

**ICU Dance Company
Contingency Claim
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A studio had to be hired by ICU Dance Company for 7 weeks during Term 1 due to unavailability of rooms in the Union. In previous years, we have block-booked the Union Gym for the year (terms and holidays) via Sport Imperial for our Sunday and Wednesday afternoon dance classes. In addition, we have also booked other Union Spaces during the week for rehearsal time for our performance teams via online booking system. However, this year the Union Gym was oversubscribed during the week. Therefore, clubs were allocated other Union Spaces to hold their activities; including the Activity Spaces and Union Dining Hall. Consequently, due to the overflow of Union Gym applications filling up the Union spaces, many of the larger rooms, which we require, were not available for us to book during the week and hence we lost out time for our club this term.

We contacted several studios and the Fulham Dance Attic was able to accommodate our needs (sound system, wooden flooring, mirrors).

Studio hired at Fulham Dance Attic Studios for 2 hours per week for 7 weeks.

	Price(not including VAT)	Price (including VAT@20%)
Per hour	£20	£24
For 14 hours	£280	£336

Rehearsal hours required for performance teams

We hold weekly rehearsals for competition teams and performances teams that dance at various campus events (UNICEF, Artsfest, iNight, Imperials got Talent etc.). Rehearsals are held in the Union Spaces e.g. Activity Spaces. As soon as room bookings opened at the end of last term, we immediately applied for rooms.

The following table displays the hours of rehearsal time we applied for in the Union Spaces (Activity Space 2 and Union Dining Hall) and the resulting hours we were allocated.

Day	Hours applied for	Hours received
Monday	2	2
Tuesday	4	2
Thursday	4	1
Sunday	4	4
Total	14	9

We were only allocated 9 hours. Consequently, instead of running a contemporary dance class on Wednesday, we switched this to a rehearsal slot, freeing up an extra 1.5 hours. In addition, we hired a studio at Fulham Dance Attic Studios for 2 hours on a Thursday. This provided us with 12.5 hours in

total for rehearsals each week. We were unable to book more studio time, to reach our desired 14 hours, due to the restriction in scheduling caused by using two different venues - some members are involved in more than one team.

In addition, the rooms we were allocated were not available to us every weekday this term. Some weeks we were allocated only 2-3 hours – meaning that rehearsals were cancelled. This has been a big issue this term with regards to our rehearsal schedule and many of the teams are struggling to complete their dances in time.

Room booking application for weekly dance classes

The following table displays the hours we applied for to hold our weekly dance classes and then the hours we actually received. Ideally, all classes are to be held in the Union Gym.

Type of dance	Hours applied for	Hours Received
Class preparation	1	1
Beginners tap	1	1
Advanced tap	1	1
Beginners ballet	1	1
Advanced ballet	1	1
Beginners contemporary	1	1
Intermediate contemporary	1	1
Advanced Contemporary	1.5	1.5
Beginners jazz	1	0
Advanced jazz	1	0
Total	10.5	8.5

We applied for these hours via Sport Imperial. We applied for the Union Gym on Sundays 9am-6pm and we were allocated it 9am-4pm. We were also allocated the Union Gym 4.30-6pm on Wednesday afternoons. Due to the lack of time allocated to us on Sunday, we subsequently applied for Activity Space 2 on Sunday from 4-6pm and received this. However, to increase our rehearsal slots we had to cancel the advanced contemporary class on Wednesday afternoons. Thus we currently only run 8 out of 9 dance classes a week.

Ideally, we would like to offer 9 dance classes to students each week, as well as providing preparation time for those teaching. Unfortunately we could only offer 8 classes this term. We also have 7 performance teams that require 2 hours of rehearsal time each week to make sure we are well prepared to represent Imperial at university competitions and at various events on campus.

Proposal: To award ICU Dance Company £280 from the contingency fund for the essential hiring of a dance studio.