
UNLSA NOMINEE GUIDE 2018/19





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PRESIDENT

LAURA LEWIS-MINOQUE

My name is Laura Lewis-Minogue and I am nominating for President of the 2018/2019 UNLSA Committee.

I am currently in my 4th year of the LLB program and have been actively involved in the UNLSA for two years. Last year I was the Director of Social Media, where I was responsible for all UNLSA marketing materials including posters, Facebook banners, and other promotional items. I am currently in the shared position of Vice President (Events) with India Monaghan. Our role has been challenging at times but extremely rewarding, and I believe it has prepared me for the increased responsibilities of the President's role. I've had the opportunity to help raise much needed funds for a local charity through our trivia night, co-produced law revue, and am now organising Law Ball which sold out this year. This role has taught me the importance of governance within the association and the care that needs to be taken with respect to our governing documents, namely our Constitution and By-Laws. I have taken an active role in the Executive by partaking and assisting in different portfolios and decisions and supporting the UNLSA committee however I can. I have been lucky enough to share this year with an amazing Co-Vice President and Executive, and I would love to bring the same comradery into next year's Committee.



I have also learnt many skills through my part-time employment that I feel I could bring to the Association. I work for Restaurant Mason in their catering department as a supervisor and, also with Rustic Flair as their event co-ordinator. Taking on this responsibility has taught me how to take initiative, deal with difficult situations, and lead a team. Working with brides and grooms is both rewarding and challenging, as they have a vision for their day which I must do my best to execute. I believe these skills directly translate to the role of President.

I have always been passionate about charities, especially in my role as the youngest Vice-Chair of Ronald McDonald House Orange for the past 5 years. This role involves organising a ball once a year for 400 people with celebrity chefs, silent auction, raffles and live entertainment. Other jobs have included music festivals, Melbourne Cup events, fun days, organising multiple Guinness record breaking attempts, and many more events that have helped build and run the Ronald McDonald House. I have also been part of my local rural fire service since I was 16 which has required me to act quickly and think on my feet in situations that could have drastic consequences. Working as a team is extremely important to me and I have actively learnt to work with all ages, backgrounds and opinions across many areas.

If I were elected as President, I would strive to continue the legacy of those that have come before me whilst continuing to work with the Executive and Committee to create new and innovative events, improve student involvement and improve student awareness and understanding of the UNLSA.



JESSE FRANKS

Hi everyone, my name is Jesse, and I need your support to become the next President of the UNLSA!

Who am I? I am a second-year JD student, who has had the absolute pleasure of serving on the 2018 committee as the taller half of our Director of Student Relations team. I can proudly say I have dedicated a lot of time and energy to this role, and from this experience, I have met so many great students from all years and degree groups! One of my favourite parts of this role is co-hosting the fortnightly Coffee Stall, where people come up between classes to have a chat and raid the Tim Tams. Outside of this role, I am also involved in almost all our events and activities. I am glad to have played a small part in the UNLSA's success this year and would love to play a much greater part in 2019!

So why would you vote for me? In many of the roles I've held (past and present) I have been involved in managing teams – both large and small. I have a reputation for being an effective leader, but also very supportive. No matter how effective any one person is, a team will very regularly be able to achieve more. For this reason, if you elect me as President, I would be 100% available and committed to supporting all of the committee and our members. That is my promise - which I intend to keep! In both my professional and personal lives, I have developed a reputation for getting on with the job and getting things done. Like many of you, I have balanced working, while still studying for most of my university life – while still finding time to be a (minor) star in 2018 Law Revue! This is the sort of determination and enthusiasm I will bring to the role and make 2019 an amazing year for all our members and committee!



My plan for the 2019 UNLSA is simple: engagement. This year we have seen a tremendous uptake in attendance for events and competitions. Our profile is booming - particularly with new students. I will endeavour to empower the whole Committee to become actively engaged in the decision-making process as well as personally implement many new concepts I have been developing, which I look forward to discussing with you all at the AGM. One thing I can't wait to bring up is the implementation of new membership feedback systems – to make sure your voice is heard!

This is where you come in. I will ensure that I have an “open door policy”. If you are on the Committee in 2019, you will be able to contact me 24/7 for any support you need! I will make myself available to discuss any concerns or ideas you might have personally.

If this sounds like the kind of President you want to see in 2019, you know what to do.

Yours faithfully,

Jesse Franks



VICE PRESIDENT (ADMINISTRATION)

SUSANNAH FULLER

“Nothing ruins a Friday more than an understanding that today is a Tuesday.”

Hello! I'm Suzy, a 4th year LLB student and, all jokes aside, I believe I am the best candidate for the role of VP (Admin). You might know me as the Co-Director of Law Revue 2018, or that crazy person who plays in both UNLSA netball teams.

So why is VP (Admin) the job for me? I am an incredibly organised, albeit slightly neurotic, individual (seriously, you should see my weekly diary), who really wants to see the Association succeed. I want to ensure everything is organised and well-planned, to be the person that you can ask “What's happening on Saturday 24th October 2035 at 5.05pm?”

