Imperial College Union

TRADING AT FRESHERS' FAIR

Passed by Union Council on 11th June 2007

ICU Notes

- 1. The Union provides an annual Freshers' Fair at the start of each academic session.
- 2. That the event is aimed at encouraging the student body to participate in the wide range of Clubs and Societies on offer at Imperial.
- 3. That the event also marks the best opportunity for Imperial College Union to market its central services and activities to the students, especially Freshers.
- 4. In addition, there is a corporate presence at the event, examples including The Times, Waterstones, and Abbey National.
- 5. In the past there has been a rule that no trading shall take place during the fair. This has applied across the board, to externals <u>and</u> clubs and societies. However Union Ents was exempt from the policy.

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- Although this rule does not appear in current Union Policy, it has always been included in the Terms and Conditions on the booking form for external organisations.
- 7. The launch of online sales of tickets and club membership via www.imperialcollegeunion.org enables electronic sales to be made during the time of Fresher' Fair. Restricting the online sales part of www.imperialcollegeunion.org for the time of the Fresher' Fair is an impractical option.

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ICU Believes

8. Corporate presence at these events is welcome.

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9. That the intention of the restriction on trading is to avoid students paying to join many clubs and societies and later realising that there simply isn't the time to pursue a large number of extra-curricular activities.

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That students expect to be able to purchase food and drink from College and Union bars and catering outlets during the event.

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11. That it is convenient and beneficial for both students and the Union for tickets to Union events to be available for purchase during the fair.

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ICU Further Believes

Collection of membership fees at the Fresher' Fair by clubs and societies is not in the best interests of the student body, though the option to buy membership online will exist during the time of the Fresher' Fair.

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Trading by a corporate body will not be in the best interests of the student body present at Fresher' Fair.

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ICU Resolves

14. Trading at Freshers' Fair, either in memberships or in other goods or services shall not be permitted. The trading restriction shall include the use of wireless internet connections to facilitate online payments from stalls at the fair. This restriction applies to central activities of CSCs or Faculty Unions.

15. Any external organisation given use of a stall or space at Freshers Fair shall not be permitted to exchange goods or services for payment.

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