



## PUBLIC

### CONFIRMED Board MINUTES of The University of Sydney Union held at 1.07PM on Friday 26 May 2023

#### PRESENT

Cole Scott-Curwood (President, Director)	David Wright (Senate-Appointed Director),
Telita Goile (Vice President, Director)	Isla Mowbray (Honorary Secretary, Director)
Alexander Poirier (Director)	Nicholas Dower (Director)
Nazanin Sharifi (Director), left at 2.40pm	David Zhu (Honorary Treasury, Director)
Madhullikaa Singh (Director)	Nick Comino (Director) Via Zoom
Onor Nottle (Director)	

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Mills (CEO)  
Carole McElligott (Asst. Board Secretary/Governance Coordinator)  
Jess Reed (COO), arrived at 2.00pm  
Margaret Champley (Senior Finance Manager), arrived at 3.15pm

#### **Guests:**

Greg Robinson, Chief Structural Officer, Building and Construction, UI, arrived at 2.10pm via Zoom  
Incoming Board: Bryson Constable, Julia Lim, Grace Porter, Sargon Saluja – arrived at 3.10pm  
Katarina Butler, Honi Soit – arrived at 3.10pm

#### **1. Opening**

##### **1.1. Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country**

The meeting opened 1:08pm.  
The President made an acknowledgement to Country.

##### **1.2. Apologies and Leaves of Absence**

The Board **NOTED** attendance as follows:

Present: Cole Scott-Curwood, Telita Goile, Isla Mowbray, Nicholas Dower, Nazanin Sharifi, Alexander Poirier, David Zhu, Madhullikaa Singh, David Wright, Nick Comino, Onor Nottle.

**Absent:** Yining (Du) Du. **Apologies:** Alyssa White, Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

## 2. Conflicts of Interest

Alyssa White – Senate-Appointed Director, SUSF Nominations Committee, effective 1 May, 2023.  
Cole Scott-Curwood – no longer a visiting scholar at Macquarie University.

**The reason to move into camera is to discuss confidential, tenancies and WHS matters.**

### In Camera Resolutions

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RESOLUTION		RB#23/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors move 'in camera'.		
Proposed: Naz Sharifi	Seconded: Isla Mowbray	Carried

#### 3.1

RESOLUTION		RB#24/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approved the confidential minutes of the previous meeting, 28 April. Please note slight amendment – change from “we now have a new investment policy” to >> “we are operationalizing the investment policy”.		
Proposed: Telita Goile	Seconded: Isla Mowbray	Carried

RESOLUTION		RB#25/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approved en bloc: <b>Recommendation 1:</b> The Board affirms the criticality of director duties prescribed in the USU Regulations and Directors’ Duty Statements and insists on adherence. <b>Recommendation 4:</b> That a panel comprising an external member of the P&C Committee, an uninvolved Head of Department, and the Vice President consider making recommendations in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarifying/improving procedures/processes around alleged director misconduct,</li><li>• Mitigating the risk of the confidential status of information being unclear; and</li><li>• Any recommendations for potential further action per cl 2.7 of the USU Regulations.</li></ul> That this panel’s recommendations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governance procedures and processes go to Governance Committee for their consideration and</li></ul>		

- Potential further action go to P&C Committee for their consideration.

<b>Proposed: Cole Scott-Curwood</b>	<b>Seconded: Onor Nottle</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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<b>RESOLUTION</b>		<b>RB#26/23</b>
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It was RESOLVED that the President hand over the Chair to the Vice President.

Proposed: Cole Scott Curwood	Seconded: Onor Nottle	Carried
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<b>RESOLUTION</b>		<b>RB#27/23</b>
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It was RESOLVED that the Vice President hand back the Chair to the President.

Proposed: Naz Sharifi	Seconded: David Zhu	Carried
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### Public Business – out of Camera session

<b>RESOLUTION</b>		<b>UIN - RB#28/23</b>
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It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors move ‘out of camera’.

Proposed: Telita Goile	Seconded: Nazanin Sharfi	Carried
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## 10 Meeting Administration (Out of Camera)

### 10.1 Meeting of the Previous Board Meeting (Public)

<b>RESOLUTION</b>		<b>UIN - RB#29/23</b>
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It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approved the PUBLIC minutes of the Previous meeting, 28 April. Please note slight amendment – change from “we now have a new investment policy” to >> “we are operationalizing the investment policy”.