I live a busy life, so I am familiar with tight schedules and needing to balance multiple competing tasks. I have been the Umpire Convenor of my local netball club for the past 5 years. This involved mentoring new umpires every Saturday morning, organising payments, weekly rosters and coordinating with the association representatives. I did this all while studying full time, travelling regularly, and working 2 jobs. So, you can rest assured that I can handle anything the UNLSA throws at me!

But it's time for a fresh start for me. I want to delve into the legal world, and what better way than to get hands-on experience in the running of the law student association! So, if filing correspondence, maintaining member registers and ordering the filing system sounds boring, don't fret! I'll cover it for you, free of charge!

I'm not going to promise a total overhaul of the current system, but I would like to see a growth in student engagement, a united vision in the Executive, clearer communication and more timely directions to members as to what is happening within the UNLSA so everyone can get involved!

Thank you for your consideration and best of luck to all nominees!



HANNAH WILLIAMS

Hi Everyone! My name is Hannah Williams and I am currently in my 3rd year of a Bachelor of Business (majoring in Governance, Policy and Political economy), and I have completed up to my third year of a law degree. My main interaction with the UNLSA has been through my participation in Competitions, both internally and externally. In this past year I have been a Grand Final Winner of the Senior Mooting Competition and Grand Finalist in the Negotiation Competition. I have represented the UNLSA at the UTS intervarsity Negotiation Competition, and I am currently a member of the University of Newcastle Kirby Moot Team. Whilst my main interaction has been through competitions, I have extensive experience (internal and external to the University) that would make me a suitable candidate for the role of Vice President (Administration).



For the past three years I have been the Club Secretary of East Maitland Olympic Amateur Swimming Club which operates on a similar basis to the UNLSA. As it also operates as an incorporated body, I have experience in submitting the Annual summary of financial affairs (Form A12) to NSW Fair Trading. As with all secretary roles, this has included keeping minutes of all meeting and proceedings at Committee, Executive and General Meetings. In my role, I was also required to rewrite the Constitution of the Club to be in line with the requirements of NSW Fair Trading, so I am very familiar with these principles. My extensive experience means that I bring with me an efficient filing system, both for myself and the UNLSA. As for the internal mechanisms of the University, I have acted as Vice President and Secretary of two other University clubs in which I have been a part of both the Student Central and NUSA reaffiliation process. This puts me in a position in which I am already familiar with the requirements to coordinate the Association's reaffiliation with the University Affiliate Organisation each year.

My main motivation for applying for this role is to be a part of the UNLSA on a more meaningful level, in particular, having the ability to provide and facilitate more opportunities and events for law students at the University of Newcastle so that their experience here can be not only beneficial, but also memorable. Being part of a cohesive and interesting group of like-minded people would be a great experience for me to have, especially as I near the end of my law degree, and I am confident that I will do the role justice.



VICE PRESIDENT (FINANCE)

MAIMOON KHAN

As a graduate of Commerce majoring in Accounting I believe I am well suited to the finance related roles of VP Finance. Further having been a member in the past years I am familiar with how the Association is run. I believe I will have a shorter learning curve and then be able to serve the UNLSA better.

Kind Regards,

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VICE PRESIDENT (SPONSORSHIP)

MITCHELL MCCOLL

My name is Mitchell McColl and I am pleased to submit my nomination for the position of Vice President of Sponsorship for the UNLSA's 2019 term.

Here are five-fast-fun-facts for you to get to know me:

1. I'm 22 years old as of August, and true to my Leo zodiac sign I am ambitious, outgoing, self-motivated, and direct;
2. I'm currently completing my third year of LLB / B Com (Economics);
3. For the last 2.5 years, I've worked as a law clerk at Wilde Legal, where I practice in the commercial litigation and intellectual property law teams;
4. Sadly, I am allergic to dogs (AKA, a defective human). However, antihistamines are my friend; and
5. Outside of law school I play mixed netball, enjoy live music and recently have taught myself to DJ, with my favourite artists being Flight Facilities, Kaytranada and Disclosure.



I currently hold the position of Director of Careers for the 2018 term. This role has involved working closely with our current Vice President of Sponsorship in organising several career events including, the Careers Roadshow, Clerkship Information Evening, Local Networking Evening, Pre-Penultimate and Penultimate Bus Trips, Option A/B Seminar, Beyond Corporate Law Panel and Criminal Law Panel.

As a result, I have developed a fundamental and internal understanding of the Sponsorship portfolio and feel that I am well equipped to take on the logical progression to Vice President of my current portfolio.

Additionally, my law clerk experience has allowed me to refine my communication skills by engaging with a range of legal professionals, which I believe will assist greatly in liaising with firm representatives to secure sponsorship for the UNLSA.

The UNLSA has enriched my time at law school by providing a number of opportunities, including participating in and winning the 2018 Clayton Utz Negotiation Competition, reaching the Grand Final of the 2018 King & Wood Mallesons Senior Mooting Competition, and representing the UNLSA in UoN's 2018 delegation at the Australian Law Students Association Conference in July this year.

I am humbled by the prospect that I may have the opportunity to provide those same experiences for members of our law school by serving on the UNLSA again throughout 2019. I strongly believe that I am ideal candidate for the UNLSA's Vice President of Sponsorship for 2019 and I would be grateful for your support of my nomination for the position. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my nomination.



