

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ABN 49 844 560 526
22 MARCH 2021 6PM ON ZOOM**

Chair: Wendy Hu

Meeting opened: 6:04pm

Present:

Wendy Hu	President
Sinem Kirk	Vice President (Education)
Sophia Semmler	Vice President (Social Justice)
Tiana Dumonovsky	Treasurer
Alison Chen	Secretary
Gretel Wilson	Sponsorship Director
Felix Wood	Competitions Director
Caroline Xu	Competitions Director
Sofia Mendes	Campus Director
Calvin Kwong	Sports Director
Justin Lai	Publications Director
Sissi Xi Chen	International Student Officer
Eden McSheffrey	Equity Officer
Nora Takriti	Women's Officer
Sarah Purvis	Marketing Director
Arasa Hardie	Design Director
Amer Nasr	Immediate Past President
Joshua Choi	SULS Member
Edward Dam	SULS Member

Absent:

None received

Apologies:

Cameron Jordan	Vice President (Careers)
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Onor Nottle	Socials Director
Georgia Watson	Socials Director
Bru Hammer	Queer Officer
Mahmoud Al Rifai	Ethnocultural Officer
Nathan Allen	First Nations Officer
Miriam Shendroff	Immediate Past Secretary
Donna Kwon	Immediate Past Treasurer

MINUTES

1 Opening and Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and delivered an acknowledgement of country.

Motion: To hold the 2021 Annual General Meeting online

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

2 Apologies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies were received from Cameron Jordan, Onor Nottle, Georgia Watson, Bru Hammer, Mahmoud Al Rifai, Nathan Allen, Miriam Shendroff and Donna Kwon.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (Special General Meeting, 20 September 2020) were made available [online](#) on the Society's website after the previous meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 20 September 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Amer Nasr

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

4 Business arising from the minutes

No further business arose from the minutes of the 2020 SGM. No correspondence was received from the previous meeting.

5 Motions on notice

The motions on notice were circulated to all members via email on Sunday 7 March and are included in Appendix A.

a. Notice of General Meetings and Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

Motion: to open discussion on the proposed amendment to cl 47(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Wendy Hu

Alison discussed the reasoning behind this amendment. The motion is proposed to amend the Constitution in line with the amendments made at the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on 2 September 2020. At the AGM, an amendment was made to cl 5D(b) of the Constitution to allow for a less restrictive approach to communicating important announcements to the Society's members. Alison argued that to reflect current practice and the Society's goal of reducing paper communications, other clauses mandating the posting of notices to the noticeboard should be amended. In line with the current communications strategy, mailouts (via an email to all society members) for important notices will remain mandated. Future Executive teams may still elect to use the notice boards if they so wish, however this proposed amendment would not mandate posting on such notice boards.

Motion: to amend cl 47(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Wendy Hu

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: to open discussion on the proposed amendments to cl 71 of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Tiana Dumanovsky

Alison noted that the proposed amendments to cl 71 of the Constitution are for the same reasons as the amendments to cl 47(c) of the Constitution, as discussed in the previous motion.

Motion: to amend cl 71 of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Tiana Dumanovsky

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: to open discussion on the proposed amendment to cl 73(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Amer Nasr

Alison noted that the proposed amendments to cl 73(c) of the Constitution are for the same reasons as the amendments to cl 47(c) of the Constitution, as discussed in the previous motion.

Motion: to amend cl 73(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Tiana Dumanovsky

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: to open discussion on the proposed amendment to cl 77(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Tiana Dumanovsky

Alison noted that the proposed amendments to cl 77(c) of the Constitution are for the same reasons as the amendments to cl 47(c) of the Constitution, as discussed in the previous motion.

Motion: to amend cl 77(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Amer Nasr

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

b. Appointments of autonomous positions to the Society Executive

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 5D(d) of the Constitution

Moved: Alison Chen

Seconded: Tiana Dumanovsky

Alison noted that cl 5D(d) concerns the appointment of autonomous positions, and the clause was likely drafted prior to the introduction of the Ethnocultural Officer position and was not amended at the time the position was introduced. Due to the nature of the Ethnocultural portfolio and the requirements in cl 5C(d) that the Ethnocultural Officer must identify as a person of colour, the Ethnocultural Officer position should be considered an autonomous position along with the Queer, Women's and First Nations Officer positions.

Motion: to amend cl 5D(d) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

c. The Functions and Powers of the Executive

Motion: to open discussion on the amendments to cl 6(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Felix Wood

Seconded: Justin Lai

Felix noted it is important for the Competitions Committee to have a degree of flexibility and autonomy in the speed of appointments. Clause 6(c)(v) is incorrectly labelled, and should instead refer to 'clauses 26 and 26A'.

Motion: to amend cl 6(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Felix Wood

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

d. Reference to Pro-Dean (Teaching)

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 9(f) of the Constitution

Moved: Sinem Kirk

Seconded: Wendy Hu

Sinem outlined that the motion is designed to change the reference to “Pro-Dean (Teaching)” in the Constitution to “relevant Sydney Law School member” to allow for greater flexibility when the Vice President (Education) redirects complaints and relays student concerns to the Faculty, and to better reflect current practice.

Motion: to amend cl 9(f) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

e. Duties of the Publications Director

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 19(a) of the Constitution

Moved: Justin Lai

Seconded: Felix Wood

Justin noted that the Constitution currently makes reference to ‘Orientation Week Handbook’ which is no longer the language the University uses, instead using Welcome Week. The amendment is being proposed to change the language in line with the University’s nomenclature.

Sissi flagged that the University-wide change from ‘Orientation Week’ to ‘Welcome Week’ has been criticised by the Women’s Collective on campus as it makes Orientation Week sound more friendly and distances it from the media reports of sexual assaults that have occurred during Orientation activities.

Wendy sought to clarify that Sissi’s criticisms were directed at the University-wide language change of Orientation Week to Welcome Week, rather than the motion being discussed. Sissi confirmed this was correct.

Motion: to amend cl 19(a) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Justin Lai

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

f. Duties of the Competitions Directors

Motion: to open discussion on cl 15 of the Constitution

Moved: Felix Wood

Seconded: Wendy Hu

Felix outlined that the motion is intended to change the wording on how the Competitions Directors operate. In particular, it removes the requirement for the Competitions Directors to



advise the Executive on appointments to teams and allow the Competitions Directors to add intervarsity competitions and other skills competitions should the Competitions Directors choose to expand that space.

Motion: to amend cl 15 of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Felix Wood

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

g. Duties of the Sports Director

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 17(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Calvin Kwong

Seconded: Justin Lai

Calvin outlined that the motion is proposed to more accurately reflect the relationship between SULS and Sydney University Sport and Fitness (SUSF). Additionally, the SUSF is incorrectly named in the Constitution.

Motion: to amend cl 17(c) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Calvin Kwong

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

h. Duties of the Campus Director

Motion: to open discussion on the amendments to cl 18 of the Constitution

Moved: Sofia Mendes

Seconded: Justin Lai

Sofia outlined that the motion amends the reference to 'general executive' to 'Executive' for consistency, and that the requirements that were previously in Appendix 4 of the Constitution (which no longer exists) are now found in Part 4 of the Bylaws.

Motion: to amend cl 18 of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Sofia Mendes

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

i. The Campus Committee

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 80 of the Constitution

Moved: Sofia Mendes

Seconded: Alison Chen

Sofia explained that the amendment is to change the old clause 'women' to read 'female identifying or non-cis male' to align it with the language in s 5C(b) used to describe the eligibility requirements for the Women's Officer position.

Sissi noted her support of the change.

Motion: to amend cl 80 of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Sofia Mendes

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

j. Reference to Associate Dean (International Students)

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 20(d) of the Constitution

Moved: Sissi Xi Chen

Seconded: Alison Chen

Sissi noted that the motion is to change the reference in cl 20(d) from “Associate Dean (International Students)” to “relevant Associate Dean” as the position of “Associate Dean (International Students)” no longer exists.

Motion: to amend cl 20(d) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Sissi Xi Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

k. Duties of the International Student Officer

Motion: to open discussion on the amendment to cl 20(d)(ii) of the Constitution

Moved: Sissi Xi Chen

Seconded: Alison Chen

Sissi noted that the previous phrasing is grammatically incoherent. The clause ended with ‘on behalf of’ without specifying the object of the preposition.

