


ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY LAW  
STUDENTS' SOCIETY INC.

# SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING PAPERS



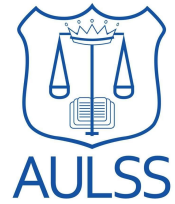
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14**

6:30 PM ACST

VIA ZOOM



**Adelaide University Law Students' Society  
Inc. Meeting Agenda  
Special General Meeting**



**To be held according to the following details:**

**Date:** Monday 14 September 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm ACST

**Location:** Via Zoom

*(Note: AULSS Committee Members will attend in person at Ligertwood Lecture Theatre 231, University of Adelaide SA 5005)*

**The Special General Meeting will have the following items of business:**

1. Welcome and taking of attendance;
2. Statement of acknowledgement;
3. Proposal of Constitutional amendments;
4. Any other business or announcements as may arise;
5. Meeting close.

## Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2020

Guide: In the ‘Proposed Amendment to Text’ column, the black text represents the current section of the constitution, cross through means removal of the selected words and blue text means new texts to be inserted.

No.	Clause	Purpose of Change	Proposed Amendment to Text
1	50(e)	Amend the wording of Indigenous Representative to inclusive terminology by removing any abbreviations.	<i>(e) to act as the official liaison between the Society and the Adelaide Law School <del>ATSI</del> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander co-ordinator.</i>
2	41(d)	Specify the duties of the Director of Education to include governing of the First Year election process.	<i>(c) <del>and;</del> (d) to govern the First Year election process; and</i>
3	21(4)	Amend the wording of this section to give future Committees the option of holding General Meetings electronically if necessary to do so.  <i>Note: Under usual circumstances, General Meetings are only held in person. Choosing to have an electronic attendance option will only be available at the discretion of the President.</i>	<i>(4) At the discretion of the President, attendance by technology may be permitted at a Committee, <del>meeting or</del> Executive or <b>General meeting</b> (<del>but not a General Meeting of the Society</del>) for the purposes of reaching quorum.</i>

4	40	<p>Amend the role of the Vice-President to only include secretarial duties.</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read with Amendment 5 regarding the introduction of a Treasurer position.</i></p>	<p><b>40—The Vice-President</b></p> <p><i>The Vice-President shall have the following powers and duties:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>to maintain proper records of the Society for all its affairs;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>to take minutes of meetings, to ensure that notice of meetings is validly given, and, where appropriate, to arrange the preparation of agendas, reports, papers and other documentation relevant to the meetings called;</i></p> <p><del>(c) <i>to control, and authorise the control of, and to issue, or authorise the issue of receipts for all monies and finances of the Society in accordance with this Constitution;</i></del></p> <p><del>(d) <i>to take reasonable steps to ensure that such accounting records are kept so as to correctly record and explain the financial transaction and financial position of the Society;</i></del></p> <p><del>(e) <i>to prepare and submit a balanced account to Members at the Annual General Meeting;</i></del></p> <p><del>(f) <i>to prepare and submit a balanced account to the Committee at each Committee meeting unless the Committee does not require such an account;</i></del></p> <p>(c) <i>to ensure compliance with the processes outlined in this Constitution as well as any other relevant laws of the Commonwealth or State;</i></p> <p>(d) <i>to be the Public Officer of the Society and to manage the Society’s relationship with any accounting firms;</i></p>
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			<p><i>(e) to organise and facilitate the selling and distribution of AULSS branded merchandise, unless the Executive agrees by ordinary resolution not to offer AULSS branded merchandise; and</i></p> <p><i>(f) to maintain and promote AULSS Law School Local Card deals, unless the Executive agrees by ordinary resolution not to offer Law School Local Cards.</i></p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Insert new 41 Clause</p> <p>Part 5 Heading: 41 - The Treasurer</p> <p>Insert 16(c): The Treasure</p> <p>38(3)(c)</p>	<p>Introduce the Treasurer position as part of the Executive.</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read with Amendment 4 regarding the splitting of the Vice President role. This amendment should also be read with Amendment 6 regarding the amending of the Director of Careers position.</i></p>	<p><b><i>41—The Treasurer</i></b></p> <p><i>The Treasurer shall have the following powers and duties:</i></p> <p><i>(a) to control, and authorise the control of, and to issue, or authorise the issue of receipts for all monies and finances of the Society in accordance with this Constitution;</i></p> <p><i>(b) to take reasonable steps to ensure that such accounting records are kept so as to correctly record and explain the financial transaction and financial position of the Society;</i></p> <p><i>(c) to prepare and submit a balanced account to Members at the Annual General Meeting;</i></p> <p><i>(d) to prepare and submit a balanced account to the Committee at each Committee meeting unless the Committee does not require such an account;</i></p> <p><i>(e) to maintain existing sponsorship agreements and to negotiate their renewal when appropriate; and</i></p>

