



CGCU Summer Activity Report

A note by the City & Guilds College Union President – Jacky Kwan

Faculty Grant

The application for the Faculty Grant was made by the CGCU on behalf of both the CGCU and the RSMU. Due to the fact that the RSMU is at the ICU Club, Society or Project level the full combined allocation would be distributed to CGCU Exec first before the RSMU portion is to be disseminated by us to RSM Exec. The CGCU has been in constant dialogue with the RSMU with regards to their requirements and have consolidated the details before arranging the application meeting with the Academic and Alumni Relations Manager, Dr Teresa Sergot, and a Faculty Finance Officer, Mr David Reeves. The actual sum awarded came under three categories and these were £4100 for CGCU, £1500 for RSMU and £2950 for Joint Items. The Joint Items fund category facilitates activities shared by both the CGCU and RSMU including the Departmental Societies' Allowance, Media and Hospitality.

Management Group Meeting

The first CGCU management group meeting was held on Tuesday 27-Sep-2011. Attendance was made mandatory for the whole CGCU Exec team, the departmental representatives as well as chairs and treasurers of each club and society managed by the CGCU. The structure of the day was broken down into an initial briefing to introduce the role of CGCU within ICU as well as providing updates on preparations for the Autumn Term, followed by splitting up into the three functional groups aforementioned before concluding with the CGCA reception in which the CGCU Exec team and departmental representatives attended.

Training Session

Training sessions were held for departmental representatives as well as the chairs and treasurers of each club and society while further discussions took place within the CGCU Exec team as an integrated element of our first management group meeting. The Academic Affairs Officer provided training for departmental representatives while the Vice-President of Finance & Societies provided financial training for the chairs and treasurers. A second instance of these training sessions shall be held for the absentees.

Departmental Welcome Presentations

Over the summer CGCU welcome presentations for freshers have been set up with each of the nine academic departments under our umbrella. In particular, the presentations for Earth Sciences & Engineering and Materials were held jointly with the RSMU. These presentations have been scheduled across the first week in the Autumn Term and lasted thirty minutes each. The presentations aimed to briefly outline the position of our faculty union within the ICU as well as the freshers' relationship with us. Furthermore it was to introduce the CGCU Exec team, the CGCU mascots, departmental representatives together with departmental society chair, the ICU election system as

well as the events and help we would be able to offer. The CGCU freshers' handbook, Spanner, was also distributed to the freshers at the presentations.

Freshers' Fair

The CGCU was allocated stall reference UDC17 (Upper Dalby Court) at the 2011 Freshers' Fair. The stall was manned at all times with officers on duties welcoming members of the Faculty of Engineering, explaining what the CGCU stands for to students who have not yet attended our departmental welcome presentations or other faculty members and also handed out a range of freebies including cotton bags, pens and tankards. Two members of the CGCU Exec team had also been assigned as official ICU freshers' fair helpers as required.

CGCU Welcome Dinner

The CGCU Welcome Dinner & After-Party event has been confirmed to be held on Tuesday 25-Oct-2011 at Café de Paris. The event will begin from 18:30 in the evening with a champagne reception the initial three-course meal including half a bottle of wine before the dance floor will be cleared of tables for the after-party. Two ticket options were available, namely, £30 for Welcome Dinner & After-Party and £8 for After-Party Only. The Welcome Dinner & After-Party tickets have sold out already upon the beginning of term with sponsorship being sought for more subsidising of the event in order to open up the socialising opportunity to more freshers of the Faculty of Engineering. After-Party tickets are not sold out and the CGCU has encouraged freshers to avoid double disappointment by purchasing their tickets as soon as possible.

Upcoming Elections

Due to the resignation of the CGCU Exec Honorary Secretary over the summer the post was vacant and an election will be held in order to fill this role. Nominations for year group representatives within each of the nine academic departments run from Monday 03-Oct-2011 to Friday 14-Oct-2011. A four-day voting period will follow to begin on Monday 17-Oct-2011 and to end on Thursday 20-Oct-2011. The results is to be announced on Friday 21-Oct-2011.

Handbook

The CGCU has written its own yearly handbook – the Spanner. It describes the different aspects of CGCU. The handbook is 28 pages in length with RSMU's contribution of 4 pages. 1150 copies have been printed and were delivered to the freshers in the departmental welcome presentations.

Website

The CGCU is having a new website and it will be launched in the 2nd week of term.