



# LA TROBE UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 3 October, 7pm

Meeting Opened at 7:15pm

La Trobe University Law Students' Association Inc.

ABN 83 936 323 688

Chair: Samuel Chung (President)

Minutes: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))

### Attendance:

- Sam Chung
- James Reginato
- Ingrid Tam
- Elly-May Dreier
- Gianluca Polimeni
- Christina Mikhael
- Sejal Prabhu
- Scarlett Singer
- Charlie-Ashe Humphrey
- Poojitha Ravikumar
- Mahrukh Khan
- Khushleen Kaur
- Renee Tierney
- Raymond Choo
- Eve Joyce
- Edward Christou
- Brandon Draper
- Bavani Gunawardana
- Ania Bulenda
- Uday Sharma
- Gavin Gill
- Isabella Fini
- Samir Dzeladin-Elez
- Shaun James
- Max Lee
- Mary Lioupas
- Emily Armstrong
- Amy Hicks
- Isabel Taylor
- Andrya Younan
- Jess S
- Flinn Olarenshaw
- Chelsea
- Jess W
- Jili Pan
- Jess Bm
- Blaine
- Hasan Asad
- Alisha Ukunde
- Georgie
- Jordan A
- Hekmnat Fahini
- Ryan Gambin

### Agenda:

- **Presidential Welcome and Introduction**

- Changes in 2022
  - Changes from 2019 to now pre-Covid to post Covid world
  - Do we go back or do we do things differently
  - Brand new portfolios and subcommittees:
    - External comps
    - Alumni
    - Internal activities
    - Student engagement
  - Changed of name of equity and equity and social justice
  - Lots of brand new initiatives from comm careers and equity
  - Performance issues after covid
    - Hybrid life there is less of campus less often
    - Low attendance across many events
  - Biggest committee and difficult to stand out in this committee
  - Law School relationship has improved a little and should continue to improve
    - Remain close to then into the future
  - 2022 was phenomenal thanks to the hardwork of all committee members
- Goals for 2022
  - 90 success on the promises made to the cohort
  - 100 meetings Sam had led to his
  - Better job than other law schools with regard to non-commercial careers
- Well done activities
  - Well done Isabel on setting in and doing so well
  - Ran so many events back in person this year
  - Was great to see everyone back in person catching up
- Well done alumni
  - Well done Nathan for creating an alumni list which can be used into the future
- Well done comm careers
  - Well done to Alisha and her team on running so many outstanding events and initiatives
  - Congratulations on running so many new initiatives this year as well which are sure to remain a staple for future years
- Well done comps
  - Well done to Ania and her team
  - Was a hard year for comps but it was a wonderful Grand Final Night finally back in the Federal Circuit Court
- Well done education
  - Record engagement for education initiatives this year

- Well done Flinn and team for your amazing efforts this year
  - Well done equity and social justice
    - Well done to Shaun and the amazing equity team for all of their efforts this year in setting up the portfolio and running so many amazing new initiatives
  - Well done external comps
    - La Trobe intervarsity moot
      - Stand out
  - Well done industry careers
    - Well done Chelsea and team on all of your efforts this year
    - Was great to see industry careers highlighted this year
  - Well done juris doctor
    - Well done Sam for all of your hard work
    - A lot of what you do is behind the scenes trying to get engagement from the JD cohort to well done on pushing through the year
  - Well done marketing
    - Well done Andrya and team
    - Making things more engaging
    - Well done Abbey with hoodies
    - Really was great to see the way marketing changed this year
  - Well done sarah and pubs team
    - There were a lot of great publications made this year
    - Well done to Sarah for being a superstar this year and being really flexible on the guides that were created and for stepping into the roel so seamlessly
  - Subcommittees
    - Vis moot
    - Committee night out
    - Mid-year retreat
  - Vice presidents
    - Well done and thank you to James, Ingrid and Elly-May for all of your hard work over the year
    - The committee term would not have run smoothly without all of your dedication
- **Apologies**
  - Sarah Bux
  - Hilary MacRae
- **Confirmation of Minutes from previous AGM**
  - Motion to confirm minutes from 2020/2021 Annual General Meeting
    - Moved by: Samuel Chung
    - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier
    - Motion Passed
- **Confirmation of Minutes from SGM**
  - Motion to confirm minutes from 3 January 2022 Special General Meeting

