



Experimental Music and Media Club Recommendation

Club Contact: Ezra Teboul, teboue@rpi.edu, (413)461-6957

Policies Committee Representative: Matthew Rand, randm@rpi.edu, (203)903-6909

Club Purpose: The purpose of the Experimental Music and Media Club is to promote the appreciation and discussion of avant-garde, experimental media, including but not limited to music, film, photography, sculpture, print and drawing within the RPI and local communities through listening and screening sessions. These sessions will offer curated content followed by a loosely moderated discussion, offering student an opportunity to connect material mentioned in media theory and art history classes with more time and a dedicated setting.

Membership: Ezra Teboul, Organizer.

15 regular members from all class years, including Graduate students and Professors.

The club intends to use Union advertising, quality programming, and community building both online and in person.

Club Operations: The goal of this group is to promote a lively and active media and arts culture within this technical environment. Our regular listening / screening sessions have been doing exactly that, connecting staff, undergraduates, graduates, and local community members through an appreciation of media arts. We are also organizing joint events with the Ground Zero student group to really commit to this undergrad/grad connection and have informally talked with the activism students, EMPAC curators, etc... about doing joint or coordinated events.

Risk Management: There are no known potential risks associated with Experimental Music and Media Club.

Future Budget: The Experimental Music and Media Club will be seeking a budget for the future. We hope to obtain a small budget to subsidize club trips to museums and concerts, as well as occasional arts-related events + programming as the group grows. More specific proposal will be drafted as they arise and submitted to the e-board as appropriate.

Summary: As of now there is no group dedicated to fixed-media art in an informal setting. Courses offer some material as part of their syllabi (but are limited to short clips, usually) and EMPAC offers a professional theater experience, but the EMaM group is truly unique in its content and presentation / discussion formats. This club has a dedicated membership, is a unique organization unlike anything else to be found on campus, and reach out to a different collective of students than our Union usually reaches.



Policies Committee

Recommendation: It is the recommendation of the Policies Committee that the Executive Board approve the Experimental Music and Media Club as a Union Affiliated Club.

Approved: 3-0-0, 28-FEB-17

Present:

Matthew Rand (Chair), Erica Lane, Luke Kuprenas

Absent:

Caitlin Kennedy, Anissa Choiniere, Stephanie Kern-Allely, Ananya Murali, Keegan Caraway, Dan Rogers, Amy Corron (Non-Voting)

RENSSELAER UNION NEW CLUB EVALUATION

1. Club Information

- a. Club Name: Experimental Music and Media Club
- b. Club Contact Name: Ezra Teboul
- c. Club Contact's Position, if applicable: PhD candidate, Electronic Arts
- d. Phone Number: 413 461 6957
- e. RPI Email Address: teboue@rpi.edu

2. Purpose Statement - In 2-3 sentences, using 3rd person, describe your club's purpose and the benefits to those who join the club and to the Union as a whole:

The purpose of the RPI Experimental Music and Media (EMaM) is to promote the appreciation and discussion of avant-garde, experimental media, including but not limited to music, film, photography, sculpture, print and drawing within the RPI and local communities through listening and screening sessions. These sessions will offer curated content followed by a loosely moderated discussion, offering student an opportunity to connect material mentioned in media theory and art history classes with more time and a dedicated setting.

3. What are the goals of your organization? What annual or one time activities will you hold/have you held to reach these goals?

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4. What unique opportunities can your club to bring to campus?

As of now there is no group dedicated to fixed-media art in an informal setting. Courses offer some material as part of their syllabi (but are limited to short clips, usually) and EMPAC offers a professional theater experience, but the EMaM group is truly unique in its content and presentation / discussion formats.

5. Has your club held an event that was open to the entire campus?

Yes! Here is our general facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RPInoiseclub/>

and here is the page for the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/570087273194344/>

6. Please attach three meeting assessments (or email to policies@union.rpi.edu)

a. Assessments should include:

i. Date of meeting

Dec. 9 2016 - will update once upcoming meetings have happened

ii. Number attending

25 (see picture above)

iii. Location/time

EMPAC studio beta, 4:30pm

iv. Meeting Minutes

We listened to and discussed the music of Pauline Oliveros, Don Buchla, Alan Vega, and Jean-Claude Risset

v. How did you advertise?

Facebook, Grad Weekly, GZ, WRPI, Reddit, EMPAC student groups

vi. Personal evaluation of the meeting's successfulness

Totally successful, all the pizza disappeared in 10 minutes and only 2 people left even though we listened to hardcore, difficult avant-garde + experimental music

7. Which category would best describe your club?

Arts

a. What is the membership of your club? What are the class years of the club's members?

