

MINUTES

MEETING: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON: 27 May 2022

TIME: 1:02pm to 3:03pm

LOCATION: Cullen Room, plus online via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat	President, Chair	Present
Ruby Lotz	Vice President	Present
Benjamin Hines	Honorary Treasurer	Present via audio visual link
Belinda Thomas	Honorary Secretary	Present
Kailin (Vikki) Qin	Director	Present via audio visual link
Telita Goile	Director	Present
Isla Mowbray	Director	Present
Cole Scott-Curwood	Director	Present
David Zhu	Director	Present
Du Du	Director	Apology
Nicholas Comino	Director	Present
David Wright	Senate Appointed Director	Present via audio visual link
Marie Leech	Senate Appointed Director	Present via audio visual link
Irene Ma	Immediate Past President	Apology

USU STAFF

Andrew Mills	Chief Executive Officer	In attendance
Tori Crisp	Assistant Board Secretary	In attendance

OBSERVERS

Khanh Tran	Honi Soit	In attendance
Incoming Directors		In attendance

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<p>1. Opening</p>
<p>1.1 The meeting opened at 1:02pm</p> <p>The Chair delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>
<p>1.2 Apologies and Leaves of Absence</p> <p>Resolved B38/22: That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS noted Apology for Irene Ma and Du Du, online attendance for Benjamin Hines, Marie Leech, David Wright, Vikki Qin, Naz Sharifi, Alexander Poirier, and an early departure at 1:45pm for Belinda Thomas.</p> <p>Mover: David Zhu Seconder: Belinda Thomas 12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; Carried.</p>
<p>1.3 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.</p>
<p>2. Meeting Administration</p>
<p>2.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Resolved B39/22: That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS approves the minutes of the previous meeting including minor amendments re resolution B34/22 to be moved to Other Matters and that resolution B33/22 be amended to reflect that the Mover was Telita Goile.</p> <p>Mover: Ruby Lotz Seconder: Nicholas Comino 12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; Carried.</p>
<p>2.2 Business Arising from the Minutes Not Addressed Elsewhere</p> <p>Nil.</p>
<p>2.3 Endorsement of Circular Resolutions</p> <p>Nil.</p>
<p>2.4 Motions on Notice</p> <p>Nil</p>

3. Matters for discussion

3.1 CEO/Secretariat Report:

The CEO report was taken as read. The CEO then provided an update to the Board via a PowerPoint presentation, which followed the Finance Report.

CEO advised that an offer was being put to a candidate for Head of Marketing later today.

The Board requested that the vaccination policy be looked at following an update from ATAGI re 4th COVID vaccinations advised for certain groups. Noted.

The Board noted HostCo is showing marginal returns and requested a motion for a review into the overall performance. It was noted that 'value contribution' is not only reflected in the financial returns but extends to employment opportunities, skills development, etc.

The Board noted a conversation is needed with the incoming Head of Marketing re engagement at events with live performers as attendance can often be low and performers need to feel supported.

The Board noted engagement with arts students and Con students has improved. 2022 was the first year that Welcome Festival has been held at the Con. There was discussion around how USU engages with underrepresented campuses and student groups. Communication has improved but can always be better. Engagement with satellite campuses noted as a priority for next year.

Action: Management to advise Board at next meeting of updated govt. advice re booster vaccinations for COVID.

Resolved B40/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS approves the CEO report as read and tabled.

Mover: Cole Scott-Curwood

Seconder: David Zhu

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

Resolved B41/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS requests a review of HostCo's financial performance over the past 5 years and prospective pipeline for 2022 and beyond.

Mover: Cole Scott-Curwood

Seconder: David Zhu

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.2 Finance Report

The Finance report was taken as read. Management noted that results are very good despite poor weather and public holidays in April and NTEU strikes in May.

Resolved 42/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS accepts the Financial report as read and tabled.

Mover: David Zhu

Seconder: Ruby Lotz

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.3 USU Activity Report: was noted above in 3.1 CEO Report.

3.4 Report of the Hon. Secretary

Report to be taken as read.

The Board noted that there has not been as much interest in the Club Communities Program as anticipated.

The Board also discussed the plan to house the PULP editorial team in the Resource Room in Manning House. It was noted that furniture for the office fit out had been ordered and we will monitor how this space works.

Resolved B43/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS approves the report as read and tabled.

Mover: Telita Goile

Seconder: David Zhu

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.5 Report of the Hon. Treasurer:

The Treasurer provided an oral report to the Board.

Report to be taken as read.

The Treasurer noted a strong surplus reaffirmed the recommendations and motions made last month. He congratulated the newly elected incoming Board Directors.

The Treasurer noted he is looking forward to the AGM on 30 May. The Board noted there needs to be a quorum of 60 USU Members at the meeting. It was also noted that the recommended changes to the Constitution will be taken as read.

The Board noted that the training around USU's investment strategy should take place ahead of the next Board Meeting, availability permitting.

Resolved B44/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS notes the Hon. Treasurer's report as read and tabled.

Mover: Nicholas Comino

Seconder: Isla Mowbray

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.6 Report of the Vice President

Report to be taken as read.

The Vice President thanked Senate-Appointed Director Dr Marie Leech for her time on the Board.

Resolved B45/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS approves the VP's report as read and tabled.

Mover: Telita Goile

Seconded: Cole Scott-Curwood

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.7 Report of the President:

Resolved B46/22:

That the Chair moved to Ruby Lotz.

Mover: Cole Scott-Curwood

Seconded: David Zhu

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

The President also thanked Dr Marie Leech for her time on the USU Board as Senate-Appointed Director. The President noted the Board is attempting to set up a sports match with the SRC, possibly indoor soccer or basketball.

The President also noted that Manning House may be soon upgraded to house the Disability Collective, pending funding approval.

Resolved B47/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS accepts the report of the President as read.

Mover: Nick Comino

Seconded: Cole Scott-Curwood

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

Resolved B48/22:

That the Chair be moved back to Prudence Wilkins-Wheat.

Mover: Telita Goile

Seconded: Cole Scott-Curwood

12 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

3.8 Other Matters for Discussion

The Board noted their congratulations for all involved in the recently held Revues.

There were no other matters for discussion.

4. Other Matters for Decision

No other matters for decision.

Belinda Thomas departed at 1:45pm

5. Open Question Time

Student Medias Q&A with Honi Soit

Honi Soit enquired about the new PULP editorial team. The President responded that they will likely be announced by USU Marketing by next semester.

Honi Soit raised a query about a complaint from SUEUA (Engineers Undergrad Assoc.) regarding the handling of a legal case which SUEUA protested at the recent USU Gala Awards evening. The President responded that there had been a disagreement about the handling of one particular case and that the characterisations being made were not accurate from her understanding. It was further noted that the USU is working to resolve the matter.

Honi Soit enquired about the University's plans to increase the number of students at the Westmead campus to 20,000 by 2030 and asked if USU has had any communications regarding this plan. The President responded that there had been no specific conversations with the University about this, but that USU is already looking to engage more with all satellite campuses.

Student Media left the meeting at around 1:50pm.

Resolved B49/22:

That the BOARD OF DIRECTORS moves in camera.

Mover: David Zhu

Secunder: Telita Goile

11 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstain; **Carried.**

6. Close of Meeting

6.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS is held on **Friday 24 June 2022** at 1:00pm in person in the Cullen Room, or via audio visual link.

The meeting closed at 3:03pm.