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Introduction | Welcome to 2013!

It's my pleasure to welcome back all Councillors for our centenary year. I have no doubt that the next six months will be a game-changer for our organisation. Our funding is under threat and we need to show the university what we are capable of. Since 1 December, I have been working flat out to line up a strategy to achieve this.

The purpose of these reports is to provide information on my monthly activities and to outline a plan for what I hope to achieve over the next month. Please feel free to contact me before, during or after the meeting if you have any questions about my report. The only body or person which the President is accountable to is Guild Council, so it is tremendously important that you see fit to ask me tough questions and speak up if you have any issues with the direction that I take with my role.

Activities | Summary

My activities and correspondence for December and January included the following:

- Negotiated an improved funding arrangement with the Registrar
- Attended my first Senate meeting, where I spoke about our plans to increase our proportion of SSAF revenue up from the current 46%
- Met with all Guild staff to touch base and establish a working relationship
- Participated in F&P budget process.
- Several meetings regarding the Guild Catering Review and the ACUMA report into catering
- Conducted interviews for and selected Pelican Editors for 2013.
- Attended first Pelican Writers' Night.
- Initiated review of Guild Regulations and election regulations.
- Worked with Aden Date (V-Hub manager) to create a vision for Guild Volunteering in 2013 (see Annexure A)
- Met with Bianca Stibbs from WASAC regarding NAIDOC Week on campus
- Met with Presidents of the following faculties societies regarding service learning & other issues:
 - UEC
 - Science Union
 - ECOMS
 - Arts Union
 - ALVA
- Worked with Sports Rep on developing a new plan for interfaculty sport
- Met with the Director of the UWA Sports Association to discuss better collaboration & student feedback
- Met with the Director of Information Services and senior staff
- Attended the first Education Council meeting
- Met with Laura Smith and James Devenish to discuss a one-stop-shop calendar & online ticket sales portal for clubs
- Attended several meetings about orientation, including:
 - Meetings with Events, Memberships and SOC about sending out clearer information for clubs about new rules guiding the orientation process
 - A meeting with WAMSS and John Stubbs about their proposed 18+ camp in March
 - Meeting with Alex Pond and Ben Johnston about a plan for a PAC Pop-Up Launch on O'Day
 - A meeting of the Orientation Planning Committee (formerly COPIT)

- Met with Student Assist & Finance staff to improve the administration of emergency loans
- Met with the Health Promotions Unit to discuss collaboration on mental health initiatives
- Met with Sustainable Development UWA and Dan Stone to discuss reinvesting the Parking and Transport Fund into end user facilities for cyclists and subsidised public transport
- Met with some councillors to discuss their special projects / committees for the year
- Attended NUS National Conference and met individually with the incoming National President to discuss better engagement with UWA.
- Met with PAC Committee to discuss collaboration grants
- Attended Staff Christmas Party
- Met with Senior Deputy VC Bill Loudon to discuss our new service learning vision
- Met with the Welfare Committee to plan for the year's activities
- Met with the PSA to discuss ways to improve services for post-graduate students and carve out a clearer role for the PSA in Guild Regulations.
- Met with the New Deputy Vice Chancellor for Education
- Met with Hello Sunday Morning to discuss a partnership and followed up with Student Services
- Attended the NUS President's Summit

Internal | Budget 2013

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all members of F&P for their hard work on the Guild Budget for 2013. I particular, I would like to thank Vishal, Wayne and Rob for their hard work in challenging circumstances. Given the difficulty of our funding situation I feel that we delivered a budget which sets us up for expansion without setting an unsustainable precedent for future years.

University Relations | Funding agreement with the University

Towards the end of 2012, the University proposed the following distribution to the outgoing Guild President:

- 10% of SSAF revenue taken off as an 'administration fee'
- Of the remaining SSAF revenue:
 - o 10% to be set aside for capital investment (most or all of which was anticipated to go to the Guild for the 2013 year)
 - o 30% distributed to the Student Guild (which includes the Postgraduate Students' Association)
 - o 30% distributed to the Sports Association (which is managed by the University)
 - o 30% distributed to University Student Services

This distribution was to take effect for the 2013 and 2014 calendar years

In the first week of my term (starting 1st December 2012) I managed to negotiate a compromise to this proposal which would allow us to renegotiate the 2014 distribution in the middle of this year. This distribution was as follows:

- 10% of SSAF revenue taken off as an 'administration fee'
- Of the remaining SSAF revenue:
 - o 46% distributed to the Student Guild (which includes the Postgraduate Students' Association)
 - o 30% distributed to the Sports Association (which is managed by the University)
 - o 24% distributed to University Student Services

The reasoning which was advanced to (and accepted by) the University Executive was that the Guild had undergone a challenging year and needed six months to demonstrate what it was capable of achieving. This puts a lot of pressure on all of us to perform over the next six months.

