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#### **Introduction**

- The last month has been a very busy one as we have continued to roll out our 100 goals agenda and deal with impending cuts of \$15m to the UWA budget
- We have run a number of very successful theme weeks, including Welfare Week and Marnda week to promote and celebrate Indigenous culture
- Our swift and unreserved response to the PROSH situation has been received positively by key stakeholders
- I am now gearing up for a number of mid year projects to correspond with the *future directions* strategy paper

#### **Meetings, activities and achievements**

- Attended the induction for Board of Studies representatives
- Received approval from UWA for our Service Learning Co-ordinator proposal
- Ran a Masterplan workshop with key stakeholders from student clubs and the University
- Attended regular meetings with the PSA President to discuss security concerns, issues with the Macquarie Model discussions and building the PSA's role
- Met with Chris Massey from Uni Hall to discuss student issues and potential for collaboration
- Arranged a meeting with relevant staff and student reps to activate discussions on an integrated online calendar and ticketing facility
- Met with members of the University's Health & Wellbeing Committee to discuss healthy food options on campus.
- Met with the Founder of ICEA to discuss potential initiatives to improve cultural awareness at UWA through running leadership development for student leaders
- Attended a Mature Age Student BBQ run by the Guild VP Annie Lei
- Met with the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor to discuss our education agenda
- Met with the Director of Student Services Jon Stubbs to discuss the \$5 medical charge imposed on international students, which should be resolved through a new insurance agreement
- Met with the new Warden of Convocation to discuss collaboration. One of the ideas of relevance was to provide mentoring from past Fac-Soc Presidents now in successful positions
- Attended a meeting of the University Senate
- Continued to develop our student assist policies through the newly named Student Assist Committee
- Met with new members of Guild Committees
- Finalized audit arrangements in preparation for the Senate Audit and Review Committee
- Met with a number of faculty societies Presidents to get updates and continue to assist with service learning and education issues
- Gave feedback in an interview with other councilors on the University's Review of Administration
- Attended an activities committee meeting and made progress on new EMP policies, Tavern events, paint party and plans for an end of year "Guild birthday party"
- Attended a Teaching & Learning Committee meeting, where we are continuing to develop the DVCE's Education Futures Project

- Met many times with the WASAC President to discuss new initiatives and ways of the Guild doing more to support Indigenous students
- Attended a Board of Studies (Arts) meeting and handed over my position to Arts Union President Emma Brede
- Attended a Board of Coursework Studies meeting where a major policy issue was raised with respect to undergraduate credit towards postgraduate degrees
- Contributed to the approval of new end-user facilities for cyclists appropriated under the Parking and Transport Reserve Fund
- Attended a Finance and Planning Committee meeting where we continued to push forward with our catering strategy

**Key education issues to highlight**

- Class sizes and scheduling: I am continuing to deal with issues where there are insufficient seating arrangements or lecturers are asking for exemption from the common lunch hour rule. I have brought these issues up directly with the VC as they pertain to inadequate facilities
- Feedback on course quality- update to be provided in the meeting
- Week 13 exams: week 13 exams should not be occurring, however in practice there is clear evidence of this. Hendo and I have raised with Academic Policy Services and are working on a solution to the problem
- Potential for cuts to teaching and learning. Given that the University's budget will be under immense strain over the next two years, faculty reps should be vigilant of concentrated cuts to teaching and learning budgets
- Mental health considerations: I am finding it quite common for students going through mental health difficulties to receive no follow-up when major assignments are not handed in.
- Service learning coordinator proposal has been accepted- yay! Aden Date from the volunteering hub will now have 20hrs a week to assist faculties develop new service learning units for students. I encourage you to bring this up at your faculty boards and encourage strong collaboration.



### Annie Lei | 100th Guild Vice President

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#### **Introduction**

This month, I have tried to redefine my role as Vice-President as this role in previous years have always been quite mysterious in the sense that there is no defined or set portfolio. One of the key 100 goals for the 100<sup>th</sup> Guild this year is for better engagement with minority groups at UWA. This is now an underlying theme in the Vice-President's portfolio and I have undertaken many initiatives and projects with this line of thinking. It has been a busy month and I am quite proud to say that MASA is finally underway! More to come in the next few months!

#### **Projects:**

##### **Activities | Parking Appeals Board**

I was unable to attend to this month's Parking Appeals Board because of the late notice provided by UWA Security (2 days' notice) and because I was in Sydney for a graduate program. I will work closely with the Parking Appeals Board to make sure their meetings are more regular and predictable, which would make it much easier for planning purposes.