We had students from every undergrad class, some staff members, a professor and a couple of grad students.

8. Who are the leaders/officers of your club and what are their responsibilities?

Organizer: Ezra Teboul

Treasurer:

9. How will you grow and retain your club's membership?

Advertisement, quality programming, community building online and in person.


10. Why are you pursuing recognition?

To become an integral part of the RPI community.

11. Are you affiliated with an off-campus or national organization?

No.

12. Does your club intend to request a budget in the future? If so, what things would be



requested (instructors, equipment, rental fees, etc.) Please be aware that recognition must be granted a semester in advance of a request for a budget.

We hope to obtain a small budget to subsidize club trips to museums and concerts, as well as occasional arts-related events + programming as the group grows. More specific proposal will be drafted as they arise and submitted to the e-board as appropriate.



The Following is a suggested constitution for Rensselaer Union Recognized or Affiliated Clubs.

Articles, Clauses, or Sections that are underlined are mandatory for any and all Club constitutions. Additions may be made to these Articles, Sections, or Clauses but the underlined Articles, Sections, or Clauses may not be altered.

CONSTITUTION OF THE [INSERT: CLUB NAME], VERSION [INSERT: VERSION #]

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Experimental Music and Media Club, hereafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II. Purpose and Lifetime

Section 1. Purpose

a. The purpose of the RPI Experimental Music and Media (EMaM) is to promote the appreciation and discussion of avant-garde, experimental media, including but not limited to music, film, photography, sculpture, print and drawing within the RPI and local communities through listening and screening sessions. These sessions will offer curated content followed by a loosely moderated discussion, offering student an opportunity to connect material mentioned in media theory and art history classes with more time and a dedicated setting.

Section 2. Lifetime

- a. The Club shall cease to be recognized or affiliated with the Rensselaer Union 12 months from the adoption of this constitution unless:
- i. a new constitution is adopted by the Club and subsequently presented to and approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or delegated authority;
 - ii. or this constitution is presented, with this section removed, as the permanent constitution of the Club to and approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or appropriately delegated authority.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Equal opportunity and Hazing

- a. It is the policy of the Club to provide, to the maximum extent feasible, equal opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability for all aspects of the Club's activities.
- b. Hazing, reckless or intentional endangerment to health, or forced consumption of alcohol or other drugs for the purpose of initiation into or continuing membership of the Club is strictly prohibited.

Section 2. Definition of Membership

- a. To be eligible for Regular Membership, a person must be a registered student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and have paid the Rensselaer Union Activity Fee for that semester or be the spouse or legal dependent of a qualified person under this paragraph.
- b. To be eligible for Associate Membership, a person must be a registered student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute that has not paid an activity fee, a member of the RPI alumni, faculty or staff, or a registered student at a Hudson-Mohawk Consortium School currently enrolled in courses at Rensselaer.
- c. To be eligible for Volunteer Membership, a person must not be eligible for any previously defined form of membership; volunteer membership is open to any person whose talents, skills, or knowledge will assist the organization in fulfilling its purpose.

Section 3. Obtaining Membership

- a. To obtain Regular Membership a person must attend one meeting and sign up for the mailing list.
- b. Other Membership may be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee (as defined in Article V, Section 1). Decisions regarding the approval of new members may be overturned by a majority vote of the Club.
- c. The Rensselaer Union Executive Board may verify the eligibility of any member through the Office of the Registrar or Bursar.

Section 4. Continued Membership

- a. Membership shall be forfeited after one semester of not attending meetings.
 - i. For the purposes of this document the summer semesters shall not constitute a semester.
- b. Membership is automatically forfeited any time a member no longer meets the requirements for membership. If the person meets the requirements for another form of membership their membership shall be immediately transferred to the new class of membership.

Section 5. Voting Rights

- a. Only Regular Members shall be eligible for voting rights. Each member with voting rights shall have one vote.
- b. A member has voting rights by being in good standing with the Club. A member is in good standing if they have attended two (2) of the previous (4) General Meetings. Voting rights may also be granted at the request of a Regular Member at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- c. Voting rights are forfeited when a member:

- i. is no longer a Regular Member,
 - ii. requests the removal of voting rights by written communication to the Executive Committee, or
 - iii. is no longer in good standing.
- d. Voting rights are required to vote on any matter of business presented at a General Meeting or to vote in the Elections Meeting.

