



NOTICE OF ELECTION USU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As CEO of the University of Sydney Union, I hereby provide Notice of the **2026 Election of Directors to the Board of the University of Sydney Union (USU)**. This Notice is published pursuant to section 8.2.4 of the USU Regulations.

NOMINATIONS TO OPEN FOR ELECTION TO THE USU BOARD

The USU is seeking nominations for **five (5) Directors** to be elected to the Board of Directors for the period **1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028**.

The number of Directors to be elected may change before the close of voting at the direction of the Returning Officer if required due to governance requirements under the USU Constitution.

- Nominations Open: **9:00am (AEST) Tuesday 7 April 2026**
- Nominations Close: **5:00pm (AEST) Monday 20 April 2026**

2026 TRANSITIONAL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The USU is currently finalising the transition from its unincorporated state to an incorporated entity (USU Ltd). For the avoidance of doubt, the 2026 USU election is being conducted under the Constitution, Regulations and other governing documents of the current unincorporated USU.

As part of this transition, the Board of USU Ltd has resolved that, for the purposes of Part E of the USU Ltd Constitution, the outcome of this election will also satisfy the 2026 election requirements for directors of USU Ltd.

As a result, candidates successfully elected in the 2026 USU Board Election shall, subject to their consent and eligibility, hold office as directors of the unincorporated USU in accordance with the current USU governing documents and, from 1 July 2026, will also hold office as directors of USU Ltd in accordance with its Constitution, until the winding up of the unincorporated USU is completed

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

Only **Ordinary and Life Members of the USU** may be nominated for the position of Director.

To nominate, you must:

1. Complete and submit the online nomination form at www.usu.edu.au/elections, including:
 - a recent passport-style photograph (face only)
 - a list of any positions held in the USU, Clubs and Societies, and the University, specifying the nominee's position and period of service
 - a statement in support of your candidature (maximum 200 words)
2. Be nominated by at least **two current USU members**, excluding current USU Board Directors and USU staff
3. Complete a **signed Statutory Declaration**, available at www.usu.edu.au/elections

Please note: No USU member may nominate more than **five candidates**. All nominations will be published on the USU website as received, subject to word limits. By nominating, you consent to the publication of your submitted nomination.

DATES OF THE ELECTION

If more than five nominations are received, an election will be held.

- Voting Opens: **9:00am (AEST) Monday 18 May 2026**
- Voting Closes: **5:00pm (AEST) Friday 22 May 2026**

CAMPAIGNING DATES

Social media campaigning and in-person campaigning may begin from **8:00am (AEST) Saturday 9 May 2026**

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

All **Ordinary and Life Members of the USU recorded on the electoral roll** are eligible to vote.

The **electoral roll will close at 4:00pm (AEST) Friday 15 May 2026.**

Only persons who are members of the USU **at the time the electoral roll closes** will be eligible to vote in the 2026 election.

Members admitted after the close of the electoral roll will **not be eligible to vote in this election.**

Members may join the USU by visiting: www.usu.edu.au/join

CONDUCT OF THE USU ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Article 10 of the USU Constitution and Part 8 of the USU Regulations govern the conduct of the Annual USU Elections. Copies may be obtained from the USU website at: www.usu.edu.au/about/governance.

Pursuant to **Article 10.2(b)** of the Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be elected by a **quota-preferential method of representation**. Pursuant to **Article 10.2(c)** of the Constitution, amongst those elected this year, **at least two (2) must be women-identifying or gender diverse**.

If you have any questions, please contact Electoral Officer **Helena Millard** at h.millard@usu.edu.au.



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Chief Executive Officer

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