

Election of Student Directors for 2020-22

SYDNEY, Friday 22 May 2020: The University of Sydney Union (USU) conducted the Annual Elections to elect five Directors to the Board of Directors for a term commencing 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2022 and one Director to fill the vacancy of Zizheng Bai.

For the first time, the election was conducted online to protect the health and safety of USU members and staff in response to the evolving COVID-19 crisis. Voting was open to all USU Ordinary and Life members between Monday 18 and Friday 22 May 2020 and 4536 votes were cast.

Following the close of voting, the Returning Officer issued a Declaration of Provisional Results. Prudence Wilkins-Wheat, Vikki KaiLin Qin, Ruby Lotz, Belinda Thomas and Benjamin Hines were declared provisionally elected to serve a two-year term. Nick Rigby was the highest polling unelected candidate and will serve from the Declaration of Final Results to 30 June 2021.

USU President Connor Wherrett said, “Congratulations to Prudence Wilkins-Wheat, Vikki KaiLin Qin, Ruby Lotz, Belinda Thomas, Benjamin Hines and Nick Rigby for their election to the Board of Directors. I also congratulate other candidates for their efforts in this election.”

USU Acting CEO Jess Reed said, “I look forward to working with the incoming Board of Directors on the future strategic direction of the USU, including the recovery from COVID-19. Thank you to the Electoral Officer, Returning Officer and Electoral Arbiter for their work in this election”.

The Special Meeting of the Incoming Board will take place at 10:00am Thursday 4 June 2020 online via Zoom.

For details of the Annual Elections and the Declaration of Provisional Results, please see www.usu.edu.au/elections.

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USU provides key programs, services and facilities that enhance campus life for the many thousands who join and interact with us. All income the USU receives is reinvested in our organisation for the benefit of current and future members of the University community.