Section 6. Membership Information

- a. The Club shall obtain the following information on its members:
- i. Preferred first and last name,
 - ii. Rensselaer Identification Number, if applicable,
 - iii. Rensselaer Computer System (RCS) ID, if applicable,
 - iv. E-mail address,
 - v. Record of payment of appropriate dues and fees, and
 - vi. Any additional information required by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.
- b. Other information may be collected by the Club as directed by the Executive Committee. Members shall not be required to submit this information as a condition of membership.
- c. All information gathered by the Club of its members other than the names and level of membership shall be confidential and only released to the Rensselaer Union Executive Board and Rensselaer Union administration staff as required.

Section 7. Removal of Membership

- a. A member may be removed for failure to comply with this constitution or Club policy, violation of the Student Code of Conduct, or violation of the policies of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.
- b. To remove a member at least 10% of the members with voting rights (no less than three) or the Executive Committee may call for a hearing to remove the member. Notice shall be given to the member at least one week prior to the hearing. A two-thirds vote of members in with voting rights is required to remove membership rights.
- c. Any regular member may appeal their removal by petitioning the Judicial Board of the Rensselaer Union and any other member may appeal their removal by petitioning the Executive Board. The removal remains in effect until reversed.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers

- a. The elected Officers of the Club, in order of rank, shall be the Organizer, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - i. The Organizer shall be responsible for all activities of the Club and shall be the chief spokesperson for the Club. The Organizer shall call and preside over all Executive Committee and General Meetings. The Organizer shall coordinate all Club activities not delegated to another officer or committee and shall coordinate and direct the other officers in all Club matters. The Organizer shall reserve all rooms and spaces for all Club activities not delegated to another officer or committee. The Organizer shall be responsible for the duties of all other officers in their absence and shall remain apprised of all committee work reporting the status of said committees to the Executive Committee as required.
 - ii. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters of the Club not delegated to another officer or committee. The Treasurer shall collect and disperse funds and report the status of all dues and fees payments to the Secretary.
 - iii. The Secretary shall maintain and submit the membership list and officer list as required to the Rensselaer Union Executive Board. The Secretary shall record and archive the minutes from all meetings as required by the Club and shall maintain any archives the Club may choose to have..
- b. The President may create and fill additional temporary officer positions expiring at the end of the current semester with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Eligibility for Office

- a. In order to be eligible for office a person must be a Regular Member of the Club.
- b. If a person may be unable to complete the term of office, they shall inform the club of their inability to complete the term of office before being eligible to hold office.
- c. A person may not hold more than one elected office concurrently.

Section 3. Elections

- a. Elections must be held at least once per academic year.
- b. The Elections Meeting shall be announced no less than two weeks in advance to the Club Membership.
- c. Two-thirds of members with voting rights shall constitute quorum for the Elections Meeting. If quorum cannot be convened the Elections Meeting shall be postponed to a time set by the Executive Committee.
- d. The Elections Meeting shall be presided over by the Elections Chair. The Elections Chair shall

be a member of the Club ineligible for office and selected by the Executive Committee. If no person exists or can be agreed upon then the Election Chair shall be a person who voluntarily forfeits their eligibility for office and is agreed upon by the Executive Committee. The Elections Chair shall set the rules for the Elections Meeting subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

- e. Officers shall be elected in order of rank.
- f. A candidate must receive a majority of members present to be elected to office. All votes shall be by secret ballot.
- g. If any member suspects that the Election Meeting is not conducted fairly or is conducted with intent to deceive the membership the member should notify the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.

Section 4. Term of Office

- a. A term of office begins two weeks after the Elections Meeting and ends at the beginning of the next term of office.

Section 5. Removal from Office

- a. An officer may be removed from office for failure to perform duties satisfactorily, failure to comply with this constitution or Club policy, violation of the Student Code of Conduct, or violation of the policies of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.
- b. A hearing to remove an officer shall be called at the request of at least 10% of the members (no less than three) with voting rights or by the Executive Committee. Notice of this hearing shall be announced to the membership at least one week before it is to be held. All reasonable effort must be made to schedule the meeting at a time when the officer who is the subject of the hearing may attend.
- c. Two-thirds of the members in with voting rights shall constitute a quorum for such a hearing.
- d. The highest ranking officer not the subject of the hearing shall preside over the meeting and cast no vote.
- e. A two-thirds vote of members in with voting rights is required to remove an officer from office. The officer shall remain a member of the Club.