##### **Projects | International Students Society**

I met up with Felix to draft up a proposal to re-establish the International Students Council. Together, we came up with a few good ideas as to the purpose and objective of the council. We formulated who was going to sit on the Council and who would be invited to come. This will happen bi-monthly and the first informal meeting is scheduled for the Week Beginning 27 May 2013.

##### **Projects | Mature-aged students**

Posted on G'News this week about establishing a Mature-Aged Students Association (MASA) which has been well received with immense interest! I'll be looking to setting the committee up in the next few weeks, after the welcome BBQ on Wednesday, 24 April. The Welcome BBQ has had great reception! I have organized with Ben Johnston the date and the BBQ equipment, and Guild Catering for the supplies. Hopefully everything goes to plan!

##### **Projects | Post-Graduates Students Association (PGA)**

Met up with Gemma Bothe on Monday, 15 April for a brief meeting as to the services the PSA provides for students and how I can implement that model to MASA. Gemma was really helpful in providing many insights and we have come up with a few joined events for the year! Very excited and grateful of Gemma's help and support. I look forward to working closely with PSA this year for great success.

##### **Projects | International Exchange Visits to UWA**

This month, we had quite a lot of enquiries as to visits to UWA from Malaysian and Singaporean universities. I have been in charge of liaising with representatives from the student bodies of those universities. It is very exciting to know that we are internationally recognized as a very strong and successful Student Guild! Many of these programs want to get to know how our organization runs and to take a few ideas here and there to be implemented at their home universities. I am very excited about this prospect and the opportunities that we can provide to other university organisations.

#### **Conclusion**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you want to talk about plans to better student's experience at UWA.



## GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | April 2013

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### Catering

- Some delays with catering committee meeting due to clashes
- Promotions and menu boards to be completed next week
- Addressing improvements suggested by students in the food-review@guild... email address – some interesting feedback so far

### Other Projects

- Still working on Budget breakdowns: have had a number of assessments that have hindered productivity
- Looking at mid year report similar to that RMIT Union's
- Board of Studies (Commerce) still has not met
- Issues with Arts Union



### **Secretary Duties |**

The secretary duties I have carried out this month are as follows:

- Followed up on business from Minutes, meetings and general activities.
- Compiled Minutes and Agendas.
- Ordinary Committee Member Applications via G-News

### **Guild Executive |**

Guild Executive has approved some grants and loans.

### **Finance & Planning |**

See the F&P minutes!

### **Tenancy Committee |**

- During the past month I have been gathering quotes for larger items of maintenance to make the club spaces in the East Wing and Cameron Hall more “livable” until the Masterplan takes effect. With these quotes I have developed a business case – once this business case is finished, I will take it to the Tenancy Committee for comment and endorsement, and then to the Finance & Planning Committee. Hopefully this will address the many problems clubs are facing in their clubrooms and make them much more comfortable.
- Last week the Clubroom Allocation Committee allocated the Solid Gold clubroom. Laura will be able to provide more information on this process and the result.
- Next week Laura, Owen and myself will be meeting to address the issue of storage space.

### **Other Projects |**

It has again been a very busy month for me as I have been involved in a number of projects.

- Contributed to the O-Day Debrief meeting
- Met with the Campus Representatives as elected in March (Nedlands – Josh Bamford, Claremont – Rida Ahmed, QEII – Luke Rodman, Albany – Lizzy O’Shea, Rural Placements – Georgina Carr), to discuss their engagement strategies.
- Guild 100  
I am now overseeing the completion of roughly 45% of the Guild 100 goals. Cameron Barnes is overseeing the remaining 55%. Great progress is being made!
- Coffee Grounds  
I attended a meeting with Dan Stone and Catering to discuss various environmental issues such as Dine-In Options. We now have dine-in options available at many cafes – Dan will be able to give you more information.
- Grill the Guild  
I have now attended 4 Grill the Guilds – at St Catherine’s College, Trinity College, St George’s College and Tommy Moore College. All have been very positive and I feel the college students are more aware of the services the Guild provides.
- Masterplan Meetings  
I sit on the Project Control Group as well as the Masterplan Planning Committee, so am very much in the loop with the progress of the Masterplan Project. On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we are holding two workshops – one to discuss the commercial aspects of the Guild Village precinct, and one focused on Club Facilities. In attendance will be key Guild staff and student reps, University staff and Club Reps, along with the Project Manager and

Architects. I hope we will get some good feedback in this session to direct the Revised Facilities Masterplan.

