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Board of Directors

Public Board Update – 28th September 2026

Attendance: Carla Tromans, Caleb McGiffin, Alastair Wilson, Logan Hickey, Nicholas Woollard (Chair), David Sims (non-voting to maintain student majority)
Observers: None
Apologies: Emily Jones
Absent without apology: Archer Skinner

This document provides a public summary of the key decisions and discussions from the September 2026 meeting of the QUT Student Guild Board of Directors.

Meeting Overview

The Board considered the Guild's draft regulations, insurance arrangements and organisational culture. It also reviewed progress on Board engagement, space planning and revenue diversification.

Governance and Student Representation

The Board reviewed the draft organisational regulations and agreed that feedback from the SRC and Board should inform the next draft. Discussion covered Board oversight, public access to governance documents, selection of the Chair from student directors and clear identification of applicable legislation.
Revised organisational regulations, together with Media regulations, are to be brought to the November meeting for consideration. The Board also noted that the governance amendments approved in August had been finalised and published before the Guild elections.

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Why this matters:

Clear regulations support student representation, transparent decision-making and consistent governance across the Guild.

Guild Space Planning and SSAF Investment

Following discussions with QUT, the Guild's longer-term space proposal is not proceeding at this stage. The Guild has returned to its original Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) scale-up plan, which will be presented to the Board in November. The Board also received an update on discussions with the Chancellor about a permanent Foodbank at Gardens Point and the possibility of international students being charged SSAF from January 2028. The SRC had not yet adopted a position on the fee proposal.

Why this matters:

Space and funding decisions shape the Guild's capacity to expand student services. Further planning will guide how additional resources are used.

Insurance and Risk Management

The Board discussed the potential for higher insurance premiums and requested that alternative arrangements be explored with the Guild's broker, including providers serving the higher education sector.

Why this matters:

Appropriate insurance helps protect the Guild's activities and services. Reviewing options supports effective risk management and responsible use of Guild funds.

Organisational Culture and Accountability

The Board discussed the culture survey as part of the General Manager's report. It supported the steps outlined through induction and the accountability framework.

Why this matters:

Clear expectations, effective induction and accountability support a respectful and productive environment for student representatives and staff.

Board Engagement and Revenue Diversification

The Board renewed actions to arrange a Chair interview with Glass and Board attendance at an upcoming SRC meeting. It also received an update on the external investment and associated partnership work discussed in August.

Why this matters:

Regular engagement helps students understand the Board's work, while revenue diversification can strengthen the Guild's long-term capacity to support students.

Looking Ahead

The Board welcomed constructive debate and the range of matters considered. Priorities for the next meeting include revised governance regulations and the SSAF scale-up plan. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 24 November 2026.