

**Imperial College Union
Board of Trustees / February 16th 2022**

Appointment of Stephen Richardson as Chair-Designate

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Purpose: To approve the appointment of Stephen Richardson to the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees, effective 1st August 2022

Decision(s): To approve

1. Current Position

Our current Chair of the Board, Jill Finney, is due to complete her term as Chair on July 31st, 2022.

External Trustee Stephen Richardson was appointed to the role of Deputy Chair of the Board on 29th September, 2021, with the understanding of the Board that it would then be appropriate for him to take over the role of Chair after the conclusion of Jill Finney's term. However the decision that he should take over the Chair role has not yet been formally approved.

2. Stephen Richardson

Stephen spent most of his working life at Imperial College. He was appointed as a Lecturer in Chemical Engineering at Imperial College in 1978 and Principal of the Faculty of Engineering from 2008 to 2010. In 1996 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and in 2015 was made a CBE for his work on chemical engineering education and safety. He was President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers from 2019 to 2021 and started as a Lay Trustee of Imperial College Union in 2019.

3. Proposal for Decision

It is proposed that Stephen Richardson is appointed to the role of Chair, effective 1st August 2022, until which time he shall remain as Deputy Chair as well as Chair-Designate.

4. Subsequent to Decision

Following formal decision by Board, we will:

- Notify Union Council of this decision at the March meeting of Council.
- Put out communications about the decision, including a news story on the website.
- Directly inform key stakeholders about the decision.