- Moved by: Samuel Chung
  - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier
  - Motion passed
- **Executive Reports**
  - President
  - Vice President (Secretary)
    - Well done to all members of the committee for their hard work it did not go unnoticed and we truly appreciate your dedication to giving back to the students
    - Massive thank you to Andrya for stepping into marketing late in the term to assist me and lighten my load it is greatly appreciated
    - Well done on a very successful year of events and initiatives it was great to be a part of
  - Vice President (Treasurer)
    - Well done Shaun and Isabel for law ball
    - Was great to see so many events being run for the year
  - Vice President (Sponsorship)
    - Well done on having all sponsored events running so smoothly
    - Special mention to Alisha for running Commercial Careers Sponsored events so well
  - Director of Activities
    - Big thanks to officers this year being Olivia, Rochelle and Bec
    - Thank you to the exec for always being willing to help out
    - Thanks to everyone on the committee to help set up and pack up
    - Law picnic
      - Great for first years
    - Law camp
      - Thanks to officer and exec who ran it in my absence
    - Law cruise
      - Great event
      - Attendance lower than expected
      - Should be run during semester
    - Law ball
      - Thanks Shaun and his team
      - No guest speaker in future
      - Terrific event and great to see everyone in person
    - Winery tour
      - Coming up
      - Hoping to sell out
    - Thanks to everyone who helped in some capacity
  - Director of Commercial Careers
    - Thanks to the officers
    - Thanks to Renee for all of her support

- Thank you to everyone who sent in promotional videos for firm presentations
- Lawnch event
  - Big success
- Firm presentation
  - 50 plus attendees for each session
  - Thanks to Uday and Pooji for helping run sessions
- PLT seminars
- Careers cocktail night
  - Thanks to leadership execs
  - Thanks to Sarah for the networking guide
    - Such an understanding director
    - Phenomenal guide
  - Thanks to Sejal, Charlie and Declan for helping out
- Expert Panel Seminar
  - Run at crown
  - Thanks to officers for helping
  - Thanks to all of the committee
- CSS also sponsored
  - Thanks to Pooji for helping out with facilitating
- Clerkship guide
  - Well done to Ingrid and thanks Sarah
- Clerkship support chat
  - Ran mock interviews alongside this initiative
    - Thanks to everyone for contributing
- Alumni Panel
  - Thanks to Nathan
- Thanks to Ingrid
  - For getting sponsors
  - Being a great friend and support
- Thank you Renee
  - Took a lot of stress away
- Thanks everyone for attending
- Thanks Andrya
  - Support as a friend and helping with marketing
- Director of Competitions
  - Thanks to officer have been a great support
- Director of Education
  - Thanks to exec for all of their support
  - Thanks to Amy, Khush and Tay
  - Thanks to Khush for carrying Flinn through
  - Thanks to committee for showing up to events
  - Baby steps for education
  - A lot going on behind the scenes

- Very successful year
- Law 101s we ran 8-9 sessions
- Subject Q and A's at end of sem
- Very important portfolio
- Director of Equity and Social Justice
  - Thanks to officers for representing their minorities and all of their hard work
  - So much potential and opportunity but was still new
  - Led a change
  - Achieved together
    - Constitutional name change
    - Women in law breakfast
    - Wellbeing program
    - Mental health gala
    - Law ball - \$6000 raised
    - Disability in practice
  - Go bigger and better
  - Look at it as not controversial anymore
    - Time to move forward
    - People in it just want a voice and that is not controversial
    - Opportunity and a chance for success
- Director of External Competitions
  - Thanks to Max
  - Intersivity moot was very well done
- Director of Industry Careers
  - Shout officers to Uday, Jili and Mahrukh
  - Set such a high standard to look after last minute and always putting hand up to help out
  - Ability to help across other portfolios was amazing
  - Thanks to exec
    - Get out of comfort zone and enhance the portfolio
    - Ingrid communicating with Leos
    - Sam for all of his help in reaching out to people
  - Thanks to all directors for all of their work, Andrya and marketing team
  - Thanks Alisha and team for overwhelming support
  - Fiona and Claerwen thanks for support and wanting to shine light on non-com careers
  - Thanks to everyone for taking time to attend the careers connect fair
  - Felt really supported in running amazing events puts everything into perspective
  - Vic bar advocacy workshop
    - Still going forward
    - Very popular

