

Confidential

USU Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held: 26 February 2026

Time: 10.00 – 12.30pm

Location: Cullen Room and via zoom

Committee Members	Position	Attendance
Phan Vu (PV)	Chair and President	Present – in person
Georgia Zhang (GZ)	Vice President	Apology – with proxy
James Dwyer (JD)	Honorary Treasurer	Apology
Shirley Zhang (SZ)	Honorary Secretary	Present – in person
Michelle Choy (MC)	Director	Present – in person
Sally Liu (SL)	Director	Present – in person
Noah Rancan (NR)	Director	Present – in person
Annika Wang (AWa)	Director	Present - online
Layla Wang (LW)	Director	Present – in person (from item 4)
Archie Wolifson (AWo)	Director	Present – in person
Michael Bromley (MB)	Senate Appointed Director	Present – in person
Tiffany Donnelly (TD)	Senate Appointed Director	Present – in person
Bryson Constable (BC)	Immediate Past President	Present – in person

USU Staff	Position	In Attendance
Janina Jancu (JJ)	CEO	Present – in person

Jane Coles (JC)	Director of Marketing	Present – in person
Peita Lane (PL)	Director of People and Culture	Present – in person
Steven Moore (SM)	Director of Operations	Present – in person
Tania Maiolo (TM)	Director of Finance	Present – in person
Helena Millard (HM)	Governance Officer	Present – in person
Simone Whetton (SW)	Returning Officer	Present – online (for items 3 & 4)

1. Opening and Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting started at 10.02am.

2. Attendance and Apologies

- Apologies received in advance were noted.
- The Board noted the proxy arrangement from James Dwyer to Layla Wang; however, Layla was not present at the meeting.

Moved: MC; Seconded: AW

3. Disclosure of Interest

There were no conflicts to disclose.

4. Previous minutes and actions arising

4.1 The Board approved the previous confidential minutes of meeting held on 27 November 2025.

Moved: MC; Seconded: SL

4.2 The Board discussed the actions arising.

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 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: LW; Seconded: NR.

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

There was no other business.

8. Open Question Time

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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 meeting is scheduled for 26 March.

Meeting closed at 12.59pm.