- On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April I will be helping Annie Lei run the Mature Aged Students Association BBQ.
- I attended the interviews for the new Design Officer, to give a student perspective.
- I have been coordinating our work experience student Chantel to meet with various office bearers and learn a little bit about their job and portfolio.

### **Conclusion |**

We are getting to crunch-time with a lot of our projects. It is a very busy and exciting time at the Guild, and I cannot wait to see the fruits of our labour become apparent. As always, I'm here for support and encouragement. Feel free to pop in and see me anytime!



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### O-Day Grants |

The SOC and PAC committees have now approved O-Day Grants which have been distributed to clubs. Some interesting points to note (thanks to James Devenish for his report!):

- 68 applications were received, compared to 60 in 2012 and 50 in 2011
- A total of more than 4600 unique students signed up, compared to 5400 in 2012 and 3600 in 2011 (though note, these figures only reflect sign-ups for clubs who submitted grant applications, and do not include facsocs)
- 98% of signups were Guild members
- The cap on sign up grants for 2013 is \$527, with 55 clubs receiving the full value of their claims

### Masterplan and Clubrooms |

The Club Masterplan Survey has now closed, and the results are very interesting and valuable. We had participation by 47 clubs and societies– which is great! We will be using these results in the upcoming Masterplan workshops and I look forward to letting you all know how those workshops go. We have a selection of club representatives attending these workshops, and it's a great opportunity for students to have a say on the proposed student spaces.

### Prosh Olympics |

Prosh Olympics was a great success. Thank you to the Prosh Directors, Maitlyn and Ray for all their hard work. The overall winner was UEC, and the following clubs received positions and prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Leisure (\$300)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: EMAS (\$200)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: SABAS (\$100)

### Clubroom Allocation |

The Clubroom Allocation Committee recently met to consider 9 clubroom applications. Congratulations to Science Union who were successful in their application! I wish them all the best in their new room.

### Finances |

- Prosh Olympics prizes: \$600
- Prosh Olympics supplies: \$175
- Meeting costs: \$181.60
- O-Day Grants: \$15,000



### 1. Supporting Faculty Societies

#### Funding

Money for Start-Up grants have been distributed to each of the faculties using the approved method of comparing sponsorship and assets to inversely determine the amount of money for a FacSoc, helping the faculty societies with less ability to gain funding and those that have less to begin with.

Special Projects grants have been delayed due to FacSocs being a little tardy in getting their applications in, however they will be handed out before this Guild Council Meeting.

Mental Health grants have followed in a similar strain to the Special projects grants with only a few switched on FacSocs applying. They will also be handed out by the time of this meeting.

### 2. Education Council Administration and Reform

#### Monthly Faculty Exec meetings

Due to exams and prosh the Monthly Faculty Exec meetings haven't started but they will coincide with the fact that receiving the SLETS survey questions from each FacSoc have been slow.

### 3. Guild Education Administration

#### Student Survey:

The education council executive has begun the creation of the student learning experience and teaching survey (SLETS). The general information and universal question section is complete with the next step to create individual sections for each of the faculties relating to their specific issues. More information will be available as the survey is developed. The current time line for the survey is for it to be available for the completion by students after the next guild council. The final survey will be brought to Ed council for approval and a report and findings to be filed with Ed and Guild council and to the review of pedagogy after the Mid-year break.

#### Events

The two NDAs (National Days of Action) that was coordinated by members of Ed Council, EAN and NUS were very successful. The UWA on-campus event for the first NDA was very successful, getting 100 demands for the university and putting on a free sausage sizzle.

The Second NDA was even more successful, pairing up with the NTEU to stage a protest on Stirling Hwy, approximately 150 people attended.

### 4. Education Financials

- Not many costs this month
- Some money for NDA for UWA materials at UniPrint





## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL | REPORT | APRIL 2013

### Valentina Barron | 100<sup>th</sup> Guild Public Affairs Council President

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- PAC RULES
  - PAC rules have been amended by clubs and by the PAC Committee. They have also gone through statues and area ready to be passed by Guild Council
- SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
  - SJW is next week and Honny has been working incredibly hard at getting everything prepared; there are three themed days, these being earth day, diversity day, and humanitarian day. We have been organizing club stalls and fun outdoor activities and things to happen each day from 12 – 2
- PAC POP UP
  - The PAC meeting was really successful this time in terms of people actually letting me know ideas that they had for PAC Pop Up, the first one will be next week and UDS will be performing a scene from the musical in the ref during lunch time
- FRINGE FESTIVAL
  - Already putting together a committee of non PAC members, so students that want to get involved with the process but aren't on PAC. After meeting with Ted Snell last week, we have some really great ideas about things to get started on with organizing, and he is also incredibly keen to assist with PAC Pop Up Promotion as well as other PAC events.