- Very beneficial and of interest to students from the past
  - Will be over zoom
  - 11 October
- Director of Juris Doctor
  - Huge congrats to 2023 committee that are about to be elected
  - Good luck for the term and look forward to seeing what they can do for the students
  - Pleasure to serve as JD Director and had grown as a person and learnt a lot
  - Thanks to Beth and Khalani
  - Huge thank to Mary and she is the right hand woman
    - has been at Sam's beck and call and has been a massive supporter
  - We organised some tailored events
  - A lot of issues with engagement with students
  - Drop in engagement from our students
  - Many event had to be cancelled due to lack of interest
  - Weren't able to run many social nights and JD moot no one registered
  - Not many JD students at any events
  - Professional mentoring program
    - Thanks Ingrid
  - For Raymond - lack of student engagement has been an issue that hopefully you can overcome
  - We will see more students represented and get a name for yourselves; people will know there is a JD program
  - Thanks to everyone on the LSA and all of the directors
  - Done a great job regardless of stressors
- Director of Marketing
  - Thanks to Sam for allowing me to transition into this role
  - Many challenges
  - Communication helped to overcome some of the struggles
  - Thank the officers, without them marketing would be nothing
- Director of Publications
  - Massive thank you to the officers for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year
  - Wasn't the easiest year for pubs but thank you for striking it out
  - We made some great publications this year and had good consistency in the designs between each one
  - A style guide really helped with consistency
    - This will be very beneficial for the future
- **Consideration of Annual Financial Report**
  - It has been a great year
  - Commitment to advertising has led to huge ticket sales

- Sponsorship revenue was outstanding huge thanks for all of the work that went into getting that money
- \$2,500 loss at the start of the year
- Financial reports were presented, explained and accepted by the members present.
- Concluded by emphasising the good position the association is in and looking forward to see the future of the LSA grow.
- **Amendment to the Rules and Regulations pursuant to Rule 75**  
*Please see documents concerning the following motions attached in the Annexes below: LSA Constitution Current Version - for the Rules and Regulations as they currently read ('Annexe 1'); LSA Constitution for Motion (Track Changes) - for marked-up changes of each rule in the Constitution ('Annexe 2'); and LSA Constitution for Motion (Final All Changes Accepted) - for all changes version ('Annexe 3').*
  - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments outlined in **Annexe 3** except for in relation to the proposed wholesale changes to Rule 2 ('Purpose'), Rule 39 ('Composition of Committee') and Rule 59 ('Use of Technology').
    - **Purpose:** Incorporates various improvements and corrections to formatting for consistency of the document.
    - Moved by: Samuel Chung (President)
    - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))
    - Motion passed
  - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 2(9), as outlined in Annexe 3.
    - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and better reflect the role of the Equity and Social Justice portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
    - Moved by: Samuel Chung (President)
    - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))
    - Motion passed
  - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 39(3)(b), as outlined in Annexe 3.
    - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and better reflect the needs of the Alumni portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
    - Moved by: Samuel Chung (President)
    - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))
    - Brandon: good to have alumni in the role, may not result in
    - Honorary life members to be in the committee is possible
    - Motion failed
    - Abstention: Brandon Draper, Uday Sharma, Ingrid Tam
  - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 39(3)(e), as outlined in Annexe 3.



- **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the Equity and Social Justice portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Motion scratched due to error
    - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 39(3)(e)(i)(1), as outlined in Annexe 3.
      - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the Equity and Social Justice portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Motion scratched due to error
    - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 39(3)(e)(i)(5) and Rule 39(3)(e)(i)(7), as outlined in Annexe 3.
      - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the merging the Mental Health officer position and Sport and Wellbeing officer position and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Motion scratched due to error
    - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 39(3)(f), as outlined in Annexe 3.
      - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the External Competitions portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Motion scratched due to error
    - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 59(3)(c), as outlined in Annexe 3.
      - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the Equity and Social Justice portfolio and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Moved by: Samuel Chung (President)
      - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))
      - Motion Passed
    - Motion to adopt wholesale proposed amendments to Rule 59(4), as outlined in Annexe 3.
      - **Purpose:** to incorporate various improvements and reflect the change of the Equity and Social Justice portfolio name and allows for broad reasons for the use of technology and update all formatting and cross-referencing issues.
      - Moved by: Samuel Chung (President)
      - Seconded by: Elly-May Dreier (Vice President (Secretary))
      - Motion Passed
- **Other Business**
  - Logo
    - Eagle doesn't look like an eagle
    - Brand change needs to be thought in a lot of thought

