

Imperial College Union
Returning Officer Report
A Note by Daniel Hill

General Comments

- The Sabbatical and Student Trustee 2020 elections were a success, with 3,393 individuals voting casting 19,489 votes – the largest number of votes cast on record for a sabbatical election.
- An election de-brief meeting to discuss the successes and failures in this election and to provide suggestions for next years election was held on Thursday 18th March.
- The two hustings held in da Vinci's and in the Southside Social space were poorly attended by students. It is advised that next year a new approach should be adopted.
- Turnout by faculty was as follows: FoE = 22.9%; FoM = 18.1%; FoNS = 29.4%. The Department of Life Sciences had the highest turnout of all departments with a whopping 46.8% followed by the Department of Physics with a 36.5% turnout.
- Turnout by student type was as follows: 9.8% of all research postgraduates; 7.3% of all taught postgraduates; and 33.1% of all undergraduates.

Election Complaints

- Please see below for a breakdown of the complaints.
- During the election period, 11 complaints were received and processed by either ICU Court or the Elections Committee or the Deputy Returning Officer and Returning Officer. All complaints were resolved.

Results

- The Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer dealt with a number of complaints early on Monday 15th March after voting closed on Saturday 13th March. Due to the good nature of many of the candidates and the quick workings of the DRO and RO the results of the 2010 Sabbatical and Student Trustee Elections were announced after Union Council on Monday 15th March 2010 in da Vinci's Bar.
- Please see attached sheet for a breakdown of the results.

Information to Candidates

- Refunds are still waiting to be collected from the finance team; you have been contacted by email. Please collect your refund in cash and remember to sign for it in the Union open plan office.

Complaint	Action	Prosecutor Happy?	Defendant Happy?	Result
Presidential Candidate campaigning via facebook status prior to initial candidates meeting.	Facebook status removed	Yes	Yes	Resolved
RON manifesto breaches the election rules and contains profanities	Suggested censoring profanities. Considered other breaches to be minor and no action to be taken	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Facebook status of a DPCS candidate supporter unsubstantiated.	Facebook status removed	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Uneven coverage in felix coverage	Retraction printed	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Presidential candidate campaigning in halls	Candidate interviewed but no action taken due to lack of evidence	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Coverage by Live! of and incident involving a DPFS candidate	Reminded the Live! editor and candidate about their rights and responsibilities.	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Presidential and DPCS candidate not happy about a decision not to publish late manifestos	None	No	No	Appeal
Minor poster violations of candidates for all positions.	Poster audit of campus, removing all illegal posters	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Posters for DPCS, Welfare and a Presidential candidate within 6m of computers.	Fine of £20	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Presidential candidate missing from photo on website www.imperial.ac.uk	No action taken as candidate missed photo event which they were emailed about.	Yes	Yes	Resolved
Presidential candidate over budget	Miscommunication of the rules, therefore no action taken	Yes	Yes	Resolved

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies). Needs 1. Quota: 898

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Elected?	In Stage
Heather Jones	721	26	747	27	774	102	876	197	1073	Y	5
Joey Ra	501	7	508	38	546	75	621	102	723		
Emma Beresford	463	7	470	22	492	83	575	-575	0	N	5
Adam Gill	411	12	423	29	452	-452	0	0	0	N	4
Paavo Schafer	234	9	243	-243	0	0	0	0	0	N	3
RON Re-Open Nominations	216	-216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	2
Lost Votes		155	155	127	282	192	474	276	750		

Deputy President (Education). Needs 1. Quota: 1022.5

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Elected?	In Stage
Meera Ganeshadevan	1366	Y	1
RON Re-Open Nominations	679		
Lost Votes			

Deputy President (Finance & Services). Needs 1. Quota: 1176

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Elected?	In Stage
Ravi Pall	1186	Y	1
Andrew Bromfield	850		
RON Re-Open Nominations	316		
Lost Votes			

Deputy President (Welfare). Needs 1. Quota: 959

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Round 2		Elected?	In Stage
Victoria Masding	979	64	1043	Y	2
Michael Richards	820	55	875		
RON Re-Open Nominations	462	-462	0	N	2
Lost Votes		343	343		

Felix Editor. Needs 1. Quota: 1198

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Elected?	In Stage
Kadhim Shubber	1628	Y	1
Esther Kang	460		
RON Re-Open Nominations	308		
Lost Votes			

President. Needs 1. Quota: 1128

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Round 2		Round 3		Elected?	In Stage
Alexander Kendall	846	70	916	281	1197	Y	3
Serge Vasylechko	812	59	871	188	1059		
Christopher Darby	688	51	739	-739	0	N	3
RON Re-Open Nominations	283	-283	0	0	0	N	2
Stanislav Tarasov	148	-148	0	0	0	N	2
Lost Votes		251	251	270	521		

Student Trustee. Needs 4. Quota: 390

Candidate Name:	Round 1	Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5		Round 6		Elected?	In Stage
Jaimie Henry	357	9	366	15	381	19	400	-10	390	0	390	Y	4
David Oliver	353	4	357	5	362	29	391	0	391	0	391	Y	4
Melissa Lever	272	10	282	10	292	29	321	4.5	325.5	92	417.5	Y	6
Hoi Yeung	265	1	266	15	281	24	305	2.7	307.7	39	346.7	Y	6
RON Re-Open Nominations	231	6	237	13	250	21	271	0	271	37	308		
Zubin Jehangir	218	6	224	15	239	23	262	2.7	264.7	-262	2.7	N	6
Lukas Ondruch	193	7	200	5	205	-205	0	0	0	0	0	N	4
Salman Waqar	131	2	133	-133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	3
Samuel Leveridge	77	-77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	2
Lost Votes		32	32	55	87	60	147	0.1	147.1	94	241.1		