

Imperial College Union
New Trustees
A Note by the President

Notes

- The Trustee Board of Imperial College Union is the governing body of the Union, ultimately responsible for the strategic direction and finances of the Union.
- The Trustee Board is made up of 4 Lay Trustees (one of which is the Chair), 4 Student Trustees, the President, Council Chair and Court Chair.
- The Lay Trustees are appointed by Union Council for a period of 3 years, after which they can be appointed for another 3 years but then must be replaced.
- The current Lay Trustees are Julia Higgins (Chair) and Simon Maddison. The two other Lay Trustees reaching the end of their terms of office are Lewis Hands and Graham Howard; they have reached the end of their terms of office and had volunteered to stay on until replacements were found.
- Replacements have been found for both Lewis and Graham and they will be appointed to the Trustee Board if the Council agrees.

The New Trustees

Paddy Jackman

- Paddy was Director of Commercial Services at Imperial from 2005-2010, responsible for the building of Eastside, Southside and Ethos as well as the current development of ongoing Postgraduate accommodation. He was responsible for the development of the Imperial catering outlets, winning the contract to run the outlet in the Royal School of Music, the first example of a University running catering in another HE Institution. He is recognised as a leading national expert on student accommodation, chairing the College & University Business Officers body and sitting on the Committee of Management for the Code of Practice for Halls of Residence.
- Whilst he was at Imperial, Paddy has been a great friend of the Union, holding monthly meetings with the Union President and providing assistance and advice for dealing with areas of the College above and beyond the Commercial Services. It is partly due to Paddy that Ethos remains free for students for gym and swim.
- Before working at Imperial, Paddy was the Commercial Director at the University of the Arts, London (1999-2005). Previously to this post he has worked elsewhere in the Commercial sector both in the UK and the USA, and has worked for the Royal Navy. Paddy holds a BSc in Systems and Management from City University, London.
- When Paddy announced that he was leaving Imperial to work as Bursar of Ardingly College, he was approached about becoming a Trustee of the Union. He has shown enthusiasm for the role, and his knowledge of commercial services, strategic planning, financial understanding, and above all an ethos where students are put first, makes him an exceptional candidate for the role.

George Palos

- George Palos has 25 years experience in the surveying profession with a focus on disputes and their resolution. His early training was a broad general practice education looking at all aspects of property law; landlord and tenant; building construction and pathology; and valuation. He has developed his personal practice into mediation in order to apply his skills at assisting parties to resolve their issues in an effective manner at lower cost and in a less confrontational way where possible.

- His professional experience has spanned commercial and residential property, secondary to prime, with a particular emphasis on disputes acting as an expert witness and gaining his earliest experience in the witness box in lease renewal cases in the late 1980's in Central London, Clerkenwell and Edmonton County courts.
- A member of the Valuation, Building Surveying, Construction and Dispute Resolution Faculties of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Actively involved in the valuation of residential and commercial property advising Vendors and Purchasers as well as Banks via the company's inclusion on commercial and residential bank valuation panels. He has given evidence as an expert witness in arbitration, expert determination, the LVT, the County Court, the High Court, and The Technology and Construction Court, and made expert determinations in rent and non-rent disputes and sits as an Arbitrator.
- George completed his BSc (Eng) at Imperial and responded to an advertisement for the position of Trustee of the Union. He has said that after leaving Imperial to enter commercial business, he has always wanted to find a way to come back and get involved, and that this seemed a brilliant way to do so.

Resolves

- To appoint George Palos and Paddy Jackman to the Trustee Board
- For the Council Chair on behalf of the Union Council to write a letter to Lewis Hands and Graham Howard thanking them for their roles as Trustees.