

Imperial College Union

NOMINATIONS TO THE ICU COURT

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Background

On Friday 24th November the Imperial College Council formally accepted the ICU Council's amendments to the Union Constitution and Regulations, thus creating a Union Court.

Under Regulation Seven of the new constitution, the Council must appoint nine members of this new Court and nominate a tenth member:

B. Membership

4. The Court shall consist of members appointed in the following manner:

- 1. One member of each Faculty Union elected by the Council, each person being a Full Member of the Union,*
- 2. Three Full Members of the Union nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council,*
- 3. Three Life Members of the Union nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council,*
- 4. One member of the academic, academic-related or senior administrative staff of Imperial College, of a rank equivalent to that of Senior Lecturer or above, nominated by the Council and approved by the Rector.*

Nominations to the Court

Three full-time students have been nominated by the Executive Committee:

- 1. Siddharth Singh (Electrical Engineering IV)**
- 2. Katherine McGinn (Medicine V)**
- 3. Sebastian Tallents (Physics PhD)**

Three life members of the Union have also been nominated by the Executive Committee. The Court Regulations state that for the first year the Council should nominate one life member for three years, one for two years and one for one year to avoid a scenario where all life members would retire at once. The length of terms of office should be determined by a draw of lots during this meeting. The candidates nominated by the Executive Committee for these positions are:

- 1. Hamish Common (Past ICU & C&G President)**
- 2. Rob Park (Past RCSU & ULU Officer)**
- 3. Simon Matthews (Past DPCS & SCC Chair)**

One staff member should be nominated by the Council and approved by the Rector. The Academic Registrar, **Mr Vernon McClure**, has kindly volunteered to fulfil this role.

Elections to the Court

Three students should be elected from the floor at this meeting on a faculty basis. The following manifestos have been received:

Faculty of Engineering (2 candidates)

1. Andrew Holland (Chemical Engineering)

"I feel that I would make a worthwhile addition to the Union Court. I believe that for a student union to work effectively all of its affairs should be open to all of its members, and that it should be bound by the same scrutiny and quality assurance that any company is. The Union Court would ensure this. I give my guarantee now that if I am elected I would do my best to uphold this, and ensure that Imperial College students have the rights they deserve."

2. Eleanor Jay (Materials)

"I would like to stand for a position in the 'Union Court'. I believe that I will be able to fulfil this role well; I currently sit on a number of committees throughout Imperial College, including a number of staff-student meeting bodies. As a result of this I feel I will be able to provide an objective view, representing the majority student body, should any problems ensue.

I am reliable, and would be able to provide a regular attendance for the Court. In my opinion I would be able to provide a useful service for the students, and Imperial College."

Faculty of Natural Sciences (1 candidate)

Keshalini Sabaratnam (Life Sciences)

"This role would give me a good opportunity to get involved in the Union and student activities as I enjoy getting involved in the community. I have been an active member of clubs and societies and taken part in Charity shows and fares, and carried out first aid duties. I pride myself in strong interpersonal skills and my work ethic. I believe the role of the Court is very interesting and it shouldn't be a difficult task finding faults in other people's work! However I promise I will work effectively with the team to achieve our goal which is to make sure that the rules and regulations of the Union are properly enforced."

Faculty of Medicine (1 candidate)

Sumrit Bola (Medicine)

“As students of Imperial College we are fortunate to have a union that is active and successful. We can be proud of the services our union provides and of the achievements of our clubs and societies as icing on the cake of Imperial’s world class academic achievements. Now in my fourth year, I have been able to collect various experiences as a committee member of a wide range of clubs and societies. My involvement in clubs/societies such as ICSM Rowing, Yoga, Medsin and Sikh Soc and events such as East meets West, RAG Fashion Show, the Make Poverty History Campaign (2005) and Positively Red Campaigns has taught me volumes about how to manage all the extra loose ends that appear around a core goal and keeping to the rules/regulations of the student union. My role in these various clubs has been mixed, from hardworking sportsperson to Treasurer, from Social Secretary to Society Shair. I am a fair and committed person and believe this varied experience has taught me how to manage myself in a position such as Court Council to still get the best out of IC Council and keep elections and appeals fair and just.”

Action required from Council

- 1. To appoint Hamish Common, Rob Park, Simon Matthews, Siddharth Singh, Katherine McGinn and Sebastian Tallents as members of the Court.**
- 2. To draw lots on the length of term the life member nominees should serve (one shall serve for one year, another for two years, and another for three years).**
- 3. To nominate Vernon McClure to the Rector for approval as the senior college staff member of the Court.**
- 4. To elect three members of the Court from the candidates named in this paper.**

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