VICE PRESIDENT (EVENTS)

KATELYN CANT & NICOLA CARNEY

Hey everyone! Our names are Katelyn Cant and Nicola Carney and we are 4th year law students running as joint nominees for Vice President (Events). We will both be in our final year of law next year and would love to have the opportunity to join the committee and give back to the Association, which has supported us throughout our degree. We are passionate about continuing the fantastic work this year, and continuing to host successful events to help students find a balance between studying and social activities.



We have been involved with different aspects of the UNLSA and would love to further our contribution through the position of VP (Events). Both Nicola and Kate are on the UNLSA Events Subcommittee, and Kate is also on the Careers Subcommittee and, previously, the Education Subcommittee. Nicola performed in Law Revue 2018, is in the UNLSA netball team and competed in the Interfaculty Sport Day. After being involved with these experiences and social events we are both eager for a more active role on the committee.

We believe we will be able to fulfil this position due to our strong background in hospitality, which will allow us to deliver successful functions. Nicola has a Cert II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) and has worked at Cupcake Espresso for the past 5 years, catering for large functions such as weddings and birthdays. Likewise, Kate works as a Supervisor with Mason Catering, catering for weddings and corporate events, often with upwards of 300 guests. Kate is responsible for ensuring that events run to schedule and liaising with clients to ensure all involved are satisfied. We would love the challenge of planning larger events and the chance to use these skills to organise and run the various events that VP (Events) are responsible for.

Another important aspect of this role is the production of Law Revue. With the 9th anniversary of the show next year and after performing in 2018; Nicola is excited to have the opportunity to use her theatre experience to produce another fantastic show and is ready to start writing songs for next year! Nicola has been involved with musical theatre for the past 10 years, performing in Rent, AIDA, 13!, The Music Man and Oliver, and has performed in numerous choirs and bands since 2005, including a music tour to America in 2013. Both Kate and Nicola also have a dancing background going back to 2001, which allows us an understanding of all elements that go into producing a show.

Lastly, we believe we will be able to fulfil the requirements of reporting to the VP (Finance) and budgeting for events. Nicola has graduated a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and Kate has graduated a Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management). With both these degrees placing an emphasis on organisational skills, financial reporting and effective management of people and events, we believe that we are prepared to take on such an exciting and fundamental role within the UNLSA.

Thank you for your consideration!

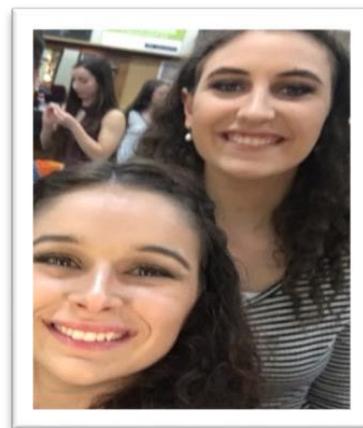


GRACE LANCASTER & CHARLOTTE WALKER

Hi UNLSA Members, we are running for Vice President (Events) on the UNLSA Committee for 2019!

We are both in our third year of a Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and we want to add a bit of life to this law degree. We have both been in the past two productions of Law Revue (you may recognise us by the curly hair) and we loved every second of it.

Law Revue has become a highlight of our degrees, a season where we can forget, or rather overlook, all of our readings, assignments and other law school joys to just have a bit of fun with likeminded people. With our “many years of drama” haunting us and the tricks we’ve learnt from the old dogs - previous directors and producers - we believe we are ready for our next act; VP Events, and if you elect us we will guarantee an unforgettable Law Revue.



I, Grace, have spent this year as your Director of Social Media and Marketing, where I have worked alongside the current VP Events, and the Committee generally, to create promotional material and manage the Facebook page of the UNLSA. This position has allowed me to inject a sense of my online/print personality into the UNLSA, which I plan on transferring to next year’s events. I have also learnt a lot about how this association runs. I’m a volunteer in the newsroom at 2NURFM radio station and at NBN Television where I have built my confidence interacting with members of the public and developing my writing skills (required to give you a hilarious script for Law Revue), I run the trivia at the Beaches Hotel (where I have gained events experience) and supervise at Woolworths (where I have learnt important organisational skills. I am an outgoing, organised and creative person who’s up for this next challenge!

I, Charlotte, have also spent some time managing some events. Most notably, I facilitated the ‘What’s Your Worth?’ Workshop at the 2017 Vivid Ideas Festival in Sydney and I also organised a (subjectively awesome) surprise 30th birthday for my mum when I was 11 – enough said. I recently represented the Law School at an Intersarsity Negotiation Competition and won, so I can assure you I will use these skills (amongst others) to negotiate the best party package for Law Ball that there is. If you ask any of my friends they will all tell you I have a flair in dealing with drama, which ticks all the boxes for Revue as well. More importantly than ‘credentials’ though, I am a firm believer in whistling while you work. I think I speak for everyone when I say we could all do with a little more fun in our lives. Ultimately that is what Grace and I want to bring to the Committee next year; our hard work but also big humour.

