

# Constitution for ICU Hindu Society

## 1. Name

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

## 2. Aims & Objectives

- 2.1 The club shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the academic year as its commitment to its membership
- 2.2 The club aspires to build the foundations for a strong and foster a vibrant Hindu community within the club
- 2.3 The club seeks to strengthen inter-university relations through National Hindu Students' Forum and will strive to reach a larger audience nationally. Furthermore continue relationships with Hindu Students' Council and its affiliated American universities
- 2.4 Promote an environment in which all members & non members can express their heritage, culture, traditions and beliefs that align with Hindu values
- 2.5 The club shall seek to achieve aims (2) and (3) by the following:
- 2.6 Celebrating the key festivals in the Hindu religion and culture
- 2.7 Showcasing Hindu culture including but not limited to, sports, dancing, food, music, history, festivals
- 2.8 As part of the club's sporting activities, they shall partake in sporting competitions annually
- 2.9 Promoting sewa, the act of selfless service

## 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 President
- 5.2 Treasurer
- 5.3 Secretary
- 5.4 Publicity Officer
- 5.5 Culture Officer
- 5.6 Education and Bhakti Officer
- 5.7 Football Co-ordinator
- 5.8 Kho-Kho Coordinator
- 5.9 Netball Co-ordinator
- 5.10 Sewa Co-ordinator
- 5.11 Sub-committee Head
- 5.12 Ujaali Choreographer
- 5.13 Design & Marketing Head

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5.14 Vice-President

## 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 President 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. .
- 6.5 The Treasurer shall sign an ICU Financial Responsibility form and shall be aware of the ICU Financial Regulations. They shall also be responsible for all financial activity of the club. .
- 6.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation of the society. This involves but is not limited to taking meeting minutes, running a members' newsletter, responsible for the storage of the club's data. Furthermore, the secretary will be responsible for all room and venue bookings..
- 6.7 The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for the circulation and promotion of the society's events. This includes but is not limited to managing the club's social media accounts, distribution of flyers/posters and helping to manage the union page and website. .
- 6.8 The Ujaali Choreographer shall choreograph the annual fresher's dance performance and any other dance performances. Will also be responsible for engaging freshers in all the club's activities. .
- 6.9 The Culture Officer shall be responsible there are events that promote Hindu culture throughout the year. They shall also be responsible for ensuring the club celebrates Hindu festivals in an appropriate manner. .
- 6.10 The Sewa Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the club efforts of selfless service each year, an important part of Hinduism. This will include overseeing all charitable efforts and donations throughout the academic year. .
- 6.11 The Education and Bhakti Officer shall be responsible for the education of our faith to the club's members. .
- 6.12 The Football Co-ordinator shall promote Hindu unity through football. This could include regular training sessions as well as matches with other societies. They will also be responsible for organising a team for any competition. .
- 6.13 The Netball Co-ordinator shall promote Hindu unity through netball. This could include regular training sessions as well as matches with other societies. They will also be responsible for organising a team for any competition. .
- 6.14 The Kho-Kho Coordinator shall promote Hindu unity through kho-kho. This could include regular training sessions as well as matches with other societies. They will also be responsible for organising a team for any competition. .
- 6.15 The Sub-committee Head shall be responsible for recruiting a subcommittee and coordinating the subcommittee. .
- 6.16 The Design & Marketing Head shall be responsible to produce all marketing and promotional material for the club.
- 6.17 The Vice-President shall assist the President in their duties. They shall also encompass the duty of events manager. .

## 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.

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- 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.
- 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 Hindu Society on 19/01/2021 by Viren Rathod and Shivam Patel