Motion: to amend cl 20(d)(ii) of the Constitution

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Sissi Xi Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

6 Annual Reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer

Motion: To table the reports from

- Amer Nasr (Immediate Past President) (**Appendix B**);
- Miriam Shendroff (Immediate Past Secretary) (**Appendix C**); and
- Donna Kwon (Immediate Past Treasurer) (**Appendix D**)

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Amer gave a brief overview of the successes and challenges faced by the 2020 SULS Executive, including a successful transition to online events and adapting in light of COVID-19 as well as some shortfalls in sponsorship, sports and the international committee. Amer congratulated the 2021 Executive for their efforts thus far in going above and beyond in maintaining engagement.

Motion: Motion to accept the reports of the past President, Secretary and Treasurer

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Motion: To consider the current Treasurer's Report and 2021 operating budget (Appendix E)

Moved: Wendy Hu

Seconded: Amer Nasr

Tiana provided actual figures as at 21 March 2021 and a column for FY21 budget allocations. Tiana emphasised that the budget can and will change and explanations based on allocations have been provided in the column labelled 'Treasurer's note'. She noted that the average profit for the last three years has been \$31,600. In particular, she noted that planning for the financial sustainability of SULS is important for the Executive and also to ensure SULS continues to support the student experience. COVID-19 has also impacted on sponsorship revenue and the ability to hold in-person events, which has resulted in conservative budgets this year. The estimates provided were based on FY19 budgets as opposed to FY20 budgets given that we are able to hold some in-person events again.

Excluding the contestable amount (\$30,000), the current prediction is that SULS will have a profit of close to \$55,000 this year. Tiana explained that the contestable amount of \$30,000 is to stay prepared for the unknowns of this year. Even though we can offer in-person events, international students are still stuck overseas and dealing with the consequences of the pandemic and flexibility in learning. Careful to ensure cancellation of events is dealt with, considering the impact of COVID, concerned unplanned expenditures may occur. Concerned with potentially losing sponsorship, even though the amount at the top is based on the amount we have been invoiced for. Once events are planned and regulations hopefully become more consistent, Tiana would like to distribute the contestable amount among the portfolios where possible to ensure we maintain the student experience.

Motion: to accept the operating budget for 2021

Mover: Wendy Hu

Secunder: Alison Chen

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

7 General Business

No general business



Motion: to accept the amended SULLS Constitution giving effect to the changes above.

Mover: Wendy Hu

Second: Amer Nasr

The motion was carried unanimously with zero abstentions.

Meeting closed: 6:56pm

APPENDIX A - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Notice of General Meetings and Amendments to the Constitution and Regulations

Background/Rationale

In the 2020 SULLS AGM, the Society passed amendments to clause 5D(b) which allowed for a less restrictive approach for communications regarding changes to the Executive. This method of communicating important changes to the membership base extends to notices of General Meetings. To reflect current practice and the Society's goal of reducing paper in Society communications, other clauses mandating the posting of notices to the noticeboard should be amended. In line with the current communications strategy, mailouts (via an email to all society members) for important notices will remain mandated. Future Executive teams may still elect to use the notice boards if they so wish, however this proposed amendment would not mandate posting on such notice boards.

Proposed changes

- Amend clause 47(c)
- Replace 'subs 53(b)' in clause 71 with 'clause 70(b)' add 'via email' after 'mail-out' and strike '(a mail-out is understood to include communication by e-mail).'
- Replace 'A notice posted on the notice boards of the Society' in clause 73(c) with 'A mail-out via email to the Society's database'
- Replace 'A notice posted on the notice boards of the Society' in clause 77(c) with 'A mail-out via email to the Society's database'

Summary of the proposed changes

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>Clause 47(c) A notice posted on the notice boards of the Society, and the inclusion of the particulars of the meeting in an emails to the Society's database, shall be deemed sufficient notice to all members of the Society.</p>	<p>Clause 47(c) The Secretary shall circulate a notice of the particulars in a mail-out via email to the Society's database, through one of the recognised publications of the University of Sydney Union shall be deemed sufficient notice to all members of the Society.</p>
<p>Clause 71 For the purposes of subs 53(b), "notice" means placed in one of the recognised publications of the University of Sydney Union, and a mail-out to all members and, if possible, on the Society notice board. (a mail-out is</p>	<p>Clause 71 For the purposes of clause 70(b), "notice" means placed in one of the recognised publications of the University of Sydney Union, and a mail-out via email to the Society's database..</p>

understood to include communication by e-mail).	
Clause 73(c) A notice posted on the notice boards of the Society shall be deemed sufficient notice for all members of the Society;	Clause 73(c) A mail-out via email to the Society's database shall be deemed sufficient notice for all members of the Society;
Clause 77(c) A notice posted on the notice boards of the Society shall be deemed sufficient notice for all members of the Society;	Clause 77(c) A mail-out via email to the Society's database shall be deemed sufficient notice for all members of the Society;

2. Appointments of autonomous positions to the Society Executive

Background/Rationale

Clause 5D(d)

Clause 5D(d) currently refers to the autonomous positions as being the Queer Officer, Women's Officer and First Nations Officer. This clause was likely drafted prior to the introduction of the Ethnocultural Officer position. Due to the nature of the portfolio and the requirement in cl 5C(d) that the Ethnocultural Officer must identify as a person of colour, the Ethnocultural portfolio should be considered an autonomous portfolio and subject to the same selection process.

Proposed changes

- Add ', Ethnocultural Officer' after 'Women's Officer' in cl 5D(d).

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
For autonomous positions (Queer Officer, Women's Officer and First Nations Officer) the final selection panel should comprise the Senior Executive, the office bearer from the outgoing executive (if applicable), and other members of the Executive that identify with that portfolio. If these persons do not exist or are not available, the Executive should consult with other identifying individuals.	For autonomous positions (Queer Officer, Women's Officer, Ethnocultural Officer and First Nations Officer) the final selection panel should comprise the Senior Executive, the office bearer from the outgoing executive (if applicable), and other members of the Executive that identify with that portfolio. If these persons do not exist or are not available, the Executive should consult with other identifying individuals.

3. The Functions and Powers of the Executive

Background/Rationale

Clause 6(c)(iv)

Currently, the Constitution requires that the Executive appoint the Photography Committee and the entire Competitions Committee, and implicitly gives the Executive greater discretion than in the case of other Committees. This is inconsistent with actual practice of the Executive, and introduces unnecessary confusion to the Constitution. The appointment of the Photography Committee and Competitions Committee would be more effectively covered by Clause 6(c)(v). Clause 6(c)(v) is incorrectly labelled, and should instead refer to 'clauses 26 and 26A'.

Proposed changes

- Strike clause 6(c)(iii) and 6(c)(iv)
- Amend clause 6(c)(v) - replace 'Part 8' with 'Clauses 26 and 26A'.
- Update numbering of clause 6(c)

Summary of the proposed changes

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>Clause 6(c) The Executive shall be responsible for the appointment of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Electoral Officer; ii. the Legal Arbitrator; iii. the Photographers; iv. the Convenors of the mootings, client interviewing, witness examination, negotiation and other academic competitions; v. the committees listed in Part 8, upon the recommendation of the appropriate member of the Executive; vi. student representatives to sit on Faculty of Law committees; vii. delegates to attend the annual ALSA Conference; viii. competitors to attend the annual ALSA Conference; and ix. members of the Society to other non-Executive positions as the Executive sees fit. 	<p>Clause 6(c) The Executive shall be responsible for the appointment of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Electoral Officer; ii. the Legal Arbitrator; iii. the committees listed in Clauses 26 and 26A, upon the recommendation of the appropriate member of the Executive; iv. student representatives to sit on Faculty of Law committees; v. delegates to attend the annual ALSA Conference; vi. competitors to attend the annual ALSA Conference; and vii. members of the Society to other non-Executive positions as the Executive sees fit.

4. Reference to Pro-Dean (Teaching)

Background/Rationale

Clause 9(f)

The Constitution currently makes reference to the 'Pro-Dean (Teaching)' which is no longer a position in the Law School.

