

Imperial College Union
Union Court Nominations
A Paper by ICU President – Scott Heath

Background

1. The Union Executive is required to recommend to the Union Council individuals to sit upon the Union Court.
2. There are currently two vacancies; one for a Faculty of Engineering representative and one for a 'Full Member' i.e. from any Faculty.
3. An email was sent out to all students requesting that any students who were interested sent a 100 word statements as to why they wished to sit on the Union Court.
4. All positive respondents were from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and, as such, we will still be unable to advice upon the FoE position.
5. The Executive Committee has three options:
 1. Choose from the candidates below and recommend to Council;
 2. Allow Council to perform a STV vote for the candidates themselves;
 3. Allow next year Executive Committee to recommend and/or choose an alternative selection process.

Candidates

Ivan Ho

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Having recently become aware of the opportunity to sit on the Union Court, I want to express my great interest in the position. Not being affiliated with any Union committee, I have always enjoyed being an unbiased observer of the politics within the Union. By becoming a member of the Union Court, I now wish to be part of a board that actively resolves problems within the Union, ranging from election appeals to disciplinary matters, in a fair and impartial way. I believe that I am a perfect fit for the position, and look forward to an undoubtedly amazing experience.

Stephen Ball

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Like all the committees in the union, Court has an important function and I feel that I would be able to help it fulfil its function. Having been involved with the writing and redrafting of guidelines, codes of conduct and standing orders for the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth I know how important documents like the constitution are – and what happens when they are misunderstood. My interesting in communication and clarity is reflected in my involvement with Felix. I like the idea of trying to find solutions to issues where things have gone, not quite, according to plan or awry.

Tian (Chris) Chew

Faculty of Natural Sciences

I saw the What's On email and I am interested to volunteer in the Union Court. A bit about myself, I am a biochemist and an international student from Singapore. I feel I can contribute by providing a unique balanced, perspective and I am confident of committing the time required. I am someone who is meticulous person and I often read deeply into fine details and think though decisions carefully before making any judgment so I believe this job fits me well. Previously, before coming to Imperial, I

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worked as the second in-charge of administrative matters in a manpower department for about a year. That gave me some experience in the interpretation and execution of policies and directives, and these transferable skills I believe will be useful in helping me understand the Union's regulations and protocols. I have also some experience with working with the Union as I am currently the outgoing secretary of the Cooking Society and the incoming president for Artsoc. I have read the information about the Union Court from the Union website but if need be, I am more than glad to meet up with you to find out more. Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

Rakesh Shah,
Faculty of Natural Sciences

Throughout my time at Imperial I have worked with students and staff from a tapestry of different backgrounds, which has allowed me to appreciate varied viewpoints and opinions. A position in the Union Court would enable me to present my balanced views in the context and spirit of the ethical Union rules. My lack of Union politics experience gives room for a more independent student perspective to dominate, with which I can provide holistic, impartial views on matters. I hope to draw on my other experiences in industry to complement my dedication to fair judgement and neutrality within the Court.