

CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION

Council Report III



“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.”

Elections & Handover

Hayley Wong – President

For the first time in a while, a husting was done for the candidates. The candidates were given either one or two minutes to talk about what their aims are should they be elected, and then the audience were allowed to ask them questions. It was recorded and the recording was distributed via newsletter.



After the Leadership and Summer elections, the roles within the CGCU committee were mostly filled with the exception of one of the Guildsheet Editor roles. For handover, we are hoping to once again use our internal Nuclino wiki. The vice president has also organised a handover picnic with the current and incoming committees to kickstart the handover process.

CGCU Colours Awards

Kia Popat - Vice President

This term, we have run the nominations for the Annual CGCU colours. We initially opened the form in late April, intending to keep it open till late May, for around a month, to allow students adequate time to make nominations. However, we made the decision to extend the deadline, to mid-June, to allow all different departments to finish exams, therefore meaning more students had time to nominate their colleagues for these awards without taking away from their revision period. When we closed the nominations, we had approximately 50 on record. In many situations, some people had been nominated more than once by different people, so the number of people nominated was closer to 30 students.

Our next step with this is to determine which of the nominees to award colours to. The colours committee, consisting of the CGCU President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Media and Marketing Officer, will meet between June 15th and June 22nd for a meeting, in which we will do this, and also prepare the certificates and award pins.



Activities

Asia Gosieniecka – Activities Chair

Tri-union night

Date of Event: 23rd March 2022

This was a special collaboration event between the CGCU, RSM, and RCSU. It took place in Cirque le Soir. It included fire and dance performances, popcorn machine, face painting, photobooth, and more.



Faces of engineering

Date of Event: 9th March 2022

Faces of Engineering is an annual panel and networking event organised at Imperial, inviting people of all walks of lives and diverse backgrounds at industry to talk about their experience within engineering; how the scene is for people with diverse backgrounds, and how the scene might be changing to make adaptation easier.

Main details:

Faces of Engineering took place on 9th of March 2022 and were held in hybrid (in person part took place in CAGB 200 and online through Teams). Event was divided into two parts - discussion panel between 4 and 6pm, and networking session from 6 pm to 7 pm. Four guests were invited from companies like Engenuiti, WSP, Metis and OneWeb with the collaboration with deptsocs.

First hour of the panel was based on already prepared questions to our panelists while during the second hour guests were answering questions from the public collected through the mentimeter. Food was ordered from Imperial college catering and set by them for the networking session.



Covid-19 Protocol:

In order to attend the Faces of Engineering, attendees had to show proof of negative lateral flow or PCR test on arrival, taken within 72 hours of the event. Accepted proof included emails or texts that are sent upon registering negative test results on the NHS website. All attendees adhered to these requirements.

Valentines invasion and stand

Date of Event: 14th February 2022

The stand was set on the Dalby Court during two main lunch breaks. It was organised to celebrate the Valentine's Day but also to increase the awareness about safe sex.

