**Imperial College Union
Governance & Membership / 7 September 2022**

**2022-23 Election Dates**

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Purpose:       To approve the election timetable for the 2022-23 academic year

Decision(s):   To approve

### 1. 2022-23 Election Timetable

The Union runs 3 elections as part of its election cycle each academic year. The Union has received feedback from several academic departments that the Autumn Election should run later. Feedback also suggests that running elections too early in the academic year risks not reaching students; this is the case particularly for students in their first year of study at Imperial (both postgraduate and undergraduate), as they are preoccupied with other induction priorities. To support more students to engage with the process, it is proposed to run the Autumn Election as below in term one. There has been no significant feedback related to the Leadership or Summer Election timetables. Therefore, it is proposed that the election dates for the 2022-23 academic year match the weeks that the 2021-22 elections took place.

1.1 Imperial College Term Dates

| Academic Year | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2021 - 2022 | 2 October 2021 - 17 December 2021 | 8 January 2022 - 25 March 2022 | 30 April 2022 - 1 July 2022 |
| 2022 - 2023 | 1 October 2022 – 16 December 2022 | 7 January 2023 – 24 March 2023 | 29 April 2023 – 30 June 2023 |

1.2 Autumn Election Dates

| Event | 2021-22 Dates | Proposed 2022-23 Dates |
|---|---|---|
| Nominations Open | 12:00 2/10/2021 (Saturday) | 17/10/2022 (Monday) |
| Nominations Close | 12:00 12/10/2021 (Tuesday) | 25/10/2022 (Tuesday) |
| Manifestos Due | 12:00 13/10/2021 (Wednesday) | 26/10/2022 (Wednesday) |
| Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning | 12:00 14/10/2021 (Thursday) | 27/10/2022 (Thursday) |
| Voting Open | 12:00 18/10/2021 (Monday) | 31/10/2022 (Monday) |
| Voting Close | 14:00 21/10/2021 (Thursday) | 3/11/2022 (Thursday) |
| Complaints deadline | 17:00 21/10/2021 (Thursday) | 3/11/2022 (Thursday) |
| Authorisation to run results | 14:00 22/10/2021 (Friday) | 4/11/2022 (Friday) |
| Results announced | 17:00 22/10/2021 (Friday) | 4/11/2022 (Friday) |

1.3 <u>Leadership Election Dates</u>

| Event | 2021-22 Dates | Proposed 2022-23 Dates |
|---|---|---|
| Nominations Open | 12:00 7/2/2022 (Monday) | 13/2/2023 (Monday) |
| Nominations Close | 12:00 4/3/2022 (Friday) | 3/3/2023 (Friday) |
| Manifestos Due | 14:00 8/3/2022 (Tuesday) | 7/3/2023 (Tuesday) |
| Candidate Briefing | 12:00 9/3/2022 (Wednesday) | 8/3/2023 (Wednesday) |
| Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning | 14:00 9/3/2022 (Wednesday) | 8/3/2023 (Wednesday) |
| Voting Open | 09:00 14/3/2022 (Monday) | 13/3/2023 (Monday) |
| Voting Close | 14:00 17/3/2022 (Thursday) | 16/3/2023 (Thursday) |
| Complaints deadline | 17:00 17/3/2022 (Thursday) | 16/3/2023 (Thursday) |
| Authorisation to run results | 10:00 18/3/2022 (Friday) | 17/3/2023 (Friday) |
| Results announced | 18/3/2022 (Friday) | 17/3/2023 (Friday) |

1.4 <u>Summer Election Dates</u>

| Event | 2021-22 Dates | Proposed 2022-23 Dates |
|---|---|---|
| Nominations Open | 12:00 1/6/2022 (Wednesday) | 31/5/2022 (Wednesday) |
| Nominations Close | 14:00 13/6/2022 (Monday) | 9/6/2022 (Friday) |
| Manifestos Due | 14:00 13/6/2022 (Monday) | 12/6/2022 (Monday) |
| Candidate Briefing | 12:00 14/6/2022 (Tuesday) | 12/6/2022 (Monday) |
| Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning | 14:00 14/6/2022 (Tuesday) | 12/6/2022 (Monday) |
| Voting Open | 14:00 14/6/2022 (Tuesday) | 12/6/2022 (Monday) |
| Voting Close | 12:00 17/6/2022 (Friday) | 15/6/2022 (Thursday) |
| Complaints deadline | 14:00 17/6/2022 (Friday) | 15/6/2022 (Thursday) |
| Authorisation to run results | 16:00 17/6/2022 (Friday) | 16/6/2022 (Friday) |
| Results announced | 17:00, 17/6/2022 (Friday) | 16/6/2022 (Friday) |

2. **Decision**

The committee is asked to approve the election dates for this academic year.