

# Constitution for ICU Krishna Consciousness

## 1. Name

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

## 2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The Krishna Consciousness Society is for open minded, deep thinkers who take an interest in spirituality and viewing things from "outside the box". We present eastern or vedic philosophy and allow others to share their opinions on them. The Krishna Consciousness Society is about introducing spirituality to students. We aim to reach beyond the boundaries of caste, creed and colour, by establishing the science of the soul, and to help students find spiritual solutions to material problems such as alcoholism, drug abuse, social and academic pressures by promoting simple living and high thinking. We place a greater emphasis on spirituality rather than any particular religion. The society also aims to put students in touch with Eastern spiritual techniques, such as yoga and meditation, so they can apply ancient wisdom to modern life as a student, something that we feel is becoming more popular here in the UK.

## 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 Marketing Officer

## 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.

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- 6.4 The Chair shall have the responsibility of the entire society on their hands! This position requires utmost dedication and love for the society in order to take it to new heights and to make each and every event count. It'll be a given that you should be able to organise your time well but you'll also be required to have excellent interpersonal skills, a vision to share with your committee on where to take the society, incredible resourcefulness and most importantly you'll need a heart of infinite gold. You'll be the face of the society for the next year and you will be representing the interests of KC students at Imperial. The learning curve is steep and you will have to make fast decisions for the benefit of the society. Just as the position is a huge responsibility, it comes with ten times as many perks! You'll be there to inspire the committee and you'll also be there to make them feel very much part of the family..
- 6.5 The Treasurer shall be making all money-related decisions for the society, and control its expenditure throughout the year. You will be involved in authorising payments, managing income and making budgets for events, hence being efficient is key as well as being very committed to the society! When it comes closer and closer to the bigger events you will need to have a cool head on you as money trickles in and out left, right and centre! If you are keen to learn, enjoy responsibility, and able to act instinctively and decisively, the role of treasurer may just suit you!..
- 6.6 The Secretary shall coordinating meetings between the committee, talking to other societies and spreading the word to our members and other universities. You are involved in everything the society does, no matter how big or how small the secretary always has a part to play, one of the many privileges that come with the position. Some roles include writing minutes, booking rooms for events, sending out emails and posters to advertise the society. The role of secretary encompasses many qualities: team-working, commitment, organisation and management, and through the year you grow to learn so many more. It is a position with responsibility but every step of the way you're having fun and seeing your efforts turn into successful, educational and spiritual events. .
- 6.7 The Marketing Officer shall have the opportunity to use your innovative and creative talents to advertise KCSoc events in your very own style! Every KCSoc event needs awesome advertising! You will be designing eye-catching posters, working closely with Social Media Guru for organising the publicity of events both within Imperial and to other universities as well on Social Media. Being at the forefront of the publicity, you will unofficially become the icons of KCSoc! Your work will be showcased on Facebook, on billboards around Uni, and on flyers! You may even be responsible for the next YouTube sensation! The ideas that spawn from your creative minds will enhance the events that the society holds and in short make the events themselves better and better! The talent of the KCSoc marketing has always been the envy of other societies around UK and more often than not they'll take advice from you! .

## 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.

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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.

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

12.1 Day retreats to Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple (Watford)

12.2 Yoga

12.3 Mantra Meditation

12.4 Trips to Radha Krishna Temple (Soho Street)

12.5 Fortnightly "Think Out Loud" Sessions. These involve an outside speaker coming in to talk to us about the different aspects of the Gita and how this can help us in our day to day lives. It is followed by mantra meditation/yoga and food.

## 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.

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- 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 Krishna Consciousness on 07/08/2017 by Janaki Desai and Burhan Waheed