



**Australian National University
Law Students' Society**

Minutes for Committee Meeting

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on Indigenous land across Australia, and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

Date: 14 April 2024

Time: 6pm

Location: Zoom

**Present: Cian, Bitu, Emmy, Ruby, Mia H, Hugh, Mia B
Will C, Will J, Jade
Olly, Gina, Jess, Barbara
Joseph, Eloise, Olivia M
Ashna, Isabelle
Clea
Thomas, Amy, Andreis
Hannah B, Venni
Roshan**

Absent with Apologies: Will K, Indah, Alex, Charli DG, Sam, Charli W, Hannah M, Alison, Olivia L, Amanda

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. President (Cian)

- Pacifica Law and Culture Conference
 - Any Pacific Islander law students?
 - Please pass on Cian's email if you know anyone
- ALSA mental health and wellbeing
 - They want submissions on the following
 - Navigating Comparison and Competition

- Addressing Burnout and Mental Exhaustion
- Overcoming Fear and Confronting Imposter Syndrome
- Dealing with Constructive and Destructive Criticism
- Setting and Respecting Personal Boundaries
- Neurodiversity in Law
- Gender Dynamics: Insights from Men and Women in the Legal Field
- Non-Binary and Intersectionality Experiences in the Legal Profession
- First Nations' Perspectives in Law
- Cultural Tapestry: Navigating Diverse Identities in the Legal Landscape

3. AGM Information

- 12 May - 5:30pm - Sunday
- Law Theatre 1

4. AGM - Attendance Policy

- The Constitution is a bit unclear re when policies are actually considered implemented when they are first made
- Typically, the General Meeting must edit regulations, but this policy has been implemented under the Constitution
- To be safe, I will be tabling a formal confirmation of the adoption of the Committee Attendance Policy pursuant to a 2/3 majority of the AGM
- Also we need to strike s 5.2 “5.2. Amendments to this policy will be passed by a two-thirds majority of the executive, as stipulated in sections 5 and 23.3 of the Constitution.”
 - Inconsistent with the constitution

5. Constitutional Amendments - Consideration

Current wording	Proposed amendment	Reasoning	Proposer/seconders (during AGM)
“2.1.8 PARSA means the Postgraduate and Research Students’ Association;”	Strike: “2.1.8 PARSA means the Postgraduate and Research Students’ Association” And adjust subsequent numbering	Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist	Mover: Seconders: Passes
“8.2 The Society may from time to time become an affiliated Society of PARSA. Whenever the Society is so affiliated, all relevant provisions and regulations of the Constitution of PARSA apply	Strike: 8.2 “The Society may from time to time become an affiliated Society of PARSA. Whenever the Society is so affiliated, all relevant provisions and regulations of the	Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist	Mover: Seconders: Passes

<p>to the Society.”</p>	<p>Constitution of PARSA apply to the Society.”</p> <p>And adjust subsequent numbering</p>		
<p>“8.4 The Society may only become affiliated per sections 8.1 to 8.3 if the Executive agrees that it would be in the best interest of its members to do so.”</p>	<p>Amend to “...sections 8.1 to 8.2...”</p> <p>Note that 8.2 will refer to ALSA (8.3 on current copy of Constitution) once previous amendment has been passed.</p>	<p>Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“13.2 All persons who are members of ANUSA or PARSA are eligible for admission to paid membership of the Society.”</p>	<p>Strike “or PARSA” to read “13.2 All persons who are members of ANUSA are eligible for admission to paid membership of the Society.”</p>	<p>Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“19.9.4.2 this may occur, where appropriate, in consultation with relevant ANUSA and/or PARSA Department Officers on accessibility matters pertaining to students within their respective collective.”</p>	<p>Strike “and/or PARSA” to read “19.9.4.2 this may occur, where appropriate, in consultation with relevant ANUSA Department Officers on accessibility matters pertaining to students within their respective collective.”</p>	<p>Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“20.3 May include, at the discretion of the Executive, a representative in a non-voting capacity from: 20.3.1 the College; 20.3.2 Legal Workshop; 20.3.3 ANUSA; 20.3.4 PARSA; or 20.3.5 any other body whose interests relate to the Society.”</p>	<p>Amend to read: “20.3 May include, at the discretion of the Executive, a representative in a non-voting capacity from: 20.3.1 the College; 20.3.2 Legal Workshop; 20.3.3 ANUSA; or 20.3.4 any other body whose interests relate to the Society.”</p> <p>(Striking 20.3.4 and adding “or” to end of 20.3.3)</p>	<p>Removing PARSA from the Constitution as they no longer exist</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>

<p>“5.1 The Committee may adopt Regulations on such matters as it sees fit, provided that the Regulations are in conformity with this Constitution: 5.1.1 Regulations shall be adopted, repealed and amended in accordance with section 23.3. 5.1.1.1 Regulations inconsistent with this Constitution are only invalid insofar as that inconsistency extends. 5.2 The Society must at all times have Standing Orders for Meetings...”</p>	<p>Amend to 5.1.1 read “Regulations shall be adopted, repealed and amended by a two-thirds majority of a General Meeting of the Society.”</p>	<p>Reference to 23.3 is nonsensical; new wording reflects rest of Constitution</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“12.7 The President and the Vice-President (Finance) shall each hold in their own names a debit card linked to the Secondary Account. 12.7.1 These cards will not be shared and will only be used by the person whose personal name appears on the debit card.”</p>	<p>Amend 12.7.1 to read “These cards will not be shared without the express permission of the cardholder and notification to the Vice-President (Finance)”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“12.7 The President and the Vice-President (Finance) shall each hold in their own names a debit card linked to the Secondary Account. 12.7.1 These cards will not be shared and will only be used by the person whose personal name appears on the debit card.”</p>	<p>Add 12.7.2 “Debit cards of the Society may only be shared with members of the Executive.”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>
<p>“13.9 A Voting, Paid or Honorary member of the Society ceases to be a member: 13.9.1 upon death; 13.9.2 upon the submission of a letter of resignation of membership to the Vice-President</p>	<p>Amend “section 15” to read “section 16” in 13.9.4</p>	<p>Reflecting changes in Constitution - section 15 refers to members’ liability</p>	<p>Mover: Seconders: Passes</p>

