

# June 2020 Council Report

## CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION

“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.”



Since the last report, a lot of unprecedented world events have occurred which undeniably had an impact on the CGCU and its clubs' activities. The activities presented in this report cover activities mainly completed in Jan/Feb.

I would like to thank the committee of 2019-20 for all their hard work and dedication this year, and wish the best of luck to the committee of 2020-21.

## Events

In February, the Guilds held a series of events including (limited) RAG Queens' Tower Tours (raising £100), and Open Office to encourage election nominations, LGBT+ Panel (organised in collaboration with the Union predominantly by the Wellbeing Chair), a bar night and a Valentines' Day Stand. All were reasonably well attended, and we are looking to do more events in collaboration with RAG in the future.

## Communications

The Comms team helped promote all of the events detailed above, including creating Facebook events and Instagram marketing. We also emailed out the coronavirus safety net policy survey to all of our members, to try and garner a higher response rate for the Union. An issue of Guildsheet was also published and released. The regalia officer created Colours awards pins as detailed in the previous report for Half and Full Colours as well as President's Award. We promoted the CGCU colours awards scheme and received around 60 nominations in total.

Current focus is on promoting summer by-elections, as well as a photo competition held by the CGCA. The CGCA are also in the process of getting historical committee shields displayed in the MechEng foyer.

## Clubs & Societies

Unfortunately, a lot of work conducted by clubs and societies had to be cancelled and was suspended due to the pandemic. However, they have been excellent at adapting- for example, with EESoc creating a coronavirus raffle fundraiser in collaboration with the CGCU, raising £444.00 and DoCSoc and MechSoc creating Minecraft servers.

We are currently in the process of helping clubs deal with refunds and delays on sponsorship contracts. Delays are understandable due to the current situation but some clubs have been waiting since Feb for a sign off.

Budgeting has been completed successfully, with the President, C&S Chair and Treasurer meeting individually with clubs to ensure they fully understood their needs and budgets for the 20-21 academic year. Any appeals raised have been dealt with in the appropriate manner.

## Education & Wellbeing

The LGBT panel was ran by the Wellbeing Chair successfully, so much so that he was invited to chair DoCSoc's Women in Gaming Panel. Most Education and Wellbeing activities have been overshadowed by the pandemic, with the Education and Wellbeing Chairs attending meetings to clarify the Union's stance on the College's response to the pandemic.

## Future Plans

We are trying to adapt to the new way of life and see whether classic events such as the Welcome Dinner can still go ahead at the same time (October) next year.

The new committee are in the process of arranging handovers, which was put on hold due to exams, and the CGCU Colours panel will meet virtually and deliberate nominations.

Over Summer, we will be updating our Wiki with very detailed guides for future officers, so that they are able to do their job a lot more easily. This can be found at [cgcu.net/wiki](http://cgcu.net/wiki).

Although this has been a very difficult year with multiple challenges, I would like to thank the CGCU committee as well as anyone who has helped me with any issues I've had this year.