We all know that Law School can be a little dull and stressful at times, so we hope that we can offer a little laughter and happy ever after to provide 2019’s UNLSA Members with high quality events sure to make the memory album. We have witnessed first-hand the impact of social events, like Revue and Law Ball, and the effect they have on building friendships, creating opportunities, and even just the chance to let your hair down.

If we are elected, we promise to change your world... or at least change how much fun you have at Law School next year.



VICE PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

JESSE FRANKS

Hi everyone! My name is (still) Jesse, and I'm also seeking to be elected as the UNLSA's 2019 Vice President of Education.

Education is important – its (hopefully) why we are all here. The VP (Education) plays a pivotal role in the organisation as they will directly manage any issues that may arise during the course of your degree and address these concerns with the Law School. During my (second) stint at UoN, I have developed good working relationships with most of our teaching support team – and I believe this will ensure that I am effective in reaching a resolution that everyone can be happy with.

This year as the JD Director of Student Relations, I have been actively involved within the Education portfolio and was part of the team that drastically boosted the exposure of the Student Relations team and made our Coffee Catch-Up an amazing success! This is something I hope to continue well into 2019 with a new generation of students starting at this awesome university! As I mentioned in my earlier profile I have also met many students from different cohorts, and through talking with them have become aware of the massive range of different issues that can affect our education.

In my past, I have held a number of leadership roles both at my job and in the university. I have demonstrated effective time management and interpersonal communication skills and I wholeheartedly believe that these are almost essential in performing in this role to the best of my ability.

If I were elected to this role, I would be 100% supportive of the (presumably) excellent incoming directors within this portfolio, and work to ensure that the social justice events run by the association are highly impactful, insightful and engaging!





COURTNEY PARNELL

Hi everyone! My name is Courtney Parnell and I am currently in my 3rd year of Bachelor of Business (Politics)/Laws (LLB). You may know me from my many nights at NeW Space, where I slurped down countless bowls of ramen, whilst facilitating the moot and witness examination competitions that are encompassed in my current role on the UNLSA as one of the Directors of Competitions (Advocacy). Having spent a year on the UNLSA, learning the internal workings and processes of the organisation and collaborating with a multitude of people on the executive and committee, I feel that I am more than ready to take on the commitment and responsibility that the Vice President (Education) role brings.



Facilitating competitions has provided me with invaluable communication and organisation skills, as it required the scheduling of over 40 competitors at any one time, along with multiple judges and volunteers each week, with each individual having varied preferences and availabilities. It was a considerable workload that required commitment and adaptability of my own schedule, along with a significant on-campus presence. Furthermore, the role necessitated collaboration with practitioners and firms from the Newcastle and Hunter regions, which has allowed me to gain a number of contacts in the wider legal community, particularly those involved in social justice and education programs. The role has also required me to negotiate with Law School staff on the creation and adaptation of questions for the competitions, as well as making amendments to the handbooks and guidelines. Throughout my term as Director, I also facilitated a change in the way that competitors progress through knock-out rounds, to enable a fairer and more equitable result.

This role, coupled with my experience in general within the UNLSA and my mentoring of first and second year law students within the Newcastle Law School, have provided me with an insight into the various issues that students deal with on a regular basis. I am passionate about educational equality and social justice, particularly within an institution such as the University of Newcastle, and I will work hard to ensure every student receives the same access to opportunities regardless of their cultural, geographical or socioeconomic backgrounds. Furthermore, my year volunteering at the Hunter Community Legal Centre opened my eyes to the various legal and equitable issues that are experienced by many members of the wider community. I would love to further the reach of the UNLSA so that we are attempting to effect more change within the broader Newcastle and Hunter region and setting an example for other law societies in similar positions.

Feel free to have a chat to me if you see me around NeW Space and I look forward to meeting you all at the AGM!



VICE PRESIDENT (COMPETITIONS)

TIFFANY LIU

I have been the current Director of Competitions (Advocacy) along with my co-director for the past year. You may recognise my name or face if you have been a competitor or volunteer for any of the Advocacy Competitions for 2018. This role has given me great insight into the workings of internal competitions run by the UNLSA. The role involved running three competitions, Senior Mooting, Witness Examination and Junior Mooting. This has involved a lot of work behind the scenes. I have had the opportunity to liaise with legal practitioners, faculty staff and students of all year groups both via email and face-to-face. Many weeks have involved somewhat tireless attempts at managing very different schedules to create draws for our competitors. My co-director and I, during competition weeks spent at least 2 nights a week setting up rooms, coffee and tea, signing in competitions and judges and just generally ensuring the competition ran smoothly. During Preliminary Rounds for Competitions, I was juggling at least 40 competitors and 10+ judges a week. Furthermore, during my time as a Director of Competitions (Advocacy) I have begun to develop personal relationships between legal practitioners and faculty staff which is essential in organising competitions both internal and external. It would be great to continue to develop these positive relationships. Finally, I have knowledge on newly implemented sections of the competitions handbook including the maintain of the new Competitions Blacklist, and a new way of calculating competitors scores which will allow me to communicate this information to the future Directors of Competitions.