Proposed changes

- Replace 'Pro-Dean (Teaching)' with 'relevant Sydney Law School staff member'

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 9(f) Receiving complaints, comments, submissions and recommendations from members and ensuring they are passed on to student representatives, Executive members or the Pro-Dean (Teaching) as is appropriate in each case;	Clause 9(f) Receiving complaints, comments, submissions and recommendations from members and ensuring they are passed on to student representatives, Executive members or the relevant Sydney Law School staff member as is appropriate in each case;

5. Duties of the Publications Director

Background/Rationale

Clause 19(a)

Clause 19(a) currently makes reference to the 'Orientation Week Handbook'. In line with the University's new nomenclature, this should be amended to 'Welcome Week Handbook'.

Proposed change

- Replace 'Orientation' with 'Welcome' in clause 19(a)

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 19(a) 'Producing the Orientation Week Handbook;'	Clause 19(a) 'Producing the Welcome Week Handbook;'

6. Duties of the Competitions Directors

Background/Rationale

Clause 15

Clause 15 is currently written in the context of Clause 6(c)(iv) (the issues with which are discussed in section 3 of the proposed amendments), and incorrectly overemphasises the Executive's role in deciding the members of the Competitions portfolio. As mentioned above, this process is better governed by clauses 6(c)(v) (clause 6(c)(iv) under the proposed changes in section 3), 26, and 26A. Clause 15(a) should be updated with reference to intervarsity competitions, and other potential skills competitions, should future competitions directors choose to add them to the portfolio.

Proposed changes

- Strike clauses 15(b) and 15(c)
- Amend clause 15(a) - add 'intervarsity competitions and other skill development competitions.'

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>Clause 15 The duties of the Competitions Directors shall include:</p> <p>a) Overseeing the administration of the mooting, client interviewing, negotiations and witness examination competitions;</p> <p>b) Advising the Executive on the selection of convenors for the mooting, client interviewing, negotiations and witness examination competitions; and</p> <p>c) Advising the Executive on the appointment of co-coordinators for judging and, if required, selection and management of intervarsity competitions.</p>	<p>Clause 15 The duties of the Competitions Directors shall include:</p> <p>a) Overseeing the administration of the mooting, client interviewing, negotiations, witness examination competitions, intervarsity competitions and other skill development competitions.</p>

7. Duties of the Sports Director

Background/Rationale

Clause 17(c)

The Constitution currently states that a duty of the Sports Director is to represent the interests of Law Students to 'Sydney University Sport'. This clause should be amended to the correct institution name, Sydney University Sport and Fitness (SUSF) and to better reflect the Sports Director's relationship with SUSF.

Proposed changes

- Replace cl 17(c) with the following: 'Liaising with Sydney University Sport and Fitness on matters that may be relevant to law students.'

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 17(c) Representing the interests of Law students to Sydney University Sport.	Clause 17(c) Liaising with Sydney University Sport and Fitness on matters that may be relevant to law students.

8. Duties of the Campus Director

Background/Rationale

Clause 18

Currently clause 18(b) reads 'Conducting elections to select the members of the Campus Committee in such manner as they shall see fit, subject to approval of the general executive; and subject to any requirements in Appendix 4'. However, Appendix 4 has since been removed. The relevant information can be found in Part 4 of the Bylaws. The reference to the 'general executive' should also be replaced with 'Executive' to maintain consistency with the language used in the rest of the Constitution.

Proposed changes

- Replace 'general executive' with 'Executive'
- Amend Clause 18(b) - replace 'Appendix 4' with phrase 'Part 4 of the Bylaws'.

Summary of the proposed changes

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 18(b) 'Conducting elections to select the members of the Campus Committee in such manner as they shall see fit, subject to approval of the general executive ; and subject to any requirements in Appendix 4 .'	Clause 18(b) 'Conducting elections to select the members of the Campus Committee in such manner as they shall see fit, subject to approval of the Executive ; and subject to any requirements in Part 4 of the Bylaws .'

9. The Campus Committee

Background/Rationale

Clause 80

Currently clause 80 requires $(n-1)/2$ **women** in each year group for the Campus Committee. Therefore, in order to be consistent with language applied for the Women's Officer, in clause 5C (b) we propose to amend the clause to read **female-identifying**. Further, we propose to amend the clause to also include **non-cis male**, to encourage inclusivity and diversity in Campus Committee members.

Proposed changes

- Amend Clause 80 - replace word 'women' with phrase 'female identifying or non-cis male'.

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
<p>Clause 80 'The elected positions of the Campus Committee shall be comprised of at least $(n-1)/2$ women in each year group. Where n represents the total number of elected representatives for each year group on the Committee. Where $(n-1)/2$ represents a non-integer number the figure will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.'</p>	<p>Clause 80 'The elected positions of the Campus Committee shall be comprised of at least $(n-1)/2$ female identifying or non-cis male in each year group. Where n represents the total number of elected representatives for each year group on the Committee. Where $(n-1)/2$ represents a non-integer number the figure will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.'</p>

10. Reference to Associate Dean (International Students)

Background/Rationale

Clause 20(d)

The Constitution currently makes reference to the 'Associate Dean (International Students)' which is no longer a position in the Law School.

Proposed changes

- Replace 'Associate Dean (International Students)' with 'relevant Associate Dean'

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 20(d) Working closely and liaising with the Associate Dean (International Students) of the Law Faculty by:	Clause 20(d) Working closely and liaising with the relevant Associate Dean of the Law Faculty by:

11. Duties of the International Student Officer

Background/Rationale

Clause 20(d)(ii)

Clause 20(d)(ii) is currently incomplete. The ending phrase 'on behalf' is not meaning additive.

Proposed changes

- Strike 'on behalf' from cl 20(d)(ii)

Summary of the proposed change

Old Clause	New Clause
Clause 20 d) Working closely and liaising with the Associate Dean (International Students) of the Law Faculty by: i. Submitting an annual report to the Associate Dean on international students-related developments and proposals which are relevant to the Law Faculty; and ii. Providing support to the Law Faculty's international students orientation/bridging programs on behalf	Clause 20 d) Working closely and liaising with the Associate Dean (International Students) of the Law Faculty by: i. Submitting an annual report to the Associate Dean on international students-related developments and proposals which are relevant to the Law Faculty; and ii. Providing support to the Law Faculty's international students orientation/bridging programs

APPENDIX B - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AMER NASR

I. INTRODUCTION

The year of 2020 has been challenging for many organisations including SULLS. After the devastating bushfires at the start of the year, the horrific passing of one of our peers, George Lin, and the colossal makeover in our tertiary education posed by governmental regulation to avoid the spread of COVID-19, SULLS still managed to thrive. As an organisation we started the year with three ambitious goals of 1) Increasing our membership engagement (cross-cohort, faculty, inter-faculty and inter-varsity). We celebrated diversity, starting from our Executive and aimed for better inclusivity of all Sydney Law students in all SULLS programs. 2) Advocacy (in bullying and harassment, disability services, physical health and safety, mental health, etc.). We represented and advocated for our membership rights in multiple spaces, with faculty and other stakeholders, leading us to challenge the low boundaries SULLS previously held in political advocacy. 3) Sustainability (environmental sustainability and organisational sustainability). We published for the first time, a comprehensive set of bylaws that include environmental sustainability policies, organisational sustainability policies, advocacy policies and also privacy policies, among many other policies suited for a growing incorporated charitable organisation.

Looking back at the [policy blueprints for the POP! for SULLS campaign](#) and later transformed to our [2020 Welcome to SULLS Handbook](#), it has been encouraging to see not only the continuation and development of previous programs of SULLS but considerable innovation in events, programs and networks to support and adapt to a new style of online learning and engagement with SULLS. Once in-person coursework was cancelled in Semester one, only the second time since the Spanish influenza in 1919, the SULLS Executive team quickly adapted to adopt three interim goals for the year. We did not shy away and led our membership through 1) More online wellbeing support programs, 2) Better online education and 3) Desirable financial hardship support efforts. I am confident we also thrived in achieving these goals through numerous new initiatives such as the SULLS Wellbeing and Mutual Aid Group, the online Peer-to-Peer Study Groups, the online Student Staff Consultative Forum, which served to advocate for a breakdown of assessment marks and 90+ scholarships offered; and many more [initiatives across all SULLS portfolios](#).

