



PUBLIC MINUTES

USYD STUDENT UNION LTD
ABN 73 818 179 759

Minutes of Meeting of Directors held on: Thursday 26 February 2026

Location: Cullen Room and online via Zoom

Chairperson: Phan Vu

Meeting opened: 10.02am

Meeting closed: 12:59pm

Present - Board of Directors

Phan Vu (PV)
Shirley Zhang (SZ)
Michelle Choy (MC)
Noah Rancan (NR)
Layla Wang (LW)
Annika Wang (Awa)
Archie Wolifson (AWo)
Michael Bromley (MB)
Tiffany Donnelly (TD)
Bryson Constable (BC)

President, Chair
Honorary Secretary
Director
Director
Director (from Item 4)
Director (joined online)
Director
Senate Appointed Director
Senate Appointed Director
Immediate Past President

USU Staff

Janina Jancu (JJ)
Jane Coles (JC)
Peita Lane (PL)
Steven Moore (SM)
Tania Maiolo (TM)
Helena Millard (HM)

Chief Executive Officer
Director of Marketing
Director of People and Culture
Director of Operations
Director of Finance
Company Secretary

Apologies

Georgia Zhang (GZ)
James Dwyer (JD)

Vice President (with proxy)
Honorary Treasurer

- 1. Opening and Acknowledgement of Country:** The Chair opened the meeting at 10:02am and acknowledged Country.
- 2. Apologies and Leave of Absences:** Apologies received in advance were noted. The Board noted the proxy arrangement from James Dwyer to Layla Wang.
Moved: MC; Seconded: AW
- 3. Disclosure of Interest:** No new interest disclosed.
- 4. Previous minutes and actions arising:** The Board approved the previous confidential minutes of meeting held on 27 November 2025 and discussed the actions arising.
Moved: MC, Seconded: SL

5. Executive Reports

5.1 Honorary Secretary Report: There were no further updates.

5.2 Honorary Treasurer Report: There were no further updates.

5.3 Vice President Report:

- Student Safety Conference had more than 100 registrations
- Proposed election regulation changes to be finalised by early March.

5.4 President Report

- The Chair welcomed Charlotte Long; noted Ethan Floyd's resignation and thanked him.
- Shirley Zhang was elected Honorary Secretary.
- Incorporation update provided: SGM notice, member updates, and FAQs to be issued. Constructive engagement with university acknowledged; SLT thanked.
- 2026 election calendar updated to align with incorporation; January - February highlighted as busy period with ongoing University engagement. Directors thanked for participating in membership orientations.

Moved: PV; Seconded: LW

6. Verbal portfolio Updates

The Board noted the updates from the following Portfolio Holders:

Archie Wolifson – Colleges & Residential Accommodations Portfolio Holder

The report was taken as read.

Layla Wang – Equity Portfolio and Environmental Portfolio

It was noted that work had been undertaken with Jane Coles and Justin Isip to publish a Low-Cost Accommodation List on the USU website within the Student Savers section. The list provides resources to assist students in identifying affordable rental options near campus.

Annika Wang – Disability, International Student, Queer and Wom*n's Portfolio Holder

There were no further updates.

Sally Liu – Ethnocultural Portfolio

There were no further updates.

Moved: NR; Seconded: SL

7. Any Other Business

Nil.

8. Open Question Time

Q1. The SRC has raised concerns about racism in relation to partnerships. Has the Board considered this and what is your response?

The Board has considered the matter carefully, including discussion at the current meeting. While recognising that students on campus may hold differing political views, the Board's responsibility is to make decisions through a consistent governance process. Participation in Welcome Fest does not constitute a blanket endorsement of a partner, and the Board noted that the Partnerships Policy is operating as intended.

Q2: How does the Board balance decisions about partnerships?

The Board aims to ensure variety and choice for students. When considering partnerships, USU follows a rigorous process that includes assessing risks and governance requirements to ensure an appropriate balance is maintained.

Q3: Once incorporation is completed, what will change for students day-to-day?

The transition has been designed to be seamless for students, with minimal day-to-day impact. There will be a membership transition period where members will need to provide consent as part of a legal process, but membership benefits and student experiences are expected to remain the same.

Q4: Following Ethan Floyd's resignation, will Shirley Zhang be acting in the role for two months?

The current term concludes on 30 June.

9. **Next Meeting/Close:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26 March from 10am – 12:30pm.