

Imperial College Union
Awarding Union Fellowships

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Notes

1. At the end of the year, sabbatical officers are considered for Honorary Life Membership to reward their year as officers;
2. Sabbatical officers cannot normally be considered for other Union awards in their year of office;
3. Students who take their sabbatical year in the middle of their studies are eligible to be considered for a Union award in a later year;
4. Sabbaticals who take their year at the end of their course have no further chance to be nominated for an award;
5. Charlotte Ivison, Heather Jones and Kadhim Shubber, who are recommended for Union Fellowship, all took their sabbaticals in the middle of their course, and have had a final year, in which they have been nominated for Fellowship;
6. Monya Zard and Scott Heath have taken their sabbatical year after the completion of their course.

Believes

1. Charlotte Ivison, Heather Jones and Kadhim Shubber are fully deserving of Union Fellowship;
2. Monya Zard and Scott Heath have 'continuously served the Union and/or enhanced the student experience in an exceptional manner, usually over a number of years', which describes Union Fellowship in the Union Awards Policy;
3. The fact that Monya Zard and Scott Heath have taken held office after they have completed their course should not count against them in how the Union rewards their service;
4. That Monya Zard and Scott Heath should be awarded Union Fellowship.

Resolves

1. To award Monya Zard Union Fellowship;
2. To award Scott Heath Union Fellowship.

Michael Foster
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Appendix

Monya Zard

I have had the extreme pleasure of working with Monya for a number of years. I first encountered her as a Club Chair when she was ACC Treasurer, and noted how comprehensively she understood the role and was able to respond to myriad issues with skill and ease. Her support was invaluable to the ACC Chair at the time.

The following year, I followed in her footsteps to become ACC Treasurer as she became ACC Chair. I learned then how dedicated she was to her position and the Union, and how much her involvement benefited the ACC and its members. She used her experience in the Treasurer role to help me find my feet, and took on the Chair role with zeal and enthusiasm.

When we were both elected to sabbatical positions, I knew we were set for an excellent year, and I have not been proved wrong. I am always impressed with her professionalism and knowledge in all areas of the Union. While no-one could be in any doubt about her performance as DPCS, which has been exemplary, having to deal with issues no-one could have foreseen, she has further been an integral part of the Sabbatical team. Her political nous has saved us on many occasions, and she has the ability to cut through a complex issue to find the key questions (and she often has the answers too). The team would not have been the same without her.

In short, Monya's contribution to the student experience over her time at Imperial has been exceptional. She is definitely deserving of Union Fellowship.

Written by Michael Foster

Scott Heath

Throughout his time at Imperial, Scott has always strived to do what will benefit the student body as a whole – through both the Union and the College.

Scott was instrumental in reviving the RCSU, firstly as a dedicated Honorary Secretary, and then, of course, as President. His two years of dedication to the Faculty of Science means that now the RCSU is the strongest it has been in many, many years. Anyone who has attended an RCSU event in the last three years will have attended a part of Scott's input into the Union. Speaking as part of the RCSU committee this year, we have mainly built on foundations laid before us, only tweaking here and there.

His efforts have indeed stretched beyond the Union however – into the remit of College. The work Scott has done on behalf of students as a mentor, academic and pastoral leader for Outreach – on top of his degree – meant that many prospective (now current) students could gain an insight into the 'Imperial Experience' through Scott before even getting to Imperial.

His legacy will be here for a long time: not just for his work this year as a Sabbatical, but for all that came before it.

Written by Paul Beaumont