

Report on Board of Trustees Business

Owen Heaney, Council Chair

Since the last Council meeting, the Board has had its first full meeting of the year, on Thursday 26th October. Below is a brief summary of the business transacted.

Formal Appointment of New Chair of the Board

At the start of the meeting, Jill Finney was formally voted in as Chair of the Board of Trustees to replace Neil Sachdev, who shall remain on as an External Trustee until a suitable replacement can be found. He will also, on an interim basis, be taking the chair of the Finance and Risk Committee as Jill can, as Chair of the Board, no longer hold that position.

International and Postgraduate Student Engagement

Lingru Zheng (Appointed Student Trustee) led a discussion on what work the Union can do to better engage with international and postgraduate students. She has investigated the potential to better engage Chinese students by setting up a WeChat platform for the Union.

She is also investigating the potential for running a 'big data workshop' for PG students, allowing students to help the Union better understand its membership through analysis of the data it has available, while also better engaging them better in the Union's activities.

Policies Owned by Board of Trustees

At the turn of the academic year, a number of Union policies lapsed, including policies controlled by Council, CSPB and the Board of Trustees. Therefore the Board has decided to review all of its policies over the next year. I would be happy to feed in any comments from Council into this process.

As always, if you have any questions about Board of Trustees business outside of Council meetings, don't hesitate to send an email to myself at chair@ic.ac.uk or any of the Officer Trustees.