Dear friends, colleagues and interested students, I intend to use this report to update you on our various projects.

### Waste and Recycling:

- We are trying to divert 4Tonnes in coffee grinds from landfill. **Bryn Howells** is investigating alternative places to reuse them which has diverted 750kg on a trial basis. We will be promoting this coffee grinds to UWA staff by the start of next week.
- We have asked **F&P** committee to investigate the use of post-consumer recycled coffee cups. I believe **Guild Catering** are investigating. Deadline is shifted to next F&P.
- **Ben Johnston** is putting recycling bin ordering into event management plans for clubs.
- Our recycling Station will recycle Shoes, Batteries and Phones, it will hopefully be up next week or the week after, depending on an FM job.
- **Bryn** is designing new stickers to apply to the bins to improve the recycling rate.
- **Julia W** has arranged 3 free hot chocolate and cookie stunts to encourage Keep Cup takeup and usage.
- **Louise** and **Jessica** have designed posters, banners and an e-banner around dining-in at Guild. Dine-in rates are increasing, especially in Guild Cafe.
- **Guild Events** had 2 recycling skips on O-Day as well as non-recycling skips, for the very first time. We believe the contents were recycled.
- Keep Cups have arrived! We'll offer them for \$10 (\$4 discount) plus a 20c discount on coffee. From very rough information, we think we've shifted ~500 w/ Co-Op.

### Energy & Climate Change:

- **Sam Begg** and myself are submitting a proposal for 30kW Solar Panels to FM. This has gone to the FPG committee on the 26<sup>th</sup> February and had positive feedback. We have not heard back – concerned.
- **Jonathon Zahra** have met with Schneider, energy audit consultants. We've not heard back – concerned that they may no longer be interested. We're finalising scope.
- **Sustainable Development** and ourselves are co-designing "lights-off" stickers for use around campus. Will re-engage this following Sustainability Week.
- We are approaching FECM IT to get Engineering computers to have more appropriate standby settings.
- **Lily Cheng** is looking into the literature involved in convincing students to take the stairs more than the lift in the (Science Library.)
- We have worked with Karen to put up Lights Off posters at critical places within the Guild Buildings.
- **Luke Barrett** and **Lizzy O'Shea** prepared a passed proposal to FandP. Guild Flights are now Carbon Neutral removing 30T of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- **Hannah Park** has contacted FM and got air conditioning setpoints increased in Physics Lecture Theatres.

### Transport:

- **Denisse** is working on potential bike maintenance workshops in May to promote bike usage on campus.
- **Hannah D** is looking at carpooling bays on campus and air conditioning.
- We have implemented a new carpooling system called Jayride. It is up on Student Connect and promoted. There are currently 39 carpoolers according to Jayride stats.

- The Bike Repair Station proposal by us and **UBC** has been OK'ed by FPG for a temporary and permanent location. Construction hopefully this semester.

**Culture:**

- We are getting an urban orchard arranged and are liaising with **Helen Whitbread** from FM.
- The 5 things you can do to be a sustainable student brochure is complete.
- Work has begun on EnviroFest and Sustainability Week to ensure their success this year. SW had about 12 events at current tracking-11 of which were well attended.
- We ran a recruitment drive to support Enviro clubs in week 2 with 60 attendees. We supported SEN and CCWA events in week 1.
- We have beautified the Enviro Office with Blackboard, record bowls, paper coasters, music table, fridge, floppy USBs, cassette cutlery holder.
- We are supporting AYCC UWA in their handover and outsourcing some energy work to SEN.
- We have supported FM's computer recycling event by providing volunteers on all three days and promoting the event. We are hoping that the event becomes a recurring feature.

**Finances:**

<b>Projects:</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Costs</b>
<b>KEEP CUPS</b>		
Free Hot Choc Stall	Posters A3 Flier Printing x 1000 Food - 1st stall	\$33.03
<b>JAYRIDE</b>		
Promotions	A3 Posters x 50	\$25
<b>DINE IN</b>		
Promotions	15 x A4 posters	\$4.20
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
5 Ways to be a sustainable student on campus	250 x DL flyers	\$61
<b>ENVIROFEST</b>		
		\$2,600
<b>TOTAL</b>		2723.23

**Events:**  
**MONDAY**

**Expenses**                      **Costs**



1pm Sustainable BBQ w/ UEC, donations go to Relay@UWA.

