

Ratification of Alumni Trustee Appointment

A note from Alex Chippy Compton, President

On behalf of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee

Background

The Board of Trustees is the governing body in the Union and is responsible for ensuring good governance, financial prudence and compliance with UK law. Its membership, as set out in *Clause 38, Section K* of the Constitution, is composed of External Trustees (up to 4), Officer Trustees (up to 5), Elected Student Trustees (up to 2), Appointed Student Trustees (up to 2), the Council Chair and an Alumni Trustee.

Clause 51, Section K of the Constitution states: "One Alumni Trustee shall be appointed by simple majority vote of the Board Trustees, who will receive advice on the appointment from Appointments and Remuneration Committee, provided that the appointment of each Alumni Trustee is ratified by a two thirds majority vote of the Union Council."

As such, Council is invited to ratify the appointment of an Alumni Trustee made by the Appointments and Remuneration Committee.

Paul Beaumont

Paul joined Imperial in 2009 for his MSc in Mathematics at Imperial. He was involved in a number of positions with RCSU before his sabbatical year as Union President in 2012/13. He then pursued a PhD in Computing and served as Council Chair in 2014/15. He was also Assistant Warden of Wilson House for 4 years. His strong knowledge of the Union and his experience as both an Undergraduate and Postgraduate student at Imperial was viewed as a strength by the panel.

During his year as President he was responsible for re-writing the Constitution & Bye-Laws and has an excellent understanding of the Union's Governance. This experience is particularly relevant as we write and implement a new Constitution & Bye-Laws.

In his interview he highlighted his interest in supporting the Union in improving its support of students when they graduate and become alumni. His experience as a Halls Assistant Warden was also appealing as it provides the Union with the support to start building stronger relationships with the Hall Warden teams.

Overall, following his interview, the Committee were impressed by Paul's evident enthusiasm and skills set and are recommending his appointment.

Union Council notes that the Appointments and Remuneration Committee has advised the appointment of Paul Beaumont as Alumni Trustee of Imperial College Union and is content that a fair and proper process has been conducted in line with the Constitution & Bye-Laws.

Union Council resolves to ratify the appointment of Paul Beaumont as Trustee of Imperial College Union.