover issues that have not been touched upon in previous years. My second aim is to improve student engagement with social justice issues. I want to expand our affiliations with different charities and organisations to promote volunteering opportunities for students who are interested in engaging with social justice issues. I also want to create a platform that raises awareness about current social justice issues that may affect us not only as law students, but as active global citizens. One idea I have is to establish a forum where the portfolio highlights social justice issues relating to the legal sector, and students can engage in friendly debate and conversation in response. Ultimately, with the help of your vote, I will bring a genuine passion for social justice and take this role in a new direction that puts student engagement and opportunity at the forefront. I look forward to representing you.

Director of Competitions (1)



Kellie Elmes

My name is Kellie and I am nominating for the position of Director of Competitions because I can easily say that becoming involved competitions has been the best decision I've made in my past four years at law school! I first became involved in competitions in my first year as a volunteer. However, it wasn't until my third year that I became actively involved in mooting through a course elective, which then led to unforgettable experiences on the national and international level. More recently I had the joy of being a member of the 2020 Competitions Committee as a Representative, with a role in organising Client Interview and Novice Moot. My extensive experience in competitions from all angles has allowed me to understand and appreciate the energy, passion and commitment that is required to run these events. Ultimately the purpose of legal competitions is for the benefit of us as law students. They enable us to diversify and develop our skills in areas such as oral and written advocacy, research, negotiation, resilience and team work. But in addition to developing important legal skills, competitions are just so much fun! They are an excellent opportunity to become more involved in our Liggy community and make new connections. My comprehensive experience in organising and competing make me an ideal candidate for this position. Next year I know there is so much potential to expand the competitions run by and promoted by the AULSS. I would cherish the opportunity to lead the charge in these developments as well as be a point of support for all students considering taking part. I will always be a strong advocate for involvement in legal competitions and in 2021 I hope to do this as your Director of Competitions.

Director of Communications (1)



Nicolas Rich

Hey Everyone! My name is Nic! You might know me as the guy with the kiwi accent or the one that will never stop talking about mooting. Regardless, I would love your support for communications director! Communications is such a new and exciting portfolio and I would love the opportunity to build on the amazing work done this year and create a series of fun media platforms and communications for all students.

For those of you who may not know, the communications portfolio plays an important part in the Law Students' Society as a whole. Not only are the majority of events and publications communicated by the portfolio, but they also help to run the relevant social media pages.

Being a competitions representative for the past two years, I've had the privilege of being a part of the Law Students' Society and understanding the relationships between all portfolios. Focusing substantially on communications between competitors and the competitions portfolio, I would bring my passion for communicating and willingness to always try and help to the role of Communications Director.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected as your Communications Director, I would love more interaction and communication between students and the LSS. There is always so much going on within the Law School and it is important that students always have the information as to what opportunities exist for them.

A vote for me will give you exquisite memes, well-presented publications and a director who will always aim to give you any and all exciting information from the Law School we are all far too attached to.

Thank you for your consideration!

Competitions Representative (6)



Hannah Jung

Hello, I am Hannah and I am currently in my second-year and I will be in my third-year law next year in 2021. I moved from Tasmania to Adelaide to pursue my career and so far, it has been such a grateful and memorable time studying here in Adelaide University.

The reason I nominated myself to become 'competitions representative' is that I wanted to do something different in my third year. I wanted to do something that is meaningful and helping other students in law. I was always involved in business faculties, but I did not have a chance to be involved in the law area, therefore I would like to use this opportunity to get involved with AULSS. I believe in order to lead the team and to become part of the team member it is important to have the necessary attributes and skills. To say a bit about myself I am a hard worker, I have a number of years of experiences organising events, and I am a confident person. Therefore, I would always work my hardest to meet the needs of the law students and I will do my best to fulfil my task I was given.



Celena Le

Hello! My name is Celena and I would be honoured to be elected as Competitions Representative for 2021.

As a third year law student with plenty of experience competing in AULSS Competitions, I hope that you can trust that I know what it is like to be in your shoes. I can recall being a nervous First Year as I stepped into the mooting ring for the first time, an excited (but still nervous) Second Year feeling out of their depth in Negotiations and Client Interviewing and finally a more-confident (but definitely still nervous) Third Year signing up for their first Inter-varsity Competition and being completely shocked when I was fortunate enough to take home the win with my partner. In addition, as Vice-President of the Adelaide Model United Nations Club I have a good understanding of the demands of organising a well-run and enjoyable competition.

I believe that this experience equips me with the skills to fulfil this role and would be grateful for the opportunity to promote the high-value of Competitions in the context of practical experience and support first timers and also those returning.

Thank you for consideration



Michelle Neumann

My name is Michelle Neumann and I would love to be one of your competitions representatives.