In regards to external competitions, I believe it is important for UoN to have a strong presence among other universities in intervarsity competitions. We have proven that UoN excels at intervarsity competitions and I would love to continue fostering this. My role has given me insight into the ways in which the selection of competitors and entry and participation of intervarsity competitions. I believe my current role has given me skills and knowledge that is needed for handling intervarsity competitions.

On behalf of the Competitions Team I can say that I am very proud of the quality of competitions we have created this year. I can say proudly that my portfolio which involved Senior Mooting and Witness Examination were run well, and Junior Mooting is currently running smoothly. We have had high participation rates for 2018 compared to previous years. This is likely due to efforts made to encourage students to participate and promotions made for the competition. Through my role, I believe I have quality insight into exactly how much effort, work and time goes into the organising and running of internal and external competitions. This makes it a much easier job to oversee internal competitions. I have really enjoyed being a Director of Competitions (Advocacy). I believe I am currently the most qualified person for the role of Vice Present (Competitions) and what I have learnt will greatly assist me in stepping up to an executive role.



DIRECTOR OF STUDENT RELATIONS

SARAH SLOAN (LLB)

Hi guys, my name is Sarah and I am a 4th year. I bet you're thinking, "I haven't even met her?". Well, you're probably right. This year I've decided to climb out of my deep, dark comfortable hole of constant study and self-deprecation and involve myself in the organisation that I have been a member of for the last 4 years! My first step was to perform in law revue, if you laughed at my over-the-top groovin' in the dance numbers, you're welcome. After that, the next point in my 'get a life' plan was to be appointed one of your Director of Student Relations.

The reason I am so interested in becoming the Director of Student Relations is because I actually love chatting to people (you most likely know this if you have spoken to me for more than 5 minutes), helping people out if they need anything and meeting anyone new.

I want to be able to hear your opinions and help you tackle any problems you are facing in your degree. I want to be able to help you guys voice the issues you have with your degree programs, because boy oh boy have I been there. (Feel free to ask about my infamous battle with the university about my degree path- which the fact that I won will always be my claim to fame for life). On a different point, for the past few years I have volunteered with Hunter New England Mental Health while studying psychology, which is something that makes me believe that I have a unique ability to help students take the first steps to overcome a wide variety of personal issues. Of course, I can't do this without your help, which is why I would actively ensure that I had my eyes and ears open to the student representative sub-committee's concerns.

I hope that you can see my passion for helping and guiding others in these few words, if that is possible. I would love if you voted for me to become your Director of Student Relations, and would be so excited to spend my final year of law school deeply involved in the organisation that has made my university experience so much fun.





JESSE FRANKS (JD)

Hey UNLSA members! If I haven't told you already, my name is Jesse and I'm your current JD Director of Student Relations!

Over the past year I have had the pleasure of not only meeting many great JD students, but also many great undergraduates. Through the fortnightly Coffee Catch-Up with the rest of the Student Relations team, I have helped to put a face to this amazing organisation and helped to increase engagement and increase awareness to the many cool activities and events that we run!

Engagement is important – without student participation we won't be able to keep doing these cool things! That is why if I were to be re-elected to this position, I will continue to put my full dedication into this role and engage not only the 2019 first years, but also our current membership base!

I believe that I am ideally suited to continue in this role as I have a demonstrated history of leadership – both through my employment and university – and have a genuine passion towards the mentoring of my peers. I wish to continue to use these skills towards achieving all the ideals of the UNLSA for my last year at university.





DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE MARKETING

SARAH JAMES & SIMONE JOHNSON

Simone

I have recently completed my Bachelor of Communications, majoring in Journalism and am currently in my fourth year of Law. I believe I would be a perfect candidate for the joint position of Director of Social Media and Marketing as I have extensive experience in both aspects through a variety of local media outlets. I have volunteered at ABC Newcastle, 105.3NEWFM, the Hit Network, 2NURFM and more. I am also currently working as a New Editor and Media Advisor for a local business, providing online marketing and social media campaigns directed at our global audience. Familiar with the requirements of the position, I want to use my knowledge to help promote the values and goals of the UNLSA. I believe the UNLSA has an extremely positive impact on the everyday lives of fellow law students and I want to help encourage its expansion and influence.



Sarah

Since 2015 I have been a dedicated member of the UNLSA, having previously served as the Junior Representative. I am an active member of the law school community, regularly attending events and competitions, as well as organising the inaugural Law on the Lawn event in 2017. For the past two years I have worked as a Content Coordinator at UON, which has involved extensive social media content planning for platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. I have also led social media and online marketing campaigns for events such as National Science Week and International Women's Day. If elected for this position, I would bring extensive professional experience as well as a determination to fully showcase the wonderful work of the UNLSA.

Between our extensive marketing and social media experience, as well previous experience coordinating events together, we believe we would make an extremely successful and cooperative team.



DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SPONSORSHIP

LACHLAN PATEY

Dear UNLSA Members,

My name is Lachlan Patey, and I am nominating for the role of Director of Local Sponsorship. I am in my third year of Law/Commerce and have been involved in many of the UNLSA's competitions (mooting, negotiations and client interviewing) as well as career and social events. I am also heavily involved in the wider University community, both through my current role as a Student Engagement Assistant with Student Central and as an active member of UON Volunteers. As a Student Engagement Assistant, I have liaised with various University groups and secured their involvement in Student Central's 'Energise' event; this provides me with the necessary experience and skills to perform this role within the UNLSA committee.

I believe that local sponsorship not only provides the important links that allow students to have valuable conversations with Newcastle's legal practitioners but enables each of the UNLSA's valuable events and initiatives to operate as smoothly as they do. Local sponsorship is as much an investment in the UNLSA itself as it is in the future careers of its members.

I will regularly communicate with our local sponsors in a positive and professional manner. Drawing on my current experience in collaborating with multiple University groups, I will strive to build new connections and sources of funds for the UNLSA, while also working hard to maintain important existing local sponsorship links and the local sponsorship database. I will communicate regularly to the Vice President (Sponsorship) and will draw upon my current committee experience with Newcastle Rowing Club to work comfortably with the UNLSA's committee as a whole.

I will bring organisation, enthusiasm and diligence to the Local Sponsorship role, and a passion and dedication to see students reach their potential within the UNLSA's many vital initiatives. This is an incredible opportunity for me, and I will always go that extra mile to ensure the positive outreach of the UNLSA within the University and wider community.

Yours sincerely,

Lachlan Patey



EMILY TAYLOR

Who am I?

I'm in my 5th year of studying B Laws/Commerce, and will graduate at the end of 2019. My plan when I graduate is a career in corporate/commercial law. In 2017 I spent a Semester abroad in Leeds, UK which was fantastic and really broadened my perspective. In March 2018 I became the UNLSA Director of Social Events, which has been a very enjoyable experience. The 'keynote event' if you will, of my role will be on the 11th October 2018 – Lawyers at 5 Sawyers. It's going to be fantastic and you should all come.

Why should I be Director of Local Sponsorship 2019?

The role is primarily concerned with building and maintaining strong relationships with local firms, and securing sponsorship throughout the year. I have worked extensively in hospitality as a barista, and building relationships with regular customers is both integral to this role and something I feel I'm great at. As Director of Social Events, I've built a relationship with 5 Sawyers to plan our second social event. As a result of this relationship, they moved an Espresso Martini Festival to November to accommodate our event, have contributed \$125 towards the cost of entertainment, are not charging us venue hire and are providing some food platters free of charge. As Director of Local Sponsorship I would utilise my networking skills from my hospitality experience, and negotiating skills as evidence by my interactions with 5 Sawyers to maintain and grow our relationship with local sponsors, and raise funds for our Association.



DIRECTOR OF CAREERS

KATE ALEXANDER & EMILY WOOD

We wish to jointly nominate for the position of UNLSA Director(s) of Careers for 2019!

I am currently in my fourth year of the LLB program, having completed a degree in Business (Leadership and Management) at the end of last year. Kate is in her third year of the LLB program, and final year of a Commerce (Accounting) degree. We have worked together in the 2017/2018 UNLSA Executive and would love the opportunity to further contribute to the UNLSA and law school as a whole through the role of Director of Careers!



As the Vice President (Finance) of the outgoing committee, Kate is familiar with the planning and budgeting that is involved in organising UNLSA events and initiatives. Understanding sponsorship obligations with regards to planning these events was also a fundamental part of this role. Additionally, my role as Vice President (Administration) required working alongside all portfolios in conducting meetings, handling enquiries and preparing newsletters. I was also Director of Careers (Publications) and was responsible for this year's Clerkship Guide!

Not only do we believe that we have the skills and abilities to fulfil this role, we believe that our can-do attitude and desire to go above and beyond makes us the ideal candidates! Our experience within the UNLSA has given us an insight into what Director of Careers entails and we are so excited about all of the initiatives that the role supports, including the Careers Roadshow, Pre/Penultimate Bus Trips, Local Networking Evening and the Clerkship Guide.

Over the past year we have experienced first-hand how the association operates, the expectations of Committee members and the serious time commitment that is entailed (we have well and truly perfected the art of time management). So, you can trust us when we say that we will not let you down!

Thanks for your consideration and we will see you at the AGM ☺



AINSLIE GILL & CHELSEA HALL

Hi UNLSA!

Our names are Ainslie Gill and Chelsea Hall and we are jointly nominating for Director of Careers for 2019. We are both currently in our fourth year of our LLB program and would love the opportunity to actively assist in providing career opportunities for students and promote the association to the wider community. Together, we both have a Bachelor of Business majoring in Human Resources, are Justice of the Peace for NSW and most importantly we are both excited to contribute to the amazing work the UNLSA already does.

We believe we will excel in the role of Director of Careers because...

