



# LA TROBE UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

La Trobe University Law Students' Association Inc.  
ABN 83 936 323 688

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 August 2020  
At 6:00pm**

### **Agenda**

**Motion to confirm minutes from 2018/2019 AGM**

#### **Annual Executive Reports:**

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer (including Annual Financial Report)
- Director of Activities
- Director of Careers
- Director of Competitions
- Director of Education (and de facto Director of Equity Inclusion and Diversity)
- Director of Juris Doctor
- Director of Marketing
- Director of Publications
- Director of Sponsorship

## **Motions**

### **Motion to accept Financial Report**

(Moved by Nathan)

### **Motion to accept Special General Meeting Minutes dated 8 June 2020 opened 7pm**

(Moved by Brandon)

### **Motion to accept Special General Meeting Minutes dated 8 June 2020 opened 8:19pm**

(Moved by Brandon)

### **Proposed Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the La Trobe University Law Students' Association Inc**

See Annexure 1.

## **Other Business**

Life Membership Motions

Westpac Banking Motion

## **Election Results**

## Annexure 1

*Note: Numbering refers to the number of the current 2018 Rules. The numerical order will be amended in line with motions passed.*

### **Motion for Gender Neutral Terminology (Moved by Nathan)**

- Amend Rule 9(2) replace “he or she elects” with “they elect”
- Amend Rule 18(1)(d)(i) replace “he or she” with “they”
- Amend Rule 20(1) replace “he or she wishes” with “they wish”
- Amend Rule 42(3) replace “his or her” with “their”
- Amend Rule 50(2)(a) replace “himself or herself” with “themselves”
- Amend Rule 53(2) replace “he or she” with “they”
- Amend Rule 68(3) replace “his or her” with “their”

### **Motion to amend Rule 2 (Moved by Brandon)**

Amend Rule 2, insert 2(i) and change grammar of 2(h) as follows:

“[2. *Purposes*

*The purposes of the association are —*

- (a) to encourage discussion between law students, academic staff, the legal profession, and the wider community;*
- (b) to organise the participation by the Association and its members in relevant state and national bodies;* *(c) to promote involvement in the legal education offered by the La Trobe Law School and the University;*
- (d) to produce publications for the interest of law students;*
- (e) to arrange addresses and seminars for the benefit of law students;*
- (f) to organise and promote activities for the benefit of law students;*
- (g) to organise competitions for the benefit of law students;*
- (h) to organise careers events for the benefit of law students];*
- (i) to promote diversity and inclusion for the benefit of law students.”*

### **Motion to add Rule 4 (Moved by Karena)**

New Rule 4 as follows (to be inserted between the current Rule 3 and 4, with numbering to change accordingly):

*4. The Association is dedicated to representing La Trobe Law Students’ interests and providing opportunities for growth and development, and is guided by the following pillars:*

- (a) Community*
- (b) Representation*
- (c) Wellbeing*
- (d) Growth*

### **Motion to amend Rule 5 (Moved by Nathan)**

Add new definitions as follows:

“*Secretary* means Vice President, and vice versa, and holds the Secretary’s responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.”

“*Vice President* means Secretary, and vice versa, and holds the Secretary’s responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.”

**Motion to amend Rule 9 (Moved by Matthew)**

Amend Rule 9 as follows:

“9. Who is Eligible to be A Member

(1) Any person who is a La Trobe University law student may sign up as a member.”

**Motion to amend Rule 7(2) (Moved by Brandon)**

Add Rule 7(2)(c) and example, as follows:

“(c) in relation to equity, inclusion and diversity based circumstances, only where:

(i) by agreement of the Executive; and

(ii) utmost confidence is provided for any personal information, by limiting any personal information received to the President and Treasurer; and

(iii) the distribution originated with electronic public notice sent to all members; and

(iv) no single member received an advantage or disadvantage in applying to receive the distribution”; “Example: The Association may decide to open discounted event ticket applications for disadvantaged members. The Association would be required to handle any personal information received with utmost confidentiality and must ensure all members have an equal opportunity to apply.”

**Motion to amend Rule 17(2) (Moved by Brandon)**

Add Rule 17(2)(a) and 17(2)(b) as follows:

“(a) Should the Immediate Past President be absolutely unavailable, the Immediate Past Vice President will be the head of the disciplinary sub-committee.