Of course, this would have not been possible without the hard work of our passionate 22-member Executive team and 168 committee members, who I wholeheartedly thank for all their efforts in 2020. SULLS to many can feel like an unpaid full time-job, but I am confident to say that it is the most rewarding experience to service our community with passion and goodwill. Our community has greatly benefited from all these efforts.

II. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

There have been many key achievements across a variety of portfolios:

Administration

The administration of SULLS in 2020 focused primarily on building a solid incorporation strategy, having been incorporated only in November 2019. The organisation spent many weeks developing and implementing new bylaws that looked at policies on administrative sustainability, advocacy, campus representatives' elections, environmental sustainability, events codes of conduct, financial grants, privacy, procedures relating to the disciplines of members, society's members code of conduct, textbook loans and treasury. Moreover, we worked to ensure better access to information and collaboration between committees by appointing liaison officers at the start of the year. Thank you, to Miriam Shendroff for her diligent work in ensuring a proper record of new membership registrations, a consistent posting of minutes and distribution of information through the SULLS weekly.

Education

The education portfolio successfully advocated strongly and consistently for students. We launched the Student Staff Consultative Forum with faculty as a mechanism to allow other students apart from the Executive, to take part in advocacy discussions with senior faculty members. We successfully advocated for: more scholarships, removing the requirement for hard copy assignments, dropping attendance requirements, removing exorbitant weight on final examinations (and rather encouraged attendance by allowing for different assessments with divided weights across the semester) and many more weekly concerns. The education portfolio also introduced new and reinvigorated events such as the Obiter Series, the Soft Skills Workshops, a Town Hall and devised the 'Dear Faculty' in the Weekly to ensure the circle of communication was closed from faculty to students. Thank you to Natalie Leung and her team of new consultation officers, for their dedicated work to the education portfolio.

Social Justice

The social justice portfolio successfully helped lead the space in advocacy in 2020 at SULLS. Apart from organising a successful policy pitch and a larger mentorship program, SULLS finally launched the Community Legal Education Project (having been three years in the works as the 'Street Law Project') and revitalised the Juvenile Justice Mentoring Scheme. Thank you to Deandre Espejo for his passion and efforts in the social justice portfolio to lead the space on the Black Lives Matter movement, the advocacy against fee hikes, and other important matters in 2020.

Careers

The careers portfolio also successfully expanded its portfolio to provide more information on alternative career pathways rather than only the usual corporate routes. Felicity Macourt and her incredible team organised the longest Careers Guide (that won the best careers guide award at ALSA!), organised valuable information sessions on tipstaff and associate jobs, family law, and an incredible online career mentoring program and an elaborate clerkship network evening to replace the cocktail evening. Thank you, Felicity for all your work.

Treasury

The treasury portfolio completed the incorporation process by starting the year issuing a new ABN for SULLS. That required us to change all our financial paperwork. We are finally operating completely

cashless and expanded our merchandise store with the launch of a new online store, and the expansion of our sustainability line of merchandise. The increased efforts for which I thank Donna Kwon and her team for, ensured that we had a resourceful source of income during the pandemic; currently the SULLS budget is AU\$316,540.55. Although we did not finalise the investment project, we further developed from a previous two-year track (as the Executive found that markets would be extra sensitive during the pandemic), we provided treasury full transparent reports for more transparency in our operations.

Competitions

The competitions portfolio dramatically changed in 2020 for the betterment of SULLS. A lot of hard work and effort was placed in the introductory mooting program at the start of semester to encourage early accessibility to new mooters. There were also efforts made to train students in all other competitions in person and online. Among a few notable highlights: we introduced a senior and junior division for negotiations, new and necessary competition rules and the client and interviewing competition saw eighteen teams across Australia participate with SULLS. Altogether we used the challenge of online competitions to our student benefit and ran fifteen new intervarsity competitions, representing an increase of 43% in new competitions. SULLS had a 40%-win rate in 2020 in these competitions, which was an increase of 11.53% from last year. This can only be attributed to the efforts of Sarah Tang and Sarah Purvis and their respective committees and competition coaches. Thank you for all your incredible work in 2020.

Publications

Our publications portfolio saw a number of new and exciting initiatives in 2020. Apart from the 11 publications, many of which carried online panel launches with the opportunity for editors and authors to speak, we launched the Citations blog for students to submit opinion pieces. We received a record number of abstracts for Law in Society and Dissent and partnered with the NSW Bar Association to organise a Legal Tech writing competition. Thank you, Alison Chen for your ongoing efforts to better the publications portfolio.

Equity

The Equity portfolio also saw some great achievements in 2020 through the efforts to support students in need. At the start of the year, we launched the Student Support Handbook which was chosen by the University's Student Life team as a model student support handbook for different faculties to develop. We organised the COVID-19 Student Experiences Survey and used anonymous feedback to advocate for over 90 new scholarships which were made available by faculty, and better mental health and wellbeing programs. Furthermore, we also managed to secure \$20,000 from the Walter Reid memorial fund for the improvement of the Equity Textbook Loan Scheme and organised panels on disabilities in the law and bullying and harassment in the workplace. Thank you to Max Vishney and the Equity committee for their efforts to support students in need.

Women's

Through the development of the Women's Instagram channel and Facebook group, the 'Spill the Tea Sis' support network and Kingwood & Mallesons mentoring program, the Women portfolio achieved and exceeded the goal of what Sinem Kirk, our Women's Officer likes to call, 'creating a sisterhood on

campus'. SULLS also hosted the large Clifford Chance Women in Law conference with UTS and UNSW. SULLS also partnered with the Diverse Women in Law team multiple times in 2020 to collaborate and share many of the amazing work this organisation is doing for women in the legal sphere. Thank you Sinem and the women's committee for all your efforts to support young women in and outside the legal profession.

Queer

The queer portfolio partnered with the women's portfolio to launch Yemaya's publication in 2020! The queer portfolio also organised multiple coffee catch-ups, an extraordinary rainbow moot and a phenomenal panel discussion on queer rights in the legal profession. Thank you, Eden for your excellent work in representing the LGBTQIA+ community on campus.

Ethnocultural

The ethnocultural portfolio focused in 2020 on empowering the diverse ethnocultural community at Sydney Law School. Through the Allen's Leadership panel, the Mosaic publication launch, the 'Ask Me Anything' Social media initiative and the Law in Foreign Land series, Ibrahim Taha and his team fostered an open culture of celebrating diversity and inclusivity. Thank you very much, Ibrahim.

First Nations

The First Nations portfolio focused on advocating for better first nations rights by working closely with the Law School's Indigenous Services & Strategy Committee. A big thank you to Patrick Lucarnus and his team for organising the indigenous perspectives in the law panel, delivering information on reconciliation week, supporting the Wingara Mura Bunga Barrabugu Summer and Winter Programs, drafting the Black Lives Matter statement and collaborating with faculty in marketing the Redfern Then and Now Tour.

Marketing

The marketing portfolio did some incredible work in 2020 refurbishing the public facing image of SULLS. Barry Wang, Marketing Director developed our internal operations, which helped smoothen the marketing process internally and also externally by revamping our website, using new interactive technologies to market our membership sign-ups and he became a wizard at Zoom technologies throughout this pandemic. Thank you, Barry, for all your support and hard work.

Design

The design portfolio also did a spectacular job with the public image of SULLS. Our Design Director, Daniel Lee Aniceto developed a newly designed brand guideline to elevate SULLS's visual language creating greater consistency and professionalism all while remaining light and fun across portfolios. Him and his committee also supported the full team with on-call design requests. Thank you, Daniel, for the numerous hours spent in designing all out digital content.

III. KEY CHALLENGES

Our biggest challenges in 2020 were circumstances mainly due to exceptional circumstances, COVID-19 related.