			<p><i>(f) to seek to secure further sponsorship where possible for the Society from both the legal profession, other professions and the wider community.</i></p> <p><i>38(3)(c) - a balanced account for that financial year <b>as prepared by the Treasurer.</b></i></p>
6	<p>42</p> <p>15(2)(c)</p> <p>Part 5 Title - 42 - Director of Careers</p> <p>16(d)</p>	<p>Amend the duties of the Careers and Sponsorship Director to remove ‘sponsorship duties’.</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read together with amendment 5 regarding moving the sponsorship duties to the proposed Treasurer position.</i></p>	<p><b>42—Director of Careers <del>and Sponsorship</del></b></p> <p><i>The Director of Careers <del>and Sponsorship</del> shall have the following powers and duties:</i></p> <p><i>(a) to organise presentations from local and interstate firms regarding legal careers, clerkships and other law-related employment;</i></p> <p><i>(b) to organise and provide information regarding alternative careers for law graduates;</i></p> <p><i>(c) to publish an annual Careers Guide, detailing such information and other relevant knowledge regarding careers for law graduates;</i></p> <p><i>(d) to organise the annual Careers Fair or any successor or substitute events; <b>and</b></i></p> <p><del><i>(e) to maintain existing sponsorship agreements and to negotiate their renewal when appropriate; and</i></del></p>

			<p><del>(f) to seek to secure further sponsorship where possible for the Society from both the legal profession, other professions and the wider community; and</del></p> <p><del>(g) to direct the Careers <del>and Sponsorship</del> Representatives.</del></p> <p>16(d) the Director of Careers <del>and Sponsorship</del>;</p>
7	15(2)(f)  49	<p>Remove the role of Equity and Wellbeing Officer.</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read with amendment 8 regarding the expansion of the Social Justice portfolio to include these duties.</i></p>	<p><del>15(2)(f): an Equity and Wellbeing Officer</del></p> <p><del><b>49—Equity and Wellbeing Officer</b></del></p> <p><del>The Equity and Wellbeing Officer shall have the following powers and duties:</del></p> <p><del>(a) to listen and respond to student complaints with respect to issues of discrimination;</del></p> <p><del>(b) to actively contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the wellbeing of members, both physically and mentally;</del></p> <p><del>(c) to ensure the Society complies with the University’s ‘Respect. Now. Always.’ Policy and any successor policy against harassment;</del></p> <p><del>(d) to manage and oversee the Society’s relationship with relevant bodies and initiatives including Lex Salus;</del></p>

			<p><del>(e) to facilitate, organise and encourage participation in AULSS Sports unless the Executive agrees by ordinary resolution not to offer AULSS Sports; and</del></p> <p><del>(f) to report to the Director of Social Justice.</del></p>
8	16(g) 44	<p>Amalgamate the role of the Equity and Wellbeing Officer into the Social Justice Portfolio. Amend the name of the Social Justice portfolio to ‘Social Justice and Equity’.</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read with amendment 7 regarding the removal of an Equity and Wellbeing Officer. This amendment should also be read with amendment 12 regarding increasing the number of Social Justice Representatives.</i></p>	<p><b>44—Director of Social Justice and Equity</b></p> <p><i>The Director of Social Justice and Equity shall have the following powers and duties:</i></p> <p>(a) to listen and respond to student complaints with respect to issues of discrimination;</p> <p><del>(b) to actively contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the wellbeing of members, both physically and mentally;</del></p> <p>(c) to ensure the Society complies with the University’s ‘Respect. Now. Always.’ Policy and any successor policy against harassment;</p> <p>(d) to organise events relating to issues of social justice and equity, and to advance members’ knowledge of issues facing the legal and wider community; <del>and</del></p> <p>(e) to manage and oversee the Society’s relationship with relevant bodies and initiatives including Lex Salus and Student Care;</p>



