

Ratification of Appointed Student Trustees

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

Seconders – Thomas Fernandez Debets, Deputy President (Clubs & Societies), Shervin Sabeghi, Deputy President (Welfare), Fifi Henry – Deputy President (Finance & Services), Ashley Brooks – Deputy President (Education)

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 five external trustees and one alumni trustee who are there to provide external insight and oversight.
3. All Officer Trustees (President and Deputy Presidents), the Council Chair, and two student trustees are elected in a College-wide ballot, while the remaining two students are appointed in accordance with Section F of the Union Constitution. The appointments of these students must be ratified by Union Council in order for them to formally take their seats.
4. The selection process this year consisted of a cover letter submission and interview, with a panel consisting of myself, the chair of the Board of Trustees (Jill Finney), and the alumni trustee (Philip Power).
 - a. This process was approved by the chair (Kate Owen) of the People, Appointments, and Remuneration Committee of the Union, a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees.
5. The appointments were approved by the Board on 8th July.

Union Resolves:

1. To ratify the reappointment of Milia Hasbani (Appendix A) to the Board of Trustees for 2020-21.
2. To ratify the appointment of Kelvin Zhang (Appendix B) to the Board of Trustees for 2020-21.

Appendix A – Milia Hasbani

Milia is a second-year PhD student in Bioengineering, having graduated from an MEng in Biomedical Engineering in 2018. She is a long-time hall senior, now sub-warden, in Beit Hall. As an undergraduate, she held various roles in Model United Nations society and the Bioengineering society. She was President of the CGCU in 2016-17 and has been the GSU's Vice President (Representation) (and one of our most active student reps) this year.

Milia has been a very valuable member of the Board. She has made useful contributions and asked probing questions throughout the year. Especially in light of current uncertainty, we feel that it would be helpful if she remained on the Board, both to retain her perspective and experience. We therefore encourage Council to ratify her reappointment.

Appendix B – Kelvin Zhang

Kelvin is a third-year undergraduate student in the Department of Computing, and current DoCSoc president. In DoCSoc, he has overseen the expansion of already impressive sponsorship income, and led volunteers in running several high profile events.

Kelvin performed well in an interview process with many other strong candidates. We feel that, under these uncertain circumstances, his focussed style of questioning would serve the Union and students well when material presented at Board meetings must be scrutinised. We therefore encourage Council to ratify his appointment.