

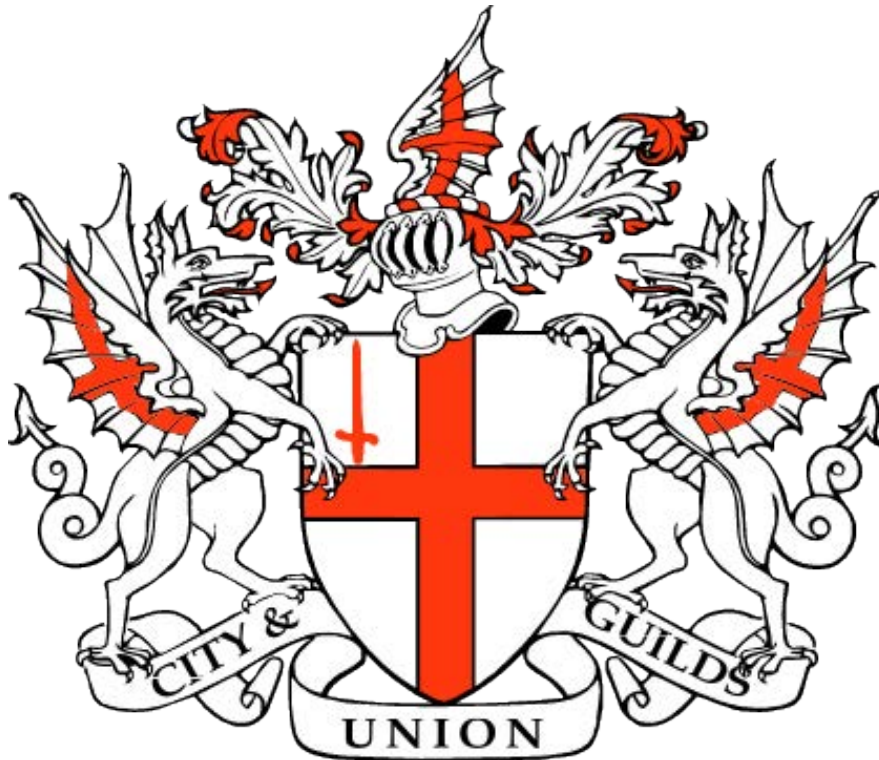
Start of Year Report

CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION

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“The Aims of the City & Guilds College Union:

- *To further the academic, welfare, sporting, recreational, and social interests of students of the Faculty of Engineering.*
- *To encourage, promote, and support our clubs and societies.*
- *To represent the needs and interests of Engineering Students to College, ICU, and external bodies.”*



As we continue through the new academic year 2019-20, both the CGCU Committee & I are pleased with the progress made thus far. For 121 Years, originally as the Central Technical Institute's Union, then as the City & Guilds College's, and finally as the Faculty of Engineering's Students Union we have provided support and assistance to our students.

I understand that this report may be of considerable length, however I cannot summarise more effectively the huge achievements of my officers this year so far, nor the amount of time the Vice-President & I have spent advocating for our students, planning events, managing clubs and chasing up the Union. (But that is detail for future council papers)

Finances: Overview

We start the year carrying over **£16,324** with a breakdown of sources as follows:

Funding carried over

College – Allocated (2018-19)	Grant – Allocated (2018-19)	SGI – Input (Historic)
£6,695	£3,287	£6,342

By the end of the year we hope to have grown our savings to **£20,888**, an increase of £4,564 on this year. A full breakdown of expected expenditure, and funding allocation is given below:

