

Constitution for the ICU Christian Union

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of the society shall be the Imperial College Union Christian Union, hereafter referred to as 'the society'.
- 1.2. The society shall be a member of the SCC.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1. The society shall hold the following as its aims and objectives. The society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.
- 2.2. The Society shall seek to provide a service to the students of Imperial College who wish to investigate Christianity and/or deepen their spiritual lives as Christians by means of Bible studies, prayer meetings, talks by invited speakers and meeting with other Christians
- 2.3. The Society shall attempt to promote and support an understanding of Christian teaching, as set out in 2.5 below.
- 2.4. The Society shall actively promote and encourage Christian beliefs and teachings (2.5 below) within the Imperial College community, and shall itself uphold these beliefs.
- 2.5. Christian beliefs and teachings here shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in the Bible, including:
 - 2.5.1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - 2.5.2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
 - 2.5.3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
 - 2.5.4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
 - 2.5.5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
 - 2.5.6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
 - 2.5.7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
 - 2.5.8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
 - 2.5.9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christ like in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
 - 2.5.10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
 - 2.5.11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

3. Statement of intent

- 3.1. The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the society shall abide by all Imperial College Union Policy, and shall be bound by the Imperial College Union Constitution and Bye-Laws.
- 3.2. The society stresses that it abides by the Imperial College Union Equal Opportunities Policy, and that society regulations pertaining to membership of the society or election to management of the society shall not contravene this policy.
- 3.3. The society shall also be governed by the SCC standing orders and policy.
- 3.4. The society committee shall supply a Code of Conduct to the ICU DPCS for approval, who shall sign it as the accepted Code of Conduct for the society.

4. Membership

- 4.1. The following shall be eligible to become members of ICU Christian Union society:
 - 4.1.1. ICU Full Members
 - 4.1.2. ICU Associate and Temporary Members
 - 4.1.3. ICU Lifetime Associate Members
- 4.2. Any society member who is a full member of ICU shall be a 'full member' of the society, all other members shall be 'associate members' of the society.
- 4.3. All members shall pay an annual subscription to join the society; the membership fee shall be decided by the society committee but shall not be less than that specified in the CSC Standing orders.

5. The society Committee

- 5.1. The committee shall consist of the following voting members:
 - 5.1.1. President
 - 5.1.2. (* see 5.5) Vice President
 - 5.1.3. Treasurer
 - 5.1.4. Secretary
 - 5.1.5. Prayer Co-ordinator
 - 5.1.6. Evangelism Co-ordinator
 - 5.1.7. (* see 5.5) Regular events Co-ordinator
 - 5.1.8. (* see 5.5) Study and follow-up Co-ordinator
 - 5.1.9. (* see 5.5) Major Events Co-ordinator
 - 5.1.10. (* see 5.5) International Secretary
 - 5.1.11. (* - see 5.5 and 5.6) Ordinary Committee Member
- 5.2. All committee members must be full members of the society.
- 5.3. No committee member shall hold more than one post during each academic year.
- 5.4. Office shall be held from the beginning to the end of each academic year (1st August 31st July). After the AGM (section 8) a period of handover will begin; however ultimate control and responsibility for the society shall reside with the committee currently in office until 31st of July.
- 5.5. Roles starred within 5.1 are optional and will only be included in the next committee at the discretion of the outgoing committee. Any remaining responsibilities of roles not included in a given committee shall be distributed throughout the remaining committee positions.
- 5.6. The committee may co-opt members of the society onto committee as an Ordinary Committee Member. This is to ensure that the committee avoids becoming exclusive and represents a variety of churches and the theological diversity of the Christian faith, as well as to supplement any skill gaps. This may only happen by a unanimous decision by the committee.

