# Constitution for the IC Big Band and Jazz

#### 1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the <u>band-society</u> shall be the Imperial College Big Band <u>and Jazz</u>, hereafter referred to as 'the <u>band-society</u>'.
- 1.2 The band-society shall be a member of the Arts and Entertainments Board.

### 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 The <u>societyband</u> shall hold the following as its aims and objectives. The <u>societyband</u> shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.
- 2.2 To provide a rehearsal and performance environment in which musicians of varying degrees of experience and ability may enjoy producing big band music of as high a standard as possible.
- 2.3 To improve the <u>societyband</u> both as an ensemble and where possible to encourage individuals to improve their improvisational skills as a soloist.
- 2.4 To not only play the existing pieces in the band's-society's repertoire as well as possible but also to obtain, rehearse and perform new pieces of varied styles and difficulty.
- 2.5 To perform gigs or concerts regularly and to ensure that these performances are professional and of a high standard musically.

### 3. Statement of intent

- 3.1 The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the <u>societyband</u> shall abide by all Imperial College Union Policy, and shall be bound by the Imperial College Union Constitution and Regulations.
- 3.2 The <u>band society</u> stresses that it abides by the Imperial College Union Equal Opportunities Policy, and that <u>band society</u> regulations pertaining to membership of the <u>band society</u> or election to management of the <u>band society</u> shall not contravene this policy.
- 3.3 The society band shall also be governed by the Arts & Entertainments Board standing orders.
- 3.4 The <u>society's band</u> committee shall supply a Code of Conduct to the ICU DP(C&S) for approval, who shall sign it as the accepted Code of Conduct for the-<u>society band</u>.

### 4. Membership

- 4.1 The following shall be eligible to become members of ICU Big Band and Jazz:
  - 4.1.1 ICU Full Members
  - .1.2 ICU Associate Members
    - 4.1.2.1 Life members of ICU
    - 4.1.2.2 Staff of Imperial College
    - 4.1.2.3 Students of other colleges and universities with reciprocal membership of ICU
- 4.2 Any <u>societyband</u> member who is a full member of ICU shall be a 'full member' of the <u>societyband</u>, all other members shall be 'associate members' of the <u>societyband</u>.
- 4.3 All members shall pay an annual subscription to join the <u>societyband</u>; the membership fee shall be decided by the <u>societyband</u> committee but shall not be less than that specified in the CSC Standing orders.

## 5. The Band Committee

- 5.1 The committee shall consist of the following voting members:
  - 5.1.1 Chairman
  - 5.1.2 Treasurer
  - 5.1.3 Secretary
  - 5.1.4 Webmaster/Librarian
  - 5.1.5 Gig Manager
  - 5.1.6 Social Secretary
- 5.2 All committee members must be members of the society<del>band</del>.
- 5.3 No committee member shall hold more than one post during each academic year.
- $5.4\,$  Office shall be held from August  $1^{st}$  to July  $31^{st}$  of each academic year.

## 6. Management and Job Descriptions

6.1 The Chairman shall represent the <u>societyband</u> on the Arts & Entertainments Board, and shall be responsible for making sure that the <u>societyband</u> is run according to the <u>societyband</u> constitution and code of conduct as far as can be reasonably expected.

- 6.2 The Chairman and Treasurer shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility form, and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations.
- 6.3 The Treasurer shall carry out the day to day financial duties of the societyband.
- 6.4 The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the <u>societyband</u> records in good order as well as equipment management and <u>band-society</u> communication duties.
- 6.5 The Webmaster/Librarian is responsible for keeping the music organised and the website updated.
- 6.6 The Gig Manager is responsible for organising the society band's gigs.
- 6.7 The Social Secretary shall organise social events for the society members to enjoy.
- 6.8 The management of the society band shall be vested in the band committee.
- 6.9 Quorum of the committee shall be two thirds of the voting committee.

### 7. General Meetings:

- 7.1 A general meeting may be called by the <u>societyband</u> Chair<del>man</del>, quorum of the committee or by ten full members of the <u>societyband</u>, this must be submitted to the Chair<del>man</del> in writing. The general meeting must be held within 10 college days of receipt of the proposal.
- 7.2 General Meetings may only be held during undergraduate term time.
- 7.3 At least five college days notice of a general meeting must be given to the society band-membership.
- 7.4 Only full members of the society band may vote at General Meetings.
- 7.5 Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the voting band members.
- 7.6 Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the voting members present.

#### 8. The Annual General Meeting

- 8.1 The AGM shall be held during the second term of the academic year, and shall have as its main business:
  - 8.1.1 The presentation of the Officers Reports for the past year.
  - 8.1.2 The election of the Committee for the next session.
- 8.2 An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all <u>society</u>band members at least ten college days in advance.
- 8.3 Nominations for <u>societyband</u> officers must be posted at least ten days in advance of the AGM and closed before the meeting.
  - 8.3.1 Each nomination shall require one proposer and 2 seconders who shall be full members of the <u>societyband</u>.
  - 8.3.2. The quorum of the AGM shall be half of the full membership of the <u>society</u>band.
  - 8.3.3 In the event of there being no nomination for a post within the stipulated time then nominations may be accepted at the AGM.
- 8.4 In the event that no person is voted in to a post or of resignation from a position, the Chairman will undertake the duties until such time as the post is filled. Elections to fill such a vacant post should take place at a general meeting and shall be subject to the same rules as per AGM.

#### 9. Finance

- 9.1 The <u>societyband</u> shall receive a grant from Imperial College Union and shall administer this in accordance with the Imperial College Union financial procedures.
- 9.2 The <u>societyband</u> Treasurer will provide the Treasurer of the Arts & Entertainments Board with a detailed budget for the following academic year during the first half of the second term of the academic year.
- 9.3 Budgets for events shall be taken to the DP(F&S) for inspection and approval.

#### 10. Health and Safety

10.1The <u>societyband</u> acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by Imperial College Union's Health and Safety policy.

### 11. The Constitution.

- 11.1The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting. The Arts & Entertainments Board shall approve any such alterations.
- 11.2The Constitution shall be binding on the society band officers and members from December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- 11.3From December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 all other <u>IC</u> Big Band and Jazz constitutions are hereby revoked.

This constitution has been approved in accordance with 11.1 above, and accepted as the constitution for the Big Band IC Big Band and Jazz, signed,

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