

Annual Report

2016

9th Management Committee

The Bar, SMU Law Society

53 Armenian Street
Singapore (179940)

smulawsociety@sa.smu.edu.sg
<http://smulawsociety.wixsite.com/thebar>



FOREWORD

Dear Stakeholders,

2016 has been an exciting year for The Bar. Throughout the year, the 9th Management Committee of The Bar, SMU Law Society has worked relentlessly towards achieving the twin goals of promoting the professional and academic development of law students and fostering a stronger, more collegial community within the School of Law.

In pursuit of those goals, we organised a plethora of events and launched a variety of initiatives. In this report, we reflect upon and celebrate the various events and initiatives that The Bar organised in 2016. I am particularly thankful to my team for their unceasing contribution and unyielding dedication to making SMU Law a better place. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank The Bar's Subcommittee members for their diligence and hard work throughout 2016.

It is also apposite at this juncture to recognise the many contributions that our various subsidiary clubs have made to promoting both the professional and academic development interests of students and in helping to create a more cohesive family at SMU Law. The subsidiary clubs represent an integral part of our eco-system in SMU Law and I would like to thank the subsidiary clubs for the key role they play.

With that, it is with much gratitude and humility that I thank the students of SMU Law for having given my team the privilege of serving you. As the 9th Management Committee takes its bow, I would like to wish Mr. Cheng You Duen, the President of the 10th Management Committee and his team all the best as we hand over the baton of student leadership to them.

Thank You.

Andrew Wong
President



CONTENTS

FOREWORD	i
THE PRESIDENCY	1
THE VICE-PRESIDENT	9
THE GENERAL SECRETARY	14
THE FINANCE DIRECTOR	18
THE EVENTS DIRECTOR	21
THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR	27
THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	32
THE MARKETING DIRECTOR	40
SUBSIDIARY CLUBS	47
APPENDIX	65





THE PRESIDENCY



Andrew Wong Wei Kiat

andrew.wong.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

A key focus of The Presidency is maintaining strong relations with various stakeholders, such as the School of Law, the various school offices, the SMU Students' Association Council (SMUSA Council), as well as law firms who support The Bar's student events and conduct outreach to our students. The strong relationships provide a firm foundation and support network for The Bar's initiatives and events and these relationships ultimately go towards the furtherance The Bar's goals of developing students and fostering a stronger law school community.

SCHOOL OF LAW DEANERY, FACULTY AND OFFICE

The Bar held regular meetings and kept regular contact with the Associate Dean (External Relations), the Associate Dean (Teaching and Curriculum) and the Assistant Dean (Administration). Acting as the conduit between the student population and the School of Law, The Bar built upon the efforts of the 8th Management Committee to ensure that concerns surrounding modules bidding were speedily resolved. For example, during the bidding windows in AY 2016-2017 Term 1, the School of Law was able to speedily release reserved slots in elective classes to avail them for bidding. The Bar was able to swiftly ensure that slots which were previously reserved by the School of Law were opened up for bidding, thereby allowing Year 3 and 4 Students to have more slots and variety of modules to bid for. The close relations between the School of Law Deanery and The Bar also provided The Bar and its subsidiary clubs invaluable guidance in its partnerships with law firms and external stakeholders.

With regard to the esteemed faculty of the SMU School of Law, The Bar has also sought to include faculty members in our various events and initiatives. In line with The Bar's vision of building a more cohesive community in the SMU School of Law, members of the faculty were invited to attend The Bar Day 2016. One of The Bar's key events, the Law Appreciation Day,

THE PRESIDENCY



was specifically aimed at showing our appreciation to the members of faculty for contributing to the legal education of SMU law students.

In addition, The Bar also worked closely with the staff of the School of Law Office who provided invaluable financial, administrative and logistical support to The Bar's events and initiatives. The relationship between the School of Law Office and The Bar was also a symbiotic one, with The Bar actively providing and sourcing for manpower for School of Law events where necessary.

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT AND DATO' KHO HUI MENG CAREER CENTRE



In 2016, The Bar's 9th Management Committee began more regular engagements with the Office of Advancement. The Office of Advancement provided guidance, advice and contacts to The Bar in its liaising with law firms. For example, the Office of Advancement helped to introduce The Bar to Allen & Gledhill LLP and helped facilitate the latter's conducting of a resume and cover letter workshop in Semester 2 of AY 2015-2016. Additionally, the Office of Advancement also assisted The Bar on the vetting of proposals and contracts made between The Bar and external parties wishing to financially contribute to The Bar and student life at the SMU School of Law.



THE PRESIDENCY



During the term of the 9th Management Committee, The Bar also continued its strong partnership with the Dato' Kho Hui Meng Career Centre ("DKHMCC"). DKHMCC took the lead in organising the Law Career Fair at the beginning of Semester 2 of AY 15-16 and also provided strong support in organising the Training Contract Seminar which took place on 5th October 2016. The DKHMCC has provided invaluable support in its outreach to law firms for The Bar's Professional and Academic Development initiatives.

SMU STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL (SMUSA COUNCIL) AND OTHER CONSTITUENT BODIES



The Bar, as a constituent body under the SMU Students' Association ("SMUSA"), also has a seat on the SMU Students' Association Council (SMUSA Council) held by The Bar President. The role of The Bar President on the SMUSA Council is to protect and articulate law students' interests and also to work with the other members of the SMUSA Council to address issues of concern to students at the University level.

The SMUSA Council serves as the highest leadership body in SMU and convenes once a month. The Bar President attended SMUSA Council meetings throughout 2016 and spoke up where proposals which would be less favourable to the unique circumstances of the SMU Law School were made.

THE PRESIDENCY



With that said, The Bar President by and large eschewed an adversarial approach in favour of a collaborative one, thus allowing The Bar to play a constructive role as a component Constituent Body of SMUSA. The Bar President voted in favour of numerous initiatives and standing orders eventually passed by the SMUSA Council, demonstrating the constructive role played in the SMUSA Council.

In addition to monthly Council meetings, The Bar President also sits on various Working Committees set up by the SMUSA Council. In 2016, The Bar President sat on the Elections Fever Committee, the Strategy Committee and The SMUSA Council Induction Programme Committee. The Bar President worked alongside his counterparts in the committees to iron out strategic initiatives for the long-term benefit of SMU students and the SMUSA Council as an institution.

Furthermore, The Bar President spearheaded the annual ISABEL Day initiative for 2016, which is an annual collaboration amongst the six schools, with ISABEL being an acronym for each school. The event seeks to forge a spirit of unity and togetherness amongst the six schools.

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND SAFETY CENTRE

The Bar has also maintained a strong working relationship with the staff from the Office of Student Life and the SMU Safety Centre. The Office of Student Life is a strong supporter of events and initiatives promoting student life and generously provided monetary support for Law Camp in 2016. Furthermore, the Office of Student Life is also a valuable source of advice and guidance in planning events and in leadership development.

The Safety Centre is also an indispensable partner of The Bar, as it gives approval for various student activities to take place. It provides close scrutiny of and feedback on the physically strenuous activities organised by The Bar, notably Law Camp 2016 and the Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games 2016. The Safety Centre thus serves an integral function in ensuring The Bar's activities are safe and incident-free.





NUS LAW CLUB



As the student body of Singapore's other Law School, the NUS Law Club is a pivotal counterpart of The Bar. The Bar and the NUS Law Club's principal areas of collaboration for 2016 were the organising of the annual moratorium exercise and the Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games, which is an inter-law school sporting event.



LAW FIRMS



THE PRESIDENCY



The Bar has also reached out extensively to law firms. Law firms provide monetary support and donations to The Bar for various student life activities and also serve as valuable sources of industry insights at various Professional and Academic Development initiatives. The Bar's collaborations with the law firms will be elaborated upon in the Professional and Academic Development section.

PEER MENTORING SCHEME



In 2016, the President also launched a pilot Peer Mentoring Scheme, in an experimental bid to lay the groundwork for larger scale schemes of a similar nature in future. The Peer Mentoring Scheme sought to foster stronger bonds within Law School by means of pairing juniors and seniors up in a "buddy system", in view of creating a stronger "family" at SMU Law. The Peer Mentoring Scheme was not intended to be a peer tutoring programme as seniors, lacking professional expertise, may not be the best placed to take up the heavy mantle of helping juniors in their legal education.

The inaugural Peer Mentoring Scheme's pilot run was launched on 11th March 2016, with a modest take-up rate of 28 participants. Survey feedback from the participants in the Peer Mentoring Scheme was mostly positive, and a majority of participants indicated that they would be willing to participate in any subsequent runs of the programme.

THE PRESIDENCY



INTERNAL MANAGEMENT

The Bar President was also actively involved in supporting many of The Bar's Events and initiatives. Apart from overseeing the functions of the various Directors of The Bar, The Bar President was also active in assisting Directors with the discharge of their duties. This is in line with a preferred "hands-on" approach to management as opposed to a merely "supervisory" approach.

The Bar President, together with the Bar's Events Director and the SMU Law Athletes, was part of a joint planning team together with the NUS Law Club that planned the inter-law faculty Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games 2016. The Bar President also played an active supporting role for events such as Law Camp 2016 and The Bar's various Welfare Drives.

Furthermore, The Bar President also assisted the Professional and Academic Development Director with the organising of the Rajah & Tann Dialogue Session 2016, and played an active role in liaising between The Bar and Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP. The Bar President also attended various meetings with external supporters of The Bar alongside The Public Relations Director and to pitch and secure support for The Bar's endeavours.

CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS



The Bar President also served several ceremonial functions as representative of the student body at SMU Law. The Bar President was present at and gave opening speeches to commence for various events such as Law Night 2016 as well as The Bar Day 2016. The Bar President was also present to introduce The Bar and the role it played in the eco-system of SMU Law to law freshmen during SMU Law Camp 2016.

THE PRESIDENCY



Additionally, The Bar President represented the SMU School of Law as a flag-bearer of the School of Law flag at Convocation 2016, a University wide event meant to induct SMU Freshmen into the University.

As aforementioned, The Bar President, in his capacity as a SMUSA Council Member, also attended to various ceremonial duties which included, among other things, meetings with the SMU President and Provost, and being part of a Welcome delegation for SMU student and Paralympic Champion Ms. Yip Pin Xiu.



THE VICE-PRESIDENT



THE VICE-PRESIDENT



Grace Goh Hui Tse

grace.goh.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

WELFARE DRIVES

ISABEL DAY



Following our predecessors' initiative of the six faculty constituent bodies ("CBd") coming together for one welfare drive every academic year, The Bar participated in the 2016 installment of SMU's symbolic ISABEL Day in place of our usual Semester 1 mid-term welfare drive. This year, ISABEL Day featured a variety of local favourites such as Prata, Iced Soya Bean Milk, Kueh Pie Tie. Notably, this year's ISABEL Day also involved a tie-in with Elections Fever, which occurred around the same time. Beyond just a typical welfare drive, ISABEL Day not only provided an opportunity for all six schools to work together and interact as we enjoyed our food, but also for the election candidates to have a greater platform to campaign and get involved with the hands-on work of the welfare drive.



START-OF-TERM WELFARES



As with all of our welfare drives, The Bar always strives to provide quality food that helps to make the transition from our holiday mood back into study mode easier. Our first start-of-term welfare drive featured the popular Thai Milk Tea from Tuk Tuk Cha, with slider sandwiches from Simply Sandwich and a healthy option of assorted fruit juice from Mission Juice. Our second start-of-term welfare drive featured a packed lunchbox from the famous Boon Tong Kee Chicken Rice, Yellow Submarine Sandwiches and the student favourite of Koi bubble tea. All in all, the start-of-term welfare drives provided a time for law students to come together and remind each other that law school is much more than the studying, but also about the friends that we make it through with.



THE VICE-PRESIDENT



MID-TERM WELFARES



The Bar's Semester 2 mid-term welfare drive featured a lunchbox of Nasi Lemak, paired with a crowd favourite Bubble Tea and live station Churros. Once again, our law students came down not only to enjoy a short snack before the mid-term break, but also to seek respite from our impending assignment deadlines and mid-term revision.

END-OF-TERM WELFARES



THE VICE-PRESIDENT



The end-of-term welfare drive is a time where many law students come down not only to enjoy the food and drinks with their peers, but also to get some encouragement as they anticipate the upcoming final examinations and, more importantly, the winter holidays. Our first end-of-term welfare drive featured Ramly Burgers as well as VeganBurg, with carnival-style candy floss, ice cream cookie sandwiches and bottled iced soya bean drinks. Our second end-of-term welfare drive, proudly supported by Rajah & Tann Asia LLP, featured a scrumptious buffet from SMU's newly-opened on-campus restaurant, B3, with thumbdrives for our first 100 attendees and an photobooth to capture memories of the last welfare drive before the semester ended. Each end-of-term welfare drive provided a time for law students to take a moment and give themselves a good pat on the back for making it through yet another difficult term, while appreciating the friends who have made the experience both memorable and worthwhile.

EXAM WELFARES



The exam welfare drive is a time for our Week 14 muggers who are in school to come down for a short little treat from The Bar, to inspire and encourage them as they engage in the final push toward the final examinations. Our first exam welfare drive featured a simple McDonalds breakfast with Milo packets, while our second welfare drive featured a bento box lunch with nuggets, iced tea and a free stationery giveaway. The students who came by for our exam welfare drives to seek a short respite from the cycle of mugging enjoyed the time away from the books to celebrate the simple pleasures of food with friends, and to find themselves re-invigorated for the upcoming examinations.



GRADUATION NIGHT



The annual Law Graduation Night 2016 was held on 26th July 2016, at the newly-opened SMU student hub, The Basement. Grad Night 2016 was an enjoyable and cosy night for the seniors to celebrate the end of their long journey in law school with live performances from students and faculty alike, as well as a sumptuous buffet of food and drink. The seniors were also treated to some live DJ music and a montage of snapshots from their years in law school, while our emcee facilitated games to bond the seniors and further lighten the mood as the celebrations continued. It was indeed a night of food, fun and walking down memory lane as we gave the seniors a warm send-off into the working world as they leave SMU and go on to greater heights.



THE GENERAL SECRETARY



THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Lee Pei Pei

peipei.lee.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

ORGANISING GENERAL MEETINGS

Throughout our term, the 9th Management Committee met weekly to discuss upcoming plans for the school and to update each other on our work. Prior to each meeting, the General Secretary sets the agenda and informs all MC members of it to ensure that they are aware. Minutes were also taken at each meeting and uploaded onto a shared Dropbox amongst the 9th Management Committee. These minutes summarise the points of discussions raised, the tasks that each member has completed and records any follow-ups required.

UPDATING PROCEDURES

Updates were also made to the Standard Operating Procedures refined by the 8th Management Committee. This allowed the 9th Management Committee to accommodate changes to the functioning of their roles and facilitated an efficient handover of our respective roles to future Management Committees.

MANAGING THE BAR'S EMAIL ACCOUNT

The General Secretary manages The Bar's official email account (smulawsociety@sa.smu.edu.sg), which provides the means for The Bar to reach out to the students on issues pertaining to law-school events or academic matters, and vice versa. When queries from students are sent to the email account, the General Secretary will direct any queries to his or her respective 9th Management Committee members to facilitate the answering of such queries. The email account also allows information to be disseminated from The Bar's various subsidiary clubs and stakeholders to all law students in a timely manner.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY



MANAGING SLIMS RECORDS

The General Secretary is responsible in managing the SLIMS records for all law students. SLIMS is a system that recognizes students for their participation in and contribution to law-related clubs as well as in the Organising Committees in the various law-related activities.

UPKEEP OF THE BAR ROOM

Part of the General Secretary's duties includes managing The Bar Room and upkeeping it. The Bar Room is where the 9th Management Committee holds its weekly meetings, interviews and stores equipment for our events and activities. This year, the 9th Management Committee has done one spring cleaning session, where The Bar Room was tidied and the inventory of The Bar's assets was updated.



BOOKING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The General Secretary is in-charge of booking school facilities for use by students in any law-school or subsidiary club-related activities.

In 2016, The Bar made a total of 175.5 hours of bookings.

KEY EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016



THE GENERAL SECRETARY



The Bar's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in January and it was co-organised by the General Secretaries of the 8th and 9th Management Committees. The AGM is a time for each member of the Management Committee to share their achievements with the student body. It also marks the start of the incoming Management Committee's term. Held on 8 January 2016, The Bar's 2016 AGM fulfilled the minimum quorum as stipulated in Article 8.4(f) of The Bar's Constitution with 37 students present.

10TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS



The General Secretary is responsible for managing the elections for the 10th Management Committee. The timeline for the elections was as follows:

- 5 September 2016: Nominations
- 13 September 2016: Campaigning
- 14 September 2016: Campaign Rally
- 20 September 2016: Voting
- 26 September 2016: Release of Elections Results

Following Article 10.2 of The Bar's Constitution, the General Secretary holds the concurrent position as Chairperson of the Elections Committee. This year, the Elections Committee also comprised Leonard Lim Yang Wei and Mok Zi Cong as the Returning Officer and Elections Officer, respectively.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY



At the end of the nominations period on 10 September 2016, 7 students submitted valid nominations forms to the Elections Committee. Pursuant to Article 10.3(h) of The Bar's Constitution, each election candidate had to obtain the votes of at least 20% of all SMU Law LL.B. students, which translated to a minimum threshold of 126 votes per candidate, in order to be elected to the 10th Management Committee.

In line with the firm belief of transparent proceedings, the 9th Management Committee published the vote count of all 7 candidates on 29 September 2016. All of the 7 candidates met the minimum threshold requirement and proceeded to the Internal Elections, held on 2 October 2016, to determine their respective positions within the 10th Management Committee.

After 8 hours at the Internal Elections, the 10th Management Committee of The Bar, SMU Law Society, was formed. Since only 7 positions were filled by election, the last members of the 10th Management Committee were co-opted in accordance with the processes set out in Article 9.5 of The Bar's Constitution. The co-opt process concluded on 23 October 2016.

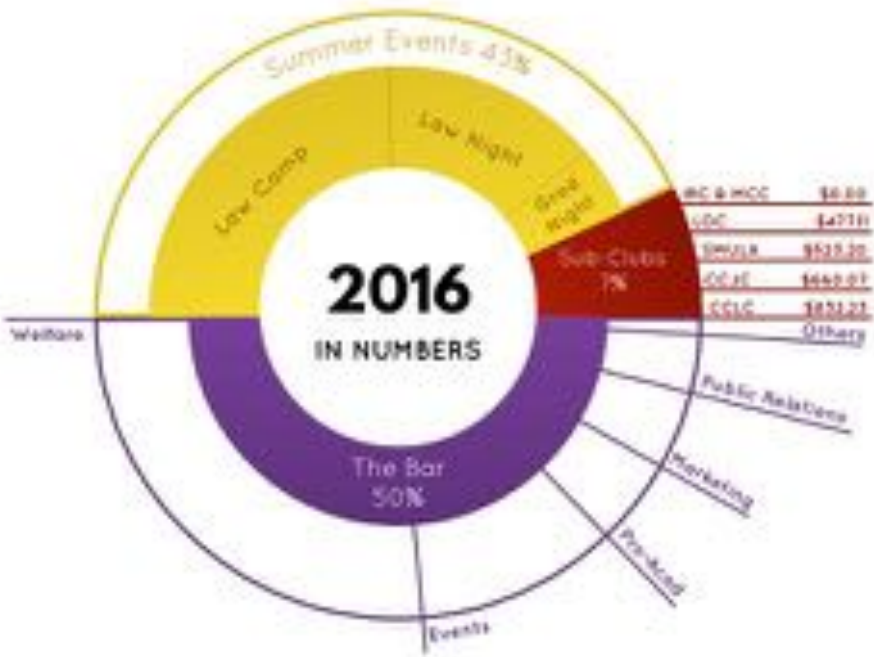


THE FINANCE DIRECTOR



Yap Teik Kym
teikkym.yap.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

OVERVIEW OF 2016



The Bar received \$39,277.06 through a combination of sponsorship, school injections, donations and other income-generating activities, a decrease of close to \$15,000 from the previous year. In light of our goal of tightening our spending and ensuring that expenditures were kept within budget, the 9th MC's total expenses were kept at \$35,796.24, which left a \$3480.82 surplus.

THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

BUDGETING



Adapting from the processes of the previous MC, a needs-based budgeting policy was utilised in order to minimise wasted resources whilst ensuring adequate resources for each event. Prior to each event's commencement, the budgets were scrutinised by both the Finance Director and the President for approval. Funding was only provided for approved expenses. However, to avoid paternalistic financial management, students were encouraged to spend, as long as such expenditure was reasonable and justifiable.

Furthermore, due to the decrease in injections from our various income sources such as the Student Activities Account, there was a large tightening of budget. This led to events obtaining other sources of income and itemised sponsorship. Events such as the Corporate & Commercial Law Week organised by the Corporate & Commercial Law Club, Bar Day organised by the 9th MC and the various summer events were able to be held smoothly due to sponsorships sourced by the respective organising committee.

THE FINANCE DIRECTOR



EXPENDITURES



Welfare remains our largest area of expenditure forming 52.65% of The Bar's expenditure. Sub-club activities formed a much smaller part of our expenses at 6.96% of our total expenditure, half of the percentage of the expenditure by sub-clubs in the previous year. There was a decrease in summer events' expenditure due to tightening of budget for Law Graduation Night, and more effective monetary management for Law Beach Games. Cognisant of the current market in the legal industry, The Bar sought to provide financial support for Professional and Academic Development events.

CLAIMS SYSTEM

Throughout the year, SMUSA's Finance Committee has sought to improve the efficiency of the reimbursement process through liaising with SMUSA, the SOL Office, Office of Student Life and Office of Finance. While a large majority of claims were kept within the general average claim time of one month, the existence of claims which regrettably exceeded that time period shows the need to continually monitor and improve the efficiency of the system.

With that, the finance committee has adopted a new accounting and tracking system to streamline processes and ensure that students obtain their reimbursements faster.

FINANCE CONCLUSION

Overall, the 9th MC has experienced healthy finances throughout the year with no requirement to rely on our reserves for funding. In fact, the surplus in income generated this year would allow the next MC to organise events without stringent budget constraints.



THE EVENTS DIRECTOR



Chang Wei Liang

wlchang.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

2016 EVENTS AT A GLANCE



- Valentine's Day 2016: 14 February 2016
- Law Camp 2016: Mala Fide: 15 to 17 July 2016
- Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games 2016: 23 July 2016
- Law Night 2016: Exagorá: 4 August 2016
- The Bar Day 2016: 16 September 2016
- Professor Appreciation Day 2016: 7 November 2016



VALENTINE'S DAY 2016



As is customary, love was in the (helium) air this Valentine's Day and the events team set out to spread the love around law school by selling balloons and flowers! The events sub-committee, headed by Tamasin Tan and Bernice Goh, collected orders from students in advance for a variety of balloons and roses with attached personalised messages. These gifts and messages were then delivered to the respective professors and students directly during class time for the entire class to witness the expressions of love! Students from across the batches participated as we received an overwhelming number of orders. It was heartening to witness the camaraderie among the students who took the opportunity to express their gratitude towards their friends, professors and significant others!



LAW CAMP 2016: *MALA FIDES*



THE EVENTS DIRECTOR



Law Camp 2016 remained one of the favourites among freshmen with its signature Murder Mystery, war games and frightening moots. The organising committee, made up of second-year students headed by Victoria Yu and Jerome Tan, worked hard throughout the semester to provide the freshmen with the best experience of their summer as they were initiated into SMU Law. This year, the camp, *Mala Fides*, portrayed the City of Rapture and the four clans: Los Locos, Ketsueki, The Black Dragon, and Aldrich. As is customary, the camp ended with a revelation of the Murder Mystery and a Finale Night where the clans fought their final battle through a tug-of-war. Kudos to the organising committee for upholding and building on the Law Camp tradition!

RAJAH & TANN LAW BEACH GAMES 2016



On the morning of 23 July 2016, law students from across batches gathered at Palawan Beach, Sentosa, for the Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games. The games, an annual collaboration between The Bar, SMU Law Athletes ("SMULA"), and the NUS Law Club proved to be one of the most popular events this summer. We had more than 40 teams that signed up, one of the highest numbers in the years the games have been organised! Credit for such a high turnout must be given to SMULA for their efforts in reaching out to students. The hard work from the sponsorship team also paid-off as the attractive goodie bags and singlets provided to all who registered proved to be a strong motivation for students to register and boosted sign-ups.



Through the day, teams from SMU and NUS battled it out under the perfect weather, participating in a variety of sports such as Frisbee, Captain's Ball, Football and Touch Rugby. The event ended with a tug-of-war between SMU Law and NUS Law, and a prize-giving ceremony for the winning teams. To celebrate the success of the event, both presidents from

THE EVENTS DIRECTOR



The Bar and the NUS Law Club engaged in a 1v1 tug-of-war. The positive feedback received for Law Beach Games 2016 meant that the many hours spent planning for the Games truly paid off!

LAW NIGHT 2016: EXAGORÁ



On the evening of 4 August 2016, more than 150 law students gathered at Zouk, located at the iconic Jiak Kim Street for the annual Law Night. Themed Exagorá, Law Night 2016 was a classy and elegant affair with not only the pageant contestants, but also the audience clad in stunning gowns and suits. All participants were entitled to two free drinks of their choice and they could subsequently purchase drinks from the bar through the night. The programmes for the evening included couple performances, catwalks and Q&A segments by the contestants as well as background music provided by a series of DJs, one of which includes AOS Collective's very own BillyT. Exagorá culminated with the crowning of Wen Le and Victoria as Law King and Law Queen, respectively, by the special guest judge, Ben Tang.



The event provided a great opportunity for students to relax and unwind over drinks, celebrating the end of a great semester and the beginning of a better one! Congratulations to the Law Night 2016 organising committee, led by Charmain Kwee and Galvin Wee, for a job well done!



PROFESSOR APPRECIATION DAY 2016



This Teachers' Day, to appreciate and recognise our amazing professors, students were encouraged to vote for the professors they thought were the most humorous, popular, and inspiring. For each award, 2 professors were selected based on the picture as well as the caption for the Instagram nomination. The professors for each particular category were rewarded with a framed version of the Instagram nomination. Congratulations to the winning professors for the respective categories:

- Most Humorous Professor: Prof Christopher Chen
- Most Popular Professor: Prof Tan Seow Hon
- Most Inspiring Professor: Prof Gary Low



In addition, the Events Committee as well as members of The Bar delivered mini t-shirts and tote bags specially designed for the professors and staff members of the School of Law Offices as a token of our deepest appreciation!



THE BAR DAY 2016



The Bar Day 2016 was a continuation of the pioneer event by the previous Management Committee as we celebrated the achievements and contributions of the organising committees and The Bar Sub-committees. Over 160 students, members of the alumni and lawyers attended The Bar Day, held at the University Lounge at SMU's Administration Building. The aim of the event was to recognise the efforts of the various members of law school who truly outdid themselves in their planning and execution of various activities and initiatives in 2016. The event was meant for one and all to enjoy and take a break from the stresses of Law School. There was a free flow of alcohol and buffet dinner for those who attended and several programmes lined up, which included performances by students as well as a short appreciation ceremony where the organising committees and sub-committee members received tokens of appreciation for putting in all the time and effort into making their events a success., Prizes were also given to the winners of Student Life Awards 2016 for garnering the most number of likes and for the most interesting photo on Instagram. The break just before starting preparation for the exams was much needed one and The Bar Day provided a great opportunity for students to unwind, even if it was just for a few hours.



THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



Ko Yuen Hyung

yhko.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

2016 was a challenging yet rewarding year for The Bar's Public Relations team as we sought to strengthen old ties and seek new partnerships with various stakeholders.

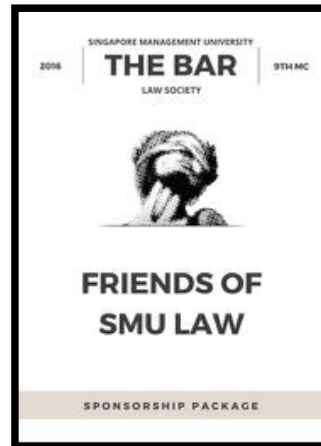


Unlike in previous years, the Public Relations team has, in addition to sourcing for sponsorships, sourced for donations as well. Sponsorships and donations collectively provide valuable funds for The Bar to carry out its activities.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



REFINING AND IMPROVISING SPONSORSHIP ENGAGEMENTS



As the “Friends of SMU Law” scheme had been a great success since its inception, the Public Relations Team continued its utilisation when engaging potential sponsors. As flexibility was key in meeting the different expectations and concerns from different sponsors, the Public Relations team also made the decision to make adjustments to the different tiers of sponsorships in the “Friends of SMU Law” scheme where necessary.



THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



The Public Relations team also worked closely with the different sponsorship committees of Bar events, adopting a more targeted approach in attaining sponsorships in order to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

Monetary Sponsorships	Sponsorships-in-kind (Products, vouchers, etc.)
Public Relations Team	Event-only Sponsorship Committee

Despite the split as shown above, the Public Relations team made sure to provide the necessary assistance and advice to the sponsorship heads of the various organising committees when procuring sponsorships-in-kind. An instance of this was when clarifications were requested from the Law Camp 2016 sponsorship committee.

CONTINUING OLD RELATIONSHIPS AND FOSTERING NEW ONES



The Bar has had moderate success in maintaining continued partnership with some of our key sponsors who have expressed keen interest in establishing long-term partnerships with The Bar.

List of Firms and Organisations	2016
---------------------------------	------

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



Rajah & Tann (Donation)	S\$6,000 (excluding R&T Beach Games)
Shook Lin & Bok (Donation)	S\$1,000
Baker & McKenzie (Sponsorship)	S\$3,000
Singapore Academy of Law (Sponsorship)	S\$2,000

This success was tainted with worry as the Public Relations team was concerned that attaining monetary sponsorships might be difficult due to the poor financial market. However, we successfully negotiated for various sponsorship opportunities by providing a personalised touch in ensuring that the unique needs of each firm were catered to as far as possible..



One of our main goals was to ensure that the Public Relations team engaged our partner firms throughout the year, thereby strengthening the relationship between our key partners and The Bar. For example, several events supported by Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP were peppered across the year. The spreading out of these events also ensure maximum participation from students.

To ensure accountability and that the targets of the sponsorship arrangements were met, the Public Relation team, together with the President, have constantly provided the partnered firms with timely updates and individualised reports of our events.

As mentioned previously, flexibility is a vital trait to have when handling sponsorship matters. The Public Relations team not only provided advice but stepped in to assist with one of our major events in procuring sponsorships-in-kind. This occurred during our fruitful collaboration with the NUS Law Club in organising the Law Beach Games 2016 as the Public Relations team secured sponsorship-in-kind that entitled these sponsors to the entitlements of Platinum tier from the Friends of SMU Law scheme.



THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FROM SPONSORSHIPS



2016 was indeed a fulfilling year for the Public Relations team. Not only have we reaped the benefits of our close relationships with our sponsors, representatives from some of our sponsors were also invited to the various Law school events to provide our students with the opportunity to network and discuss further possibilities of collaboration.



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Benedict Chan Wei Qi

weiqichan.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

In 2016, the Professional & Academic Development (“Pro-Acad”) Department of the 9th Management Committee aimed at continuing the present initiatives of the office, as well as to address the concerns of the students in light of the tightening job market. We also strengthened our close ties with the Dato’ Kho Hui Meng Career Centre (“DKHMCC”) as well as the School of Law Office (“SOL office”).



The Pro-Acad Department sought to improve students’ accessibility to crucial information required for their LL.B. course. This includes the students’ graduation requirements, as well as information aimed at helping students learn more about the law firms and alternative career paths available to them.

THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



To that end, the events and initiatives in 2016 were planned with the intention of leaving no student behind, including the graduating and the Juris Doctor students.

For most of our professional development events and initiatives, we worked closely with Mr. Aaron Chong (Associate Director, DKHMCC) whose assistance and guidance we are very grateful for.

2016 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- Law Careers Fair & Legal Resume Workshop
- Internship Information Session
- Life as a Trainee
- Training Contract Seminar
- Freshmen Crash Course Session
- Rajah & Tann Dialogue Session



LAW CAREERS FAIR AND LEGAL RESUME WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the annual Law Career Fair, we collaborated with DKHMCC to invite Allen & Gledhill LLP to conduct a legal resume and cover letter writing workshop for 36 LL.B. and J.D. students.

THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



The session covered the basics of resume and cover letter writing, and was tailored to teach students how to showcase their potential and employability for legal internships.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

The Bar's annual internship sharing session was organised for the benefit of LL.B and J.D. students just before they embark on their summer internships. The seminar sought to equip students with the knowledge of the do's and don'ts at a legal internship, and to offer tips on what employers were looking out for in potential hires.

35 students attended the session, and our four speakers, Lim Shen-nen, Timothy Lim, Sampson Lim and Tanaya Kinjavdekar, readily shared their experiences and tips on how to handle a legal internship.



LIFE AS A TRAINEE

The Life as a Trainee session sought to create an avenue for graduating students to learn more about the Part B examination process, as well as to get an insight on what to expect during their practice training period.

20 students attended the session, and we are thankful to have had Mr Gerald Tham, Miss Evangeline Chee, Miss Penelope Ng, Mr Asik Sadayan and Mr Jasper Wong join us that evening to answer the many questions the audiences had over a bento dinner.



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



TRAINING CONTRACT SEMINAR



The Training Contract Seminar was aimed at equipping students with up-to-date information and tips for training contract applications, as well as to provide an opportunity for students to find out more about the firms represented at the event. About 50 students attended this year's seminar.

The sessions were moderated by Professor Tang Hang Wu. Students had the opportunity to hear from and interact with the partners and associates of Fortis Law Corporation, Oon & Bazul LLP, and TSMP Law Corporation.

FRESHMEN CRASH COURSE SESSION

The Freshmen Crash Course session was an hour-long information session aimed at providing the 2016 freshmen information on the following:

- Graduation requirements (including both academic requirements, as well as non-academic requirements)
- Short briefs on The Bar's subsidiary clubs,
- Advice on how to approach readings, and structure legal answers

The session was attended by 47 freshmen.



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



RAJAH & TANN DIALOGUE SESSION



The sharing and networking session saw Rajah & Tann lawyers from both the corporate and dispute resolution practices sharing about their respective practice grounds, their working experience at Rajah & Tann, as well as career and internship opportunities with the firm. The event was targeted at Year 1 and 2 LL.B. and J.D. students who will be applying for their internships in 2017.

The 2016 installment of the dialogue session was held at The Basement, SMU's student lounge, in an "inverse networking" format. The lawyers were given designated spots based on their practice groups, and students who were interested in their practice could speak with them. A total of 12 practice areas were present for the students to interact with.



2016 INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE

- What Lies Ahead emails
- BOSS Bidding Reminders
- Double Degree Programme (DDP) Students Survey
- Moratorium Exercise
- Le Law Lelong: Second Hand Book sale
- Internship Database
- Internship Experience Survey



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



WHAT LIES AHEAD EMAILS

Taking inspiration from the 6th Management Committee's "What Lies Ahead" emails in 2013 to the freshmen, the 9th Management Committee took after the 8th Management Committee's lead to roll out this initiative to LL.B. students of all years. The emails were sent at the end of each semester, and they cover the following areas:

- Reminding students about their graduation requirements, highlighting any pertinent points or changes to these requirements
- Upcoming pre-assigned modules
- Advice on when to apply for *pro bono* sessions and internships
- Reminders on SMU's policy on the award of degrees

BOSS BIDDING REMINDERS

We continued the practice of previous Management Committees by providing students with a graphical representation of the class timetable and other crucial bidding information, such as when they can bid for certain modules and what modules they must complete. We also included certain recommendations such as how to DICE modules and review past BOSS results.

To ensure accuracy of information, we kept in touch with Mr Tan Teck Kiang (Assistant Dean) and Miss Serena Yue (Senior Manager, Student Affairs) to help see if there were certain policies that had been revised or if there were other information they would like us to relay to the students.

DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME STUDENTS SURVEY

We continued the practice of conducting a survey amongst Double Degree Programme ("DDP") students so that the school administration is kept aware of the modules that the law DDP students intend to take for their secondary degrees in the coming semester. This is to allow the school administration to factor the results of the survey as they plan class and exam schedules so as to reduce class or exam schedules conflicts.

MORATORIUM EXERCISE

The moratorium voting exercise is an honour-based agreement conducted yearly between the NUS and SMU Law Schools that, should the Moratorium pass with the requisite approval, the law students of the same graduating cohort would be prohibited from applying for Training



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Contracts until the end of their third year. The moratorium exercise was jointly organized and administered by SMU's Pro-Acad Director and NUS's Academic Director with the aim of ensuring that students were aware of the pros and cons of a moratorium prior to participating in the voting exercise. To that end, several initiatives were rolled out:

- A joint information sheet was sent to all participating students (i.e. students graduating in 2018), incorporating the views of law firms as well as reasons for and against a moratorium
- An informational briefing was conducted for all Year 2 students

Following the voting exercise, the requirements for a moratorium were not met. A total of a 110 SMU students (out of 150 eligible students) participated in the exercise, with only 40.9% voting for the moratorium. Accordingly, no training contract application restrictions were imposed for the Class of 2018.



LE LAW LELONG: SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE

The Pro-Acad Department decided to conduct the annual second-hand book sale in a different manner this year. Taking inspiration from shopping platforms such as Carousell and Book-in-Book-out, this year's second-hand book sale was conducted electronically. Students filled a form with regard to the book they wish to sell, at what price, their particulars, a photo of the book etc. This information was compiled on a Google spreadsheet viewable by all students.

Students who were interested in buying a book will "close the deal" by contacting the seller directly. The onus was then on the seller to inform the Department that his or her book is sold, and the Department would remove his contact on the public spreadsheet.

INTERNSHIP DATABASE

The Pro-Acad Department compiled information relating to the internship application process of 115 firms and organisations in the Internship Database 2016. The Database provided information with regard to the practice areas of the various firms, as well as the required documents to be sent to the relevant personnel.

The Database was circulated to all LL.B and J.D. students to assist them in their internship applications for 2016.



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE SURVEY

With the aim of promoting experiential sharing between the students, the Pro-Acad Department formulated a survey for students to share their internship experiences with one another. Students were invited to anonymously answer several questions about the law firms they interned with over the summer. These questions included an overview of the work they were assigned to, the opportunities they had to interact with associates and partners, as well as their impression of the firm's culture.

A total of 63 entries were collated. The survey answers were then shared with those who participated in the survey, as well as the batch of students who will be undertaking internships in 2017.



THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



Chan Cong Ning

cnchan.2014@law.smu.edu.sg

The Marketing committee has sought to foster cohesiveness within the law school community by improving the publicity of The Bar's events. We also strived to unite the student body by establishing a strong sense of identity using our merchandise sale. The Marketing committee aimed to raise the profile of The Bar through a combination of aesthetics improvement and accessibility.



COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATES



The Marketing committee carried on the tradition of sending weekly email updates to the school. Our weekly updates serve three primary purposes. First, to disseminate important information regarding academic matters such as BOSS bidding. Second, to inform the student body of any upcoming events such as the Law Appreciation Day that they are encouraged to participate in. Third, to acknowledge the achievements of our representatives in moots and athletic competitions such as the Inter-Faculty Games.

The dissemination of information through our weekly updates were not restricted to The Bar's events. We receive contributions from our various subsidiary clubs and event committees as well. Information that demand more immediate attention were disseminated through separate emails administered by the Marketing committee as well.

THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



PUBLICITY OF PROGRAMMES

Since the creation of electronic design mailers (“EDMs”) is one of the Marketing committee’s main responsibilities, we constantly challenge ourselves to reach out to the student body in creative ways. The Marketing committee recognises the important role that it plays in augmenting the student body’s perception of The Bar’s events and its profound impact on participation rates.

NOTICE BOARD

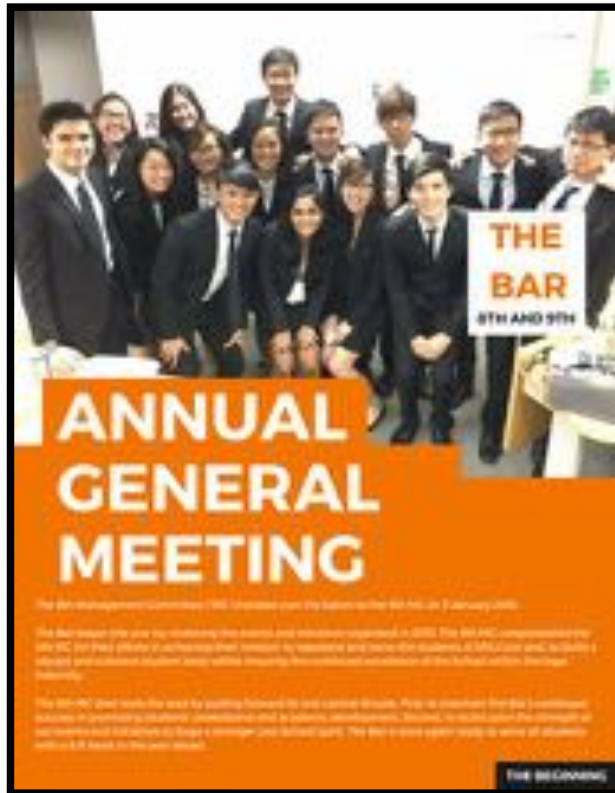


This year, the Marketing committee has decided to put a twist to The Bar’s notice board. In the past, the notice board was used as an additional platform for information dissemination. However, we noted that the notice board was underutilized as an information dissemination platform. Therefore, the Marketing committee converted the notice board into an organiser, which was updated monthly. There is also a memory-wall reserved for the student body to pin up photos of their student life in law school.

THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



SUMMER UPDATES



The Summer Updates newsletter is a new initiative started by the Marketing committee in 2016. The aim is to provide a mid-term round-up of the events and activities that happened in the first half of the year for the students who are unable to attend. The newsletter also provides a sneak peek into the slew of exciting events that The Bar had in store for the student body during the summer holidays and the second half of the year. It is a further attempt to encourage the student body to actively participate in The Bar's events.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In line with the Marketing committee's aim for student outreach, we took over the administration of The Bar's social media accounts. Facebook and Instagram were used as launch pads for further publicity because students may not check their emails very often.



THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



Therefore, the most direct way to reach out to the student body is through The Bar's social media accounts.

TYPEFORM SURVEYS

The Marketing committee continued with the practice of using Typeform for surveys. This initiative was started in 2015 in an attempt to standardise the collection of data by online surveys.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH EXTERNAL PARTIES

THE BAR WEBSITE



The Bar's website is our primary platform for reaching out to external parties such as sponsors. The Marketing committee has shifted The Bar's website to a separate platform this year for two reasons. First, to make room for the Marketing committee to be more creative with the design of the website. This includes design changes and making the user-interface easier to navigate. Second, for increased efficiency by ensuring that the website can be updated easily in the future. Ultimately, the Marketing Committee hopes to attract more external parties to find out information about The Bar for potential collaborations.



THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



MERCHANDISING

MERCHANDISE SALES



This year's varsity-themed merchandise designs were well-received by the student body. The Marketing committee's aim was to create a set of merchandise – t-shirts, name tents and laptop stickers – that will enable the student body to proudly identify themselves as members of law school. By fostering the cohesiveness of our community on the one hand, and forging a strong sense of identity on the other hand, the Marketing Committee hopes to unite the student body.

SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



The Bar also oversees six subsidiary clubs under its purview. These clubs function autonomously and serve to cater to various niche or special interests of SMU Law students.

The efforts, activities and initiatives of these subsidiary clubs augment and complement those of The Bar in promoting either a cohesive student body or advancing students' professional and academic interests. These subsidiary clubs thus play a vital and valuable role in contributing to student life at SMU Law.

The six subsidiary clubs are namely, the Moot Court Club, the Constitutional Law and Criminal Justice Club, the Corporate and Commercial Law Club, the Law Outreach Club, the Law International Relations Club and the SMU Law Athletes.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS

MOOT COURT CLUB



SMU has consistently performed well in moots, our mooters have continued to maintain this excellent track record in 2016. On the international stage, our moot teams emerged champions in a number of prestigious moots which include the Price Media Law Moot, the ICC Moot Court Competition and the LAWASIA International Moot Competition. Our teams were also finalists in the Ashurst Australian Private Law Moot, the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot, the Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Our mooters have also performed exceedingly well on the local stage, and we were well represented in the finals of the WongPartnership International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the Attorney-General's Cup, and the B.A. Mallal Moot.

Internally, the Moot Court Club actively supported the development of fresh mooting talent by organising practice rounds for the freshmen in preparation for their Legal Research and Writing Moot. These rounds were judged by veteran mooters who took time out of their hectic schedules to give their juniors advice and tips on mooting .

Between July and August of 2016, the Moot Court Club organised the annual Howard Hunter Moot, an internal moot for rising second- and third-year students. The Howard Hunter Moot has traditionally been used as a platform to spot potential mooting talent before the international

SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



moots season. This year's edition of the moot received overwhelming participation and support, and was a resounding success.

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW CLUB

SMU Corporate and Commercial Law Club was set up in 2015 in response to the growing interest in the corporate and commercial law practices amongst students. The Corporate and Commercial Law Club comprise students who have a keen interest in learning and increasing their exposure of these areas of the law. We aim to organize interactive, vibrant and meaningful workshops, competitions and talks to give students a heads up about the various demands of different industries. Through these events, we aim to build a bridge across practice and theory.

COFFEE CHAT WITH ALLEN AND GLEDHILL LLP



We had the pleasure of hosting an informal talk with partners from Allen & Gledhill LLP. The topics for the day was the ever-popular field of Mergers & Acquisition and the highly niche field of Technology, Media, and Telecommunications. The small and cosy setting facilitated a very fun and candid session between the partners and students.

CORPORATE LAW WEEK

CONTRACT DRAFTING WORKSHOP



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



Corporate Law Week was kicked off with a contract drafting workshop conducted by Ms. Lee Ying Ying, Head of Banking & Finance Division, Kelvin Chia Partnership. Ms Lee gave us a 3-hour crash course on the fundamentals of drafting a good and succinct contract.

CROSS BORDER TRANSACTIONS PANEL DISCUSSION

Cross Border Transactions Panel was helmed by Mr. Patrick Ang, Deputy Managing Partner of Rajah & Tann, Mr. KC Lye from Norton Rose Fulbright, Ms. Farhana Siddiqui from Drew & Napier, Mr. Chester Toh from Rajah & Tann and Mr. Eugene Lim from Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow.



NICHE AREA TALKS



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



On Day 3, practitioners from Drew & Napier, Rajah & Tann and Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow came down to talk about their respective niche practice fields. The niche areas that were covered by the practitioners included Insolvency, Islamic finance, Tax and Project Finance, Capital markets and Funds

NETWORKING SESSION



Corporate Law Week ended off on a high note with the networking session. Lawyers from Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow came down to interact with SMU, NUS and UK law students.

Copyright Amendment Symposium 2016



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



The Copyright Amendment Symposium was organised as a platform for practitioners and academics to come together to voice their concerns regarding the amendments to the Copyright Act.

The symposium, attended by over 200 people, included a panel discussion with distinguished practitioners, academics and regulatory officers. Our very own Prof David Llewelyn was the moderator for this illustrious panel.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

SUPREME COURT VISIT



NUS Law Students International Relations Club (LSIRC) and SMU International Relations Club jointly hosted a Supreme Court visit for the law exchange students. The exchange students not only got to explore the Supreme Court of Singapore as well as the various exhibits,, but also got to sit in an eye-opening appeal against a capital charge at the Court of Appeal.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



CHINATOWN HERITAGE WALK AND CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



On 29th January 2016, IRC brought the exchange students to Chinatown to soak in the festive mood. This year, Chinese New Year was in early February, and Chinatown was decked in Chinese New Year decorations. The exchange students were given the opportunity to enjoy and experience one of the major cultural festivals in Singapore and to sample some of our very own Chinese New Year goodies.



EXCHANGE STUDENT WELFARE



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



To celebrate the end of the semester, IRC organized a welfare event for the exchange students. IRC distributed a traditional Singaporean breakfast, Yakun Kaya Toast! Some of the foreign students especially enjoyed the Kaya Toast breakfast, as it is an iconic breakfast that Singapore is famous for.

WELCOME PARTY FOR FALL EXCHANGE STUDENTS



The Welcome Party was held on the first Friday of the semester. SMU IRC did things differently this time by bringing the exchange students out of school for dinner. We dined in a former palace of the Sultan. Our guests were treated to Royal Malay Cuisine at Mamanda, a restaurant along Arab Street. The traditional dish, also known as Nasi Ambeng, consisted of 10 side dishes surrounding a bed of fluffy white coconut rice. We ended the night with a stroll along Arab Street and Haji Lane pointing out the rich history of the Malay community in the area.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



MID-TERM WELFARE



The mid-term welfare was held just before recess week, before our exchange friends jet off to see the world. Cinnamon rolls and bubble tea was catered for our guests, much to their delight and pleasure.



EXAM WELFARE



To end of the semester, IRC prepared exam welfare packs for our exchange friends consisting of battle gear required to fight finals! In the pack, we personalised messages and various snacks. Of course, no battle can be won without local favourite energy drink, Milo!



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

The SMU Constitutional Law & Criminal Justice Club seeks to promote interest in issues relating to constitutional law and criminal justice among students, legal practitioners and the wider community. It does so by bringing together stakeholders in the industry, and by breaking new ground in, and elevating the quality of, the discourse on important and contemporary issues.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE IN COMMON LAW ASIA: A PANEL DISCUSSION



“Constitutional Dialogue in Common Law Asia” was a panel discussion held on 14 January 2016 to launch Associate Professor Yap Po Jen’s latest publication. The panel, which was moderated by Assistant Professor Jack Lee Tsen-Ta, comprised of Justice Anselmo Reyes of the Singapore International Commercial Court, Associate Professor Yap Po Jen of the Hong Kong University, Assistant Professor Swati Jhaveri from the National University of Singapore, and the Singapore Management University’s own Associate Professor Maartje de Visser, explored the interaction and dialogue that has taken place between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.

SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



FRESHMEN WORKSHOP 2016

As part of the club's annual efforts to ease incoming freshmen into law school, the club organised its 2016 instalment of the Freshmen Workshop on 24 August 2016. Topics covered during the course of the workshop included general legal skills, an introduction to the Singapore legal system, an introduction to criminal law, and general classroom skills.

COFFEE CHATS 2016

Held on 25 August 2016, the annual Coffee Chats session was a networking and sharing session that brought together students and stakeholders in the criminal justice system to expose students to the workings of criminal practice. The club hosted a wide mix of practitioners of various seniorities, backgrounds and practices, who hail from firms of different sizes.



WHAT IS THE DEATH PENALTY GOOD FOR? A TALK BY PROF DAVID T JOHNSON

The club hosted Professor David T Johnson, Professor of Criminology and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, who delivered a lecture entitled "What is the Death Penalty Good For?" on 20 September 2016. In his lecture, Professor Johnson discussed the functions served by the use of capital punishment in the United States and Japan, and gave his thoughts on the lessons that Singapore may take away from the two societies' experiences.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



LAW ATHLETES

INTER-FACULTY GAMES



The Inter-Faculty Games 2016 saw students, from the various faculties within SMU, come together to compete in different sports. SMULA facilitates the recruitment of players for these sports, the dissemination of information from the organizers such as the various CCAs and SSU as well as provide welfare during these events. Our law students achieved commendable placings in the events that they participated in, eventually clinching the overall position.

LAW FRATERNITY GAMES



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



The Law Fraternity Games is a tripartite event sponsored by the Law Society of Singapore and co-organized by SMULA and the Sports Directorate of NUS, for members of the legal fraternity to bond through sporting activities. SMULA actively organizes trainings leading up to the LFG, and supports our athletes through the provision of essentials like isotonic beverages throughout the event. With the help of our sport captains and participants, we are proud to announce that we have improved our standings in several events.

LAW NIGHT BIKE



The Law Night Bike is an annual event organized during the school year, where students come together to participate in a leisurely-paced overnight cycling session. As part of keeping things fresh, SMULA changes the route yearly, adding new pit-stops for supper and new games for bonding between the participants.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



RAJAH & TANN LAW BEACH GAMES



The Rajah & Tann Law Beach Games is a day out in the sun at Sentosa where students from NUS and SMU came together to participate in a variety of beach sports, capped at the end with a tug-o-war competition between the student representatives from both schools. We achieved both commendable participant turnout and feedback, as well as maintained a perfect safety record.



LAW OUTREACH CLUB

Inaugurated in 2013, the SMU Law Outreach Club aims to become the leading centre of excellence for legal community service projects for all students of SMU School of Law. The Club firmly believes that as future lawyers, it is our privilege to give back to the community that nurtured and developed us to becoming who we are today. The Club's aim is to empower SMU students to become socially responsible and proactive citizens, capable of demonstrating compassion, leadership and integrity in meeting the needs for the communities they live and work in.

The Club actively reaches out to various socio-legal stakeholders to source and negotiate meaningful pro bono and community service projects. To this end, the Club seeks opportunities for students to apply skills and knowledge learnt in law school to reach out and engage the community in a meaningful way.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



“THE ONGOING CONVERSATION” - DIALOGUE SESSION WITH MINISTER FOR LAW AND HOME AFFAIRS, MR K SHANMUGAM



In April 2016, the SMU Law Outreach Club organized its very first standalone dialogue session, “The Ongoing Conversation”. Minister for Law and Home Affairs, Mr K Shanmugam, was invited to speak about what lay in store for our nation’s future, as well as a discussion on the proposed changes to Singapore’s political system, namely the changes to the NCMP and Elected Presidency Scheme. It was an extremely fruitful event, which included a 90-minute expeditious question-and-answer session between Mr Shanmugam and the audience - made up of both junior college students and undergraduates alike from all across Singapore.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



GOLDEN YEARS PROJECT 2016



The Golden Years Project 2016 sought to promote legal awareness among the elderly through personal engagement, while simultaneously exposing incoming law students from both SMU and NUS to the relevance of the law in meeting society's needs. This year, the Club partnered up with Lions Befrienders, a local VWO that aims to provide friendship and care for seniors to age in place with community participation, enabling them to enjoy meaningful and enriching lives.

Participating freshmen were involved in three different activities with the elderly: house visits and cleaning, mass interaction and games, and legal talks on will-making.

LAW AWARENESS WEEK 2016



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



A collaboration between Law Society, Pro Bono Services Office, People's Association, Community Development Council, NUS and SMU, Law Awareness Week 2016 sought to promote legal awareness among the general public with talks covering a variety of topics from consumer protection law to end of life issues. Practising lawyers delivered presentations followed by question-and-answer sessions, with the presentations tailored to non-legally trained audiences, with "legal jargon" broken down into easy-to-understand elements.

Under 4 Committee Heads from SMU, Law Awareness Week Sub-Committee members took the lead to plan the Launch of Law Awareness Week @ CDC 2016 within 4 sub-committees, namely Publicity, Logistics, Volunteer Management, and Programme. Areas of assistance included collation and preparation of content, media engagement, publicity materials, volunteer recruitment, liaison with CDC and PA, actual event set-up, and hospitality.

MOOT PARLIAMENT PROGRAMME



The Moot Parliament Programme ("MPP") is organised by the Gifted Education Branch, Curriculum Planning and Development Division, Ministry of Education. This programme aims to:

- educate Secondary 3 and Secondary 4 SBGE/IP pupils on the Singapore model of democratic government, with particular focus on parliament as a legislative institution;
- enhance pupils' interest in parliamentary debates and legislation through developing their awareness of the democratic parliamentary process in action; and



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



- instil a sense of ownership and 'rootedness' to Singapore amongst gifted and highly able teenagers through experiential learning which would take the form of researching social and community issues, drafting legislation, and role-playing active leadership in moot parliament.

Students were taught to draft amendment bills, educated on various public policy issues, and subsequently made to debate the bills in moot parliament. The role of student mentors is to guide the students in embarking on their amendment bills, and to assist in necessary legal research that the participants may not have access to. If the team is selected for the final MPP Debates, the student mentor will assist in coaching the team and equipping them with necessary debate skills.

