

Constitution for ICU Global Brigades

1. Name

- 1.1 The club shall be a member of the Community Committee.
- 1.2 The name of the Club shall be Global Brigades, hereafter referred to as 'the club'.

2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 To recruit members of Imperial College to join brigades to Honduras and Ghana to provide medical and public health relief to rural communities and empower them to create a better quality of life through sustainable development.
- 2.2 To provide advice to volunteers for their preparations for the brigade and to provide organisational (and where necessary financial) support and advice for any fundraising activities.
- 2.3 To hold talks and debates on global development and inequality issues, including guest speakers and presentations.

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 Campus Chairperson
- 5.2 Treasurer
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Vice President
- 5.5 Vice President of Medical Brigades
- 5.6 Vice President of Public Health Brigades
- 5.7 Vice President of Water Brigades

6. Management and Job Descriptions

- 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 Campus Chairperson shall lead the committee and ensure that the objectives of the club are met in accordance with the regulations set out first and foremost by the Imperial College Union and where possible Global Brigades UK.

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- 6.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for checking the club's finances at least once a month and reporting the situation at every club committee meeting. The treasurer shall review the funding plans for each brigade before volunteer recruitment and double checking these in the Venture proposal for SLARB. The treasurer must give all details of the IC Trust funding proposal to his/her successor in order for them to process these funds before the brigades in August.
- 6.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for contacting each committee member on at least a monthly basis and notifying the Campus Chairperson about any issues concerning any committee member. The secretary is also responsible for organising committee meetings (as called by the Campus Chairperson) and taking minutes for each of these meetings. The secretary shall also ensure that the club and/or a particular committee member is reminded about any crucial deadlines, such as budgeting, funding deadlines, flight bookings and the AGM etc.
- 6.7 The Vice President shall be responsible for running recruitment and fundraising for his/her particular brigade (Water, Medical or Public Health) and will ultimately be responsible for the planning of their brigade, including Risk Assessments, Venture Proposals to the Student-Led Activities Review Board, flight bookings, coordinating with Global Brigades, arranging the purchase of any items that may be required for the trip and advising each volunteer about the details of the trip (which may include training sessions).
- 6.8 The Vice President shall create elections with the purpose of creating a sub-committee for their particular brigade (Water, Medical or Public Health) to aid them with their responsibilities. As this is not an official club committee and is not registered with the Union, Vice Presidents reserve the right to choose the positions available and if necessary to appoint any willing volunteers to a particular position as long as this is approved by the committee.
- 6.9 The Vice President of Water Brigades shall adhere to clauses 6.7 and 6.8 above.
- 6.10 The Vice President of Medical Brigades shall adhere to clauses 6.7 and 6.8 above.
- 6.11 The Vice President of Public Health Brigades shall adhere to clauses 6.7 and 6.8 above.

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.

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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.

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.

13.3 This Constitution has been approved in accordance with 13.1. above, and accepted as the Constitution for Global Brigades on 09/05/2015 by Erik Episkopou and Michael Chung