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Amendment of the ICU Fairtrade University Policy
Proposed by the Deputy President (Welfare)

The amendment of this policy both updates the policy and makes more accurate our commitment to our renewal of fairtrade status in line with the Fairtrade Foundation's new guidelines .

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Fairtrade University Policy

~~Passed Union Council 7th June 2010~~

Imperial College Union Notes:

1. ~~The Union's Ethical and Environmental Policy, which states:~~
2. ~~That the Union's Ethical and Environmental Policy is due to run out at the end of this year and is currently under review.~~
3.1. That the Fairtrade Foundation requires the completion of five clear goals in order for "Fairtrade University Status" to be awarded. These are detailed in the appendix.
4.2. That Imperial College has committed to remaining ~~becoming~~ a Fairtrade University.

Imperial College Union Believes:

5.3. Ensuring that producers in developing countries are paid sufficiently for the services they provide and goods they produce is an important issue for many Imperial College Students,
6.4. Imperial College Union has a wider social responsibility to promoting ethical and environmental standards through its graduates~~,~~ to influence future social behaviour and global trading~~.~~
7.5. Becoming a Fairtrade University will help to promote cultural and social awareness among staff and students through an increased awareness of how our actions affect the standard of living for a wide diversity of people all over the world,
8.6. Providing an ethical choice and appropriate information is an important service for the Union to provide its students. ~~and can only be beneficial for sales.~~
9.7. It will be good for the Union's and the College's reputation for Imperial to become a Fairtrade University.
10.8. As Imperial College Union fulfils many of the requirements for Imperial College to be a Fairtrade University, it would be beneficial to be recognised for that and to promote that fact.
11.9. That the Union and College should not limit ethical product sale to products for which the Fairtrade Foundation has criteria for awarding the FAIRTRADE Mark, but where possible should sell ethically sourced products from reputable organisations which uphold the principles of fair trade set out by the Fairtrade Foundation in addition to those with the FAIRTRADE Mark.

Imperial College Union Resolves:

12.10. To work with College to ensure Imperial becomes a "Fairtrade University", specifically
   a. To nominate the Deputy President (Welfare) to take responsibility for implementing this policy,
   b. To sell a Fairtrade alternative, where one exists, to all products sold by the Union ~~catering where practicable,~~ when the Fairtrade alternative is not unreasonably expensive and is sufficiently inexpensive (at a profitable price) that it will be bought at a reasonable rate.
   c. Where foods such as tea, coffee and sugar are served at functions/meetings by Union catering to ensure that they are Fairtrade where possible, when the product is no more unreasonably expensive than the non Fairtrade alternative,
   d. Where a Fairtrade alternative exists, all products provided in the union offices shall be Fairtrade where practicable,
   e. To promote the FAIRTRADE Mark and Fairtrade Fortnight in publications, such as student media, prospectuses and the website and also on union noticeboards where appropriate, in fulfilment of the five goals,
   f. To support campaigns to increase awareness and uptake of Fairtrade products throughout the year and during the annual Fairtrade Fortnight,

g. To continue to support the Fairtrade Steering Group which was set up to further the aims of this policy and promote Fairtrade on campus as required by the Fairtrade Foundation. This group shall be chaired by the Deputy President (Welfare) or his/her nominee and membership includes:
  i. The Fairtrade Society Chair,
  ii. The Head of College Catering,
  iii. A member of the college authority,
  iv. Other interested parties as required.
iv. h. To nominate the Deputy President (Welfare) as responsible for completing and returning to the Fairtrade Foundation the paperwork required to renew the university's Fairtrade Status annually, complete with evidence of achievement of the five goals.
13. To promote the education of students on issues of trade justice and Fairtrade and to commit to campaigning for increased Fairtrade consumption on campus.

Appendix A

Goal 1: Instate formal Fairtrade* policy. The Student Union (or equivalent) and the University/ College authorities both create a Fairtrade policy incorporating these five goals. (this should be reviewed annually)

Goal 2: Fairtrade products including food and cotton are made available for sale in all campus shops. Fairtrade foods are used in all cafés/restaurants/bars on campus. The availability and use of Fairtrade products throughout the university/college increases year on year. The university/college and Student union commits to sourcing Fairtrade cotton products in their purchasing (for example staff uniforms, course wear and merchandise)
(N.B. The sourcing of Fairtrade cotton is not mandatory.)

Goal 3: Fairtrade products are served at all meetings and events hosted by the University /College and the Student Union (or equivalent), including internal management meetings. Tea, coffee and sugar to be served as standard with other Fairtrade products being introduced (e.g. biscuits and juice) where possible.

Goal 4: Campaigns are run on campus to increase the understanding of Fairtrade and consumption of Fairtrade products. This should include student events, actions and trade justice awareness raising as well as integrating Fairtrade in to subject teaching where appropriate

Goal 5: A Fairtrade Steering Group is established, with representatives from the student body, University/College staff and catering or procurement department. (Where this is part of a wider ethical procurement committee there should be a Fairtrade working group who either meet each term or who cover Fairtrade comprehensively in the wider meeting.) Student representation in the steering group is essential.