**TUESDAY**

11:30-2pm Enviro Fest w/ Sustainable Development and the Guild

1pm(or 1:30pm) The Conservation Conversation

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30am Bike Breakfast w/ Sustainable Development (Free if you ride)

1:pm Energy Tutorial w/ SEN

5pm Bike Ride and BBQ w/ UBC to King's Park

**THURSDAY**

1pm Environment Careers talk w/ Science Union

5pm Sustainable Short Course w/ AYCC

**FRIDAY**

8:30am Black Cockatoo Conservation Vollie Op w/ GVH

10am-4pmPC4R Computer Repair Day w/ EWB

SEEC-ing A round cocktail Night w/ SEEC - \$15 w/ drinks.

ALL WEEK: check out the Interactive Origami Display in the Science Library!

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Promotions

10 A3 Posters \$5

25 A3 Posters \$12.50

Offer Pizza \$60

Nil Nil

Pizza \$60

\$80

Offer Food \$60

Offer Food Nil

\$0

Offer Pizza \$60

10 A3 Posters \$5

Offer Prize Nil

Nil Nil

Nil Nil

Banner \$30

25 A3 Posters \$12.50

**TOTAL**

385



## GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | April 2013

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### Summary:

This month the main project for the Women's Department has been getting The Bare Truth Campaign up and running. Anyone who wants more information about the campaign can visit our Facebook page or send me an email. We are also making plans for Blue Stockings Week at the end of April

### Blue Stockings Week:

For Blue Stockings week we are planning on hosting a "Make Your Own Sandwich" stall next to the Feminist Action Network Cupcake stall, and we may also have a sexual education stall happening as well. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help out, please send me an email.

### The Bare Truth Update:

We currently have almost all the models we need and plan to talk to someone soon for legal advice about what we can and can't do with the calendar (considering things like nudity may be involved.) We also got official fundraising approval from the Butterfly Foundation, which is very exciting.

### Axe The Tampon Tax Update:

While things have cooled down on the Axe The Tampon Tax front, I am very pleased to report that TOM Organic have continued to support the campaign and are now looking into the possibility of getting some more media attention – specifically, we're trying to get me onto the Seven PM Project. TOM Organic have offered to sponsor my flights over East if this should eventuate.

### Financials:

There is no financial information to report this month apart from the ongoing costs of the self-defense classes (which will be invoiced at the end of the semester.)  
(I believe we are also waiting on the invoice from the Marque people for Women's Week)



## GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Zephaniah Clapp | 100th Guild Queer Officer

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Due to the officers elected at the end of last year having quit, we will be holding new elections on Monday 22/04/13. I will give the results of this at the guild council meeting. Due to the lead up to this I have failed to make any major progress on the "Queer Student's Handbook" I mentioned two meetings ago. Hopefully this will become easier to work on with a new co-officer elected.

Also we would ask the Council what assistance can be offered to students that wish to represent UWA at Queer Collaborations, held this year in Sydney, during the midyear break. The QD has of late held only it's regular events, Pillow Talk on Tuesdays, and Movie Nights on Wednesdays.

Regards,  
Zephaniah Clapp  
UWA Queer Officer



### **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide brief information about the progress of ISS.

### **Departmental Reports**

The following comprises activities conducted in the month of April and upcoming events:

#### **1. Welfare & Education Department**

##### Lighthouse Magazine

Online edition of Lighthouse has been uploaded. In the process of contacting International Centre and have it send out to all international students on campus.

*Budgeted Spending: \$2,000*

*Actual Spending: \$3,239.50*

##### ISS Committee Cohesion

Date: Saturday, 23/3/2013

Time: 10am – 2pm

Venue: Guild Council Meeting Room and James Oval

Objective of the event was to build a strong and cohesive team through the encouragement of effective communication, teamwork, problem solving and decision making skills. 22/27 committee members attended the event. A total of three games and two icebreakers were carried out in accordance with the event objective.

*Budgeted Spending: \$150*

*Actual Spending: \$120.55*

##### ISS Rottneest Trip

Date: Tuesday, 2/4/2013

Time: 9.30am – 4.45pm

Objective of the event was to provide international students with the opportunity to explore the island at a cheaper cost and to encourage a healthier lifestyle through physical activity. A total of 66 tickets were sold at a cost of \$35 per person (original price \$53.80) inclusive of two-way ferry ride and bike hire. Overall

The response for the event was very good with tickets selling out by 2<sup>nd</sup> day of ticket sales.

