

Radio Control Model Status

Background

Radio Control Model started a few years ago and last year everyone involved in the club graduated. The club had hoped to successfully continue this year with a new batch of students. The club was made dormant on 13/12/2010 and, to date, has 4 members. If the society continues to have fewer than 20 members, the society will be closed. Closure will either happen from the Union Exec or the RCC. This paper has been written to understand why Radio Control Model has fewer than 20 members and to assess if the society should be closed. This was discussed over emails.

What is believed to have caused the lack of popularity?

At Freshers Fair the clubs had a promising start with approximately 20 people signing up to the mailing list. During the first term, the club hosted 5 meetings, each on a Wednesday afternoon and approximately from 1pm to 5pm. The first 2-3 meetings were successful with about 10 people in total. However, as time went on and the club requested a £5 membership and the number of interested people slowly dropped to 4 regulars. Due to the low turnout, and lack of demand during the first term, the club held no meeting in the second term.

The club believe the membership cost of £5 was the contributing factor to the lack of popularity. If the minimum membership fee of £2 had been charged, the club would have been more prosperous. The £5 membership had been imposed in the previous year by the RCC Exec.

View on closing the society

The club has not yet elected a committee for next year as there were less than three people interested in standing. If a committee is not found, the club would like to close. For now, if a successful committee is found, the society should be given a second chance at obtaining new members. The club has not yet been dormant for 12 months.