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The University of Sydney Union ('USU') has appointed Mr. Andrew Mills to the position of Chief Executive Officer commencing on 24th February.



Andrew Mills will work with the Board of Directors to achieve the USU's goal of delivering the best student experience in Australia, including leading the USU through a rapidly changing external environment and a rebuilding phase.

Andrew comes to the role with broad industry experience spanning Not-For-Profit's (NFP's), healthcare, medical research, consumer and product marketing, financial services, property, and retail.

Most recently, Andrew served as CEO of Arthritis Australia, the national peak body and charity covering all forms of Arthritis, leading the organisation through a period of successful advocacy and stakeholder management. Before that, he was the General Manager - Marketing and Communications of Alzheimer's Australia NSW, gaining skills that will assist the USU's digital transformation efforts.

Andrew also has a deep connection with the University of Sydney, receiving an undergraduate degree in Economics here and, as an experienced professional, working closely with the University for over a decade on medical research and funding initiatives.

Andrew comes to the role after a rigorous search that began in October 2020.

USU President Irene Ma said, "Andrew brings a unique depth and breadth of experience in not-for-profit organisations and service sectors. His skills will be invaluable in enabling the USU to bounce back from its recent financial blows and shaping the USU's strategic planning process for 2021-2024. We are looking forward to working with Andrew to enhance the on and off-campus student experience at University of Sydney".

Andrew Mills said, "I am excited to be joining the USU at such an important time, and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board, staff and stakeholders as we shape the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan to deliver the best student experience in Australia."

Ms. Ma said that she extends her thanks to Jess Reed for her time as Acting CEO over the last ten months.

Ms. Ma said, “Jess led the USU through the initial impact of COVID-19 and guided this organisation during an extremely challenging time. The Board and I truly appreciate Jess for stepping in at a difficult time for the USU, and for her commitment and ongoing service to this organisation we all love deeply.”

Mr. Mills will start in the role on 24 February.