*Cost of Purchasing Tickets: \$3550.47*

*Revenue from Ticket Sales: \$2,328*

*Budgeted Spending: \$1,500*

*Actual Spending: \$1,222.47*

##### Health and Wellbeing Month

Date: Mid-August to Mid-September

Objective of the event is to raise awareness about the importance of health and wellbeing among international students and to provide them with the knowledge and resources to achieve a more balanced lifestyle. Focus will be on organizing fun and engaging activities and initiatives

relating to 1) food and nutrition, 2) exercise, 3) mental health and stress, and 4) social support, homesickness and culture shock. First committee meeting will be held on Friday (19/4/13). FitforStudy has agreed to collaborate with us for the month. Currently seeking collaboration with UWA Sports and Counseling and Psychological Services.

*Budgeted Spending: TBC*

## **2. Social Department**

ISS Affiliates Night 2013

Date: 25 March 2013

Time: 6pm to 8pm

To further increase the number of affiliates under the ISS umbrella. Other International clubs, colleges' res-club representatives, members of the UWA Student Guild will be there. At the same time creating awareness of ISS to the other clubs and hopefully to create a bond with them.

*Budgeted Spending: \$500*

*Actual Spending: \$575*

ISS River Cruise

Date: Friday, 10 May 2013

Time: 8pm to 11pm

A social networking party organised for international students. Shuttle buses will be catered to ferry students from UWA to the jetty. Event is still currently in the planning stage. Ticket sales should start by week beginning 29 April 2013.

*Budgeted Spending: \$2,000*

ISS Soccer Tournament

Date: TBC

Seeking collaboration with Singapore Student Society (SSS). Aim of holding a soccer tournament in UWA is to get students to participate in a league style competition, whereby top 3 teams will receive prizes. A team should consist of 5 to 6 people. Targeting about 10 teams for the whole event.

*Budgeted Spending: \$800*

## **3. Multicultural Week Department**

Harmony Day Celebrations

Harmony Day was MCW's first event run in 2013. It was run under the broader Harmony Week Project conducted by the Western Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The crowd drawn from the public was much greater than expected.

Swedish Meatball Day

Date: 23 April 2013



April 23 will mark MCW's first fundraising event. In order to expand on what people see as a largely Asian-oriented society, we will be bringing in Swedish culture in the form of meatballs to raise funds for later in the year.

#### Funding for MCW

LotteryWest has expressed an interest in funding external media and advertising for Multicultural Week in 2013. Going forward, we are sourcing quotes for bus, taxi, magazine, newspaper and various other forms of advertising. The Vice Chancellery Grant is being worked on, and is being assisted by Cameron Barnes.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

A donation of \$1,800 was received in the month of March by one of our previous ISS Director. After discussion with Henry, the amount is added into the 'Activities' account.

#### **Conclusion**

Information is correct as of 20 April 13. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. That is all for now, have a good month ahead ☺

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#### **PSA Committee-**

Our Education Faculty Representative and Secretary have stepped down from their positions due to family issues. This means that the PSA is now looking for a Secretary, Science Faculty Representative, an Education Faculty Representative, and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer.

I have had four applications for the science faculty representative within the last few days. There is currently no policy on what to do when there is more than one application for a role outside of the AGM elections. The PSA is working on a policy to put in our Constitution.

#### **Guild –**

The 'regulations sub-committee' have begun to finalise what regulation changes we would like to see occur in the Guild in regards to the PSA.

Cameron Barnes, Tom Henderson, Josh Bamford, Kara Salter and myself have meet about the upcoming inaugural Postgraduate Education Forum- where both PSA faculty representatives and representatives from Faculty societies will discuss postgraduate educational issues. The first forum will occur on April the 30<sup>th</sup> and will cover a variety of topics including: educating Faculty Societies on Postgraduates, educating PSA Faculty Representatives on Faculty Societies and the Guild, and discussing the place of Honours Students.

I have met with Annie to discuss both the PSA and the Mature Aged Student Society which is being organized.

#### **Representation and Advocacy-**

I have followed up the issue of Postgraduate housing (specifically issues with international students and postgraduate students with families). I have met with both Carolyn de Grauw and Sarah Mather about housing at UWA- they have explained to me what assistance there is at UWA and how the UWA owned properties are managed. Although this answered many of the questions students had about housing this has now shed any light on how to alleviate the pressures felt by Postgraduates (especially international students) in relation to housing.

#### **University-**

I attended a meeting with the head librarians. During which the following was discussed:

- The issue of being able to print from a personal device in black and white has been solved- the default is now grayscale and colour printing needs to be selected.
- The Reid Library has now extended its opening hours. It is now open on weekends from 8am until 2am. Until 2am on Fridays and 24/7 for the 3 week exam period.

