



CGCU Summer Activity Report

A note by the City & Guilds College Union President – Temi Ladega

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 (at the time of the application for the grant) allocation would be distributed to CGCU Exec first before the RSMU portion is to be disseminated by us to RSMU 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 £4425 for CGCU, £1875 for RSMU and £2700 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 Meetings

The first CGCU management group meeting was held on Monday 24-Sep-2012, a follow up meeting was held the next day, 25-Sep-2012 for those who were unable to attend the first day. Attendance was made mandatory for the whole CGCU Exec team, chairs and treasurers of each club and society managed by the CGCU. Departmental Representatives were met by the Academic Affairs Officer, DPE and I on Tuesday 2-Oct-2012. The structure of each meeting 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 role specific training by the appropriate officer. We have now made the CGCA reception an annual event in which the CGCU Exec team, Chairs, Treasurers and Departmental Representatives attended on Wednesday 26-Sep-2012

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 management group meetings. 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 has been scheduled for absentees.

Departmental Welcome Presentations

Over the summer CGCU welcome presentations for freshers have been set up with each of the academic departments under our umbrella. These presentations have been scheduled across the first week in the Autumn Term and lasted a maximum of 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.

Freshers' Fair

The CGCU was allocated stall reference MEF15 (MechEng Foyer) at the 2012 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, USB sticks, T-shirts, Hoodies and other memorabilia. Two members of the CGCU Exec team had also been assigned as official ICU freshers' fair helpers as required.

CGCU Welcome Reception

The CGCU Welcome Reception & After-Party event has been confirmed to be held on Wednesday 17-Oct-2012 in the Mechanical Engineering Foyer. The event will begin from 7pm in the evening with a wine reception the initial eight-piece canapé meal including half a bottle of wine (and non-alcoholic drinks) will be followed by a notable after party in a Mayfair venue. Two ticket options have been made available, namely, £5 for Welcome Reception and £5 for After-Party (to be fully confirmed at time of writing). Significant sponsorship has been attained for events this year adding a greater ability to subsidise such events and to allow the opening up of socialising opportunities for Freshers of the Faculty and other students.

Upcoming Elections

Due to the resignation of the CGCU Exec Events Officer over the summer the post was vacant and an election will be held in order to fill this role, as well as vacant roles such as the Webmaster, Guildsheet Editor, Live! Editor and a new position to be passed in CGCU Exec first, being the Sponsorship Officer. Nominations for year group representatives within each of the nine academic departments run alongside the ICU schedule. And I am following this intently.

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. Copies have been printed alongside the ICU publications and I believe that they have been delivered to the Freshers before their arrival.

Website

The CGCU is having a new website and it will be launched in the 3rd week of term.