

## **City and Guilds College Union Report**

*A Note by James Fok, CGCU President*

### **CGCU Spring Elections**

Most departments with the exception of Aeronautics, ESE and Mechanical, have successfully elected the 3 required union posts – departmental representatives, department society chair and treasurer. Next year's CGCU President, Tristan Sheliker won by 59% majority.

VPFS-elect: Michael Chan

VPA-elect: Salma Begum

Honourary Secretary-elect: Vinnothan Balakumarasingham

AAO (Taught)-elect: Alex Grisman

AAO (Research)-elect: Eirini Spentza

Welfare Officer-elect: Sam Piper

No complaints have been officially submitted to the election committee.

### **CGCU Summer Elections**

Summer election saw most of the unfilled posts filled. All dept reps have now been elected. There is only a hand full of minor dept soc positions unfilled.

### **CGCU Colours**

This year the CGCU has awarded the following:

27 Half Colours

3 Full Colours – Ashley Brown, Nicholas Simpson and Eirini Spentza

2 Distinguished Service Awards – Matthew Taylor and Siddharth Singh

And just 1 President's Award for the most exceptional contribution to the Union in the 2006-07 academic year to Nicholas Simpson.

### **CGCU 07-08 budget issue**

The current CGCU VPFS, Boon Koh failed to submit the required budget on time by the first and also the extended deadline. This has resulted in the Committee-elect taking an appeal to the ICU executives. The issue have now been resolved pending final budget approval. This issue have caused the CGCU President-elect to submit a paper calling for a censure against the VPFS with the recommendation of the ICU Executives.

### **Removal of CGCU Officers**

Since the submission of the initial motion of no confidence against the VPFS, the VPA and the Welfare Officer have also become the subject of other motions of no confidence. Neither the VPA nor the Welfare Officer have fulfilled many of their constitutional duties.

### **Hand Over**

This is slowly happening with President-elect, Tristan, arranging to meet his team and their current counter parts. I have also begun to introduce Tristan to the external individual stakeholders of the CGCU to ensure a smoother transition this year with external bodies.