

Imperial College Union
Automatic Associate Affiliation of members of Royal College of Art and Royal College of
Music

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Notes

1. Currently Associate Membership of ICU costs £4 per month (£48 per year) and must be held for at least 1 academic year before Life Membership (£50 one off fee) can be purchased.
2. Since 2006, only 20 people from both the Royal College Art (RCA) and the Royal College Music (RCM) have become associate members of ICU. 10 of these students only bought one month of membership. Since 2006, income has totalled a maximum of £360.

Believes

1. A lot of societies are already under the impression that members of 'affiliated' universities can become members of their societies without having to buy Associate Membership due to events such as the Associate Members Fair (28th Jan), and external Universities (Boston University, RCM) directly contacting Clubs & Societies to invite them to their open days.
2. To join a society which may only cost £3 (or be free), an annual £48 charge can be very off-putting.
3. Making associate membership available cheaply to RCA/RCM students, we open up our Clubs & Societies to 1,500 potential new members (920 at RCA and 615 at RCM as of 07/08).
4. The cost to ICU is very small and we will recoup some costs by our Clubs & Societies charging membership.
5. Imperial College Union should endeavour to strengthen links between the RCA and the RCM
6. In finance training, a greater emphasis should be put on the fact that grant can only be used to subsidise full members.

Resolves

1. To make associate membership of Imperial College Union available to students of the Royal College Art and Royal College Music for £5 per year.