- We both have years of experience as clerks in the legal industry. More specifically, Ainslie from a mid-tier city firm and Chelsea from a small regional practice which has given us diverse experiences.
- During our time in our respective roles we have obtained industry knowledge and built industry connections. With this knowledge we believe that we can provide students with the opportunity to learn more about the possible career options after law school and to be provided with employment opportunities both during and after study. These connections can also assist in providing the UNLSA with sponsorship opportunities.
- We both have high attention to detail and Ainslie is often involved in organising and facilitating networking events in her workplace.
- Our major in Human Resources as well as our experience in the legal industry has given us a wider understanding and appreciation of what employers are looking for in candidates.
- We have worked closely throughout both our degrees, surviving through group work, constantly bouncing ideas and supporting each other. This has developed a strong team dynamic and produced quality results.
- We are both doing different practical legal training options - Ainslie doing option B and Chelsea doing option A. This gives us a diverse range of knowledge and understanding of the different options and will assist in helping students understand their practical legal training options.
- We both have strong time management, organisation and interpersonal skills, regularly communicating with other law firms and solicitors and are always interested in learning about different career options and discussing career options with other students.
- We understand how hard and stressful it can be trying to 'get your foot in the door' or determining what exactly you would like to do post-uni.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to assist the UNLSA and fellow students as Director of Careers for 2019.

COURTNEY PARNELL & TIFFANY LIU

Both Tiffany and I have been the Directors of Competitions (Advocacy) for the past year, successfully organising the Junior and Senior Mooting Competitions and the Witness Examination Competition. As many of you may already know, this involves a considerable amount of work and is essentially like organising an event that runs two nights a week across almost half of the semester. This role has provided us both with an opportunity to liaise with practitioners, firms and academics across the Newcastle, Hunter and even Sydney areas, as well as organise over 40 students at any one time. We believe that the competitions that we have facilitated together over the past year are a testament to how well we work as a team and demonstrate our ability to plan and execute successful, informative and fun events.



While we truly enjoyed being Directors of Competitions, we believe it is time for us to focus on facilitating career opportunities for law students at the University of Newcastle. Having been at Law School for 3 years, we understand how overwhelming it can be when you have information thrown at you from all directions, and we also know what sort of knowledge and opportunities you all want to learn more about. Furthermore, as we will be going through the clerkship processes ourselves, you can trust us to disperse relevant information that is going to help each of you in 4th and 5th year proceed through the various interviews, tests and behavioural analyses with flying colours. But that is not to say we have forgotten about our junior law students! We will ensure that 1st - 3rd years also have the opportunity to meet firm representatives, participate in pre-penultimate programs, gain work experience and learn what the rest of their law degree could be like from senior students and recent graduates.

We can't wait to help you all reach your potential and achieve your future goals!



DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL EVENTS

SUSANNAH FULLER

“Hello... Is it me you’re looking for?”

Well, if you’re looking for regular social events, activities, and a director who wants to spice things up a little, then yes! I’m your woman.

My name is Suzy and I’m a 4th year LLB with a passion for keeping things new, fresh and most of all, fun! I have been on the VP (Events) Sub-Committee now for 2 years and it is about time I step out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

I have actively attended many UNLSA events over my time here at UON, so I know what works, and what doesn’t. I also work two casual jobs in functions and events, and I have over 4 years of experience in the industry. My knowledge, experience and contacts will help secure great venues, good food, and cheap drinks, to help us all get through the year.

But, as much as I hate to admit it, it’s not all fun and games. There is a level of organisation and skill required in this role which I firmly believe I can fulfil. I was a Co-Director of Law Revue this year, so I am well-aware of what is necessary to organise and run a fantastic event (If you didn’t come... well, you missed out!).

My aim for the year ahead is to ensure there are regular events, that are fun and inclusive for everyone! While we most of us enjoy a drink or two, there is a current lack of social events for those of us who don’t drink, who simply don’t enjoy clubs and bars, or who cannot access the venues that are chosen.

Most importantly, I will strive to aid the VP (Events) in all aspects of their role. It is a big portfolio, and I recognise the importance of having someone in the Director role who is prepared to support the organisation and running of all the fantastic events ahead of us.

Thank you for your consideration and best of luck to all nominees!





DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS (SKILLS)

ALEX GIBSON & TANYA DU PREEZ

Hi! We're Alex and Tanya, and we believe we would be great Directors of Competitions (Skills). We have both been at uni for a while, so we are highly organised and experienced in juggling multiple commitments at once. We believe this will greatly assist us in carrying out UNLSA duties alongside our study, work and other commitments.

We are both hardworking students who apply ourselves to everything we do. We understand that this is not just a role to be added to the resume with no actual work involved. We are more than happy to put in the necessary hours to make sure that the job gets done to a satisfactory standard.

We also believe in giving back to the UNLSA as we have (like all law students) been involved in and benefited from their activities since we started at uni, including Law Ball, trivia night and the Facebook page keeping us up to date with all goings on. We were both first time Law Revue performers this year, which introduced us to many of the wonderful people in the UNLSA and piqued our interest in getting involved. Tanya has previously competed in both the Client Interviewing and Negotiation competitions and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We hope you will consider us for the role of Directors of Competitions (Skills). Thanks!



INDIGENOUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

SUZANNE ROSS

I would like to put forward my nomination for the position of Indigenous Student Representative.

The following points show how i satisfy the eligibility and the role requirements of the position. as well as my interest and motivation in the area of Indigenous Affairs.

- I am a current 3rd year Bachelor Business/Law student
- I am a Dhurug Nation Indigenous woman
- I am an active member of the UON Indigenous community keeping close ties between NewSpace and the Wollotuka Institute.