6. Management and Job Descriptions

- 6.1. The management of the society shall be vested in the society committee
- 6.2. Quorum of the committee shall be two thirds of the voting committee.
- 6.3. The ICU Christian Union Committee is responsible for ensuring that the aims and objectives of the ICU Christian Union (as set out in section 2) are upheld and actively pursued. Should the Society's members feel that any member or members of the ICU Christian Union committee are not actively pursuing and upholding the aims and objectives of the society, they may call a general meeting (according to the rules in section 7) and vote the member or members out of their post by a simple majority vote during a Quorate general meeting. This is all subject to the Union Bye-Laws, section E.
- 6.4. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall collectively represent the society at each SCC meeting, and shall be responsible for making sure that the society is run according to the society constitution and code of conduct as far as can be reasonably expected.
- 6.5. The President and Treasurer shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility form, and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations.
- 6.6. The Treasurer shall carry out the day-to-day financial duties of the society, submission of events and annual budgets.
- 6.7. The President shall be responsible for the overall running of the society, ensuring that the society meets its aims and objectives 2.2-2.5 and shall represent the society to all outside bodies.
- 6.8. The Vice-President shall work closely with the President in the fulfilment of his/her role.
- 6.9. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the society records in good order dealing with correspondence with members, alumni and outside bodies and taking minutes during committee meetings.
- 6.10. The Prayer Co-ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring ICU Christian Union is reminded of the paramount importance of prayer. They shall do this by organising prayer meetings and prayer letters for ICU Christian Union supporters.
- 6.11. The Evangelism Co-ordinator shall be responsible for ensuring ICU Christian Union is reminded of the society's objectives as set out in 2.2-2.4 (especially 2.4). The Evangelism Co-ordinator shall have oversight in the organisation of evangelistic events which meet and fulfil these objectives, namely to promote, support understanding of and provide opportunity for personal investigation of Christian teaching, as set out in 2.5.
- 6.12. The Regular Events Co-ordinator shall be responsible for organising the society's weekly main meeting 'Hub' and shall be responsible for, with the agreement of the committee, booking speakers for weekly meetings and other weekly recurring events.
- 6.13. The Study and Follow-up Co-ordinator shall be responsible for organising ICU Christian Union Bible Study groups, and the training sessions for those who lead them, as well as 'follow-up' events following bigger events.
- 6.14. Major Events Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the organisation of the following yearly Major events:
 - 6.14.1. The ICU Christian Union Weekend Away
 - 6.14.2. The ICU Christian Union Carol Service
 - 6.14.3. The ICU Christian Union 'Events Week' (a week of events fulfilling objective 2.4)
- 6.15. The International Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring all society meetings/events are accessible to people of all nationalities, and propose ideas for fulfilling objective 2.3 among students from different backgrounds and cultures.
- 6.16. The Ordinary Committee Member shall support the other listed committee members, as required.

7. General Meetings:

- 7.1. A general meeting may be called by the society President, quorum of the committee or by ten full members of the society; this must be submitted to the President 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 membership.
- 7.4. Only full members of the society may vote at General Meetings.
- 7.5. Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the voting society 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 society members at least one week in advance.
- 8.3. Nominations for Society officers is subject to the Union Minor Election Regulation, and shall be made by the following process:
 - 8.3.1. Nominations shall open a reasonable time before the Annual General Meeting and close sufficiently in advance of the AGM to allow a suitable amount of time for the membership to consider the candidates. The Returning Officer shall ensure the society's members are aware of the procedure for standing for committee positions, including how to fill in a nomination form.
 - 8.3.2. The membership of the society are given the opportunity to stand for election. A member of the society is only considered to be standing for election upon submitting to the Returning Officer a completed nomination form.
 - 8.3.3. A member can only choose to stand for one committee position.
 - 8.3.4. Prior to submitting a nomination form, each nominee must be seconded by another member of the society, whose name must be indicated on the nomination form.
 - 8.3.5. Before the list of electoral candidates is released to the society, the nominees will be strongly advised to meet with a member of the current committee. This conversation will happen confidentially and will centre on the expectations of the role, the vision and values of the society, the nature of Christian leadership and the process for elections within the Christian Union. The obligation for organising this meeting rests with both the current committee member and the nominee.
 - 8.3.6. Committee members will be expected to uphold the Aims and Objectives of the society, as outlined in Section 2.
- 8.4. The elections shall be subject to the following procedure:
 - 8.4.1. The running of the elections will be overseen by the Returning Officer who shall draw up regulations for the conduct of the candidates' campaigns. Any breach of these regulations will be investigated and could lead to disqualification.
 - 8.4.2. No allowance will be made available to candidates for publicity. The Returning Officer may stipulate an amount that candidates may spend on their own campaigns.
 - 8.4.3. Candidates are not allowed to use the society mailing list or any other society media (for example the society facebook group) for campaigns.
 - 8.4.4. The election shall be held by secret ballot and will follow an AV voting system, where there shall be a facility for voting for "Re-Open Nominations". Each position shall be elected independently by the members of the society.

- 8.4.5. If any post remains unfilled on the day of the AGM or in the case of a “Re-Open Nominations” victory, subject to the discretion of the returning officer, nominations of members may be taken from the floor.
- 8.4.6. Nominations on the day for unfilled positions will be taken after all electoral positions with candidates have taken place. These positions are subject to 5.3, but 8.3.3 will not apply.
- 8.4.7. For as long as any post remains unfilled, the President of the new committee shall fulfil the duties of that post.

9. Finance

- 9.1. The society may receive a grant from Imperial College Union and shall administer this in accordance with the Imperial College Union financial procedures.
- 9.2. The society Treasurer will provide the Treasurer of the SCC 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 appropriate authority for inspection and approval.

10. Health and Safety

- 10.1. The society acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by Imperial College Union’s Health and Safety policy.
- 10.2. The society shall provide a risk assessment, which considers all of the society activities to the DPCS for approval.

11. The Constitution

- 11.1. The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting. The SCC shall approve any such alterations.
- 11.2. The Constitution shall be binding on the society officers and members from 13th March 2014.
- 11.3. From 13th March 2014 all other Christian Union constitutions are hereby revoked.

This constitution has been approved in accordance with 11.1 above, and accepted as the constitution for the Christian Union, signed,

Christian Union society president:

Date:

SCC Chair:

Date: