

Constitution for ICU RCC Culinary

1. Name

- 1.1 The club shall be a member of the Recreational Clubs Committee.
- 1.2 The name of the Club shall be RCC Culinary, hereafter referred to as 'the club'.

2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 To expose members to cuisine from all around the world. This will involve having a tour to enrich our knowledge of cuisine.
- 2.2 To instill a passion for the art of tasting and cooking: involving teaching these skills.
- 2.3 To create a family atmosphere and build friendships: this will involve getting members active and giving everyone a say in how the society is run. This will also involve team building and large culinary events. Furthermore the society should attempt to give all its members any help they might need with other areas of college life.
- 2.4 To make our events educational and enjoyable for everyone involved.
- 2.5 To have at least 100 members. This will be done through the appeal of the society and through publicity. One notable opportunity is the freshers fair. Furthermore it is important to make sure all our members are involved in the society.
- 2.6 To successfully carry out an AGM and ensure a fair and well structured committee that will continue the society is voted for next year.
- 2.7 To guide members through their student life and educate them to help them become more well rounded individuals

3. Statement of Intent

- 3.1 The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the club shall abide by all Imperial College Union Policy, and shall be bound by the Imperial College Union Constitution and Regulations.
- 3.2 The club stresses that it abides by the Imperial College Union Equal Opportunities Policy, and that club regulations pertaining to membership of the club and election to management of the club shall not contravene this policy.
- 3.3 The club shall also be governed by the Management Group Standing Orders where the Management Group is determined the New Clubs Committee in the first instance, then as per the Clubs & Societies Policy.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The following shall be eligible to become members of the club:
 - 4.1.1 ICU Full Members
 - 4.1.2 ICU Associate Members
 - 4.1.3 ICU Life Members
- 4.2 Any club member who is a full member of ICU shall be a 'full member' of the club, all other members shall be 'associate members' of the club.
- 4.3 All members shall join the club, a membership fee may be set by the club committee but shall not be less than that specified by the ICU Clubs & Societies Board.

5. Committee

- 5.1 Chair
- 5.2 Treasurer
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Vice President of Publicity
- 5.5 Vice President of Vegetarian and Vegan Cooking

6. Management and Job Descriptions

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- 6.1 The Chair shall represent the club on the Management Group Board, and shall be responsible for making sure that the club is run according to the club constitution and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies & Projects as far as can be reasonably expected.
- 6.2 The Chair 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 club.
- 6.4 The Treasurer shall ensure the budget is used for club activities only. They are to distribute the budget so there is never a deficit and everything has sufficient funding. The treasurer must also ensure that there is money put aside for the society for the upcoming college year. .
- 6.5 The Chair shall ensure smooth running of the club. Manage the committee and lead strategic discussions on how to improve the club. .
- 6.6 The Secretary shall keep members updated on events and news items through a weekly newsletter. They should also carry out administration and ensure all events have the official paperwork. Furthermore the Secretary must take notes during committee meetings and store these..
- 6.7 The Vice President of Publicity shall encourage new members to join. They should also spread the word of the society to receive sponsors and obtain discounts at various companies. They must also be involved in creating new events for the society..
- 6.8 The Vice President of Vegetarian and Vegan Cooking shall act as a welfare officer for all our members. They should encourage alternative cooking including vegan and vegetarian cooking. They are to teach cooking skills to members and encourage them to teach eachother..

7. Committee Meetings

- 7.1 Committee meetings shall be called by the Chair of the club and held at least monthly.
- 7.2 At least five College days' notice of a committee meeting must be given to the committee.
- 7.3 Only committee members may vote at a committee meeting, but full and associate members of the club may be invited and speak.
- 7.4 Quorum shall be two-thirds of the committee of the club.
- 7.5 Decision shall be reached by simple majority of the committee members present.

8. General Meetings

- 8.1 A general meeting may be called by the club Chair, quorum of the committee or by ten full members of the club; this must be submitted to the Chair in writing. The general meeting must be held within ten College days of receipt of the proposal.
- 8.2 General meetings may only be held during undergraduate term time.
- 8.3 At least five College days' notice of a general meeting must be given to the club membership.
- 8.4 Only full members of the club may vote at general meetings.
- 8.5 Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the full club members.
- 8.6 Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the full members present.

9. Annual General Meeting

- 9.1 The AGM shall be held during the second term of the academic year, unless permission is obtained from the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies). The AGM shall have as its main business:
 - 9.1.1 The presentation of the report of activities, including financial activities, for the past year.
 - 9.1.2 The election of the committee for the next session.
- 9.2 An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all club members at least ten College days in advance.
- 9.3 Nominations for club officers must be posted at least ten days in advance of the meeting and closed before the meeting.
 - 9.3.1 Each nomination shall require one proposer and normally 4 seconders who shall be full members of the club.
 - 9.3.2 In the event of there being no nomination for a post within the stipulated time then nominations may be accepted from the floor at the AGM.
- 9.4 The quorum of the AGM shall be half of the full members of the club.

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9.5 In the event that no person is voted in to a post or of resignation from a position, the Chair 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.

9.6 Further guidance on elections can be found in the Election Regulations for Imperial College Union.

10. Finance

10.1 The club may receive grant from Imperial College Union and shall administer this and any self-generated income in accordance with the Imperial College Union Financial Regulations.

10.2 The club Treasurer will provide the Treasurer of the Management Group with a detailed budget for the following academic year during the first half of the second term of the academic year.

10.3 Budgets for events shall be submitted to the Management Group Treasurer and/or the Deputy President (Finance & Services) for inspection and approval in accordance with the Financial Regulations no later than two weeks before the date of the event.

11. Health & Safety

11.1 The club acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by Imperial College Union's Health & Safety Policy, and Imperial College Union's Code of Conduct for Clubs, Societies & Projects.

11.2 The club will submit an annual Risk Assessment to the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) for its activities.

12. Additional Activities

13. Constitution

13.1 The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting. The Management Group shall approve any such alterations.

13.2 This Constitution shall be binding on the club officers and members, and all other constitutions are hereby revoked.