<p>(Administration); 13.9.3. at the conclusion of the calendar year in which they became a member; or 13.9.4 upon their expulsion from membership of the Society in accordance with section 15 of this Constitution...”</p>			
<p>In Vice-President (Finance) responsibilities: “19.3.13 to organise, order and distribute Society merchandise;”</p>	<p>Strike and move to after 19.2.11 (responsibilities of Vice-President (Administration))</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice</p>	<p>Mover: Second: Passes</p>
<p>In Vice-President (Competitions) responsibilities: “19.8.4 reasonably delegating tasks, work-load, and responsibilities between Competitions Directors and the External Competitions Director throughout the year;”</p>	<p>Amend to pluralise External Competitions Directors: “19.8.4 reasonably delegating tasks, work-load, and responsibilities between Competitions Directors and the External Competitions Directors throughout the year;”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution</p>	<p>Mover: Second: Passes</p>
<p>“21.7 The duties of the External Competitions Director include.”</p>	<p>Amend to pluralise External Competitions Directors: “21.7 The duties of the External Competitions Directors include.”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution</p>	<p>Mover: Second: Passes</p>

<p>In Vice-President (Competitions) responsibilities:</p> <p>“19.8.8 to ensure that, with the assistance of the Publicity Director, all competitions are widely promoted and attended;”</p>	<p>Amend to pluralise Publicity Directors:</p> <p>“19.8.8 to ensure that, with the assistance of the Publicity Directors, all competitions are widely promoted and attended;”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Second:</p> <p>Passes</p>
<p>In description of composition of the Committee:</p> <p>“20.2.1 Twenty-three (23) Directors and one (1) Editor-in-Chief which are duly appointed by the Executive in accordance with section 18.2.1, consisting of...”</p>	<p>Amend “twenty-three (23)” to read “thirty-three (33)”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Second:</p> <p>Passes</p>
<p>In description of appointment of the Committee:</p> <p>“24.1 Appointments of the twenty-one (21) Directors and one (1) Editor-in-Chief must be held during the second semester of the academic year, following the elections of the Executive but before the Monday of the fifth week of the fourth teaching period.”</p>	<p>Amend “twenty-one (21)” to read “thirty-three (33)”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Second:</p> <p>Passes</p>
<p>In description of the role of the Publications and IT Director:</p> <p>“21.1.3 to carry out the collation and design of the Society’s First Year Guide, Sponsorship Prospectus, Wellbeing Guide, and International Student Mentoring Guide publications under the guidance and instructions of relevant members of the Executive;”</p>	<p>Strike “Wellbeing Guide” and add “Careers Guide, Clerkship Guide” to read:</p> <p>“21.1.3 to carry out the collation and design of the Society’s First Year Guide, Sponsorship Prospectus, Careers Guide, Clerkship Guide and International Student Mentoring Guide publications under the guidance and instructions of relevant members of the Executive;”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice and changes to Constitution (removal of the Wellbeing Director)</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Second:</p> <p>Passes</p>

<p>In description of the role of the Publications and IT Director:</p> <p>“21.1.2 to take responsibility, under the guidance of the Vice-President (Administration), for the use of information technology within, by or for the purposes of the Society;...</p> <p>21.1.4 to maintain and update the information technology hardware and software of the Society;</p> <p>21.1.5 to take responsibility for the update and maintenance of the Society’s website; and</p> <p>21.1.6 to facilitate the efficient operations of the Society insofar as they relate to information technology.”</p>	<p>Add “21.1.7 for the avoidance of doubt, references to the Society in sections 21.1.2 and 21.1.4 to 21.1.6 include the Peppercorn Magazine”</p>	<p>Reflecting current practice - the Pubs and IT Director assists Peppercorn with their Website but does not influence their publications</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Secondar:</p> <p>Passes</p>
<p>In description of role of Queer Director:</p> <p>“21.12.7 to advocate for equal opportunity for Queer as much as reasonably possible, including but not limited to considerations in academic and careers contexts; and”</p>	<p>Add ‘students’ after ‘Queer’:</p> <p>“21.12.7 to advocate for equal opportunity for Queer students as much as reasonably possible, including but not limited to considerations in academic and careers contexts; and”</p>	<p>Fixing error</p>	<p>Mover:</p> <p>Secondar:</p> <p>Passes</p>

6. Amendment of the Committee Attendance Policy (In Case of Formal Adoption)

Amend “5.2. Amendments to this policy will be passed by a two-thirds majority of the executive, as stipulated in sections 5 and 23.3 of the Constitution.” to read “5.2. Amendments to this policy will be passed by a two-thirds majority of a General Meeting of the Society under section 23.2.2 of the Constitution.”

Mover:

Secondar:

Passes

Meeting closed: