



VU DICTUM SOCIETY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Department & Presenter	Dictum Society President - Mei Lole
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ITEM
<p>Planning for the remainder of the year 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at the Dictum calendar to finish of the rest of the year - Dictum Law Ball now in process
<p>2022 VU Dictum Society Annual General Meeting Report</p> <p>We started off the year with a full committee on the 1 Dec 2021. Since then, we saw two committee members resign, one committee member was let go & one committee member / position holder graduated. We interviewed officers to assist the current committee and to provide a learning opportunity.</p> <p>In July we also held an SGM to fill the current vacant positions within the committee. As of the 31 July 2022, we then had a full committee once again and opened the new positions within the committee for nominations.</p> <p>The purpose for the two new positions within the committee is to bridge the gap between all Law & Justice students. We interviewed candidates for the roles and selected the most suitable people to lead as our Migration & Criminology Officers/Co-ordinators.</p>

Position	Titles & Names
2021/22 Dictum Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Mei Lole • Vice President: Harjit Singh Mahindroo (Harry) • Secretary: Joseph Hafoka • Treasurer: Samuel Mander
2021/22 Dictum General Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Activities: Claudia Mytnik-Bondin • Director of Careers: Matthew Keath • Director of Competitions: Karlee McCulloch • Director of Education: Alison Brown De Moreno • Director of Equity: Cassandra Morton • Director of Publications: Malaika Nambiar
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer of Migration: Calvin Sham • Officer of Criminology: Rhiannon Stoneman
2021/22 Dictum officers / Assistants	Jodi Proudman, Vincent Le, Katarina Trayvilla, Marcela Zamora, Nikita Sosnik, Agamalu Tagaloa, Eden Kloester & Ossama Kanjo

Here's some information and some things that I'm proud of this year:

- Total current members: around 200
- We continued to keep our VIP membership prices at \$15 and General membership at \$10

AGM Outcome for 2022/23 Committee is to be determined at the AGM meeting

- Should there be any vacant positions a special general meeting will be held in Jan 2023 to fill up the roles.

Dictum Yearly fulfilments and portfolio's

- Below is a breakdown of events, programs, and activities that Dictum have completed;

Committee	Events	
Education	One Legal drafting workshop	10+ student mentors and 10+ student mentees are in the peer mentoring program for 2022

	One Exam prep session	And more...
Publications	4 Obiter issues (Final issue is upcoming)	Issue 4 is due to be released in the next week or so.
Careers	Published a Careers Guide in collaboration with VU alumni, VU employ, legal professionals, and students.	2 PLT info sessions with sponsors Leo Cussen and College of Law
	Careers Guide Launch Session Alternative Careers Panel	Assisted in the Second Year Transition event and more
Competitions	Junior moot competition	Negotiations competition
	Criminal law moot (tbc)	Mooting information sessions and moot demonstration during VU Open Day and more
Activities	One movie and games night	Law week BBQ
	Assisting with the Law Ball	
Equity	R U OK Day Awareness (Video)	International women's day panel
	Wear it Purple day	Rosh Hashanah Day & Diwali Day
President Mei	Managing and creating social media promotions and more	Organising and preparing the Annual Law ball with the assistance of the Director of Activities
	Managing and creating YouTube content	Organised Combined PLT with the 2 providers (Leo & College)
	Managing updates to all Dictum members via email	Organised the 3-in-1 event (free photoshoot and BBQ) & County Court Seminar

	Migration Online seminar with panellists	Organised a Q&A seminar session with College of Law & Justice Academics for ALL Law & Justice students
	Assisted in the Second Year Transition event	Organised the program for the moot demonstration during VU Open Day and more...

Other goals achieved:

1. Maintained strong relations with the law, criminology, and migration faculty
2. Added Migration & Criminology officers to the team
3. Attended all faculty meetings
4. Sponsors: 4 big sponsors.
5. Strong relations with law societies in Vic and Australia and formed proper networks for Dictum
6. Created the Dictum Covid Safe Plan in collab with VIC university plans
7. Event collabs with VUSU
8. Added officers to the team
- 9. Migration Officer hosted an in-person excursion**
10. Provided round the clock assistance and support to all members and directors of the committee
11. Provided strong administration and service to all who are associated with Dictum
12. Created a positive relationship with VU alumni dept, VU future students dept, legal placements co-ordinator
13. Attended orientation events and hosted Dictum stalls at most VU events
14. Maintained relationship with Law institute of Vic
15. Maintained relationship with VUSU (Victoria University Student Union)
16. Maintained relationships with current Dictum Members
17. Promoted resources for law students
18. Dictum merch made available (included t shirts, beanies and other goodies)
19. Releasing VU law hoodies soon (awaiting on sponsor's confirmation)
20. The Law Ball set to happen on 26 Nov 2022.

Thank you for all your assistance this year. I have loved meeting and working together with everyone, it has been an absolute pleasure and I look forward to what 2023 has in store.

Yours truly,

Mei Lole

(President (2021/22))