

CGCU Autumn Term Report

A note by the City and Guilds College Union President

Apologies

Firstly, apologies that this report was not submitted at the last meeting of the Imperial College Union Council, it has been well documented that at this time the previous CGCU President has to resign her role and elections for the new President have just finished. As such this report is as fuller account of last terms activities as possible.

Representation and Welfare

Ben Stubbens and Alice Rowlands met with CGCU's dep reps twice last term to discuss common issues which were arising in the Faculty. TSAC meetings have been very productive and they now have a much better understanding of academic problems in the Faculty. Coursework feedback and return scheduling continue to be the biggest issue but having met with members of staff at ESC and in 1-2-1 meetings Ben was assured that the College is working very hard to make the improvements necessary. From his experience and talking with other dep reps this issue is, in general, getting better, but there is still plenty of work to be done from both staff and students to get IC where it needs to be.

Events

Unfortunately the aftermath of the Masquerade Ball overshadowed what otherwise would have been a successful term from the Guilds.

Besides the Ball, Autumn Term was particularly busy with the fresher's barbeque and bar night taking place which were very successful and well attended. Later in the term we hosted a very interesting talk from the IET's built environment section on the future of engineering, and also a careers event from Deloitte. There were also two comedy nights out to a club in Shoreditch, which weren't particularly well attended.

We were very ambitious and this did lead to events being crammed and publicised at short notice towards the end of the term. The losses at the Masquerade Ball can be attributed to the booking of a very expensive band and the lack of ents tickets sold to justify it. The actual dinner itself was well attended.

Spring Term

Events planned so far for this term:

1. Friday 12th Feb – Tri Union Bar Night. this is largely a central union event with the faculties' names on it. The union has booked comedy acts,
2. Friday 26th Feb – Joint Dinner with the RCSU.

3. Beer Festival Part 2. The last one was very successful, there are still plenty of tankards left from the last one, so the main cost has already been outlaid. On Sat 13th or 20th of March to coincide with 6 Nations match days.

Finance

This year has been particularly touch financially as the change over period between Presidents coincided with an unfortunate long absence from VPFS Rikki Norris due to illness. Lots of claims were backlogged but have now been processed. Rikki is unfortunately ill again but I am going through the required training with Aziz to make sure these claims get processed regularly.

As it stands the Masquerade Ball made a loss of £3,673.57 however most other events either made a small profit or broke even. It is difficult to read too much into the finance pages of the Guilds at the moment as new invoices keep appearing regularly from Kirsty Patterson's tenure, this are being dealt with as and when they crop up.

As mentioned, last term I was not involved in the day to day running of the exec but I'll be more than happy to try and answer any questions you might have.