

JCU Law Students' Society
Meeting of executive members

Monday 1 September 2014

JCU, room 27-004

Attendance

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

Apologies

Sam Coffison (ATSI)

Meeting commenced 6:12pm

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held 6 August 2014 should be amended so that they state the show cause notice came from the Office of Fair Trading.

Motion by MR, seconded by NP to accept minutes of the previous two meetings with the above amended made. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report

DD went over the fee schedule that will apply to us when we open a bank account with the Commonwealth Bank. The Commonwealth Bank will charge us few fees compared to MECU. We will also be able to arrange online banking with Commonwealth Bank, which will be a lot more convenient than our current banking arrangements.

DD drafted a letter in response to show cause notice. She will send to Department of Office of Fair Trading once approved by NP and MS.

Motion by NP, seconded by MS that law ball expenditure is finalised and was done in good faith. Motion carried. MS abstained.

DD recommended applying law ball profits for the benefit of members.

Motion by DD, seconded by NP to have our finances from 2012, 2013, and 2014 audited. Motion carried unanimously.

DD will look into costs for auditors.

Law ball

SKS gave law ball report. The law ball committee worked well, although it could have been more effective if jobs were delegated. The law ball committee was established with the expectation that it would have to organise a venue, catering, a bar, venue set up and other things which ended up being looked after by the venue. SKS said the professional photos taken could have been better. Next year, we should book a photographer longer than an hour: preferably, the whole night.

SKS and other executive members said the anecdotal feedback was that everyone enjoyed the ball and it was a success.

Fairy lights purchased for the law ball are held on trust by MK for the LSS.

SKS, MK, and MS were acknowledged for setting up for the ball.

Mooting

6 teams signed up for the mooting competition. However, all but 1 team pulled out.

RH asked lecturers for moot questions and only got previous questions. It was suggested next year's ALSA Rep asks ALSA for moot questions.

The prize for the mooting competition was registration for the national Animal Law Moot. RH offered the remaining team the prize. They declined because they could not afford flights. Registration for the animal law moot closes 1 September 2014.

JCU will not be represented at the Animal Law Moot.

NP asked if we could run the Preshant Mooting Cup. RH said it's too late in the year to run a mooting competition, but suggested a witness examination competition.

International Rep

SKS wants to organise court tour for International students.

Mature Age

SKS wants to organise mature age social event and suggested a wine and cheese evening.

Logo

Motion by NP, seconded by RS to vote on one of the two logos designed by RS. Motion carried.

Motion by NP, seconded by RS to adopt the palm tree logo (see attached image) as the official logo of the JCULSS. Motion carried.

Motion by NP, seconded by MS to adopt the open book logo as the official logo of the JCULSS. Motion failed.

Motion by MR, seconded by NP to purchase a banner with the new logo on it.
MR and MK will check prices.

Pub Crawl

JH met with the JCU Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS) to organise a joint pub crawl. Each society will book a bus. If one society fails to sell enough tickets to fill their bus, ticket sales will open for members of the other society to fill the bus.

The pub crawl will be on Friday 26 September. Ticket prices: \$10 members | \$15 non members.

Motion by MS, seconded by RH to approve \$555.00 expenditure to book pub crawl bus. Motion carried unanimously.

Social Justice Lecture Series

President of the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, Michael Cope, will be the keynote speaker. Due to Mr Cope's availability, he will be the final speaker in the series and will present in week 13.

MR has also invited JCU professor, Ian Atkinson, to be a guest speaker, but has not received a response.

Last year's SJLS was covered by a \$1,000 SSAF grant from the JCU Student Association. This year, the LSS applied to the JCUSA for the same grant to be applied to the JCUSA. Our application was submitted by the due date.

MR visited the JCUSA to ask about our application. The JCUSA acknowledged they received the LSS's application in time; however, it was not considered for approval along with other applications at the JCUSA's recent meeting. Our application for SSAF funding is still pending approval.

PLT

NP will organise a SP2 PLT provider session to meet our sponsoring commitments.

AGM

Motion by MR, seconded by NP for AGM to be held in last week of October 2014.

Motion by MR, seconded by DD to only call for nominations for positions put forward at last AGM. Motion carried.

NP, DD, and MK will compile list of members by the next meeting of executive members.

MR will:

- create a proxy form;
- create a voting slip;
- call for nominations in accordance with the Constitution; and
- post nominees at least 7 days prior.

Constitutional amendments

There will be an informal meeting in two weeks for exec members to review the constitution and consider amendments that may be proposed at the AGM.

Meeting closed 8:01pm

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance for August 2014 was \$11,154.76 in our access account. We had a great deal of income for law ball tickets (\$9,313.84) with other credits to the account being for membership and the return of the float money from the bake sale fundraiser. From this amount we had the remaining \$4,450 payable to Rydges and \$300 to the another law ball service provider withdrawn as well as reimbursements for expenditure and bank fees. Importantly, we also managed to donate \$2,000 to the Tristan Jepson Memorial Foundation as our payment for the 1RAR band's service at law ball.

A profit and loss statement for law ball is attached.

At the end of August we closed with \$13,678.40 in the access account and the \$5,022.08 in the term deposit (unchanged).

I have also drafted a response to the show cause notice issued to the JCULSS by the Office of Fair Trading for failure to lodge financial statements to the department of justice for 2012 and 2013. This is to be approved by the President and Vice-President before being sent.

The show cause notice has raised some important issues to be dealt with. The financial statements for the prior two years have not been audited, which is a requirement for an incorporated association of the JCULSS's type. For this reason, I'd like to move a motion that the society has financials for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 audited in order to meet financial reporting requirements under the relevant legislation.