

Awards of Honorary Lifetime Membership

Proposer: Yuki Yuan (Union Council Chair)

Seconded: Anthea MacIntosh-LaRocque (RCSU VP Welfare and Union Council Chair-elect)

Union Notes:

1. According to the Awards Policy, Sabbatical Officers are excluded from consideration for Union Awards, as a full-time role cannot be fairly compared with voluntary work.
2. Instead, Council shall consider and vote separately on conferring Honorary Lifetime Membership to each Officer. An HLM recognises the accomplishments and achievements of an Officer who has gone above and beyond their role during the year.
3. 'Nominations' in support of each Officer have been prepared by the Chair, having sought input from Union Volunteers on Council and its subcommittees. These can be found in the Appendix.
4. 11 entries have been submitted for the HLM nominations. Many thanks to those who contributed to this process.
5. Council may also vote to confer Honorary Lifetime Membership on any individual whom Council believes is deserving of this recognition.

Union Resolves (to be voted on separately):

1. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Hayley Wong, Union President**
2. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Jason Zheng, Deputy President (Education)**
3. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Nathalie Podder, Deputy President (Welfare)**
4. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Dylan Hughes, Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)**
5. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Niamh McAuley, Deputy President (Finance & Services)**
6. To bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership upon **Christian Oldfield, ICSMSU President**

Appendix: Nominations

Hayley Wong - Union President

"Hayley is dedicated and hardworking for the union and cared about the student body. She truly puts in her all into leading the team, and she did a great job of embodying her role."

"Hayley has gone above and beyond in making the Union a more inclusive space for students of all backgrounds. Her work in the College and Union disciplinary procedures has revolutionised the way that both institutions address sensitive cases involving interpersonal violence and abuse. Students can now know the outcomes of the cases that they report and will now be appointed a staff member in the College who is specialized to deal with these types of cases. Her impact on the culture of the Union has also been palpable. She made the working environment a place where students and staff of all backgrounds feel empowered to speak their mind and raise issues that are relevant to them."

“Hayley has worked this year on many projects to improve the student experience at Imperial. This work has included the Student Disciplinary Procedure and the Union's Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures and has involved a significant amount of work with a large number of College and Union stakeholders. Hayley has also worked on various methods to increase student voice at Imperial, with work to add a second student member to College Council and being on the committees working on the new College Strategy. Hayley has been an excellent Union President this year and her legacy will last for many years to come.”

Jason Zheng - Deputy President (Education)

“Jason has been an amazing president for academics as he tries his best to push for the best for our education at Imperial. He is kind, understanding and compassionate for change.”

“Jason has been a real treasure to work with. His attention to detail is unmatched and this has made him an invaluable asset to the student disciplinary procedures review - in fact he was so good at this that the College's own legal advisor to the group asked him to proofread the documentation before it was sent to Senate for approval. He was extremely effective in responding to concerns raised by reps in real time and dealt with a diverse range of issues, from exam resit policies to marking and assessment boycotts to attendance monitoring. He also helped me fix a line of my code in the CSP culture analysis I was working on (thanks bro, much appreciated).”

Nathalie Podder - Deputy President (Welfare)

“Nathalie is kind-hearted and always has students well-being first. I have been honoured to see her dedication throughout the year to seek for improvements for mental health & well-being at Imperial.”

“Nathalie's work for the past two years has been nothing short of astounding. This year she's worked in depth on the College's Student Disciplinary Procedure, as well as conducting a full review of CSP culture. Nathalie has had a major focus on improving EDI and accessibility of the Union's processes and structures and has also been instrumental in developing the College's first-ever Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Another major focus for Nathalie this year has been her work on the cost-of-living crisis - she has co-chaired the College's cost-of-living working group and lobbied for several measures to help students and has also presented to an APPG on the cost of living. Beyond this, she has also worked with the Office for Students on their consultation around sexual misconduct in universities.”

“Responsible, often encourage members to share their ideas.”

“Wonderful impact on the student community, pleasure to work with. Has worked hard and her efforts are visible to students throughout college.”

Dylan Hughes, Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

“Dylan has been exceptional as DPCS. This role is a challenging one to deliver transformational projects in given how operational it is. Despite this, he has been incredibly focused on widening participation in clubs, societies and projects (CSPs) and has made incredible strides in securing a huge pot of funding to make engaging in activities more accessible to students from financially

disadvantaged backgrounds. He has also provided incredible insight into the culture study of student-led groups and this will guide the Union in a positive direction for many years to come.”

“This year Dylan has overseen a complete overhaul of CSP processes, resulting in a faster and more consistent experience for CSPs planning their activities. Together with the DPFS he has worked on annual budgeting for 400 different groups, and looking at alternatives in order to ensure that as much annual grant is available as possible. Despite frustrations due to College hesitance, Dylan also planned a successful Festival of Sport with LSESU, an event which aligns with the strategic goals of both the College and the Union, and which has the potential to grow even further and engage more students more widely from both institutions.”

Niamh McAuley, Deputy President (Finance & Services)

“Niamh has fantastic in creating more inclusive events for postgrads and students who don’t drink. She has been steadfast in leading according the Union’s values and ensured that the Union’s finances were allocated in an equitable way. Her no nonsense attitude has put the Union on solid ground.”

“Niamh's remit as an OT is particularly broad - this year her work has included Summer Ball planning, strategic direction and rebuild of the Venues team, event planning (including a special focus on postgraduate events), sustainability, clubs and societies support and finances, and refurbishment/redevelopment of Reynolds and h-Bar. Niamh has worked with the Student Steering Group to plan the Summer Ball while keeping prices as affordable as possible during a cost-of-living crisis and ensuring an improvement on last year's success. Niamh entered her role with an almost-empty Venues team and has helped shape the team and its direction this year, while also planning for Welcome and other core events. Niamh led on Imperial's first-ever involvement with the London Student Sustainability Conference while building relationships with many stakeholders across College. She has ensured that the College will fund a refurbishment for Reynolds and is also working on improving the experience in h-bar for our postgraduates. On top of all this other work, she has led (with the DPCS) on annual budgeting this year, which is a thankless (yet essential) job.”

Christian Oldfield, ICSMSU President

“Chris has gone way beyond his role description to deliver transformational changes within the Union. He has devoted countless hours to analyzing transcripts in the clubs, societies and projects (CSP) culture study and led a focus group for Medics on the topic. He has also spent a good chunk of time polling students in person on the topic around medic spaces and has written a decent chunk of the report. This has set him up to becoming an incredible trustee next year.”

“Christian has this year singlehandedly managed a very large committee, as well as worked on projects such as the CSP Culture Review, the Reynolds refurbishment, and lobbying for funding for training CSP committees on welfare-related topics. These projects will have a lasting impact on Imperial students for years to come.’