

C&GCU Autumn Term Report

A note by the CGCU President Victor Du Mesnil Du Buisson

Handover

Everything went over well, though it took me a bit more time than I thought to get all the knowledge and settle into the position. Think it's all good now though.

Past Events

Probably one of the calmest years for CGCU yet, there were just a few events. The first event, a bar night at Angel on the 14th of October, had a good attendance, and apparently was good fun. Then with RCSU we supported the RAG event at ... Another bar night then on the 25th of November, which started off slow, but then grew well and a nice atmosphere started brewing in the Union Bar.

Finally we finished off the term by organising a festive fortnight with RCSU, whom I do have to be very grateful for, since their support was invaluable. A week of small events, some with less attendance and some with more.

Rebranding

We are trying to get a new image to the students, one of being open, one that they can trust. This is more likely a long term project but we are trying to recreate the cohesion the Union once had in the past. It is still a work in progress though it is necessary to rekindle the lost spirit. This is probably a bit harder due to the austerity measures put into place this year. We will do our best to do it.

Representation and Welfare

Marcus Ulmefors (CGCU Academic Affairs Officer) got a good quantity of feedback from our faculty representation committee. The main subject following the Engineering Studies Committee where to deal with the possible access of DepReps to external examiners reports, the disparate methods of teaching Maths in each department and the possibility of hiring student finalising their degrees to teach 1st and 2nd year students. Regarding coursework feedback, the only issue remaining is that of defining specific dates for return it. Finally the impression that CGCU is in disarray was also put forward, as the presence of the FU has diminished.

Spring Term

- Organising a beer festival, apparently quite popular
- Continuing with the Rebranding, as best we can
- Keshava Murthy has proposed to give a short presentation to DepReps and DepSoc Chairs to clarify the function of the Union and any related confusion
- Using as example the popularity of trips in RSM, helping put together such an event