AGM Report

EQUITY

Overall, the Equity Portfolio has had a good start to the year. We have established a solid purpose and aim for the portfolio. Further, as this is the first year of this portfolio’s existence, a goal for the year, has been set as can be seen below.

***Purpose:*** Promote the overall diversity, inclusivity and wellbeing of law students at the ANU.

***Aim:*** For all law students at the ANU to feel supported regardless of their background.

***Goal for the Year:*** To establish a solid foundation for the Equity Portfolio for future years to build upon.

***Key Outcomes Achieved:***

* Equity & Diversity in the Law Event *(Scheduled for Semester 2)*
  + So far, we have begun planning a key event, which we hope will promote these values within the law school
  + We have also begun contacting proposed speakers and relevant academics that may be interested in speaking at the event.
  + Next we will be looking at getting quotes from relevant venues and looking into catering options.
* Working with other Portfolios to ensure aim’s are achieved
  + On the whole, the equity portfolio has also worked with other portfolios to ensure that the purpose of the portfolio is being met.
    - For instance, a piece was written for the clerkship guides on wellbeing during the clerkship period.
* Website Updates
  + We have also worked with Sonny to make key updates to the website, including:
    - Streamlining the Wellbeing and International Students sections under Equity
    - Removing unnecessary items from the website.
* Structuring Equity’s OneDrive Folder
  + As previous years have not had a proper structured folder management system in place for key documents, we have created a file management system within the LSS OnDrive Equity Folder.
  + The management system houses key information, including budget, logos, calendar, planning documents etc.

## Wellbeing

Wellbeing had a slow start to the beginning of the year, as unfortunately our Wellbeing Director had resigned. We then brought in Jacinta, who has taken the role on with great enthusiasm. Throughout this semester, the role has encompassed a lot of planning and organisation, so that we are able to establish and put forward some solid events in Semester 2, which we hope will continue to be used in future years.

***Yoga Sessions*** *(Semester 2 Start)*

* We gathered a number of quotes for various instructors and venues to house fortnightly yoga sessions for our LSS members, in the end we have decided to work with ANU Sport.
* We have been working closely with ANU Sport to plan and organise the use of various venues (both indoor and outdoor), and instructors for the sessions.
* We are now in the process of finalising a package inclusive of venue, instructor, equipment and insurance.
* We have also worked closely with the Events Portfolio who has agreed to organise breakfast for the mornings yoga sessions will take place.

***Happy Feet Event***

* We have organised a route for the walk to take place & organised for coffee to be provided to attendees after the walk
* We have also organised for some academics to attend the walk alongside students
* The event has been scheduled for Week 11

***Study Packs***

* We have completed a cost analysis of a range of items which we hope to include in the study packs
* Further, we have discussed the use of recyclable packaging this year
* We hope to also provide some fruits/snacks alongside the study packs
* We will be releasing this packs at the commencement of STUVAC

***Wellbeing Guide***

* The Wellbeing Guide has been long over-due for a remake
* We have recruited some kind First Year Officers to assist in collating information for the wellbeing guide
* We hope to include more student reader friendly pages, including recipes and suggestions for maintaining a healthy lifestyle throughout law school

***Semester 2 Onwards***

* We have some key events that we are beginning to think about for Semester 2;
  + “Crafter-noon” once the new law school student’s common room opens up
  + “Feast of Strangers” - Law school style

## International Students

The International Students Director has done a fantastic job in setting out plans for the year, which include the continuation of the mentoring program as well as a proposed Careers Event for Semester 2.

***Mentoring Program***

* The Mentoring Program began in Week 3, where we organised sign ups for both mentors and mentees.
* We then paired relevant mentors with mentees as was seen fit, and provided them with an induction module to begin the process.
* Further, the Mentoring Handbook was re-done and sent out to mentors and mentees, as a guide to facilitate the mentoring process.
* We have also set-up a waitlist this year, for anyone that was not allocated a mentor/mentee at this time.

## First Year Officers

The First Year Officers were brought in half way through Term One and were given the opportunity to choose two portfolios they would like to work within for the remainder of Semester One. They have all taken on their roles with great enthusiasm and have become vital members of the LSS Committee. Next Semester, we hope to rotate them around to another two portfolios, providing them with the opportunity to learn more about the different areas within the LSS and contribute where it is necessary.