

City & Guilds College Union Autumn Term Report

A report by City & Guilds College Union President Mark Mearing-Smith

Introduction

I must firstly apologise for not getting this report in at the start of term.

Base Building

I feel like we built a strong base last term. The office was always a hive of activity, and kept (reasonably) tidy. Sadly even though I secured the Faculty Grant early on, no money has been paid as yet. We have also been using our intranet for meetings, which has increased attendance.

Events

The **Masquerade Ball** was a huge success. 700 people attended, two separate dinner, casino, chocolate fountains and dancing. A huge thanks to all the guildsmen and women who dedicated so much time to it. I must thank everyone who helped out with that. I must also thank the RCSU for jointly hosting it. I believe the event has brought the two Faculty Unions closer. **Fresher's BBQ** was good fun but not they way we had planed it. Our booking was changed from our traditional Thursday night to a Friday. **Treasure Hunt Pub Crawl**, was a very enjoyable small scale event, 20 freshers turned up, despite the bad weather and all said they had great fun.

Lord Mayor's Show, I must congratulate Owen Connick and Thomas Murrey for organising the float. I believe they did CGCU and Aeronautics proud with their scale replica of the Cody Flyer. I was sadly unable to be there on the day because of a BUSC/BUCS Snowsports race in Scotland, but by all accounts brilliant. I must also thank our sponsors for this and other events **BP**.

Reaching More Students

Sadly this has not been as I would have liked it to be. I would have to have made certain sacrifices to meet this, which I believe for a volunteer office is possibly asking too much. But I also ways make a concerted effort to speak to any student that I meet about issues they might be having, especially when driving the Snowsports club.

Alumni

I have spent a lot of time in discussions with The City & Guilds College Association (our old boys). There have been three different strands to this, first is that I and the management committee are on the CGCA Exec, the DSI (Departmental Societies Initiative) and the OC (Old Centralians) Trust. The DSI is an effort to bring DepSocs closer with their alumni which I must thank Brandon Ng and Ashley Brown for doing a lot of the preliminary work. The OC Trust is a the charity arm of the CGCA, who's board I sit on. All these are very interesting and hopefully bring many benefits to Engineering students at Imperial.

Faculty Meetings

There was the usual set of college meetings, ESC (Engineering Studies Committee), Chapter Board, Exploration Committee and more this term. All of these Guilds has made a very important contribution to the outcome. Interestingly ESC is possibly the most important meeting that I go to, but all there is to report is that changes have been made to courses, and we have made sure they serve the student's best interest.

Clubs & Societies

The Clubs and Societies of Guilds are unsung heroes. All the DepSoc do a marvellous job for their students, and there have been a whole series of brilliant events. I must specifically thank John James for facilitating them and making sure their cheques are all written and signed.