



NOTICE OF BALLOT

USU BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2026 ELECTIONS

USU Members,

The University of Sydney Union (USU) will hold its **2026 Board Elections in May** to elect student Directors to the USU Board. This is your opportunity to have a say in the future direction of USU and student life on campus.

WHAT IS THE USU?

The University of Sydney Union (USU) is the University's student association – run by students for students.

Founded in **1874**, the USU supports campus life through:

- over **200 clubs and societies**
- major student events such as **Welcome Fest**
- food and beverage outlets across campus
- programs and services that support the student experience.

All income generated by the USU is reinvested for the benefit of current and future students.

2026 USU BOARD ELECTIONS

The USU Board currently consists of:

- **11 student Directors elected by USU members,**
- **2 Directors appointed by the University Senate,** and
- **Immediate Past President**

The 2026 election will elect **five (5) student Directors** to the Board.

The number of Directors to be elected may change before the close of voting if required due to governance requirements, as determined by the Returning Officer.

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

KEY DATES

Electoral roll closes - 4:00pm (AEST) Friday **15 May 2026**

Voting Opens - **9:00am (AEST) Monday 18 May 2026**

Voting Closes - **5:00pm (AEST) Friday 22 May 2026**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Voting is simple.

Step 1 – Be a USU Member

Only USU members are eligible to vote.

To vote in the 2026 election you must be a **member of the USU before the electoral roll closes at 4:00pm Friday 15 May 2026.**

Membership is free and you can join online at:

<https://usu.edu.au/join>

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

Step 2 – Cast Your Vote

When voting opens, all eligible members will receive a **unique voting link via email.**

Simply follow the link and complete your vote before **5:00pm Friday 22 May 2026.**

More information about candidates and their policy statements can be found at:

<https://usu.edu.au/elections>

VOTING INTEGRITY

Each member may vote once only.

Your voting link is personal and must not be shared with another person.

Candidates or campaigners must not:

- request access to your voting link
- attempt to vote on your behalf
- harass or intimidate you regarding your vote.

If you believe the election regulations have been breached, please report the matter to the Returning Officer.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

USU elections are an important part of student governance and help shape the future of student life at the University of Sydney.

Your vote helps ensure the USU continues to represent and support the student community.

For more information about the election visit:

<https://usu.edu.au/elections>



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