

**JCU Law Students' Society**  
**Meeting of executive members**

**Wednesday 6 August 2014**

**JCU, room 27-007**

Attendance

Nicholas Potter (President)	NP
Maclane Schloss (Vice President)	MS
Danielle Dare (Treasurer)	DD
Madeleine Rudge (Secretary, Mayo)	MR
Jo-Anne Hunt (Publications)	JH
Rachel Stuart (IT)	RS
Sharan K Sangha (Social, Mature & International)	SKS
Rabia Hussain (ALSA)	RH
Mitch Kelleat (First Year)	MK

Meeting commenced 6:10pm

MR apologised for the late notice for the meeting and acknowledged that was probably the explanation for absences.

Minutes

MR did not print the minutes from the previous meeting. They will be provided for approval at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report

We received a show cause notice because our 2013 financials were not lodged. DD arranged for MECU to accept our 2013 financials at a later date.

Bank account

DD looked into alternative options for JCULSS's banking.

Our credit union charges an account keeping fee and charges us for every transaction.

DD reported back on ANZ, Commonwealth and Westpac.

DD declared she works at Commonwealth bank. She does not work in a department which would see her directly benefit if the LSS opens an account with the Commonwealth Bank.

DD advised we would only move to ANZ if we want the LSS to have a merchant bank account. Everyone agreed the LSS do not need a merchant terminal, and therefore, it should not create a merchant bank account.

Commonwealth bank and Westpac pay interest. DD recommended either of them would be good. Commonwealth Bank would only require 2 tokens that are unlimited.

MS talked about QLD Credit Union.

**Motion by DD, seconded by NP to open up a bank account with Commonwealth Bank and eventually close our account with MECU. Motion carried unanimously.**

### ALSA

RH reported she went to the 2015 ALSA Conference as the JCULSS rep. Only 1 other JCU student went.

RH said it was an enjoyable experience and she gained a lot. It was a good networking experience.

JCULSS did not apply for equity funding for the 2015 ALSA Conference. We did not have an ALSA rep at the time applications were open.

Equity funding for the September ALSA meeting is still available. RH said she would like to go that meeting.

### Logo

RS sought approval from Anna Truman from JCU to get permission to use the proposed JCULSS logo, which incorporates the JCU logo. RS is still waiting to hear back from Anna. Everyone at the meeting liked the logo designed by RS.

### Social Justice Lecture Series

MR invited Terry O’Gorman to be the keynote, but he did not accept.

Everyone supported MR inviting Michael Cope as the keynote.

MR will invite another JCU lecturer.

### Mooting competition

RH had a number of applications for the mooting competition.

Hoping to get the competition done by 1 September 2014, because that is the closing date for registration for the intervarsity animal law moot.

Registration for the animal law moot will cost \$250-\$375.

Discussed funding a team to go to the moot. Everyone agreed to make a decision on funding a team to go to the moot over flying minute.

### Law ball

43 Tickets sold so far.

Menu:

- Beef entre
- Alternative drop main: lamb and chicken
- Chocolate tart dessert.

Discount accommodation for law ball guests will be arranged with Rydges.

People can still purchase tickets at the discount rate buy putting in a code.

### Social Justice Award

NP encouraged everyone to promote the Maurice Blackburn Social Justice Award.

Applications are open to all law students at JCU, including undergrad and post grad students.

### Bbq

A bbq will be held Tuesday 12 August.

MS booked a bbq and arranged for LSS to team up with Student Life.

**Motion by MS, seconded by DD to authorise \$200 expenditure for the bbq, considering that all of that amount may not be used. Motion carried unanimously.**

Decided not to hold a book sale alongside the bbq.

### Pub Crawl

JH spoke with the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) about combining our pub crawls. Proposed date is 26 September 2014.

**Motion by MS, seconded by NP that JH and SKS have full authority to go to EUS meetings, make decisions about the pub crawl and report back. Motion carried unanimously.**

First Year Rep

First year rep has not attended any meetings, he never became a member of the LSS, and he has left the university.

**Motion by MS, seconded by NP to expel first year rep. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by MS, seconded by SKS to make Mitch Kellaett First Year Rep. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by MS, seconded by RH for MK to be given access to the Try Bookings website. Motion carried unanimously.**

MK is on the law ball committee.

Meeting closed 7:22pm

## **Treasurer's Report**

Given the length of time since our last meeting this report is for the period 01 June 2014 – 31 July 2014

Our opening balance for June in the access account was \$8,248.44. Total payment received in June was \$232.28, all of which account for law ball ticket sales. This bought the closing balance to \$8, 480.72. The term deposit opened the month with \$5,000 and earned \$22.08 credit interest for the month, making the closing balance of the term deposit for June \$5, 022.08

The access account opened for July with \$8, 480.72 and closed with \$11,154.76. The difference, being \$2,674.04, is constituted entirely of law ball ticket proceeds. No interest was made on the Term deposit for the month of July. It therefore opened and closed with \$5, 022.08 for the month.

I have had the opportunity to investigate different options for changing banks over the past month.

The not-for-profit deals that the major banks offer are all very similar. Each offers a nil monthly account keeping fee. Commonwealth Bank and Westpac both pay interest on any credit balances in their transaction accounts, which would bear a large impact on the JCULSS given that we do keep the majority of our funds in the transaction account year-round. Aside from that, they really are all the same on the face. The only thing I would like to point out is that ANZ does offer no establishment fees or annual fees for merchant facilities. This is something that we really only should be considering if the executive believe that there is a genuine need for EFTPOS facilities.

I'd like to see the executive reach an informed decision based on this information and any further research they may choose to conduct.