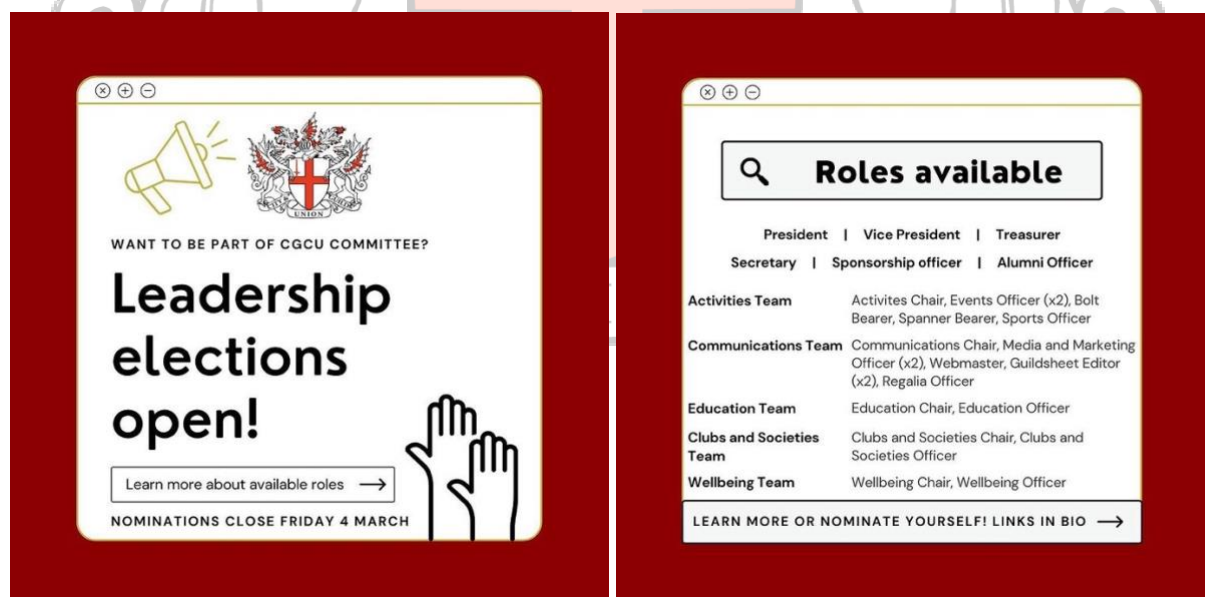
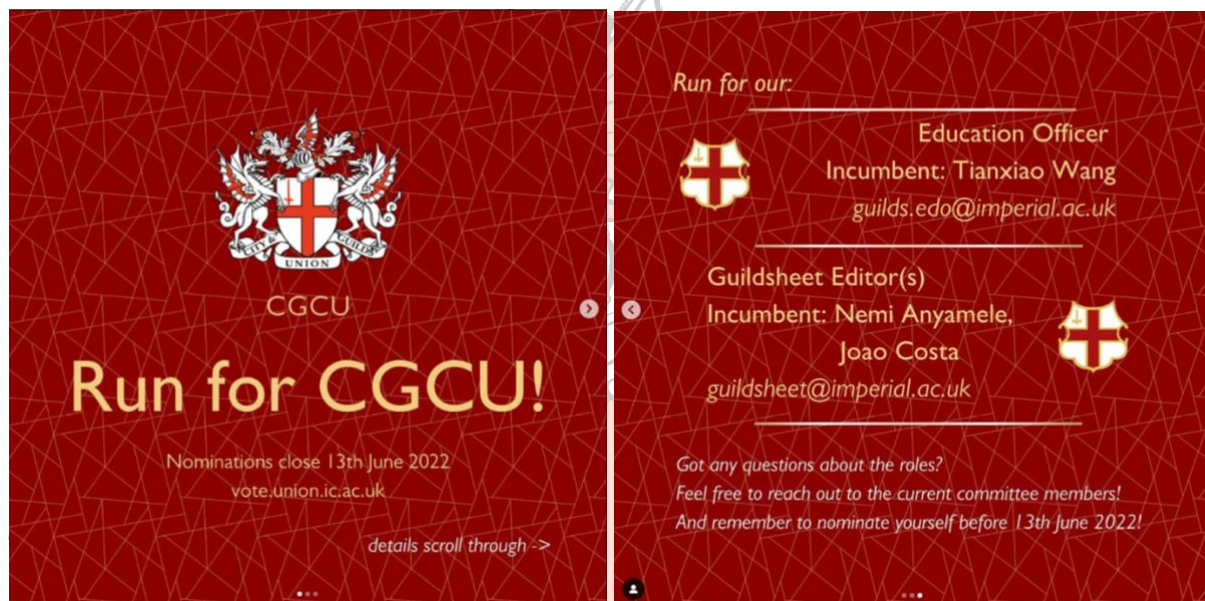
Main Details:

The Valentine’s Day stand was set on Dalby court between 12pm and 2pm. During this time CGCU members were giving away free condoms, pregnancy tests, rape alarms and sweets. All sweets had allergens list provided. During these 2 hours two rounds through JCR and SCR to increase the range of the event.