Sponsorship

With increased competition from other law student societies and other organisations targeting law students, SULS has seen a slight dip in sponsorship income in 2020. This was compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic which saw some events being cancelled, as well as some refunds as a result of law firms withdrawing from sponsorship of certain events. Nonetheless, sponsorship income has remained consistent with previous years, not deviating from the AU\$140,000-\$160,000 range. SULS gathered AU\$144.2 thousand dollars in sponsorship income in 2020, compared to a record of AU\$152.8 thousand dollars in 2019. A big thank you to Mark Teh for his efforts maintaining relationships and for attracting the income that SULS relies on to run hundreds of programs.

Socials

Socials was one of the portfolios that faced the greatest challenge in holding in-person events due to COVID-19 in 2020. It started the year with the exciting engagement brought by Welcome Drinks for the first time in partnership with the Chinese Law Student Society (CLSS), the Korean Law Students at the University of Sydney (KLUS) and JD 1 drinks. Socials had organised many events like Law Camp, Law Cruise in conjunction with UNSW Law Society, and a bigger and thematic Law Ball. Although these had to be cancelled due to social distancing restrictions at the time they were to be held, the socials portfolio led by Alex de Araujo and Rosette Sok managed to organise a fun online Socials Zoom Week in Semester 1, and have organised the competitions dinner for tonight and the final year dinner for graduating students. Thank you, Alex and Rosie for finding other ways to work around challenges and supporting the executive in multiple other ways, nevertheless.

Campus

As the law school campus in Camperdown was closed most of Semester 1, and in-person events were not allowed by faculty during semester 2, SULS's campus portfolio also suffered from the challenges posed by COVID-19. Nevertheless, our campus representatives, including for the first time, a part-time JD representative and a Master of Law (LLM) representative, and led by Danielle Stephenson, organised a virtual campus with cohort catch-ups and trivia events. Thank you too, for leading the space with Sports on wellbeing through our new Wellbeing and Mutual Aid Group and Wellbeing Week.

Sports

Equally sports suffered in not being able to meet for intervarsity sports events. Nevertheless, the sports portfolio met weekly over zoom for interfaculty workouts, and our hard-working Sports Officer Oscar Alcock and Sports committee, organised multiple coastal walks, and created wellbeing communities through a running tracking application and through the regular updates in the Wellbeing and Mutual Aid Group. Big thank you to Oscar and his team!

International

Finally, the international student portfolio was challenged by the efforts to support international students stuck mainly in overseas locations, which became a priority especially during Semester 2 since borders had not reopened to Australia. Without a doubt, SALS continuously advocated and often, behind the scenes for international student support to faculty, in ensuring access to CAPS/similar programs overseas, in advocating against mandatory attendance requirements, in making sure lectures and tutorials were recorded where possible, in creating supportive online educational groups such as the peer-to-peer study groups and the international student program early in Semester 1. SALS created the international student guide and partnered with SEALS to also offer information on employment opportunities in Australia and abroad. Finally, we supported international students over the holidays with the Summer Student Support Program and the FAQ sheet being organised in response to the survey distributed by SALS to international students. We hope our international student community in overseas locations can join us on campus soon.

IV. Conclusion

I also want to take the opportunity to sincerely thank a few people with whom our successes in 2020 would not have been possible and issue some final remarks.

First, a heartfelt thank you to all SALS members for making it through 2020 with spectacular efforts.

Second, a genuine thank you to our 168 committee members who were the strongest pillars of SALS in a time of need and online engagement.

Third, a grateful thank you to all staff and faculty members who have supported students through the transition to online learning. A special thank you to our SALS Patron and Dean of Sydney Law School – Simon Bronitt, and his Associate Dean of Education - Rita Shackel, for their humbleness and desire to collaborate with students, for being the first and strongest point of contact SALS has had with faculty and for their exemplar daily efforts to support SALS through their leadership.

Fourth, an enormous thank you goes to the Electoral Review Committee, who undertook the challenge of reviewing SALS Electoral Regulations with me. Thank you, Ruby Adler, Ashna Govil and Grace Hu; and without a doubt, a very special thank you to our SALS Electoral Officer, Calida Tang and Electoral Arbiter, Dr Fady Aoun, both whom for the first time ever, successfully managed a three-ticket online election for SALS.

Fifth, a huge congratulations to Wendy Hu and the 2021 Executive! Best of luck furthering the transition to online/in-person events. I am confident the 2021 Executive will continue to do a fantastic job in 2020

Finally, a thank you and warm congratulations to the SALS 2020 Executive. Thinking back to the time we first met collectively in October 2019, I could not have fathomed becoming this close to you today. We went through ups and downs together and each and every one of you have exceeded expectations, with the incredible work you have put forward through mutual respect, passion and resilience. You have proven that with the right attitude and with your heart in the right place, anyone can thrive at SALS.

SALS has been the busiest part of my life in 2020. I have placed my heart and soul to the improvement of student welfare during a global pandemic and I can easily say that it has been nothing short of rewarding. I have made some significant personal sacrifices and worked tirelessly, as I know many of our Executive

members did too, in the best interest of the student body. I am overjoyed that the law school has been positively impacted by our creativity and leadership in such unprecedented circumstances and I cannot wait to continue to observe the ongoing development of SULLS under Wendy's leadership, and in years to come. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to lead this organisation in the year 2020.



Amer Nasr

2020 SULLS President

Sydney University Law Society Incorporated

**APPENDIX C -
IMMEDIATE PAST SECRETARY'S REPORT - MIRIAM
SHENDROFF**

Hi everyone, firstly I would like to apologise for not being able to make it to this meeting in person. Due to the border shut down, I have been in Canada for most of the past year... and having attended both the 2020 AGM and SGM at 4:00 am and 12:00 am respectively, I've decided that it would be okay to sleep through this one.

I will now briefly run through some of the highlights of the Secretary portfolio in 2020. This past year was the second year that SULS was required to submit an annual report to the Australian Charities and Not For Profits Commission (ACNC). This was successfully submitted.

For the past two years SULS has been chosen by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to submit four quarterly business indicators. I would like to thank Donna, our 2020 treasurer for both providing me with the quarterly financial statements whenever I asked, and for helping me lower my long distance phone bill by speaking directly with ABS when I missed their incoming call.

2020 was the first year SULS operated as an incorporated entity. One of the big changes from this is that students commencing their law degree after we incorporated lose the right to automatic membership. We created a sign-up sheet for new members which had been filled out 740 times by the end of my tenure.

In early September 2020 SULS hosted its Annual General meeting. This date was pushed back from March per the USU's request to hold off on online AGM's. During our AGM we made a number of changes to our Constitution. Following the meeting we successfully submitted all the necessary documents to the Clubs and Societies office which has allowed us to remain a registered club.

In November SULS hosted its Special General meeting. The biggest takeaway from that meeting is that the SULS Constitution is entirely too complex. I am pleased to see the proposed constitutional amendments for this meeting. There is a lot of clean up that needs to be done and it looks like the 2021 executive is well on its way to fixing the multitude of minor errors that fill the constitution.

I would like to thank the 2020 Executive for their submissions to the weekly newsletter each week. As of December 2020 we sat at just under 4000 subscribers. With so much happening in SULS, the weekly provides students with a succinct email detailing all of the events and opportunities we offer. I would like to congratulate Alison, and whoever else on the 2021 executive was responsible for the much needed update to the weekly! The new format looks fantastic and your ability to maneuver around Mailchimp far surpasses mine!

I'd now like to speak more generally on this past year as it was certainly not the year any of us had planned. I have been out of the country for the past 11 months and had to navigate such challenges as compiling the weekly at 2 am and sorting out our 2020 trophy engravings from thousands of kilometers away.

I distinctly remember the pit I had in my stomach back in semester 1 when we were told classes were moving online. For a brief moment none of us knew how SULLS would push forward in the face of such adversity. I can now say with great confidence that the 2020 SULLS executive banded together and did not let a global pandemic slow us down. I can already see that the 2021 executive is doing a great job of planning events while taking account of ever changing Covid-19 restrictions, and making sure that all of us offshore students feel welcome and a part of SULLS.

To the 2021 executive, you guys have large shoes to fill but I'm so excited to see everything that you'll accomplish. If I can leave you with any advice it would be to A) submit your weekly newsletter submissions in on time, and B) to always lean on your other executives, and committee members for support. Not to sound too cheesy, but SULLS works best when everyone is working together! Good luck to the 2021 exec and I wish you all the very best for the year ahead of you!