Summary of Expected Values

2019-20 New Income		Expected Expenditure			Remaining Additional Carry								
£31,828		£27,714			£4,564								
Grant - Allocated	*donations and sp SGI - Input	REALLOCATE			OUT planned expenditure			LEFTOVER			TOTAL IN	TOTAL OUT	TOTAL REM
College - Reallocated	Grant - Reallocated	SGI - Reallocated	College - Spent	Grant - Spent	SGI Spent	College - Remal	Grant - Remaining	SGI - Remaining	Overall Received	Overall Spent	Overall Remaining		
£3,287	£6,342	£6,695	£3,287	£6,342	£0	£6,695	£3,287	£6,342	£16,324	£0	£16,324		
£50	£0	£500	£50	£0	£500	£0	£50	£0	£550	£500	£50		
£150	£0	£400	£150	£0	£350	£150	£0	£200	£550	£700	£-150		
£550	£15,600	£0	£0	£19,150	£0	£0	£0	£490	£19,150	£18,660	£490		
£410	£0	£400	£410	£0	£500	£500	£0	£-100	£810	£1,000	£-190		
£0	£0	£200	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£200	£0	£200		
£130	£0	£300	£130	£0	£0	£120	£0	£0	£300	£10	£310		
£50	£0	£700	£50	£0	£120	£0	£0	£580	£750	£120	£630		
£0	£0	£500	£0	£0	£250	£0	£0	£0	£250	£0	£250		
£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0	£900	£400	£0	£100	£2,000	£1,300	£700		
£30	£0	£400	£30	£0	£500	£0	£0	£-100	£430	£500	£-70		
£200	£0	£1,500	£200	£0	£500	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,700	£500	£1,200		
£50	£0	£250	£50	£0	£270	£0	£0	£-20	£300	£50	£250		
£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£600	£0	£0	£400	£1,000	£600	£400		
£50	£0	£400	£50	£0	£300	£50	£0	£100	£458	£350	£108		
£0	£0	£400	£0	£0	£374	£0	£0	£26	£400	£374	£26		
£200	£0	£200	£200	£0	£160	£160	£0	£40	£400	£320	£80		
£0	£0	£450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£450	£450	£0	£450		
£0	£0	£1,800	£0	£0	£1,500	£0	£0	£100	£1,600	£1,500	£50		
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0		
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£500	£0	£0	£500	£-500		
£0	£0	£150	£0	£0	£150	£0	£0	£0	£150	£150	£0		
£6,157	£21,950	£17,045	£5,607	£25,500	£6,974	£1,380	£19,360	£10,071	£4,227	£6,140	£48,152		
£2,870	£15,608										Of which is New (2)		
											£31,828		
											Of which is Profit		
											£4,564		

Snippet from Budgeting Spreadsheets, showing overview of expected outgoings, income. The respective transaction lines are discussed in the section regarding FoE Grant, hence the line's omission.

Finances: FoE Grant 2019 - 2020

The Faculty Grant of £13,000 has been awarded to the CGCU this year (and received). Of note there were two specific things that the Faculty felt they couldn't support:

- First Aid Training (£120) – their feeling is that ICU should be providing this for volunteers as part of their core provision.
- Election publicity (£150) – again, the feeling is that ICU should be providing us with suitable funding for publicising elections as part of the core activities of the Union.

Communique to the Union from our staff in FoE is expected within the next month on this issue. In return for this amount the Faculty asked for an end of year report (I will present this at the final/penultimate council of the year).

Freshers

The CGCU had a very successful Freshers' Week, completing all of our 8 departmental presentations and two speeches in the Great Hall. In total we welcomed some 1400 new students into Imperial. At the welcome talks to each fresher we gave our fresher's guide, to FoE and CGCU *The Spanner*.

The CGCU committee and CGCU Management Group attempted to have a sturdy presence at this year's freshers fair. However mismanagement on behalf of ICU Staff and inclement weather scuttled half of our clubs. Feedback from whom was collected at our first MG meeting. A proposed *Freshers' Fair Policy Paper* is being written to bring to the next Union Council to address these issues. Despite this the CGCU's stand fared better, being situated in main entrance. From here we gave away a great number of free condoms as well as sweets and CGCU stickers to our newest members. Overall it was a very mixed day, which has caused a great amount of division within the CGCU and a strong sense of animosity towards the Union.



DoCSoc's Gazebo, collapsed in a deserted Dalby Court; Beside it, tables lie, Empty. #GazeboGate

Welcome Dinner

This year, the CGCU's Welcome Dinner took place on Saturday 26th October. A three-course dinner was served by the staff of the Millennium Gloucester Hotel in South Kensington, followed by speeches (including mascotry ransom speech from the RCSU President delivered by myself). As per tradition, these were followed by the Guilds chant *The Boomalaka*. During the reception, there were performances by magicians. After dinner, there was an afterparty in the same venue with student DJ and lighting setup, a live band, photobooth and Derrick, the Motorbike (and one of our mascots) present.



(Left) A view across the Orchard Suite at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, where the Welcome Dinner was hosted. (Right) The reception to the dinner was in the Conservatory this year

Thanks to great publicity and an earlier ticket sales period, we managed to have over 300 attendees at the dinner (including my fellow CU Presidents, Alumni and Recent Graduates and representatives of FoE).



The Bands' Live performance was followed a DJ Set during the afterparty

Events

CGCU Pub Crawl



Around 150 engineers attended the CGCU pub crawl, which emulated the RCSU pub crawl. It was a fairly casual night which was aimed to increase the sense of community in the Guilds. Overall it was a very enjoyable night and the first time an event like this has been run by the CGCU in recent history.