I am passionate about helping to organise the law school competitions and have the skills and experience required to do so.

As a UN Youth volunteer, I have experience in facilitating and efficiently running competitions. Furthermore, I have assisted in the facilitation of conferences over the past three years. Therefore, I would be able to positively contribute to the organisation of the 2021 AULSS competitions. I am organised and hardworking so that I am well suited to assist in the organisation of the competitions and to answer any relevant questions you may have.

In conclusion, I would love to be one of your 2021 competitions representatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration!



Yihui Alicia Ng

Hi everyone! My name is Alicia and I hope that I can become your Competitions Representative because I love AULSS competitions!

In 2019, I was that awkward 1st year who decided to go for the Client Interview competition 4 weeks into my law school experience. And while I lost out immediately in the preliminaries (Shocking!! Who would have thought a first-year whose only understanding of law comes from a few seasons of Suits would lose against older, experienced law students) I was not dissuaded at all and proceeded to go for First Year Moot, and this year, 2020's Novice Moot, where I finally made it pass the prelims and into the semi-finals. In between participating in competitions, I also enjoy volunteering for Witness Examination which is one of my next go-to competitions!

Competitions really enhances the law school experience – spicing up that constant pressure with weekly/fortnightly spikes of intense stress and excitement, it really amplifies the relief you feel at surviving law school! So, I would love to be your Competitions Representative and help create this uniquely law-school experience for everyone!



Riki Theodorakakos

My name is Riki Theodorakakos and I am a passionate and driven student who would absolutely love to be a Competitions Representative in the AULSS!

Having thoroughly enjoyed and experienced success in the 2020 First Year Moot, I would love to facilitate other law students having the opportunity to be involved in these rewarding activities. I recognise the value in participating in these competitions, particularly in improving a student's confidence, as I have learned a lot from my own experiences with mooting, debating and other oratory pursuits. Therefore, I would love to play a part in organising these opportunities through the role of Competitions Representative.

I have had experience navigating the organisational aspects of such competitions through a combination of work in both a leadership and volunteer capacity. I embrace positivity and inclusivity, bringing strong communication abilities to this role that make me well-suited for collaborating with others. My focal point within this role would be to increase participation in these competitions, focusing on engaging more students so that these individual benefits can become more widespread.

Thank you so much for considering my application for Competitions Representative!

Social Justice and Equity Representative (4)



Alexander Arthur

'Social justice' is an oft-stereotyped notion on university campuses, however as social justice is deeply connected to the way law operates in society as the term centres on one's personal service to the community. In my previous role as Equity & Wellbeing Officer I focused on promoting student welfare within the LSS by:

- Publishing an Equity & Wellbeing Guide for all law students in light of COVID 19 and its impact on law students with the 2019 Social Justice Committee.
- Collaborating with the previous Officer, Brooke Washusen and Lorne Neudorf to initiate AULSS OutLaws and improve LGBTIQ+ inclusivity on campus.
- Published topical articles for the Hilarian on the topics of self-care during coronavirus and the importance of self-compassion.
- Collaborations with other portfolios such as Competitions in drafting questions for moots.

If elected I hope to build on these foundations by:

- Assisting the Director of the portfolio to collaborate with other portfolios in a mutually beneficial way.
- Drafting an internal complaint and harassment policy to ensure any disputes are dealt with fairness, confidentiality and expeditiously.
- Strengthen relationships with Student Care, Disability Support and Lex Salus overall.



William Fay

Hi, I'm Billy. I know how passionate law students are to better their communities and how difficult it can be to chart an authentic and impactful path as an activist and social justice lawyer. Working as an activism coordinator for SA and the NT with Amnesty International, as well as working as a national youth representative has given me a keen sense of the issues students care about and ways to engage in meaningful activism. Campaigning for welfare rights and refugee rights through organisations like Justice For Refugees SA has given me a strong understanding of the ways we can engage, empower, and organise our communities to promote justice. Working as a Social Justice and Equity Representative would be a great opportunity to use these skills to help Adelaide Law students campaign on social justice issues, develop our skills of advocacy, research, and organisation, and affect change on important issues. I will provide students with opportunities to use the skills we've developed in the classroom to promote education and policy change on key issues, and strengthen connections between law students and community organisations to expand our skill sets beyond the law and learn how to affect meaningful change and empower marginalised communities.



Aditi Tamhankar

Hi, I'm Aditi and I would love to be one of your Social Justice representatives! Social justice within the community is only achieved when each individual feels content and safe: I want to hear what we can do to improve your wellbeing on campus. My number-one priority is that each and every student feels valued – and I will do all I can to ensure you feel this way. Social justice is intrinsically connected to the legal system, and so we, as law students, have the unique opportunity to involve ourselves in meaningful activism. In this role, I hope to organise events about causes that resonate with us students and act as a platform for action and change. I am willing to actively seek out individuals and organisations from the broader community whose voices can inspire and encourage us. I am highly motivated and I truly value making connections. Change always starts with conversation; so I am always ready to hear your thoughts or have a conversation about issues that matter most to you!

