

Ratification of External Trustees

Proposer - Abhijay P. Sood, Union President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Seconders – Thomas Fernandez-Debets, Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Union Notes:

- 1) As a registered charity, Imperial College Union has a Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Board is to ensure we are run effectively and properly: in accordance with our governing documents, UK law, and in a financially prudent manner.
- 2) The Board is primarily made up of students and student representatives, alongside a number of external members who are there to provide insight and oversight.
- 3) At least one of these external members must be an alumnus of the College (the “alumni trustee”).
- 4) The selection process for these candidates consisted of a covering letter and an interview, with a panel consisting of myself, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Chair of our People, Appointments, and Remuneration committee, and the Union’s Managing Director (the senior-most member of full-time staff).
 - a. This process was approved by the People, Appointments, and Remuneration Committee of the Union, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees.

Union Believes:

- 1) That it would be appropriate to appoint Stephen Richardson as an external trustee.
- 2) That it would be appropriate to appoint Philip Power as the alumni trustee.

Union Resolves:

- 1) To ratify the appointment of Stephen Richardson to the Board of Trustees.
- 2) To ratify the appointment of Philip Power to the Board of Trustees.

Appendix A – Stephen Richardson

Stephen Richardson CBE is an emeritus (retired) professor of chemical engineering from Imperial. He undertook both undergraduate and postgraduate study here, as well as the preponderance of his time as a researcher. He eventually became Deputy Rector and then Associate Provost (International Affairs).

Stephen was a strong supporter of students at the highest levels of the College. He delivered very sensible ideas at the interview regarding engaging postgraduates, our approach to expansion across different campuses, and student satisfaction. We feel that his insight and experience in the College would make him a useful asset at this challenging juncture for the Union, and therefore encourage you to ratify his appointment.

Appendix B – Philip Power

Philip Power is the Head of Education & the Student Experience Strategy in the Faculty of Engineering. He conducted both undergraduate and postgraduate study in Mathematics between 1998-2005. He worked in the Union from 2005-14, and from 2007 was our Membership Services Manager, with responsibility over our Activities, Development, and Commercial Services teams.

Almost all student representatives who’ve encountered Phil consider him a strong ally of students. His extensive experience of both the Union and the College would be incredibly useful to us as challenges mount, and we would therefore urge you to ratify his appointment.