**APPENDIX D -
IMMEDIATE TREASURER'S REPORT - DONNA KWON**

Check out the 2020 audited (look Dane your wish is my command) financials below.

Few things to note:

1. Last year we stopped trading as Sydney University Law Society (SULS) and started trading as Sydney University Law Society Incorporated (SULS Inc). It's just what has to happen when you get incorporated (pity they don't teach you that in corps law). That's why there's 2 financials attached below. The first is for SULS for first half of the year, the second is for SULS Inc for the second half of the year. If you want the complete picture of the 2020 financials, gotta look at both.
2. Total profit for the year = \$68,290.37. I trust this years' exec will spend that wisely.
3. Equity textbook loan scheme moved online. Deposits are dealt with via transfers, records of deposits are kept separately and if any become forfeited it becomes income.
4. Even with covid Mark managed to hit over \$120k in sponsorship funds woo!
5. Final year dinner ended up costing us a fair bit more than we would've liked but socials made up for it by organising an unforgettable night (and selling out tickets faster than SASS ever could).
6. The deposit for our cruise rolled over to this year so hopefully that means law cruise 2021?
7. SULS is finally cashless. So if you rock up to the SULS office to buy a t-shirt with a \$20 note, your SULS membership will be revoked.

Sending virtual hugs to the 2020 exec team.

Donna x

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period ended 30 June 2020

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FINANCIAL REPORT

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your executive committee members present their report on the SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY for the period ended 30/06/2020.

The names of the executive committee members in office at the date of this report are:

President / Office Bearer : Amer Chaker Nasr
Secretary : Miriam Chaya Shendroff
Treasurer / Public Officer : You Jeong Kwon

Above said members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the economic entity during the financial year were "Other Interest Group Services n.e.c.".

Significant Changes

Society has applied and registered as Incorporated entity with Fair Trading on 30/09/2019. As per regulations, it also obtained new ABN, TFN and ACNC registration under new name 'Sydney University Law Society Incorporated' and preparing this FINAL set of accounts. All Accumulated Earnings of \$295,947.76 has been given to 'Sydney University Law Society Incorporated' during this period.

Operating Results

The net surplus/(deficit) of the economic entity for the period ending 30 June 2020 amounted to \$45,582.30.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor 's Independence Declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is attached to this financial report and forms part of the committee 's report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the executive committee:

Executive Committee Members:



President / Office Bearer : Amer Chaker Nasr



Secretary : Miriam Chaya Shendroff



Treasurer / Public Officer : You Jeong Kwon

Dated : 30/06/2020

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2020

	Note	Jan-June 2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	2	-	21,580.00
Cash assets	3	-	224,942.35
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		-	246,522.35
TOTAL ASSETS		-	246,522.35
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	4	3,789.18	-
Tax liabilities	5	(3,789.18)	(3,843.11)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	(3,843.11)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	(3,843.11)
NET ASSETS		-	250,365.46
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		295,947.76	250,365.46
Other equity	6	(295,947.76)	-
TOTAL EQUITY		-	250,365.46

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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STATEMENT OF INCOMES & EXPENSES

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	Jan-June 2020	2019
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Union Funding	-	3,229.40
Law Firm Sponsorship	113,272.75	151,759.19
Socials - Law Ball Tickets	-	110,492.06
Socials - Final Year Dinner Tickets	-	28,759.08
Socials - Law Camp Tickets	170.25	15,028.06
Faculty Funding	-	19,130.91
Socials - Informal / End of Semester Party	-	1,008.89
Merchandise Income	14,162.53	15,741.36
Socials - JD 1 Cocktail Evening	-	1,179.14
Other income	-	20.00
Competitions - Competitions Dinner	-	865.45
Socials - O-Week Party Ticket Sales	1,055.81	-
Competitions - Womens Moot Registration	-	2,240.53
Sport - Income	-	131.22
Donations	-	68.46
International Portfolio Income	-	353.75
Campus - Other Income	-	4.55
Campus - Trivia Night Tickets	-	631.00
Competitions - Intervarsity	-	157.88
Socials - Welcome Week	2,700.81	3,305.45
Interest received	75.20	1,360.41
Interest received - ATO	-	0.06
	<u>131,437.35</u>	<u>355,466.85</u>
EXPENDITURE		
ALSA Conference Expense	1,759.40	13,897.98
Accounting fees	-	4,050.00
Auditor fees	-	1,500.00
Bank charges	2.37	-
Campus (JD I Semester Drinks and West Wing Trivia)	1,255.37	-
Campus - Other Expenses	-	8,181.44
Careers - Careers Mentoring Program	-	3,408.80
Careers - Clerkship Presentations	-	2,695.06
Careers - Food Expenses	-	518.23
Careers - Gift Expenses	-	265.78
Careers - Network Evening	-	4,131.82
Careers - Practice Group	-	567.00
Careers - Tipstaves & Associates	85.27	140.46
Competitions - Competitions Dinner	-	3,197.01
Competitions - Drinks	-	139.82
Competitions - IMLAM	6,887.37	16,656.02
Competitions - Internal Competitions	-	2,212.01

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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STATEMENT OF INCOMES & EXPENSES

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	Jan-June 2020	2019
	\$	\$
Competitions - Intervarsity Expenditure	-	12,616.67
Competitions - Introductory	182.73	582.05
Competitions - Semester 1 Boot Camp	79.95	545.45
Competitions - Womens Moot	-	1,514.02
Cruise	9,090.90	-
E-mail and Website Fees	-	972.31
Education Portfolio Expenditure	183.46	622.27
Equity Portfolio Expenditure	-	6,418.80
Equity Textbook	2,298.51	-
Ethnocultural Portfolio Expenditure	29.09	758.22
First Nations	-	161.82
International Portfolio Expenditure	-	1,511.58
Marketing - Other Expenses	382.29	334.75
Merchandise Expenditure	13,384.79	14,283.11
Office supplies	1,282.51	2,090.81
Other expenses	-	137.40
Previous Year Expenses	1,101.47	-
Pub Crawl	-	13.32
Publications Expenditure	2,842.22	16,533.72
Queer Portfolio Expenditure	-	558.23
SULS Exec Retreat	540.75	2,387.20
Slack Fees	504.67	304.38
Social Justice - Other	-	4,780.31
Socials - Final Year Dinner	-	37,989.76
Socials - Informal / End of Semester Party	-	3,708.50
Socials - JD I Cocktail Event	1,918.28	2,756.00
Socials - Law Ball	27,867.05	124,748.47
Socials - Law Camp	5,690.91	24,545.53
Socials - O-Week Party Expenditure	535.40	513.23
Socials - Welcome Week	2,678.64	3,392.72
Socials - Wine and Cheese	-	282.85
Sport - Fitness Club	-	198.46
Sport - Intervarsity Sport	-	245.41
Sport - Other	-	191.36
Sport - Sports T-Shirts	850.00	2,955.91
Square Reader Fees	-	53.64
Subcommittee	-	1,818.19
Subcommittee Launch	-	1,040.53
Subscriptions	4,421.65	301.67
	<u>85,855.05</u>	<u>333,430.08</u>
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>45,582.30</u>	<u>22,036.77</u>
Retained profit at the beginning of the financial year	<u>250,365.46</u>	<u>228,328.69</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	<u>295,947.76</u>	<u>250,365.46</u>

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
As at 30 June 2020

	Jan-June 2020 \$	2019 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	250,365.46	228,328.69
Profit attributable to members	45,582.30	22,036.77
Transactions during period		
Accumulated Earnings (This accumulated amount has been given to 'Sydney University Law Society Incorporated' and introduced in their accounts as "Contributed Funds".)	(295,947.76)	-
Total equity at the end of the financial year	0.00	250,365.46

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the period ended 30 June 2020

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. The Committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that Sydney University Law Society (the Association) is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to medium registered entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant policies disclosed below, which the Committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

b. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis and are based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

c. Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

1. Revenue Recognition

The financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting whereby all revenues and income from sponsorships and fundraising activities are recognised as income when they are invoiced and expenses are recorded when they are paid.

2. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax in terms of Section 50-10 (Community Service) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997, as amended. Accordingly, no provision for income tax is required to be made.

3. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

d. Events after the reporting period

This is final set of accounts prepared and will be reported to ACNC. There will not be any operations and activity after this period.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	Jan-June 2020	2019
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	-	21,580.00
NOTE 3: CASH ASSETS		
NAB Corporate (**6807)	-	187,752.44
ING Direct (**45587)	-	37,189.91
		<u>224,942.35</u>
NOTE 4: PAYABLES		
Sundry creditors	3,789.18	-
NOTE 5: TAX LIABILITIES		
GST collected	-	1,961.83
GST collected - Adjustments	-	38.88
GST payments / refunds	(3,789.18)	(5,843.82)
	<u>(3,789.18)</u>	<u>(3,843.11)</u>
NOTE 6: OTHER EQUITY		
Accumulated Earnings	(295,947.76)	-

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Sydney University Law Society
ABN 69 521 923 084

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Jan-June 2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Operating surplus/(deficiency) from operating activities	45,582	22,037
Non-cash flows in Operating surplus/(deficiency)		
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-
Loss on sale of non-current assets	-	-
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	-	-
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	45,582	22,037
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Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables	21,580	(3,940)
Increase/(decrease) in Tax liabilities	3,844	(6,279)
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	25,424	(10,219)
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Net cash inflow from Operating Activities	\$71,006	\$11,818
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Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payment of non-current assets	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	-	-
Net Accumulated Earnings provided to New Society	(295,948)	-
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(295,948)	-
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash held during the year	(224,942)	11,818
Cash at the beginning of the year	224,942	213,124
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Cash at the end of the year	\$0	\$224,942
	=====	=====
Cash at the end of the year as shown above is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follow:		
Cash on hand	-	-
National Australia Bank	-	187,752
ING Direct	-	37,190
Commonwealth Bank	-	-
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	\$0	\$224,942
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These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

In accordance with the requirements of Section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Sydney University Law Society for the six months ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Samuel Y Wong JP B.Com FCA
Chartered Accountant

Dated at Sydney this 17th day of July 2020

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

ABN 69 521 923 084

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DECLARATION

The Committee have determined that SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY (the Association) is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The Committee of the Association declare that, in the Committee's opinion:

1. The accompanying financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 applicable to medium registered entities and
 - i. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - ii. Gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 30/06/2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Regulation 2013, for and on behalf of the Committee.:

Executive Committee Members :



President / Office Bearer : Amer Chaker Nasr



Secretary : Miriam Chaya Shendroff



Treasurer / Public Officer : You Jeong Kwon

Dated : 30/06/2020

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

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COMPILATION REPORT TO SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY , which comprise the balance sheet as at 30/06/2020, the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the significant accounting policies used are appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315:Compilation of Financial Information. We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110:Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Name of Firm Simaco Partners Pty Ltd

Name of Partner 

Stephen George Nikolovski

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Dated : 30/06/2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Sydney University Law Society (the Association), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020, the Statement of Profit and Loss, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the six months then ended and Notes to the Financial Statements and the Committee's Declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Sydney University Law Society has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the period then ended; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Regulation 2013*

Basis of Opinion

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of this report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or errors, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Samuel Wong *JP B.Com FCA*
Chartered Accountant

PO Box 96, Burwood, NSW, 1805

Dated this 17th day of July 2020



**SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY
INCORPORATED**

ABN 49 844 560 526

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Prepared by
Simaco Partners Pty Ltd
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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

FINANCIAL REPORT

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your executive committee members present their report on the SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED for the period ended 31/12/2020.

The names of the executive committee members in office at the date of this report are:

President / Office Bearer : Ms. Wendy Hu
Secretary : Ms. Alison Chen
Treasurer / Public Officer : Ms. Tiana Dumanovsky

Above said members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the economic entity during the financial year were "Other Interest Group Services n.e.c."

Significant Changes

This is first year of trading for this new Incorporated Society. "SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY" has contributed \$295,947.76 to this Society during this year.

Operating Results

The net surplus/(deficit) of the economic entity for the financial year amounted to \$22,708.07.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is attached to this financial report and forms part of the committee 's report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the executive committee:

Executive Committee Members:



President / Office Bearer : Ms. Wendy Hu



Secretary : Ms. Alison Chen



Treasurer / Public Officer : Ms. Tiana Dumanovsky

Dated : 02/03/2021

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	2	910.00	-
Cash assets	3	320,779.83	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		321,689.83	-
TOTAL ASSETS		321,689.83	-
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing liabilities	4	3,090.00	-
Tax liabilities	5	(56.00)	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,034.00	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,034.00	-
NET ASSETS		318,655.83	-
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		22,708.07	-
Other equity	6	295,947.76	-
TOTAL EQUITY		318,655.83	-

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

STATEMENT OF INCOMES & EXPENSES

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Firm Sponsorship	9,204.56	-
Faculty Funding	692.64	-
Merchandise Sales	12,138.17	-
Socials Portfolio Income - Final Year Dinner	21,390.90	-
Competitions Portfolio- Competitions Dinner Ticket Sales	899.99	-
Equity Portfolio Income - Textbook Loan Scheme	718.18	-
Donation	21,288.25	-
	<u>66,332.69</u>	-
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting fees	2,980.00	-
Admin - Accounting software (Xero, MYOB)	406.28	-
Admin - Mailchimp	888.89	-
Auditor Fee	600.00	-
Bad debt expenses	100.00	-
Bank charges	3.27	-
Competitions Portfolio - Competitions Dinner	4,770.46	-
Competitions Portfolio - Intervarsity Competitions	227.27	-
Competitions Portfolio - Other	1,935.50	-
Competitions Portfolio - International Competitions	(5,741.91)	-
Competitions Portfolio - Women's Mooting Program	26.15	-
Competitions Portfolio Expenditure - Women's Mooting Program	300.64	-
Education Portfolio Expenditure	46.60	-
Equity Portfolio Expenditure - Financial Grants	768.12	-
Equity Portfolio Expenditure - Textbook Loan Scheme	1,518.56	-
Ethnocultural Portfolio Expenditure	291.79	-
Marketing Portfolio Expenditure	324.14	-
Merchandise Expenditure - Inventory	11,495.00	-
Merchandise Expenditure - Other	1,563.63	-
Office Expenditure	595.35	-
Publications Portfolio Expenditure	7,918.16	-
SULS Election	398.50	-
Social Justice Portfolio Expenditure - Competitions	33.09	-
Social Justice Portfolio Expenditure - JJMS	534.23	-
Socials Portfolio Expenditure - Final Year Dinner	10,783.79	-
Socials Portfolio Expenditure - Welcome Week Party	10.91	-
Sport Portfolio Expenditure	47.27	-
Welcome Events & Handover Expenditure	448.84	-
Womens Portfolio Expenditure	350.09	-
	<u>43,624.62</u>	-
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>22,708.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

As at 31 December 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	0.00	0.00
Profit attributable to members	22,708.07	0.00
Transactions with equity holders		
Contributed Funds ("SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY" was closed and this amount has been contributed to this new Incorporated Society).	<u>295,947.76</u>	<u>-</u>
Total equity at the end of the financial year	<u>318,655.83</u>	<u>0.00</u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

2020
\$

2019
\$

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a. The Committee have prepared the financial statements on the basis that Sydney University Law Society Incorporated (the Association) is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Act 2012. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to medium registered entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the significant policies disclosed below, which the Committee have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

b. Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on accrual basis and are based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

c. Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

1. Revenue Recognition

The financial statements have been prepared under the cash basis of accounting whereby all revenues and income from sponsorships and fundraising activities are recognised as income when they are received and expenses are recorded when they are paid.

2. Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax in terms of Section 50-10 (Community Service) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997, as amended. Accordingly, no provision for income tax is required to be made.

3. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

d. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Association's operations, the results of those operations, or the Association's state of affairs in future financial years.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	910.00	-
NOTE 3: CASH ASSETS		
Society Cheque Acct	320,779.83	-
NOTE 4: INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
Equity Textbook Loan Scheme Deposit Account	3,090.00	-
NOTE 5: TAX LIABILITIES		
GST collected	82.73	-
GST paid - Adjustment	(82.73)	-
GST payments / refunds	(56.00)	-
	<u>(56.00)</u>	-
NOTE 6: OTHER EQUITY		
Contributed Funds	295,947.76	-

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED
ABN 49 844 560 526

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Operating surplus/(deficiency) from operating activities	22,708	-
Non-cash flows in Operating surplus/(deficiency)		
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-
Loss on sale of non-current assets	-	-
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	-	-
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	22,708	-
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Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables	(910)	-
Increase/(decrease) in Payables	3,090	-
Increase/(decrease) in Tax liabilities	(56)	-
	-----	-----
	2,124	-
	-----	-----
Net cash inflow from Operating Activities	\$24,832	\$0
	=====	=====
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Payment of non-current assets	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	-	-
Net Accumulated Earnings provided from Old Society	295,948	-
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	295,948	-
	-----	-----
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held during the year	320,780	-
Cash at the beginning of the year	-	-
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Cash at the end of the year	\$320,780	\$0
	=====	=====
 Cash at the end of the year as shown above is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follow:		
Cash on hand	-	-
Commonwealth Bank	320,780	-
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	\$320,780	\$0
	=====	=====

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.
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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE MEMBERS OF

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following Declaration of Independence to the Members of Sydney University Law Society Inc. As the auditor for the audit of the financial report of Sydney University Law Society Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Samuel Wong JP B.Com FCA
Chartered Accountant

PO Box 96, Burwood, NSW, 1805

Dated this 2nd day of March 2021

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DECLARATION

The Committee have determined that SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED (the Association) is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

The Committee of the Association declare that, in the Committee's opinion:

1. The accompanying financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 applicable to medium registered entities and
 - i. Comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - ii. Gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31/12/2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commission Regulation 2013, for and on behalf of the Committee.:

Executive Committee Members :



President / Office Bearer : Ms. Wendy Hu



Secretary : Ms. Alison Chen



Treasurer / Public Officer : Ms. Tiana Dumanovsky

Dated : 02/03/2021

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 49 844 560 526

COMPILATION REPORT TO SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31/12/2020, the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Responsibility of the Directors

The directors of SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INCORPORATED are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the significant accounting policies used are appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the directors, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315:Compilation of Financial Information. We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110:Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors who are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Name of Firm Simaco Partners Pty Ltd

Name of Partner 

Stephen George Nikolovski

Simaco Partners Pty Ltd
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Dated : 02/03/2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SYDNEY UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY INC.

Opinion

I have audited the special purpose financial report of Sydney University Law Society Inc. (the Association), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020, the Statement of Incomes and Expenses, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and Notes to the Financial Statements and the Committee Member's Declaration.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Sydney University Law Society Inc. is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

Basis of Opinion

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ACNC Act, the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Committee' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Samuel Wong *JP B.Com FCA*
Chartered Accountant

PO Box 96, Burwood, NSW, 1805

Dated this 12th day of March 2021



**APPENDIX E -
2021 OPERATING BUDGET AS AT 22 MARCH 2021**

[Attached overleaf]

Operating Budget

Sydney University Law Society
Incorporated

As at 21 March 2021

<u>Account</u>	<u>As at March 21 2021</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>Treasurer's Notes</u>
Trading Income			
Firm Sponsorship	144,772.73	155,000.00	Based on the actual sponsorship from FY19 of 151,759.19 and current estimates of the sponsorship director
Merchandise Sales	4,381.96	13,000.00	The average income for FY18 and FY19 was 17,628. Last year sales suffered as a result of covid and were ~12.5K. We expect to beat this number with increased events and less online classes. However, this is a conservative estimate due to many students being overseas.
Socials Portfolio Income	5741.83	110,785.45	Actuals: Socials Portfolio Income - Final Year Dinner Socials Portfolio Income - JD1 Drinks Socials Portfolio Income - Welcome Week Party Budget: The average income from FY18 and FY19 was ~160K. This is a conservative estimate, allowing for 70% of that income due to the possibility of reduced capacity at events due to COVID-19.
USU Funding	79.05	79.05	Welcome Week funding from the USU

Competitions Portfolio Income	0	2,679.60	This amount represents the average for FY18 and FY19, and has been adjusted to 70% of the average in order to account for potential reduced participation due to COVID-19
Total Trading Income	154,975.57	281,544.10	
Gross Profit	154,975.57	281,544.10	
Other Income			
Donations	20,000.00	20,000.00	Faculty Funding for the Equity Textbook Loan Scheme. No other faculty funding is expected as of
Total Other Income	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Operating Expenses			
Accounting Fees	2,520.00	3,557.00	Actuals: This includes work done for 1 BAS and preparation of the FY20 financial reports Budget: This is the average for FY18, FY19 and FY20
Admin - Accounting software (Xero,	107.18	465.00	This will be the total as per our subscription
Admin - Mailchimp	223.93	1,043.93	Based on monthly subscription in USD
ALSA	409.09	3,000.00	This is a conservative estimate based on FY19 and FY20. Given that all events will be held online this year we do not expect the fees to meet the 14k from FY19 and expect that expenditure will more closely resemble the 2K from FY20.
Auditor Fees	800.00	1,000.00	Conservative estimate based on FY19 and FY20 average
Campus Portfolio Expenditure	1,168.19	4,500.00	Actuals: Trivia night prizes and Welcome Back Drinks Allocation based on FY20 and FY19 actual expenses Budget: Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Careers Portfolio Expenditure	1,472.73	12,000.00	Actuals: Clerkship Networking Evening Budget: Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Competitions Portfolio Expenditure	784.29	11,179.00	Actuals: Comps Welcome Drinks Gifts for judges and Catering for Semi-Final and Grand Final Corporate Law Moot Budget: Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Design Portfolio Expenditure	0.00	500.00	Based on FY20 forecasts and FY19 operating budget
Equity Portfolio Expenditure - Finan	45.45	See below	

Equity Portfolio Expenditure - Textbr	5,535.91	20,000.00	Based on the faculty donation, in FY20 this donation was not used up, however this year we predict that the majority of the donation will be used in order to support as many students as possible
Education Expenditure	0.00	650.00	Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
International Portfolio Expenditure	136.36	1,200.00	Actuals: My Legal Mate - Know Your Rights in Australia as an International Student Budget: Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Law Revue	0.00	5,000.00	Based on talk with sponsorship director
Marketing Portfolio Expenditure	450.51	800.00	Actuals: Domain and Biteable Fees Budget: Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Merchandise Expenditure	0.00	13,000.00	This is a n estimate based on the average expenditure for FY18, FY19 and FY20
Office Expenditure	661.08	1,600.00	Actual: QR codes printing for office and events, face masks, hand sanitizer, printing of the prospectus Budget: based on average of FY19 and FY20 expenditure while considering that maintaining COVID precautions will add to the expense
Publications Portfolio Expenditure	3,614.36	12,000.00	Actual: Printing of First Year Handbook, Welcome to SULLS Handbook, and Competitions Handbook Budget Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Queer Portfolio Expenditure	46.86	1,200.00	Actual: Queer Student Study and Social Hour Budget Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Social Justice Portfolio Expenditure	342.36	750.00	Increase in budget due to more applicants and expansion of the program
Socials Portfolio Expenditure	17,496.44	140,785.00	Actual: JD1 Drinks, Welcome Week party, Exec Retreat, law ball deposit Budget Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Women's Portfolio Expenditure	0.00	500.00	Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Social Justice Portfolio Expenditure	0.00	1,050.00	Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure, not including JJMS Budget
First Nations Portfolio Expenditure	0.00	4,000.00	Budget increased due to no faculty funding, and the commitment to continue the Cruise Event
Ethnocultural Portfolio Expenditure	0.00	1,000.00	Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Sport Portfolio Expenditure	40.91	3,500.00	Actual: Gift for professional yoga instructor Budget Based on FY19 and FY20 actual expenditure
Welcome Events & Handover Exper	(79.05)	79.05	We were reimbursed by the USU, see above

Contestable amount		30,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	35,776.60	274,358.98
Net Profit	139,198.97	27,185.12

Chair: Wendy Hu

Minute taker: Alison Chen

Signed: 24 March 2021



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