Proposed: Alexander Poirier	Seconded: Nazanin Sharifi	Carried
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### 10.2 Endorsement of Circular Resolutions

Nil

## 11 Motions on Notice /Matters for Discussion

Nil

### 11.1 Food Security Initiatives

No further update.

**11.2 Special Resolution regarding confidentiality matter**

Proposed Resolution

Lapsed

**12 CEO Report – Strategic, Governance & Operational updates**

Noted

**13 Finance Reports and Recommendations**

**13.1 Board Finance Report**

The Board noted that can accruals on operating expenses carry through to the following month. Despite the swing in the May Financial Report, the Q1 reforecast is accurate. Management will prepare a Q2 forecast for review by the Finance committee and Board in July. The Board also noted that the Purchas Order policy will be reviewed. Finance team to report on placing order liabilities with external suppliers in the June Ordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION	UIN - RB#30/23	
Board RESOLVED to approve that the Board notes for two Commonwealth Bank accounts to remove 3 old signatories being Sandra Hardy, Andrew Woodward and Rebecca Sahni and appoint 2 new signatories being Yucong (Steven) Wang, Senior Finance Manager and Jessica Reed, Chief Operating Officer, and authorize the President and the Honorary Treasurer to sign the resolution.		
Proposed: Telita Goile	Seconded: Nazanin Sharifi	Carried

The USU’s method of operation is 2 signatures in support of UIN – RB#30/23.

**2022 – 2023**

President Name: Cole Scott-Curwood                      Signature.....

Honorary Treasurer: David Zhu                              Signature.....

**2023 – 2024**

President Name: Nazanin Sharifi                              Signature.....

Honorary Treasurer: Nicholas Dower                      Signature.....

**13.2 USU Compliance Report**

Noted

**13.3 Finance Dashboard**

Noted

## **14 GROWTH**

## **15 CHANGE**

## **16 RISK**

The above items were discussed at the previous Board Meeting in April.

## **17 Exec Reports**

### **17.1 Report of the Hon. Secretary**

The Board NOTED the Hon. Secretary's report as taken as read.

Isla congratulated the student reviews on their performance and noted that it was disappointing that Faculty reviews were not taking place in Semester 2 and noted the good food initiatives. She also noted that Honi Soit won the Basketball tournament with USU this year.

The Board noted that the new Board directors will need to be transitioned onto the committee working parties.

### **17.2 Report of the Hon. Treasurer**

The Board NOTED the Hon. Treasurer's report as taken as read.

David noted that it was a transitional time for the organisation and the new Board will need to ensure financial reporting capability.

### **17.3 Report of the Vice President**

The Board NOTED the Vice President's report as taken as read.

### **17.4 Report of the President**

The Board NOTED the President's report as taken as read.

Cole responded to online media outlets that USU is committed to supporting student welfare, diversity, and inclusion on the provision in USU buildings of free period products in all bathrooms, including male, female and unisex.

Cole noted that USU is addressing the cost-of-living crises with cheap meals, ie \$6 meals after 6pm and other initiatives. Additional support includes a workshop on 'successfully navigating tenancy bureaucracy' being planned by, USU, SRC and SUPRA.

## **18 Other Business**

### **18.1 Reports of Portfolio Holders – Verbal updates**

International Students: Madhu noted that a Symposium and Art Exhibition are in development with SUPRA and how the International Students can be best supported by the University.

Naz noted that the C&S storage cages can now be accessed.

Disability: Alex noted that he will submit a DAP first draft to the Board.

Queer: Alex noted that in week 12 1,000 copies of Hon Soit were taken from their stand and put in bins.

Cole noted that he had presented the RAP to HODS and MODS strategy today and it will be circulated to staff.

## **19 Open Question Time**

Student Media asked about where and when the upskilling workshops will be scheduled. It was noted that workshop on 'successfully navigating tenancy bureaucracy' is being planned by USU, SRC and SUPRA in early August in weeks 1 or 2. An additional workshop is in development for purchasing and cooking food on a student budget.

## **20 Next Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Next meeting of the Board of Directors, Friday 30 June, 1pm – 3pm, Cullen Room

## **21 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 3.34pm.