Section 6. Succession

- a. Should an officer resign, be removed from office, or otherwise become incapable of continuing in office, the Executive Committee shall immediately notify the Club membership of the vacancy.
- b. Except in the case of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint an interim officer to fulfill the duties of that office until an election can be held. The Vice President shall become the Acting President if the President's office is vacant.
- c. The President or Acting President shall call an Election Meeting for the purpose of electing a permanent replacement to fulfill the remainder of the term of office. During the Rensselaer

Polytechnic Institute Fall and Spring Semesters this meeting shall take place no later than three weeks after the time of vacancy. If the vacancy occurs while Rensselaer is not in session or during the Rensselaer Summer Session then the President or Acting President shall call the meeting no later than three weeks after the next semester begins.

- d. Elections for a replacement shall follow all applicable procedures under Section 3 of this article.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee consists of all elected officers of the Club as voting members and all temporary officers as non-voting members. It shall be chaired by the President who shall cast no vote except in the case of a tie.
- b. The Executive Committee shall conduct all business of the Club between General Meetings and be the governing body of the Club.
- c. Decisions of the Executive Committee may be overridden by a majority vote of the Club Membership when called for at a General Meeting.

Section 2. Temporary Committees

- a. Additional temporary committees may be created by the Executive Committee to deal with specific matters.
- b. The Vice President shall chair all temporary committees unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. General Meetings

- a. General Meetings shall be called by the President and the Club shall have a minimum of two General Meetings in the Fall and Spring semester. The President shall call a General Meeting at the request of at least 10% of the members (no less than three) with voting rights or at the request of the Executive Committee.
- b. All General Meetings shall be open, unless voted closed to conduct business. Business may only be conducted if a quorum is present. Quorum to do business at a General Meeting shall be a majority of the members with voting rights.
- c. A majority vote is required to conduct business of the Club unless otherwise specified in this constitution. The President may only vote in the case of a tie.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings

- a. Executive Committee Meetings shall be called by the President as the need arises to conduct the business of the Club and Executive Committee. The President shall call an Executive Committee Meeting at the request of two members with voting rights of the committee or two members without voting rights and one member with voting rights.

- b. Quorum to conduct business at an Executive Committee Meeting shall be a majority of its voting members.
- c. Executive Committee Meetings shall be open unless voted closed.

Section 3. Other Meetings

- a. Meetings may be called by other committees to conduct their business. They shall be open unless voted closed.
- b. Quorum to conduct business of a committee shall be a majority of its members.

Article VII. Finance

Section 1. Budget

- a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for compiling and soliciting budgetary proposals from the Club membership.
- b. The Executive Committee shall review the budgetary proposals and direct the Treasurer to compile the annual budget. The Executive Committee shall approve the final budget.
- c. If the Club is a Union Funded Club the Treasurer shall be responsible for presenting the final budget to the Rensselaer Union Executive Board for approval.
- d. The Treasurer shall oversee and manage the implementation of the budget. The Treasurer and the President or the Vice President while acting as President or Treasurer shall have the authority to sign Club financial documents.

Section 2. Financial Procedures

The Club shall follow all Rensselaer Union financial policies and procedures.

Article VIII. Policies, Standing Rules, and By-Laws

Section 1. Availability

- a. All policies, standing rules, and By-Laws shall be made available to any Activity-Fee paying student or interested member upon request and shall be published wherever this Constitution is also published. This constitution must be published on CMS, the Club website, and on file with the Union.
- b. A copy of the By-Laws must be placed on file with the Rensselaer Union Administration Office within five business days following their approval.

Section 2. Policies and Standing Rules

The Executive Committee may adopt Policies and Standing Rules for the Club that are non-governing but that constitute good operating practice.

Section 3. By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Club shall be approved by a majority vote at General Meeting.

Article IX. Affiliations

This Club shall have no affiliations or governing relationships with any organization except the Rensselaer Union unless approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.

Article X. Ratification and Amendments

Section 1. Supremacy Clause

- a. If any part of this Constitution or the By-Laws violate or contradict the policies of Rensselaer, the Rensselaer Union, or applicable federal, state, or local laws then the contradicting parts of the Constitution or By-Laws are invalid.
- b. If any part of the By-Laws violate or contradict this Constitution then the contradicting parts of the By-Laws are invalid.

Section 2. Ratification

- a. This Constitution shall be effective immediately upon the ratification by a two-thirds majority of the members with voting rights and subsequent approval of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or the properly delegated authority.
- b. If it becomes necessary that any part of this constitution be changed, or that additions are to be made, a two-thirds majority vote of the members with voting rights and subsequent approval by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or the properly delegated authority is required.