SLOC – TWC2 PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECT



Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2) is a non-profit organisation in Singapore dedicated to improving conditions for low-wage migrant workers. Spreading the word about migrant worker issues is key to TWC2's mission and having volunteers will help TWC2 achieve this important part of the work. A team of SMU students dedicated to the Public Education programme at TWC2 were specifically recruited so that this branch of TWC2's advocacy can expand and be more proactive in reaching out to the public. Under this project, student volunteers will first experience the workings of TWC2 by volunteering with their various initiatives, before carrying on their own public engagement sessions. The whole project will culminate in a final public education session that is planned and executed by the student volunteer team.



SUBSIDIARY CLUBS



YOUTH MENTORING WITH ISCOS PROGRAMME



In collaboration with Baker & McKenzie.Wong & Leow and ISCOS, the first-of-its-kind ISCOS mentoring program was launched. Students were paired together to serve as mentors to a teenager, who were children of ex-convicts under the ISCOS Mentoring Programme. Upon undergoing a mentor-training session, mentors kept in contact with their mentees throughout the year, providing guidance and an avenue of support for them. Through this, we hope to help the children of ex-offenders from low income families to acquire positive life skills through friendship and support from positive role models.





APPENDIX



The Bar Financial Statement AY 2016

Income Statement

Expenditure

Date	Ref	Item	Expenses	Revenue	Remarks
12.01.16	SOL16-01	The Bar AGM Refreshments	\$ 248.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) The Bar AGM
12.01.16	SOL16-02	Back to School Welfare Drive	\$ 1,204.60	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Back to School Welfare
12.01.16	SOL16-03	Handover Dinner for LOC	\$ 141.74	\$ -	LOC Expenditure (AY 2016) Handover Dinner
19.01.16	SOL16-04	Legal Resume Workshop Refreshments	\$ 23.15	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Legal Resume Workshop
26.01.16	SOL16-05A	SMULA LFG Training	\$ 174.60	\$ -	SMULA Expenditure (AY 2016) LFG Training
26.01.16	SOL16-06	The Bar Noticeboard	\$ 49.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Noticeboard materials
26.01.16	SOL16-07	The Bar Name cards	\$ 104.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Name Cards Printing
26.01.16	SOL16-08	The Bar Retreat Refreshments	\$ 18.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Retreat
28.01.16		Rajah & Tann Site Visit	\$ 385.20	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Rajah & Tann Site Visit
01.03.16	SOL-IN-1601	Midterm Welfare Drive	\$ 839.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Midterm Welfare
01.03.16	SOL16-09	The Bar Birthday Cards	\$ 16.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Birthday Cards Printing
01.03.16	SOL16-10	Printing of Sponsorship Booklets	\$ 180.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Sponsorship Booklets Printing
15.03.16	SOL16-12	Peer Mentoring Info Session Refreshments	\$ 43.60	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Peer Mentoring Scheme Info Session
15.03.16	SOL16-13	The Bar Website Host	\$ 102.72	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) The Bar Website Host
18.03.16	SOL16-14	SMULA Law Night Bike	\$ 250.00	\$ -	SMULA Expenditure (AY 2016) Law Night Bike
25.03.16	SOL16-16	The Bar End-Term Welfare Drive	\$ 1,782.80	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Endterm Welfare
31.03.16		Annual Clearing of Funds by SOL Office	\$ 15.06	\$ -	SOL Clearing of Funds
01.04.16	SAC16-01	Refreshments for CCLC Coffee Chats	\$ 69.00	\$ -	CCLC Expenditure (AY2016) Coffee Chats
08.04.16	SAC16-02	Exam Breakfast Welfare	\$ 276.25	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Exam Breakfast Welfare
29.04.16	SOL16-18	Life as a Trainee Talk	\$ 386.20	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Life as a Trainee Talk
29.04.16	SOL16-19	LOC Ongoing Conversation	\$ 148.52	\$ -	LOC Expenditure (AY2016) Ongoing Conversation
13.06.16	SAC16-03	Noticeboard Pictures	\$ 4.80	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Marketing
28.06.16	LN01 - 14	Law Camp 2016 Total Expenditure	\$ 8,866.74	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Law Camp

Date	Ref	Item	Expenses	Revenue	Remarks
27.07.16		Printing of Law School T-Shirts	\$ 1,244.80	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Marketing
28.07.16	SAC16-04	LOC Golden Years Project	\$ 186.85	\$ -	LOC Expenditure (AY2016) Golden Years Project
25.08.16	SOL(LN)02	Law Night 2016	\$ 5,192.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Law Night
27.08.16	LG01 - 04	Law Graduation Night 2016	\$ 1,411.80	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Law Graduation Night
10.09.16	SAC16-11	ISABEL Day	\$ 712.72	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) ISABEL Day
25.08.16	SAC16-05	Back-to-school welfare	\$ 1,141.07	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Back-to-School Welfare
08.09.16	SAC16-06	CCJC Coffee Chats	\$ 320.00	\$ -	CCJC Expenditure (AY2016) Coffee Chats
23.09.16	SAC16-07	CCLC Coco Week	\$ 514.62	\$ -	CCLC Expenditure (AY2016) Coco Week
23.09.16	SAC16-08	Bar Day 2016	\$ 2,927.59	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Bar Day
30.09.16	SAC16-09	CCLC Copyright Amendment Symposium	\$ 248.61	\$ -	CCLC Expenditure (AY2016) Copyright Amendment Symposium
30.09.16	SAC16-10	CCJC Death Penalty Talk	\$ 340.07	\$ -	CCJC Expenditure (AY2016) Death Penalty Talk
21.10.16	SAC16-12	R&T Thumbdrives	\$ 850.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) R&T Sponsorship Requirements
25.10.16	SAC16-13	Internal Elections Food	\$ 136.17	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Internal Elections
25.10.16	SAC16-16	R&T Dialogue	\$ 808.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) R&T Dialogue
11.11.16	SAC16-17	Professor Appreciation Day	\$ 896.69	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Professor Appreciation Day
11.11.16	SAC16-18	End Term Welfare	\$ 2,701.00	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) End Term Welfare
30.11.16	SAC16-19	Exam Welfare	\$ 732.74	\$ -	The 9th MC Bar Expenditure (AY2016) Exam Welfare
17.12.16	SAC16-20	SMULA Handover Dinner	\$ 98.60	\$ -	SMULA Expenditure (AY 2016) Handover Dinner
Subtotal			\$ 35,792.31		

Income

Date	Ref	Item	Expenses	Revenue	Remarks
01.04.16		SOL Office Injection for LLB Students	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	SOL Injection of Funds
01.04.16		SOL Office Injection for Law Graduation Night	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	SOL Contribution to Graduation Night
20.05.16		Baker & McKenzie Law Camp 2016 Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	The 9th MC Bar Sponsorship (AY2016) Law Camp
20.05.16		Injection from SAC	\$ -	\$ 3,084.00	SAC AY2016 Term 1 Injection
20.05.16		Shook Lin & Bok 2016 Sponsorship for Law Night	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	The 9th MC Bar Sponsorship (AY2016) Law Night
30.06.16		OSL Subsidy for Law Camp 2016	\$ -	\$ 780.00	The 9th MC Bar Subsidy (AY2016) Law Camp OSL Subsidy
08.07.16		Rajah & Tann Sponsorship for 2016	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	The 9th MC Bar Sponsorship (AY2016) Annual Sponsorship
24.08.16		Law Camp 2016 Ticket Sales	\$ -	\$ 7,727.10	The 9th MC Bar Income (AY2016) Law Camp 2016
05.09.16		Law Night 2016 Ticket Sales	\$ -	\$ 887.85	The 9th MC Bar Income (AY2016) Law Night 2016
22.10.16		Law Grad Night Ticket Sales	\$ -	\$ 775.70	The 9th MC Bar Income (AY2016) Law Grad Night 2016
22.10.16		The Bar Summer Merchandise Sale	\$ -	\$ 1,308.41	The 9th MC Bar Income (AY2016) Merchandise Sale
31.10.16		OSL Subsidy for 9th MC Retreat	\$ -	\$ 560.00	The 9th MC Bar Subsidy (AY2016) OSL Subsidy
		Injection from SAC	\$ -	\$ 3,154.00	SAC AY2016 Term 2 Injection
		SAL Law Camp 2016 Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	The 9th MC Bar Sponsorship (AY2016) Law Camp
Subtotal				\$ 39,277.06	

End: \$ 35,792.31 \$ 39,277.06

Balance: \$ 3,484.75