

Ratification of External Trustees

Proposer - Abhijay Sood, Union President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Seconders – Michaela Flegrova – Deputy President (Education)

Union Notes:

1. As a registered charity, Imperial College Union has a Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Board is to ensure we are run effectively and properly, in accordance with our Governing Documents, UK law, and in a financially prudent manner.
2. The Board is primarily made up of students and student representatives, alongside five external trustees and one alumni trustee who are there to provide external insight and oversight. Terms for external trustees are 3 years in length.
3. All Officer Trustees (President and Deputy Presidents), the Council Chair, and two student trustees are elected in a College-wide ballot, while the remaining two students are appointed, in accordance with Section F of the Union Constitution.
4. The appointments of those two students, as well as all external/alumni trustees, must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of Union Council.
5. By the end of this year, there will be two vacancies among the external members of the Board, as Jill Finney (Chair) and Kate Owen (Chair of the PARC subcommittee) are coming to the end of their terms.
6. We have run a recruitment process aimed at filling Kate's role. The process included a request for cover letters/CVs, shortlisting, and an interview panel comprising Kate, Jill, Stephen Richardson (current external trustee), Lloyd James (student trustee), and me.
 - a. The successful candidate for this position was Dan Wagner.
 - i. If his appointment is ratified, his term will officially commence on 1st August.
7. Additionally, one of the current external trustees (Dot Griffiths) was up for reappointment in April of last year, but (likely in the rush caused by COVID-19) we have failed to formally ratify her reappointment at this committee. We would like to take the opportunity to hold this vote now.

Union Resolves:

1. To ratify the reappointment of Dot Griffiths (Appendix A) to the Board of Trustees to the end of April 2023.
2. To ratify the appointment of Dan Wagner (Appendix B) to the Board of Trustees to the end of July 2024.

Appendix A – [Dot Griffiths](#)

Dot has had a [long affiliation](#) with the College and has held roles from research assistant to Dean of the Business School. She currently chairs the Central North West London NHS Trust, as well as the Union's Governance Committee. She has sat on the Board of Trustees since 2017.

Although initially scheduling conflicts were going to be a challenge, and Dot had mooted resigning from the Board, she has made a real effort to attend the meetings this year regardless. Her experience, within and beyond the College, makes her insight useful. We would encourage you to support her reappointment.

Appendix B – Dan Wagner

Dan is an Imperial alumnus, having graduated from a PhD in computing in 2010. He held a few volunteer roles as a postgraduate and has since become the organiser of the alumni group in Munich, where he lives. Although this distance may pose a challenge, his job means he often travels to London, and he has conveyed a willingness to schedule around our in-person engagements where necessary.

We were impressed by Dan's skills and the insight he demonstrated in the interview process. He demonstrated a good understanding of what 'student experience' means, and we feel confident he would effectively scrutinise the output of senior permanent managers in the Union (e.g. financial plans).

For further information, his CV feature as supplementary papers.