Public

USU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 30 October 2025
Time: 11:00 – 11.30am
Location: Cullen Room

Committee Members	Position	Attendance
Phan Vu (PV)	Chair and President	Present
Georgia Zhang (GZ)	Vice President	Present – online
James Dwyer (JD)	Honorary Treasurer	Present
Ethan Floyd (EF)	Honorary Secretary	Present - online
Shirley Zhang (SZ)	Director	Absent
Michelle Choy (MC)	Director	Present - online
Sally Liu (SL)	Director	Present
Noah Rancan (NR)	Director	Present
Annika Wang (AWa)	Director	Present
Layla Wang (LW)	Director	Present - online
Archie Wolifson (AWo)	Director	Present
Michael Bromley (MB)	Senate Appointed Director	Apologies in advance
Tiffany Donnelly (TD)	Senate Appointed Director	Present
Bryson Constable (BC)	Immediate Past President	Present

USU Staff	Position	In Attendance
Janina Jancu (JJ)	CEO	Present
Jane Coles (JC)	Director of Marketing	Present
Nicole De Freitas (NdF)	Director of People and Culture	Present
Steven Moore (SM)	Director of Operations	Present
Michelle Liang (ML)	Senior Manager Finance	Present
Laura Camilletti (LC)	Governance Officer	Apologies in advance

1. Opening and Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting was opened at 11.00am.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies in advance noted above.

3. Disclosure of Interest

Board Director Annika Wang declared the following new interests:

- Undergraduate Student Representative on Faculty of Science Academic Board
- Termination of her employment as a Paralegal at Nexus Hospitals Corporate Office
- Commencement as a Paralegal at ??

Board Director Layla Wang advised that she was now the Immediate Past President of the Sydney Arts Students Society.

4. Previous minutes and actions arising

4.1 The Board approved the meeting minutes of the 25 September 2025 meeting.

Honi Soit entered the meeting.

5. Executive Reports

5.1 Honorary Secretary Report

EF updated that 12 new club applications and 16 appeals were reviewed by the Clubs & Societies (C&S) Committee. The C&S Awards night was a great success with double the number of attendees as last year. He advised that Pulp Issue 24 is now on shelves.

5.2 Honorary Treasurer Report

JD spoke to the financial results, noting that these were driven by savings in operations.

5.3 Vice President Report

GZ noted reports from Committees in the pack. She updated that the Student Safety Conference Committee has set a date of 13 February 2026 for the conference and venue/speakers are being finalised.

5.4 President Report

PV advised that USU Ltd had been registered as a charity by the ACNC and that at a recent University Executive meeting there had been general approval for the incorporation of USU. One issue was raised which is the subject of current discussion which is hoped will be resolved. She noted the success of this years' USU SSAF Contestable applications with $1.95m in guaranteed funding and a possible further $400k available post Census Date S1 if student numbers meet university expectations. She thanked management for their work.

She advised that leadership changes have now taken effect on the Debating Committee and thanked outgoing executive.

Unfortunately Glitter Gala had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and management will be looking at what a more successful and engaging format for this event looks like. By contrast the Manning Night Markets, funded by SSAF Contestable funds were a huge success.

She advised that the Board had approved the adoption of the Organisational Voice of the USU on Issuing Statements about Public Matters as the formal governance framework for determining when and how the USU issues public statements and that this statement would be published for members.

She indicated that approval had been obtained from nominees or their families for the naming of rooms and buildings in honour of their contribution to the USU and the university. Applications will be forwarded to the university for formal adoption of USU's naming proposals.

She thanked management for all their work over the past months and wished all Board members good luck with exams.

All Executive Reports were noted.

6. Portfolio Updates

The Board noted the updates from the following Portfolio Holders:

Archie Wolifson – Colleges & Residential Accommodations Portfolio Holder
Drink spiking seems to be on the rise again with concerns being raised by members of the college community. Management advised that Spiking Test Kits would be available at this week's ScreamFest and support would be provided by Red Frog. More work will be done via the Liquor Accord to make colleges aware of the support services that are available to students.
As part of our Colleges Strategy to be presented next week we will make colleges aware of our Rewards program and the venues that we can offer for events outside of college.

Layla Wang – Equity Portfolio and Environmental Portfolio
A draft ESG guide for Clubs & Societies is being prepared and will be ready before November's Board meeting. Some recommended improvements include Welfare Officers at Club events, especially camps and a guide to how Clubs can apply for sustainability grants. We are also preparing a Sustainability Checklist for Clubs to complete after their AGMs each year.

Annika Wang – Disability, International Student, Queer and Wom*n's Portfolio Holder
Wom*n's – commemoration of wom*n in Manning work is progressing
Queer – disappointing that Glitter Ball was cancelled
Disability – meeting cancelled because of Manning lift issues – rescheduled to 14 November
International – looking forward to delivering events for Lunar New Year

Ethan Floyd – First Nations Portfolio
No updates to report this month

Sally Liu – Ethnocultural Portfolio
No updates to report this month

7. Open Question Time

Honi Soit opened question time, the following points were raised and noted:

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 11.30am.