Education Representative (2)



Ikhwan Fazli

Hello! My name is Ikhwan and I'm excited to say that I'm running for the position of Education Representative in the AULSS Committee. I've chosen to do this because I understand how important it is for us law students to get the right type of support during our studies. Throughout my time in first year, I've relied significantly on the resources and avenues for learning provided by the AULSS Education Portfolio, and I would consider it an honour to have the opportunity to continue their fantastic work.

Before starting university, I previously worked for a start-up incubator where my responsibilities included organising workshops, administrating programs and keeping up to date with entrepreneurs to make sure that they had the perfect amount of support they required to succeed. If elected to the position of Education Representative, I will do my best to ensure that Adelaide Law students have all the resources and opportunities they need to prosper.



Bryan Lau

Hello friends! My name is Bryan and I am running for the position of Education Representative in the AULSS committee. If you haven't met me before, I am the guy who used to be a cop and was elected as the First Year Representative at the start of the year. During my time as a Rep, I have enjoyed meeting many of you through the limited law events this year (cheers Covid). Although my main role is to represent the First Years, I also assist the Education portfolio in organising events such as the Legal Research seminar and the AGLC4 Referencing seminar. You can ask for a no better education representative than someone who has experience in the education portfolio.

If elected as the education representative, I will continue to work on projects that will assist you in your assignments for the rest of your time in law school. Whether that is polishing your legal research skills or learning how to reference properly, your educational needs will be my priority.

So, if you would like me to serve as your education representative next year, please take the time to vote for me over the next few weeks.

Thank you!

Communications Representative (3)



Christiana Michaels

MAMMA MIA, it's already AULSS election time, and **I HAVE A DREAM** to be one of your Communications Representatives in 2021. After being a part of The Hilarian editorial team in 2020, I do not want to let another opportunity to be a member of this portfolio go **SLIPPING THROUGH MY FINGERS**, and aim to capitalise on the skills and knowledge gained throughout this previous position. **I DO** have extensive experience with navigating the relevant platforms and programs required, alongside video, photography and graphic design proficiency. If you **GIMME GIMME GIMME** the ability to undertake this role, I aim to establish a vibrant community across our online presence, and help facilitate stronger a connection between the AULSS and wider student body. Moreover, **THE NAME OF THE GAME** is to have an increased student presence and participation online, alongside heightened support and resource access for students. **WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE**, I am passionate about all things digital media, and would love you to **TAKE A CHANCE ON ME** and vote, as **THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL**. Wishing everyone the best of luck with upcoming exams, and penultimate students to enjoy **OUR LAST SUMMER** before final year!



Annie Yuan

I'm Annie (2nd year LLB & B.Commerce), and I'm running to be your Communications Representative!

I'm strategically proficient with social media platforms beyond my prowl for a vibey Instagram aesthetic. As your current IT Rep I've gained important insight and I'm dedicated towards keeping law students in the loop with what the AULSS has to offer. To this role, I'm bringing a strong background in communications, design, marketing and IT, coupled with my sheer enthusiasm for genuine engagement.

An example, you ask? I just finished building AULSS' new website (visit aulss.org, shameless plug, I know) in coordination with our Director of Communications. This project demonstrates my ability in spearheading creative flair with actioning AULSS needs – I'm 100% committed to see tasks through!

Above all, I love facilitating connection. COVID-19 forced us to do the best with what we have; we've all undoubtedly garnered an appreciation for valuable communication, even if behind screens. I promise to deliver on my passion for law students to remain connected and maximise your law school experiences – pandemic or not!

Serving you guys would be my absolute privilege.
Let the future of AULSS Facebook posts fall into good hands.
Thanks in advance!

Magazine Editor (3)



Jenny Jung

Greetings fellow law people! My name is Jenny and I will be (with your help) one of your next magazine editors. I think that I would be great for this role as I am a mega creative type and would love to channel my creativity into something that can bring the law student community even closer together. I will strive to create a space that can simultaneously make you chuckle after a long night of readings and also facilitate meaningful discussions light heartedly. I want to share stories from all sorts of perspectives and experiences of being an Adelaide law student of this time, in hopes that it will generate relatability, empathy and most importantly, laughter – because we could all use some right about now. Thank you for your vote!

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- ONE Competitions Representative
- ONE Social Justice and Equity Representative
- ONE Communications Representative
- TWO Magazine Editor
- ONE IT Representative
- ONE Indigenous Representative