I am currently on the following committees:

- UNSLA Indigenous Student Representative
- UON Student Advisory Council (SAC) Indigenous Student Representative
- UON Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Undergraduate Student Representative

I am the Administrator for the following (Facebook) Groups

- UON Indigenous BUSCOM Group
- UON Indigenous Law Group



DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE (EQUITY AND DIVERSITY)

ANNIKA SCHULTZ

Hi, I'm Annika and I've nominated as Director of Social Justice. I'm a fourth year Law/Commerce & Diploma of Legal Practice student. I am passionate about learning and raising awareness of social justice issues on a local and international level. I currently volunteer at Hunter Community Legal Centre, which has provided me with an insight into the importance of access to justice. Earlier this year I attended the 9th University Scholars Leadership Symposium at the U.N in Thailand, where I gained an increased understanding of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I am also an active member of the University of Newcastle United Nations' Society and iLead Program, where I am involved in a joint project to promote the SDGs on campus and in the community. We are currently working on an on-campus SDG Day in September in collaboration with Newcastle City Council. I am also a committee member for UN Youth Australia and am currently organising the NSW Conference, to be attended by hundreds of delegates. These opportunities have given me a strong understanding of a diverse range of social justice issues.



I have also enjoyed the social justice events throughout my degree, especially the Women in Law Breakfast, and would love to contribute to these great events. I believe that I can bring the skills and knowledge I have gained from my experiences to this position in ensuring all the events are successful and promoting social justice within the Association and wider community.

Thanks everyone!



ELYSSIA GASPARATTO

My name is Elyssia Gasparotto and I am a fierce advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights, reducing inequalities and global peace. I wish to nominate for the position of Director of Social Justice. I am in my fourth year studying a bachelor of Aboriginal Professional Practice and Bachelor of Laws (Honours). Recently, I attended the 9th Annual University Scholars Leadership Symposium at the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand on scholarship as an Australian Delegate where I strengthened my understanding of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and Humanitarian issues. Later this year I will be attending the Emerging Leaders Peace Summit at the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand. I will be fulfilling a one-year term as a Humanitarian Peace Ambassador where I will be promoting social justice, social change and peace.



If given the opportunity to act as the Director of Social Justice, I wish to inspire and promote change within our local and broader community. I am dedicated to creating equitable initiatives that will encourage other youths to play an active role in building inclusive and harmonious societies. I am passionate about sharing my knowledge and aligning events that prepare for future growth and evolution. I currently work with the Lake Macquarie Aboriginal Corporation where I provide support and assistance to members who are under-represented in the legal community. I am also working with the UON Model United Nations Society, iLEAD Plus Emerging Leaders Team and Newcastle City Council as the project coordinator where we are working on a project that will provide both global citizenship and education of the Sustainable Development Goals, which incorporates social justice. I work as a Team Leader with Central Coast Council where I encourage and promote an increased participation of female colleagues within a male dominated field.

I believe young people can and will make a difference, but we need the skills and expertise to do so. I am committed to sourcing additional events to the Women's in Law Breakfast and Social Justice Forum for students to engage in critical thinking skills and education through the promotion of social justice. An example of this is the upcoming Humanitarian masterclass which educates aspiring Humanitarians, trains development professionals, and supports Social Sector organisations. If given the opportunity to act as Director of Social Justice, I am enthusiastic in creating a difference within the law school society consisting of equal and equitable justice.

Currently I act with integrity, respect and inspiration and know I am infused with the knowledge and skills required to serve in this role. I am interested in inspiring others, to ensure others strengths are built, and assist other students to set goals, know the vision and work towards achieving that vision.



CHARLOTTE WALKER

Hi everyone, my name is Charlotte Walker and I am running for Director of Social Justice (as well as Vice President (Events) with Grace Lancaster) for the UNLSA Committee of 2019!

I have decided to run for this Director role because I am really eager to bring everything I have to offer to the Committee next year. I have a bright, optimistic and bubbly personality that I just really want to share with you all. What better way to do that than affecting change in the area of social justice.

In addition to the things I mentioned in my other nomination, I have a lot to offer in the area of social justice too. I have a bunch of leadership experience, having worked as an assistant manager last year at an industrial firm. I have also been a part of the University's iLead program since the first year of my degree. I have an absolute passion for so many areas within the scope of social justice. Since I left school I have made it my mission to volunteer abroad at least once every year, while concurrently making sure I am helping out my local community. Some ways in which I have done this is by assisting with the physical rehabilitation of kids in Cambodia, as well as volunteering in disaster welfare groups during the Hunter's floods and donating my time to local legal centres.

I have actively engaged with all the Law School has to offer these past few years and I would love to take that to a whole new level by taking on a role within the Committee. I hope to have your support in this mission of mine.



DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS (ADVOCACY)

No nominations have been submitted for this position. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the AGM on Wednesday, 12 September 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this position, or nominating from the floor, please do not hesitate to contact Emily, at admin@unlsa.com.



DIRECTOR OF SPORT AND RECREATION

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

No nominations have been submitted for this position. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the AGM on Wednesday, 12 September 2018.

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DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

No nominations have been submitted for this position. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the AGM on Wednesday, 12 September 2018.

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