			<p><i>(f) to facilitate, organise and encourage participation in AULSS Sports unless the Executive agrees by ordinary resolution not to offer AULSS Sports; and</i></p> <p><i>(g) to direct the Social Justice Representatives and the Indigenous Representative.</i></p> <p><i>16(g) - Director of Social Justice and Equity;</i></p>
<b>9</b>	4	<p>Insert a definition for ‘Student Care’</p> <p><i>Note: This amendment should be read together with amendment 8 regarding the expansion of the Social Justice and Equity Portfolio.</i></p>	<p><b>4—Interpretation</b></p> <p><i>Student Care means the Student Care services as provided by the Adelaide University Union.</i></p>
<b>10</b>	15(2)(b)	Expand the Activities portfolio.	<i>15(2)(b): up to <del>three</del> four Activities Representatives;</i>
<b>11</b>	15(2)(c)	Expand the Careers portfolio.	<i>15(2)(c): up to <del>three</del> five Careers Representatives;</i>
<b>12</b>	15(2)(d)	Expand the Competitions portfolio.	<i>15(2)(d): up to <del>four</del> six Competitions Representatives;</i>
<b>13</b>	15(2)(e)	Expand the Social Justice and Equity portfolio.	<i>15(2)(e): up to <del>three</del> four Social Justice and Equity Representatives;</i>

14	15(2)(i)	Expand the Communications portfolio.	<i>15(2)(i): <del>a Communications Representative</del> up to three Communications Representatives;</i>
15	18(5)	Fix grammatical errors.	<i>18(5): The Committee may co-opt members such that the Committee constraints up to, but not more than <del>6</del> six members in addition to <del>the</del> those holding positions listed in clause 15 and 16, at any given time.</i>
16	18(7)	New clause: To allow an earlier co-option of vacant Executive positions of the incoming Executive.	<p><i>18(6):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>(a) After the conclusion of the election process as outlined in Part 7, and before the conclusion of the current term, the Executive may approve, by special resolution, the call for applications of the vacant incoming Executive only.</i></li> <li><i>(b) Within a reasonable time of the approval under clause 18(6)(a), the incumbent President shall publicise the call for applications on all authorised communication forums.</i></li> <li><i>(c) Applications shall be submitted to the President. The deadline for applications must be no earlier than 10 calendar days after the publication of the call for applications.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>(i) In no circumstances may this deadline be any later than 30 November of that calendar year.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li><i>(d) The incumbent President shall confidentially collate and de-identify the applications received. For this clause 18, an application shall be considered de-identified if it does</i></li> </ul>

			<p><i>not contain the applicant's name, photograph, student number, age, gender or postcode.</i></p> <p><i>(e) The de-identified applications shall be circulated by the incumbent President amongst the incoming Executive, who shall keep the applications confidential. The incoming Executive shall co-opt the successful applicant by ordinary resolution after the start of the next term. The reasons shall be provided in the incoming President's report tabled at the next Committee meeting after the vacancy has been filled.</i></p> <p><i>(f) The Requirements under clauses 18(3) and 18(4) still apply.</i></p>
17	4	Change the applicable AULSS email domain from 'aulss.org.au' to 'aulss.org', as the former is no longer in use.	<p><b>4—Interpretation</b></p> <p><i>AULSS website means the website connected to the <del>aulss.org.au</del> <del>and</del> aulss.org domains;</i></p> <p><i>Committee email means the email address associated with the domain aulss.org-<del>au</del> that distributes emails to the Committee as a whole;</i></p>