(b) Should the Immediate Past Vice President be absolutely unavailable, then the committee can appoint, by resolution, any Past President or Past Vice President to be the head of the disciplinary sub-committee.”

**Motion to create Division 4 – Resolution of Disagreement (Moved by Karena)**

Insert “*Division 4 – Resolution of Disagreement*”

And insert new paragraph 27 as follows:

*27. Where decision cannot be reached through Portfolio meeting or after additional attempts to resolve the disagreement by email or otherwise, then any committee member be entitled to request the decision be made by a majority vote by the Executive. The executive vote can be conducted by meeting, or over an online communication platform.*

**Motion to add Rule 39 (Moved by Karena)**

Insert Rule 39 with title at the base of Division 1 (and change numbering accordingly) as follows:

*Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Policy Statement*

*39. The LSA openly supports and promotes equity, inclusion, and diversity reflective of a person's right to be protected against all forms of discrimination based upon race, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical health or cultural background.*

*(a) The implementation of LSA initiatives relating to equity, inclusion, and diversity will be carefully considered by the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Portfolio, with them taking into account the submissions of any other stakeholders within the La Trobe Law Student community.*

*(b) Equity, inclusion, and diversity initiatives implemented by the LSA must be in line with the LSA's pillars of Representation, Community, Education and Wellbeing.*

*(c) Decisions about section 39 initiatives made unanimously by the Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Portfolio cannot be overridden without a majority committee vote.*

**Motion to add Rule 39(1)(a)(i) (Moved by Karena)**

Insert new Rule 39(1)(a)(i) as follows:

“Director and Presidential Advisor for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity”

**Motion to amend Rule 39(1)(c)(vi) (Moved by Brandon)**

Amend Rule 39(1)(c)(vi) as follows:

“Juris Doctor Officers (4)”

**Motion to amend Rule 39(1)(c)(viii) (Moved by Brandon)**

Replace Rule 39(1)(c)(viii) as follows:

“Marketing Officers (3)”

**Motion to remove Rule 39(1)(c)(ix) (Moved by Brandon)**

Remove Rule 39(1)(c)(ix) “Publicity Officer”

**Motion to replace Rule 39(1)(c)(x) (Moved by Karena)**

Replace Rule 39(1)(c)(x) with:

“Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Officers (3)”

**Motion for new Rule 44 (Moved by Karena)**

Insert new Rule 44 as follows:

44 The Presidential Advisor and Director for Equity Inclusion and Diversity duties are to: -

- (1) Uphold the Association’s Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Policy Statement,
- (2) Implement initiatives in accordance with the Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity policy statement,
- (3) Provide relevant advice to the President and other committee members,
- (4) Generate discussion about any concerns regarding Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity with appropriate committee members,
- (5) Be a port of call for committee grievances and assist with disciplinary action in accordance with the Rules.

**Motion to amend Rule 44 (Moved by Brandon)**

Add Rule 44(2) as follows:

“(2) The existence of this rule does not limit or discourage Juris Doctor or LLM members from serving in any other committee positions.”

**Motion for Rule 45 (Moved by Matthew)**

Amend Rule 45 as follows:

“45. Positions Not for Election

(1) Marketing Officer:

(a) One Marketing Officer position shall not be directly elected;

(b) Application for the aforementioned one Marketing Officer position will open upon the commencement of a new term;

(c) The aforementioned one Marketing Officer will be appointed by resolution of the Committee.

(2) First Year Representative Officers:

(a) The positions of First Year Representative Officers shall not be directly elected;

(b) Applications for the aforementioned First Year Representative Officers will be opened by the Committee during the first semester of the academic year;

(c) The Committee may determine the number of aforementioned First Year Representative Officer positions to open;

(d) The aforementioned First Year Representative Officers will be appointed by resolution of the Committee.”

**Motion for Rule 48 (Moved by Matthew)**

Amend Rule 48(1) as follows:

“48. Annual General Elections

(1) All committee positions shall be open for election at the Annual General elections, subject to rule 45.”

**Motion for Rule 59(3) (Moved by Matthew)**

Amend Rule 59(3) as follows:

“59. Use of Technology

(3) A committee member attending a committee meeting via the use of technology under subrule (1) shall not be considered to have attended the meeting, and shall be subject to rule 53(2)(b), except in circumstances where physical attendance is restricted at law, by university direction, or at the President’s discretion.”