- They are in the beta testing phase of being able to access Uni Drive remotely from any device. This should be in full service by semester 2. Currently all students have 2G of storage on Uni Drive. The librarians are looking into whether the current infrastructure could accommodate Postgraduates having more storage space.
- The Librarians recognise that OLCR is a problem. It is old 'clunky' software. They are looking into finding potential replacements for it and hope to replace it with a 'fully integrated system'.
- Endnote is supposed to exist on all computer lab computers. They are looking into the computer labs to make sure that it exists on the computers.
- They are aware that students want access to google calendar- they are looking into making this happen.
- I brought up potentially having transcription software and hardware available for use in the library. This was marked as something to look into.
- In terms of the scholars centre renovation it was suggested to me that Postgrads would like collaborative learning spaces, meeting rooms, power points on desks large desks for visual learning and tea/coffee facilities. It was suggested that they look at Space Cubed (45 St Georges Terrace for ideas) – I passed these suggestions onto the Librarians. The librarians are looking at the idea of 'hot desking' with no assigned desks. I have put forward this idea to postgraduates and the feedback on the idea has been strongly negative.
- With the Reid now being 24/7 there is a need for extended food/coffee services- I have talked to Cameron about this.

I attended a meeting a Service Learning at UWA meeting hosted by Grady Venville.

I attended the Grants and Schemes committee meeting

I attended the Senate Community Dinner

I attended the Graduate Research School Board Meeting.

I will be going to the Albany Campus on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May for the Albany Steering Committee Meeting.

### **Events-**

PSA Quiz night tickets went on sale last week, and are already almost sold out. We have received a wide variety of donations for the quiz night- with almost \$1000 worth of prizes donated so far. NAB bank has also sponsored the event. They will be giving us \$250 towards the running of the event. We have continued to try and find further sponsors for the PSA Quiz Night.

Last Connect (11<sup>th</sup> of April), was shifted to coincide with the GRS Postgraduate welcome. This worked well as many attendees of the welcome then attended the Connect.

The PSA has applied to Bunnings to host a 'Fundraising Barbeque' within the next few months. Bunnings have been in contact and they have given us two days (both Saturdays)- June the 15<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> . We hope to earn at least \$1000 from this venture.

### **Orientations-**

I spoke at the GRS Orientation on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> to all new Research Students about the PSA. At the orientation we signed up many people to our mailing list- however many more were already signed up due to the implementation this year of students being able to sign up at Guild Reception when they activate their Guild memberships.

I have been invited to speak at the Plant Biology Postgraduate Orientation.

I have been invited to speak to the Student Services Mid-year Orientation for Coursework Postgraduates

### **Awards-**

The PSA's first Awards and Grants round has now closed. We have received several applications. Several people requested to submit their applications late- my uniform answer to all of these people was if that their application was received after the due date their application would be stored and then considered in round 2. All of the applications were of a very high quality making the decision very difficult. The applications that were received for round 1 have been reviewed on Monday the 11th and notice will be sent to the recipients shortly.

### **Finance-**

The last PSA Connect \$847- this is \$47 over our limit. I will be speaking to the Uni Club about making sure they do not continue to provide food or drink over our limit again.

Round 1 of the PSA Awards and Grants were handed out. Not all of these awards were distributed (Small Grant \$300) resulting in this month being under what we projected for the Awards and Grants.



April has been a busy month for the Welfare Department, and indeed the Guild as a whole.

#### This Month

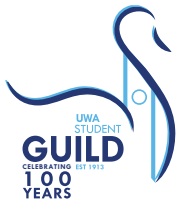
- Guild Yoga is still plugging along nicely. We'll be putting in an advertising push next month to get attendance up!
- Currently planning to launch a new weekly session on Mondays at 5pm, at the Trinity College. I've organised this with Trinity VP Sam, who has agreed to promote to the other colleges.
- Still finalising the Design Doc for the *Guild Wiki*, as passed at the last council meeting. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wT1d-4LMYHNyGiqp18xgWh7mLP6jnXKNna8PGYIDK9M/edit#heading=h.nby29jw4wcbk>. Any feedback is appreciated.
- Received applications for Guild Mental Health Grants – these will be distributed in the next week or so.
- Attended the first Student Centre Committee Meeting for 2013, where I've proposed a number of enhancements to frontline service delivery via a number of online forms we'll be launching soon for access to Student Assist Officers and Guild Loan applications.
- Planning elements of Welfare Week including a soup kitchen, more contact with City of Subiaco Reach Program (basic health check), free massages (talked to Blackstone about their provider last year). Also initiated contact for a potential Oral Health Day during that week, and a clothes swap day, as well as engaging Headspace to join us.
- Planning progressing on the Bone Marrow Donor sign-up day, coinciding with the Relay@UWA Launch (common lunch, 30<sup>th</sup> April). I encourage all councilors to sign-up to the Bone Marrow Register, as an easy way to save the lives of those suffering from leukaemia. Email [relay@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:relay@guild.uwa.edu.au) if you're interested.
- Met with Prof Laugharne about his at-home stress management course that we'll be offering to students for free. Aiming to meet with Guild ICT and organise the method of delivery within the week to get that out ASAP.
- Planning an event in collaboration with Relay@UWA to close Welfare Week – the Relay Old School Bingo Boogie Bash. A bingo night, with 60s tunes and "old people" theme, raising money for Relay, and promoting a responsible drinking message (i.e. no alcohol).
- Organised a meeting with HPU to engage them for mental health first aid courses, potentially stress management courses, and to get them involved with Welfare Week.

