

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

**Monday 7 March 2014
JCU, room 27-003**

Attendance

Nick Potter (President)	(NP)
Maclane Schloss (VP)	(MS)
Danielle Dare (Treasurer)	(DD)
Madeleine Rudge (Secretary, Mayo Convenor)	(MR)
Sharon K Sangha (Social, Mature Age Rep, International Rep)	(SKS)
Rachel Stuart (IT)	(RS)
Jo-Anne Hunt (Publications)	(JH)

Meeting commenced 5:17pm

Approval of minutes

Unanimous approval of minutes of the meeting on 3 March 2014 as correct

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report given by DD.

Motion by DD, seconded by MR for DD to look at other banks for the JCULSS to use instead of MECU. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignations

Cath Ferguson resigned from her position as Australian Law Student Association (ALSA) Representative.

New executive members

Jessica Ralph was voted in as the new Social Representative.
Sam Coffison was voted in as the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Representative.

Pub crawl

SKS has organised for the SP1 pub crawl to take place on Friday 11 April 2014. The bus is been booked and paid for.

The pubs we will be stopping at are: Uni Club, Riverview Tav, Ave Tav, West End Pub, and Monsoons.

It was decided DD or NP would collect a bank statement from MECU late Friday afternoon to make a list of people who have paid for the pub crawl.

It was agreed that some executive members will sell pub crawl tickets outside the Law School from midday to 3pm on 9 April 2014.

NP said he would get the Law School to send an email out to students advertising the Pub Crawl.

Everyone agreed to plug the pub crawl and sell tickets in lectures.

Law Ball

SKS reported that she had held 2 law ball committee meetings. The committee consists of about 10 law students. The committee wants the law ball to be held within the first 4 weeks of SP2, preferably on a Saturday night.

SKS reported the committee is in favour of the following details for the law ball:

Venue: Rydges

Theme: Starry night, with a Parisian feel

Band: 1RAR

Catering: by Rydges – 3 meals and 5 hour drinks package.

After doing up a budget, SKS estimated tickets would cost \$110 to \$120 per person for 250 people if the ball went ahead as set out above. Other executive members expressed concern that 250 people was not a conservative enough estimate in order to price tickets to, at least, break even.

Website

RS is going to redesign the website.

Affiliation

The LSS has not re-affiliated with the LSS for the year 2014. It was agreed that the LSS should become re-affiliated with the JCU Student Association.

PLT

NP reported close to 50 people attended the PLT information session. He received very positive feedback from the PLT providers who came up for the session.

Mayo Lecture

MR reported Dan Mori will no longer be giving the Mayo Lecture as he is no longer available on 16 May 2014. The Mayo Lecture will still be held as part of the North Queensland Law Association's annual conference on this date. MR reported that Professor Stephen Graw had invited the Federal Attorney General, but does not know if the Attorney General has responded.

There was discussion about organising a trip to Cairns for law students to see the Mayo Lecture.

Social Justice Lecture Series

MR announced the topic of the 2014 Social Justice Lecture Series will be "our diminishing civil liberties."

Robin Rodd has agreed to be a speaker in the Series.

MR is looking at holding the Series in the first half of SP2

Meeting closed at 6:56pm.

Treasurer's report

Monday 7 March 2014

This month has seen a big increase in activity (primarily deposit-wise) in the JCULSS accounts, which is great! We started out with an opening balance of \$4,805.44 in our access account and \$10,000 in the term deposit.

So far we've received for transactions for 'membership' totalling \$240.00, however we do need to work out what portion of the deposit made after the book sale and market day is attributable to membership and what portion is attributable to sale of books (especially for our financial record-keeping requirements) so if anyone is able to provide some information around that, it would be fantastic.

We also had the interest from the term deposit for \$10,000 deposited to the access account, which ended up totalling \$46.30. Since this one has matured, per our last meeting action items, \$5,000 has been returned to the term deposit for three months.

The only outgoings on our statement for the month is the website renewal, which totalled \$137.80, though as you are aware this was debited as a reimbursement to myself, thus only \$127.80 was reimbursed with \$10 left to pay my membership cost (just letting you all know so you understand the difference in amount paid and amount actually debited on the statement).

So we closed March with \$10,256.63 in the access account as well as \$5,000 in the term deposit. So outside of the amount debited to the access account from the term deposit of revenue for March was \$127.80.

In saying that, a few transactions that have occurred since our latest statement for March was issued include the debit of \$550.00 for the pub-crawl bus, as well as the first payment for pub-crawl, which is exciting!

We've also issued a number of sponsorship invoices this month which should see quite an influx of funds in the coming weeks.

Congratulations everyone on the efforts so far! If you have any queries, as usual, don't hesitate to just ask ☺

My biggest thing to put to the committee this month is the possibility of comparing what other banks have to offer unincorporated associations and whether we are able to get a better deal on interest rates for our savings, as we do have quite a substantial amount there now which I expect to continue to grow through the year. I also noticed that Bank MECU has some pretty hefty charges for simple

transactions such as cheques – they charged us \$3.40 purely to issue a cheque (a charges which most banks often waive for unincorporated associations). I've also found so far that the online banking (or incomplete access to it) for Bank MECU makes life pretty difficult for us to complete transactions in a timely manner. So I guess I would just like the opportunity to find the JCULSS a better deal with better opportunity for growth.