Communications

Marketing

The media & marketing team has been working to promote all the events and initiatives from the CGCU, including encouraging student to run and vote in the elections.





Guildsheet

Nnaemeka Anyamele – Guildsheet Editor

The 6th issue of the Guildsheet was successfully launched this year, with very positive reviews from the many that read through it!

https://issuu.com/cgcu/docs/guildsheetissue6_final In addition to this, the Guildsheet Autumn Term Puzzles 2021 got underway in the first term with hundreds of entries (and many... interesting... solutions) to the 30 puzzles which spanned over a 6-week period.

<https://guildsheetpuzzles.wordpress.com/gsatp2021/> There were 9 winners and an 10th winner of the challenge that featured in the latest Guildsheet issue.

Due to heavy degree commitments, not a huge amount of work was done during the term on the next issue beyond planning and reaching out for content, however, steady progress is being made towards the publication of the next issue in the summer. This issue will be one of celebration of all things engineering over the last year or so, both in the wider world and also within the Imperial community. Current sections in progress include updates on the vehicles, This year in Engineering: Civil Engineering - The Elizabeth Line, and This year in Engineering: Aero - JWST and Deployable Structures

In addition to this, we also maintain the Guildsheet Corners – these are a series of articles on Careers, Alumni experiences, and Student work experiences. This includes Careers corner: External UROPs, and Alumni Corner: Koalaa with Nate Macabuag (Mech Eng '18)

After the success of the puzzle series in first term, we also plan to run a puzzle series over the summer break: stay tuned for the Guildsheet 2022 Summer Conundra! (And obviously, stay tuned for Guildsheet 7!)

Newsletter


Honorary Secretary Will Carter has diligently sent out regular newsletter to all undergrad and postgrad engineering students. They included promotions for not just CGCU's events, but any engineering students and alumni initiatives.

Leadership Elections 🗳️ & Newsletter Submissions 📧

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Call for Submissions

Do you have a fantastic event, project or initiative you'd like to share with all 10,000 fellow engineers at Imperial?



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The CGCU Newsletter 📧

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Regalia

Kia Popat – Regalia Officer

We have been working on merchandise this term. We have had many items delivered (pint glasses, shot glasses, t-shirts, and the personalised tankards), some of which were pre-ordered for collection, and the rest of which will be listed on the union shop for members to purchase.



The personalised tankards have been a huge success, with people who purchased them being very happy with the result, so this order will likely be repeated every few years. We have also been experimenting with some new sweatshirt designs and colours, more geared towards Summer/Autumn

time, and hope to release these designs for preorder within the next few weeks, with aims for collection to be before the end of term.

We also will be sending out an email with a merchandise showcase, including the above items and also some of the items from last term, including ties and cufflinks. Lastly, we will be placing an order for more CGCU Colours Awards pins, once we have numbers on how many we will be awarding this year

Clubs & Societies

Selina Lee – Clubs & Societies Chair

Our biggest event in the spring and summer term would be annual budgeting and the elections. First of all, the annual budgeting went quite smoothly as most societies submitted their budget on time. Since we have 4 members in the MG team, we delegated a few societies each so that each officer can provide more detailed feedback and help to their dedicated societies. However, despite the training sessions, we identified that some societies still struggled to understand the criteria of receiving the union grant as some have either asked for an excessive amount or asked for grant in ineligible items/activities. The form for societies with over 10k pounds reserves was completed by departmental societies without hassle.

Before the spring election, we asked the societies to submit a committee structure change request if they would like to make a change in committee roles. Five societies made a modification in their committee structure and many requested renaming of positions. Data science society had the biggest changes in their constructure as they added, modified and removed about six roles.