Section 3. Abrogation

This Constitution, upon its adoption, shall abrogate any previous governing documents relating to the Club. This shall not be construed as to deny any office or position to anyone serving out a term elected under a previous constitution.

Rensselaer Union
Executive Board

Motion # 1

Date: 3/9/17

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve \$ 1700
from contingencies for laptops
as attached.

So moved by:

Ravi Ekhal
Signature

Rasika Ekhalikar
Printed Name

Seconded by:

Luke Kuprenas
Signature

LUKE KUPRENAS
Printed Name

For Against Abstaining
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Motion: Passes / Fails

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CLUB

David Robb - Chairman

HEAD CLUB OFFICER

Union Tech Reserve

143028.3132

ACCOUNT NUMBER

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PRESENTER

Date discussed by the E-Board

3/7/17

DATE SUBMITTED

781-264-3758 / rne@rpi.edu

PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL

No. of Members RPI Students: _____ Dues/person/yr.: \$ _____
Faculty/Staff: _____ \$ _____
Community: _____ \$ _____

Present Rensselaer Union Subsidy: \$ 16,000

REQUEST SUMMARY: Please list items/services to be purchased and their costs.

Table with columns: Item/Service, EXPENSE, INCOME. Row 1: Chrome books (8) \$ 1699.60. Total Expense: \$ 1699.60. Total Income: \$ 0.00. Additional Subsidy Request Total: \$ 0.00.

JUSTIFICATION & EXPLANATION:

Has this been requested before? NO (for example: at budgeting or prior E-Board meeting)

Please attach another sheet with the following information:

- a. Detail of items/services to be purchased. (copy of quote, etc.)
b. Demonstration of need/interest, or background.
c. How will this impact future budgets. (service/maintenance cost, replacement cost, etc.)
d. Up to date Banner printout (available through SARP)

Reviewed by: Ravika Ekhalik, Executive Board Representative, DATE: 3/7/17
Reviewed by: Marcha [Signature], Rensselaer Union Finance Coordinator, DATE: 3/7/17
Reviewed by: [Signature], Rensselaer Union SARP, DATE: 3/7/17

COMMENTS by Rensselaer Union SARP

These would be very useful tools for our student groups, & in other digital programs.
Swadlow are not in need of a new server. We have gone to great lengths to economize our current server and keep them in optimal order.

COMMENTS by E-Board Representative

- Approved, Reserves, Not Approved, Contingency

Chromebooks for the Student Union Proposal

The Rules and Elections committee would like to propose the purchase of 8 chromebooks on behalf of the Union Admin Office from the Union Technology Reserve Fund (143072.3132) for use by Union clubs and RnE.

The laptops will serve multiple purposes. First and foremost, they will enable Union clubs to utilize them for various club activities. At the present, clubs need to rent laptops or use their own member's laptops during club activities. This is not only a financial burden for the club, but there are liability and privacy issues with this current system. It costs \$30/week to rent one laptop from the VCC, and you are charged the full \$30 just for renting a laptop for one day. Additionally, many club officers and Union staff members have asked Joe and Cameron about borrowing laptops from the Union, only to find out that is not an option.

The laptops would also play an important role in GM Week and Freshman Elections. As of now the current policy is to rent laptops from the RCR as well as use RnE members' personal laptops. As previously mentioned, there are privacy, financial, and liability concerns in doing this. Also with the addition of a new poll site, to RnE member laptops

After several months of collaboration with the Union Admin Office and the lead system administrator, we are proposing the purchase of 8 chromebooks from GovConnection, a vendor that the Admin Office has purchased technology products from before.

Note: The laptops will be maintained by the Union Admin Office. The Admin office will be responsible for signing the Chromebooks in and out with all machines specifically reserved for Rules and Elections Committee for election related activities. The SysAdmins will be responsible for general maintenance and upkeep of these machines.

Quantity: 8 Chromebooks

Price: 8 * \$212.45 = \$1,699.60

<http://www.govconnection.com/shop/asus-c202sa-vs02cm-chromebook/31656803?cac=Result>

Rensselaer Union
Executive Board

Motion # 2

Date: 3/9/17

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve the Experimental
~~Net~~: Muzik and Media Club as a Union Affiliated Club.

So moved by:

Matthew Raw

Signature

Matthew Raw

Printed Name

Seconded by:

Erica Lane

Signature

Erica Lane

Printed Name

For Against Abstaining

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Motion: Passes / Fails