CGCU Dogs

Following a successful Dog Therapy Day hosted in CAGB 135A on the 19th February (10:00-16:00) last year – we have scheduled another day for the 14th November. Last year's event was a huge success, with many hundreds of students attending. This year the event is being coordinated by our Welfare Chair Miles Gulliford.



Faces of Engineering:

Building on our yearly Women in Engineering event which became Diversity in Engineering we have expanded this year's event to all of our DepSocs. Preparations for this event are going well with several speakers from Qualcomm, GSK and Bloomberg. Faces in Engineering will be an informal and interactive panel session with a Q&A for students, local schoolchildren and the public. We hope that these events will help introduce students to careers opportunities as well as increase their employability and their awareness everyday struggles that students from less advantaged backgrounds or those of BAEM descent and many other diverse groups face.



Capture from last years event, which saw the CGCU and DoCSoc combine forces

Welfare

The wellbeing team has been in communication with departmental representatives, including those newly elected to meet and discuss objectives for the coming year. Upcoming events include dog petting on the 14th of November, for which details are being finalised (room booking pending) and faculty yoga on the 9th of December (tentative). A poster campaign to boost awareness of sanitary and protection products offered at CGCU office is underway, a similar campaign to boost awareness of resources for mental health (similar to Very Helpful poster is being investigated for future).

We have continued our welfare supplies efforts in supplying contraceptives, pregnancy tests, and also emergency female sanitary products, which are all regularly collected by students from our office. As well as a great uptake in the sanitary products, we provide and expanded service to include rape alarms. Our current Wellbeing Chair, Miles Gulliford has been in contact with the new DPW, Shervin Sabeghi who shares common grounds on many issues that have been key points in manifestos of our new elected officers such as free sanitary products. The CGCU continues a five-year trend of making a huge move towards focusing on welfare, as a Constituent Union should.

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

In previous years, the CGCU has hosted a mince pie give away on Dalby Court at the close of the Autumn term. This year, we have started talks to expand this to a full event in the CAGB foyer with hot beverages as well. This event is currently planned for the 4th December and integrates MechSoc, the MechEng DepReps and Staff and also Imperials' Chamber Choir. The event will be funded half and half (Guilds/MechSoc), and is also CGCU Grant eligible.

Academic Representation

Under the direction of this year's Education Officer and Education Chair, the academic interests of CGCU students has been, thus far, very well looked after, with a high degree of efficiency and autonomy. Any issues that are being actively raised at the highest levels, in both Faculty Teaching and

Education committee meetings that are been quickly dealt with through appropriate channels, and as a result have needed very little external input from the rest of the committee. These valuable committee members are also having in depth conversations with DepReps and Year Reps on the issues facing our students in order to find solutions.

A paper on the timeliness of the release of timetable (NSS 2019 Recommendation 9) has been written and discussed about with the DPE and some Dep Reps. We plan to present it in the upcoming engineering Faculty Teaching Committee in order to push for the adherence of the recommendation within the faculty. We are currently in the process of meeting with all the Dep Reps within the faculty and we will be looking for common problems the exists in all the departments and whether escalation is needed. We have aims to gauge opinions from the senior reps on the timing of training.

CGCU Town Hall 08/10/19

We hosted our first Town Hall event to inform primarily first-year students about what a rep does, how to run for election and how to write a manifesto and to encourage them to run for a rep or CSP role. This event was attended by 100-150 students, a lot higher than anticipated and hosted in CAGB 200, booked via the Aeronautics UG Office (booking sorted within hours of emailing). As this was the first time we've done this and there was a time constraint (before nomination period closes), planning and marketing were rather rushed. Next time they could start around a month before the event.

Clubs & Socs

In general, our clubs are highly competent, efficient and well off. They execute their duties well and cause very little issues in terms of claims or POs that need to be escalated to the Union. The only area in which we ever seem to hit any trouble with our clubs are in their interactions with ICU – room bookings for example are a common thread. The “any other business” section of our last MG meeting minutes summarises actions we will bring to future councils, including a motion to oppose the draconian position of college catering.

CGCU Departmental Societies

The CGCU has continued to support its 8 DepSocs In addition to holding management group meetings, helping the clubs with advice and event budgeting, we have also helped our clubs to grow and develop their events, this includes financial aid as well as help in the managing and planning of events, such as AeroSocs upcoming AeroHack and world record attempt for the most people dressed as Astronauts in one place.

CGCU Clubs

We have continued to expand our support for our other clubs, much of which is down to the professional and wise advice of our Clubs and Societies Office, Salman Hussain. We continue to develop our newest club Imperial Racing Green (IRG) who became a Union club last year and who released their first shop product for membership this year.

Sports

This year the CGCU Football league has 24 confirmed teams, with 4 more in a late-comers league. The games started in Mid-October and will see each team of 5 per team compete for the coveted CGCU Trophy.

Motor Club have been making great progress in their most successful year ever under the captaincy of Lorenzo Tresca and are again lined up to compete in the British Universities Karting Championship 24hr race.



Scenes from last year's League and promotional material by our Sports Officer, Rob Hyde

Mascotry

This year's CGCU Committee have continued the honourable practice of mascotry with a new-found vigour, conducting a major raid and capturing the RSM's Davy Lamp, until the Welcome dinner where it mysteriously vanished. These actions were mainly in response to the first raid of the year in which Members of the RCSU Exec gained access to the Guilds office and Stole both Spanner and Bolt.

Alumni

The CGCU President and Alumni Officer, Tiffany Lim, have been in close contact with the CGCA and have attended several meetings with the CGCA committee and the Old Centralians Trust (OCT), this has included conversing about OCT travel bursaries and hardship funds. We hope to continue this venerable partnership with our Alumni organisation, for whom we have great respect and owe a great deal – walking the path in their footsteps.

YGD

The Young Graduates Division is a new CGCA initiative designed to regenerate a generally aging organisation and reignite interest in the CGCA from current students and recent alumni. So far, the committee of this group consists mainly of old CGCU Officers and Presidents, Notably Tim Munday (President 2014-15), Milia Hasbani (President 2016-17) and Claudia Caravello (President 2017-18), as well as several current committee. The committee has been quick to meet and has an assertive set of ideas including Bar Nights, Board Game Nights, as well as a stand at Graduation. I am pleased to say that their inaugural bar night, which was supported by the CGCU was a great success, and there were many signups at graduation this year.

The CGCU Committee hope that the Young Graduates Division will generate new interest in Alumni and produce a clear path for Dep Reps and Guilds Committee to progress down once they complete their studies at Imperial. We look forward to our next joint event, which will be an evening gathering for current departmental representatives and their Alumni counterparts on the 12th of November.

2019-20 Aims

Our mission for the coming year is to focus on three key areas: Inclusivity, Community and Support. We will continue to help develop a greater sense of community within the Faculty of Engineering; making the CGCU a student body that is personal to our students, enriching their student experiences.

We will work to build an engineering community by:

- Re-introducing C&G Week – a week of welfare activities, club nights, diversity events showcasing the inter club community building that the CGCU allows a representation of the long history of CGCU.
- Hosting regular consultation sessions to make sure student input remains at the centre of our decisions.
- Promoting engagement with charity and community events like Hyde Park Relay and ICU RAG, as well as an increased sports allocation.

Further, the CGCU Committee 2019-20 aims to champion Inclusivity in the Guilds by:

- Introduce a DepRep support plan alongside in an effort build staff-student relations
- Publishing bi-termly reports to keep Faculty, the CGCA and our students informed of the goings on inside the union

We will work continue to improve Student Support:

- Continuing the great work with re-introducing CGCU dog therapy
- Advocating for student issues such as a drive for free sanitary supplies on campus
- Work with DPW to improve counselling and support services

Looking Forward

We have already executed several events this year and have almost fully planned out it's remainder. We also have plans to bring back C&G Week in association with RAG, host in a week of Guilding and charitable fun activities. We also have a few events planned with other CUs such as curry nights and socials. In the Autumn elections we elected the last of our committee.

Our website is due for a re-design before the end of this year, and we aim to use it more effectively in the future. We are also considering again expanding our membership to include postgraduate students as **full members** of the CGCU, as we have seen interest from them in joining our events, and they are already on our mailing lists. We are happy to be able to offer our services to more students.

As we continue into 2019-20 session, we are very pleased with how year so far has passed. We have managed to expand our outreach and communications which had the effect of increasing our presence. In the coming weeks we will be finalising a redraft of the CGCU constitution, as well as continuing to host townhalls to gauge our student opinions. In addition, we have also secured our own Mailchimp in order to better send our newsletters to students.

We continue to stand by our already outlined aims of working to improve the Community, Inclusivity & Support we provide to our students, using the sterling work of last year's committee as a reference point.

