

PUBLIC

MEETING: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON: Friday 8 December 2023

TIME: 1:00 to 3:00pm

LOCATION: Cullen Room or Online via Zoom:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nazanin (Naz) Sharifi	President, Chair
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Madhullikaa (Madhu) Singh	Vice President
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Nicholas (Nick) Dower	Honorary Treasurer
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Onor Nottle	Honorary Secretary
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Bryson Constable	Director
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Benjamin (Ben) Hines	Director
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Julia Lim	Director
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Grace Porter	Director
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Sargun Saluja	Director
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Grace Wallman	Director
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Alexander (Alex) Poirier	Director
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David Wright	Senate-Appointed Director
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Alyssa White	Senate-Appointed Director
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Cole Scott-Curwood	Immediate Past President
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USU STAFF

Andrew Mills	Chief Executive Officer & Board Secretary
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Michelle Tonge	CFO/Director of Corporate Services
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Carole McElligott	Governance Coordinator/Asst. Board Secretary
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GUESTS

1. Opening

1.1. Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country

The meeting opened 1:05pm.

The President made an acknowledgement to Country.

1.2. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

The Board **NOTED** attendance as follows:

Present: Nazanin Sharifi, Grace Porter, Grace Wallman, Alexander Poirier – arrived at 1.10pm, Benjamin Hines, Julia Lim

Online attendance: Nicholas Dower, Sargun Saluja – arrived 2.05pm, Cole Scott-Curwood, Madhullikaa Singh, Bryson Constable.

Apology: David Wright, Alyssa White, Onor Nottle

RESOLUTION		RB#82/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors moved the apologies and leave of absence		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Grace Wallman	Carried

2. Conflicts of Interest

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

RESOLUTION		RB#83/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors move 'in camera'.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Julia Lim	Carried

RESOLUTION		RB#84/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approved the CONFIDENTIAL minutes of the previous Board Meeting, 24 November 2023, subject to the minor amendments made by Alexander Poirier and Grace Wallman.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Grace Wallman	Carried

RESOLUTION		RB#85/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the 2024 budget outlined in this pack, noting the Finance Committee has endorsed it.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Alexander Poirier	Carried

Public Business – out of Camera session

7 Meeting Administration (Out of Camera)

RESOLUTION		RB#86/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors move ‘out of camera’.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Grace Wallman	Carried

7.1 Meeting of the Previous Board Meeting (Public)

RESOLUTION		RB#87//23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the PUBLIC minutes of the Board Meeting, 24 November 2023, subject to the minor amendments made by Alexander Poirier and Grace Wallman.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Grace Porter	Carried

7.2 Review Public Action Item from Out of Camera Session.

Actions Arising from This Meeting – refer attached.

Noted

8 Motions on Notice /Matters for Decision / Matters for Noting.

8.1 Matters for Decision

8.1.1 2024 Draft Calendar of Board and Committee Meetings.

RESOLUTION		RB#88/23
It was RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approved the Semester 1, 2024 Calendar for USU Board and Committees effective 1 Jan 2024 for communication to the committee members and USU staff.		
Proposed: Nazanin Sharifi	Seconded: Julia Lim	Carried

Noted

8.2 Matters for Noting

8.2.1 USU Artwork deaccession plan

Andrew noted that a number of artworks, (C Category), required deaccessioning due to lack of space in USU. The methods of disposal include private/public auctions and possible return to the artist. The Board noted that a similar project had not been approved by the Board in May 2019.

Action: Andrew to investigate to the Board approved *In Camera* Board resolution concerning the USU Artworks from the 31 May 2019 board meeting with regards to previous artwork disposal put to the Board. **Completed.** This board meeting unanimously resolved to approve the deaccession plan. Management will further report to the Board ways to deaccession the artwork including through the Uni and Faculties on campus and gifting artworks.

Noted

9 CEO Report – Strategic, Governance & Operational updates

9.1 CEO Report

9.1.1 CEO's PowerPoint presentation and verbal update. Andrew ran through his Update PPT. He highlighted:

- SSAF: Andrew highlighted the SSAF contestable funding outcomes which are very favourable for USU in 2024 with a 46% increase in funding compared to last year. Andrew noted that residual funding for 13 additional projects may be approved after census in April 2024 with a possible \$265k available for USU.
- Governance Universities Accord: Andrew noted that preparation for the *Support for Students Policy* is being led by USyd Education, PVC, Student Life.
- Governance: The Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme: Andrew noted that this legislation impacted on C&S who were sponsored by overseas organisations. Although there are likely few C&S which are included in this category.

Action: Pass info to C&S Committee for their review and consideration.

Noted

10 Other Business

Naz noted that David Wright had been appointed a S-AD for another year.

11 Open Question Time

Nil

12 Next Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, 23 February 2024, 1-3.30pm

13 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3.03pm.