

Imperial College Union

COURT MANIFESTOS AND RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

A note by the President

Introduction

This meeting gets to elect 1 member from each Faculty to serve on the Union Court with the term of office effective immediately and expiring on the 31st July 2009. Members of Council are entitled to vote on all candidates hence you are not restricted to only voting for the member of Court from your Faculty. The manifestos received so far can be found below and candidates now have a final opportunity to nominate themselves.

3 candidates have also been nominated by the Executive Committee and I invite Council to approve these appointments. Elly Jay and Alex Guite are already familiar figures within the Union and Jarlath Molloy is a past Students' Union President at his previous institution in Ireland with extensive experience of Students' Union governance, rules and disciplinary processes. In light of their vast experience the Executive Committee are of the opinion that they would be the most suitable appointments to the relevant vacancies on the Union Court.

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Scott Heath

As a member of the union court I feel I would bring most, if not all, the required skills to the table – from the ability to make clear, concise decisions; down to my understanding and inquisitive nature. I have always been the type of person who considers and listens to all sides of an argument; and never decides upon anything without contemplating the overall affects. I will be there to support the court as a whole whenever needed, and give my free-time guiltlessly. What I offer to you should you decided to choose me are: my skills; my commitment; and my enthusiasm.

Thank you.

Faculty of Medicine

Katharine Hanan

The Union Court ensures the legitimacy, democracy and smooth running of the union. It is through this body that the Union is directly accountable to the student body at large. I feel that my ability to communicate effectively and fairly with a variety of people, as demonstrated by my role as a mediator in a Child Mediation Centre, would make me a welcome asset to the Court. In addition, as a third year medical student actively involved in ICSM Music Society, Charing Cross Yoga Society and the Mountaineering Society, I have a clear understanding of the workings and needs of the Union and the student body it represents. I feel that the experience I have, coupled with my enthusiasm and commitment to the welfare of my fellow students, would make me a positive addition as a representative from the School of Medicine in the Imperial College Union Court.

Faculty of Engineering

Mark Flower

Over the past 6 years of working with and for ICU I've received 3 colours (including a Distinguished Fellowship) and a Presidents Award. I've sat on Exec, Council, NCC, Court, SAC, Services, CSB, Health and Safety committee, three Sport Imperial / College meetings (can't remember their names) some of the Beit re-development steering group meetings, the constitutional review working group, several disciplinaries and additionally have run a CSC. I've also taken part in an election as RoN (remember those T-shirts?).

I've been involved in court for the past 9 or so months and would like to stay on - indeed I believe that I'm at the stage where, after taking time to understand how it works, I can perform at my best. I recently completed a Court opinion piece for the trustee board on the SSP. Hopefully it will appear on the web soon so you may review it.

Spencer Ching Kong Lai

I am overseas student from Hong Kong, before Imperial College I was educated in a English boarding school. Now I am in the 2nd year of Materials Department.

I want to contribute to the college with my knowledge and experiences. In my past two years at Imperial College I got involve with the RSM committee as an elected member representing the overseas students; I was the RSM hockey club president and captain of men's team. Outside college, I am member of the University Air Squadron. I have a good understanding of the union, clubs and societies which makes me suitable for this post.

I was Deputy Head Boy for my school in my Upper sixth form year and I was also captain for three school sports team. The experiences I had from school will allow me to make fair decisions for the union court. The experiences I had from team sports made me a good team player and being a member of the air squadron enhanced my leadership skills. My Chinese background with my long time English education allows me to understand both cultures and the respects to other nationality in this mixed society which I believed will benefit the union court as Imperial has a very high international student ratio.

Decision Required

1. To accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratify the appointments of Elly Jay, Alex Guite and Jarlath Molloy to the Union Court. Their terms of office begin immediately and will expire on 31st July 2009.