- Still matches la Trobe but is still unique
  - Looking at the current logo that might have diff colours
  - Bright red can be too intense
  - Pastels work well with maroon
  - Maroon works well and has set a standard for the LSA
  - Keep maroon but new padlet of colours could enhance it
  - Current logo balances each other out
  - More modern look in the logo
  - Brighter maroon and changing grey to white
  - Sam wanted to start conversation
  - Login needs to be a long term investment
- Website
  - Hard relying on one person to fix it
  - Computer sciences team at the uni similar to rmit
  - Currently down we have admin rights to login
  - We have been working to resolve the issue with the website
- Motion to change bank signatories
  - Motion to change signatories on the current Commonwealth Bank Accounts.
  - Removing Sam (President) and James (Treasurer) from all accounts and adding the newly elected President and Treasurer of the Association as signatories on all accounts. The Committee authorises the new signatories to do all things that the old signatories could do.
  - Moved: James Reginato
  - Seconded: Sam Chung
  - Motion passed
  - Abstention: Uday Sharma, Jordan Amoddio
- **Honorary Life Membership Motions**
  - Motion to make Sarah Bux life member
    - Moved: Sam Chung
    - Seconded: Elly-May Dreier
    - Motion Passed
  - Motion to make Ingrid Tam a life member
    - Moved: Sam Chung
    - Seconded: James Reginato
    - Abstention: Ingrid Tam
    - Motion Passed
  - Motion to make James Reginato a life member
    - Moved: Sam Chung
    - Seconded: Ingrid Tam
    - Motion passed
    - Abstention: James Reginato
  - Motion to make Elly-May Dreier a life member
    - Moved: Uday Sharma

- Seconded: James Reginato
  - Motion Passed
  - Abstention: Elly-May Dreier
- Motion to make Sam Chung a life member
  - Moved: Elly-May Dreier
  - Seconded: James Reginato
  - Abstention: Sam Chung
  - Motion passed
- **Announcement of election results and 2022/23 Committee**
  - Executive Leadership
    - Vice President (Secretary): Andrya Younan
    - Vice President (Treasurer): Jordan Amoddio
    - Vice President (Sponsorship): Alisha Ukunde
  - Executive Committee
    - Director of Activities: Isabel Taylor
    - Director of Commercial Careers: Renèe Tierney
    - Director of Competitions: Poojitha Ravikumar
    - Director of Education: Flinn Olarenschaw
    - Director of External Competitions: Isabella Fini
    - Director of Equity and Social Justice: Shaun James
    - Director of Industry Careers: Chelsea Fung
    - Director of Juris Doctor: Raymond Choo
    - Director of Marketing: Eve Joyce
    - Director of Publications: Christina Mikhael
  - General Committee
    - Activities Officers: Gianluca Polimeni, Sejal Prabhu, Imogen Mooney
    - Commercial Careers Officers: Emily George, Gavin Gill, Hekmat Fahimi
    - Education Officer: Khushleen Kaur
    - Equity Officer (Disability Representative): Emily Armstrong
    - Equity Officer (Mature Age Student Representative): Bridget Morales
    - Equity Officer (Mental Health Officer): Bavani Gunawardana
    - Equity Officer (Women's Officer): Amy Hicks
    - Equity Officer (International Students' Representative): Hassan Asad
    - General Equity Officer: Ania Bulenda
    - Industry Careers Officers: Jili Pan, Rochelle Jupp
    - Juris Doctor Officers: Kate Campbell, Gurpreet Kaur
    - Marketing Officer (Social Media): Lyba Khan
    - Publications Officer: Georgie Aidonopoulos

**Meeting Closed at 10:45pm.**

**I, Samuel Chung confirm that this document is the true and correct minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 October 2022 at 7pm and that I am duly authorised to confirm same.**

**Signature**

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

**Date**

22/12/2022