

Imperial College Union
Court Appointments
A paper by the Union President – Scott Heath

Background

1. The Constitution states that the Court must be composed of three groups of people:
 1. Three Life Members; nominated by the Executive and approved by the Council.
 2. Five Full Members of the Union; nominated by the Executive and approved by the Council.
 3. One College Staff Member from an academic, academic-related or senior administrative role in Imperial College; nominated by the Council and approved by the Rector.
2. The three Life Members serve terms of three years, which expire in consecutive years. The life members are currently:
 - a. Alex Grisman (expires 2012)
 - b. Stephen Brown (expires 2013)
 - c. Andy Heeps (expires 2014).
3. The terms for the Full Members expire on the July 31, annually, however nominated members may be re-appointed without the Executive reconsidering them. The following three Full Members have expressed a willingness to serve another term.
 - a. Jaimie Henry (Faculty of Medicine and current Deputy Court Chair)
 - b. Rahul Muddannayake (Faculty of Medicine)
 - c. Leslie Uzan (Faculty of Natural Sciences)
4. Furthermore, Alex Grisman (a), who is a Life Member, has offered to serve another three year term. Alex was CGCU Academic Affairs Officer in 2007/08.
5. On July 31 the member of Court of Thomas Cosnahan, a current Full Member, will cease. This will create an additional vacancy to be filled for next year. The Union is currently searching for applicants for this role and I request that the Council considered allowing the Executive Committee to recommend, via email, any suitable candidates.
6. Both the Court Chair and I would like to thank Thomas for his service to the Court; most notably for sitting on the panel which resolved all outstanding complaints in the Sabbatical Elections.
7. We have still yet to find a 'senior academic' to fill the Staff Member position. It is a hope that, before the start of the next academic year, this can be filled.

Decisions:

1. To endorse the re-appointment of Jaimie Henry, Rahul Muddannayake and Leslie Uzan to the Union Court as Full Members. Their terms will run from August 1 2012 to July 31 2013.
2. To endorse the re-appointment of Alex Grisman as a Life Member of the Union Court, his term to run from August 1 2012 to July 31 2015.
3. To thank Thomas Cosnahan for his service to the Court.