



**Imperial College Union  
Board of Trustees / 19 September 2023**

**Student Trustee Bye-Law Update**

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Purpose: To approve amendments to the Bye-Laws

**1. Context**

- At the July meeting the board discussed clause 7 of Bye-Law B (Trustees). The concern was that it unfairly prohibited a large segment of postgraduates and Business School students from becoming Student Trustees.
- The proposed wording was not agreed by the meeting and Nick Smith was requested to draft an alternative version.
- This new wording was agreed by the Chair and 22/23 president. It was circulated for comments to the board via email but no comments were returned.

**2. Proposal for the board**

- The Trustees are asked to consider the proposed byelaw change below and, if in agreement, to approve it.

**Current relevant clauses from Byelaw 2**

7. Each Student Trustee must be a Student at the time of their election (and must continue to be a Student for the duration of their term as a Student Trustee).

8. Elected Student Trustees shall remain in office for a term of one year commencing in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The term of office may be shorter or longer on a transitional basis to coincide with the alteration of the year start or end.

11. Unless their appointment is terminated in accordance with Clauses 212 to 234, appointed Student Trustees shall remain in office for a term of one year.

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**Proposed changes**

7. Each Student Trustee must be a Student at the time of their election (~~and must continue to be a Student for the duration of their term as a Student Trustee~~).

8. Student Trustees shall remain in office for a term of one year commencing in accordance with the Bye-Laws. The term of office may be shorter or longer on a transitional basis to coincide with the alteration of the **academic year** start or end **unless their appointment is terminated in accordance with these Bye-Laws. For the avoidance of doubt a Student Trustee may continue in their position for a period after they finish their study at Imperial College, but they shall remain subject to any procedures of the union.**

Delete 11.