#### Next Month

- ICT projects – Guild Wiki, self-help stress management gateway, front-line service delivery forms.
- Mental Health Grant allocation.
- Welfare Week.

#### Money

- Budget is now contained in this Google Doc, constantly updated: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AIGtvpkklz34dG5CY1BfWfP0cFltczJIVkh1VUxObkE&pli=1#gid=0>



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**Summary of activities:**

- Attended the UWA Sports Board Meeting and expressed frustration over the lack of marketing from the UWA Sports. We have since worked on this and a poster has been designed. It should be printed and put around the guild and faculties by next week. ☺
- **Interfaculty Volleyball:** highly successful event with over 70 people attending. Ran really smoothly and on time, managed to even finish early meaning lots of people could get to their 3pm classes.
- **Interfaculty Badminton:** we had 13 teams register from 7 different faculties. Ran really smoothly and had lots of positive feedback.
- **Interfaculty table tennis:** had some difficulty with people forfeiting which impacted the fixtures as well as people being late. I will continue to work with the sport reps to help reduce this issue but it's something that we have to be prepared to deal with.
- **Committee Structure:** This is ongoing- sport reps have been assigned a sporting event to run and encouraged to take 'charge' of that event.
- **UWA Sports Staff Member:** Dylan has continued to be very help in organizing the events. All sports are significantly more organized than last year.
- **Funding proposal:** UWA Sports have still not provided a formal response to this proposal. It has been discussed but no formal written response has been presented. Bruce (executive director) is setting a meeting with me and the Inter-college reps to discuss this.
- **Participation rates:** have significantly increased within the year (more than tripled from this time last year!!!), a huge achievement which highlights the enthusiasm of the sport reps and the team work between the guild, sport reps and UWA sports.

**2012 and 2013 Participation rates**

Sport Activity	2012	2013 (estimates)
Squash	6	26
Touch Rugby	-	72
Volleyball	38	72
Badminton	24	26

The month ahead:

- UWA Sports Board Meeting
- Hopefully continue to work with the UWA Sports marketing team to improve the promotion of the competition
- Hopefully get a formal response regarding the funding proposal
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Men's AFL, Women's netball
- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Mixed rowing
- 15<sup>th</sup> May: Mixed netball
- Interfaculty sport committee monthly meeting



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**Harry Potter Charity Ball – Past Event**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> -Winthrop Hall
- Raised approximately \$7,500 for Teach Learn Grow, improvement from 2012
- We sold out with a week to go until the event!
- No major issues, event ran smoothly
- Winthrop Management is keen to pencil in a date for next year
- Big thanks to the Guild for their donation to the Charity Auction

**College Engagement Strategy**

- Positive feedback received from all 'Grill the Guilds'
- Two more GTG's to be held
- Guild Poster and Flyer series to be distributed when ready

**Lip-Dub (Music Video Competition)**

- May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Venue: Octagon Theatre or University Hall Quad (outdoors)

**Environment - Printing**

- Issue was brought up about lack of environmental initiatives at college
- Paper recycling is a particular issue
- On agenda for meeting (Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>)
- RSD Rep to meet with Dan Stone (TBC) to discuss possible courses of action

**Battle of the Bands**

- 7<sup>th</sup> May, UWA Tavern
- Colleges compiling teams and rehearsing their songs

**Live Below the Line**

- Intercollege competition for participation in Live Below the Line (LBL)
- Post LBL event at the Tavern has been proposed

**Finance**

No Guild Funding was spent since last report.

Kind regards,

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**RSD President**