Gladly, both CGCU Clubs and Society chair and officer roles were filled in the spring election. The elected candidate for the treasurer role has resigned but there are 8 candidates for the role in the summer election. Therefore, we will be able to keep all the MG roles filled for next academic year. It is great to see that the number of candidates has hugely increased compared to last year's election. The handover will be carried out soon and we plan to encourage our engineering societies to give information about CGCU and eActivities during their handover as it seemed like many of this year's committee members did not know well about CGCU until the first MG meeting was carried out.

In terms of society events, we had a number of big events hosted in the second term. There were many hackathons in particular, including DocSoc's ICHack and CTF, Data science society's AIHack, Space society's LEOHack and Design Eng Soc's Makeathon.

As societies started to host more events after the pandemic, it seems like there is also an increase in interest in creating new societies. We have received multiple enquiry emails during the last few months about creating a new society. Many of these students wanted to know more about the criteria and the application process and expressed that there is only limited guidance provided on the union website. To resolve this, we held some 1:1 meetings to explain the application process and we are hoping to receive more interest throughout the remaining term time.

Education

James White – Education Chair

I attended an ERB one he 26th of May and here we discussed feedback re. the rep system and improved training for reps as we have had some issues whereby not all reps (especially dep reps). My position of CGCU Education Chair has been successfully filled at the leadership elections while the position of CGCU Education Officer is currently vacant and open for election in the summer elections (at the

time of writing). My position of CGCU Education Chair has pretty much had its handover completed already due to my limited availability closer to the handover date as well as my unavailability for the committee handover picnic. Additionally, I had a discussion with my CGCU Officer counterpart Tianxiao and we both agree that a second position for CGCU Education Officer should be created due to the workload of multiple meetings clashing with timetables etc. Obviously this requires changes to the constitution of the CGCU and so will not happen overnight.

Wellbeing

The highlight for the wellbeing team this term is the Dog Therapy session that was ran. This was done in collaboration with the charity Pet As Therapy. 4 trained therapy dogs were present. The tickets to all the sessions were rapidly sold out as soon as they became available.

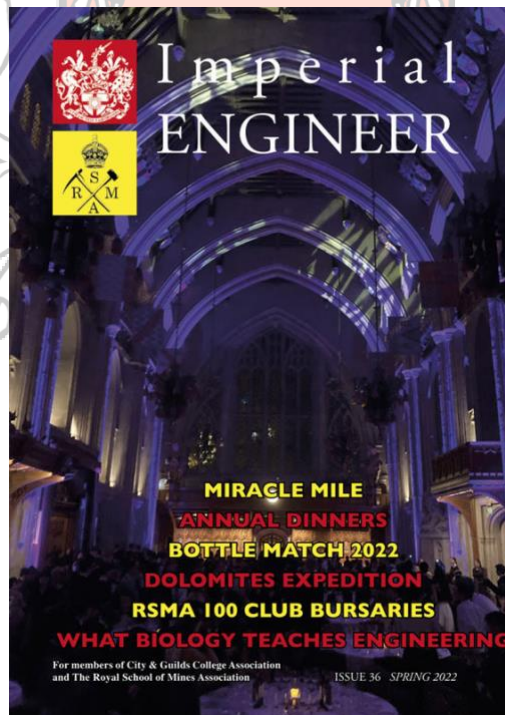


Alumni

The CGCA Dinner took place at the Ironmongers' Hall this year, hosted by CCGA President Professor Atula Abeysekera. Guests speakers included Sir James McDonald FRSE FREng FInstP FIET, Principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Strathclyde and President of the Royal Academy of Engineering and Professor Nigel Brandon, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. Several awards were given out.



The Imperial Engineer magazine has also been printed and delivered to alumni.



The CGCA AGM will take place on the 28th June.