Education | Service Learning

Service Learning was an integral part of the parcel of reforms referred to as "New Courses". The idea was that curricular service learning would be provided by way of approved units which involve a significant component of skilled community work, while co-curricular service learning would be provided through the Guild Volunteering Hub. The Guild V-Hub would then compile data so that students can get recognition for volunteering on a new 'service learning' transcript. However, progress to date (particularly on curricular service learning) has been slow.

In order to speed up this process, Aden and I have put together a strategy which involved three kinds of service learning:

1. General co-curricular service-learning opportunities provided by the Guild Volunteering Hub. These will receive a significant boost through club grants and the realisation of the Guild Masterplan
2. Skilled co-curricular service learning opportunities provided by faculty societies with the full support (funding, insurance and otherwise) of the V-Hub.
3. Curricular service-learning opportunities provided by faculties and approved by Academic Council.

Our strategy is to empower FacSocs to run their own skilled volunteering programs and to then use the programs as a way of identifying potential units & unit coordinators that can be run for curricular service learning.

University Relations | Information Services

Gemma and I met with the Head Librarian and other senior staff from Information Services on Thursday 17th Jan. After a discussion at Education Council, we gave them feedback on a range of issues. Of most concern was the increase to library fines which occurred last year with the support of the Guild.

After our discussion I received advice that, as a direct result of our comments and general student feedback, library fines will now be reduced as follows:

"For reserve items we will reduce the fine from \$5 per hour per item to \$3 per hour per item (you are required to pay a fine when you reach a total of \$24) to a maximum of \$60 (previously \$50). Recalled and 3 day loan items will be charged at \$3 per day (this was previously \$5). This means there is a slight decrease from the previous penalty point system which was 25 penalty points per hour on overdue reserve items to a maximum of 200 points (\$25 fine for 8 hours overdue). Hopefully this will help with the situation you described of forgetting to bring something back once or twice."

We will be meeting with IS regularly across the year to continue to work through issues. If you would like to raise any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. These meetings will be bimonthly.

Internal | Reform of Guild Regulations

We will be working closely with the Statutes Committee, the WAEC and the University to develop stronger regulations that allow more forms of regulated online campaigning, faster and more efficient decisions made by the Returning Officer and a reduction in the amount of paper wasted through Guild Elections. If you are interested in giving feedback please contact statutes committee chair Lucas Tan

University Relations | Sports Association

Kelly and I met with the Director of the Sports Association last week and were pleasantly surprised by his eagerness to improve student feedback and engagement. We discussed the need for better accountability over the use of SSAF funds and the importance of inclusive sporting programs which all students could benefit from. We will be receiving full inductions and at least one of us will be in attendance at each board meeting. If you have any questions please contact Kelly at sports@guild.uwa.edu.au

University Relations | Sustainable development

Dan and I have already had several meetings with UWA Sustainable Development (an arm of Facilities Management) about using parking funds to improve end user facilities for cyclists and general public transport access. They have also generously offered to help us arrange a cheap or low cost energy audit of the Guild in preparation for the Masterplan.

Internal | Guild Catering Strategy

We have been working hard to develop a comprehensive strategy to improve food and drink on campus which encompasses short term, medium term and long term goals. They are as follows:

Short term:

- Implement a mobile catering strategy that quickly provides students with flexible new options while also allowing us to trial different products and collect useful data for longer term decisions.
- Provide new branded options, including Chutney Mary's, Sushimaster and Taro Taro Bubble-Tea

Medium term:

- Specialise and diversify Guild Catering outlets to improve choice, quality and competition. This will potentially include an Asian noodle bar in Hackett, a stronger focus on healthy food in the Science café and a food-court style set up in the Refectory with a gourmet burger bar and a subway-style sandwich bar
- Increase our range of branded options to improve competition and choice while not jeopardising student control and revenue

Long term:

- Report by ACUMA on the student experience of food on campus to provide an indication of where we fall below national standards
- Review of Catering Division by a consultant to provide recommendations for future direction to fix these areas and improve our governance

Activities | Orientation

I have been meeting with the Orientation Implementation Committee (formerly COPIT) to discuss the orientation process and our innovative plans to fill a gap in scheduling with a PAC Pop-Up Launch. For more information contact Valentina at pac@guild.uwa.edu.au

University Relations | Health Promotions Unit

Laura and I have met up with the HPU to discuss collaboration on mental health initiatives and leadership training for clubs and societies. Stay tuned for some good results to come out of this relationship.

I will also be working with HPU and the Hello Sunday Morning program to promote the fact that alcohol should be a choice and that the Guild is about more than just a drinking culture. I will be going from Feb-April without drinking as part of the Hello Sunday Morning program.

National | NUS Presidents' Summit

I will give a verbal report on my return.

Conclusion |

That's about it for now! Looking forward to a jam-packed February.

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Service Learning at UWA

Definition

Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

At UWA, a distinction is made between curricular service learning and co-curricular service learning. Curricular service learning is community outreach embedded within a unit which affords course credit and is reflected on the student's transcript. Co-curricular service learning is voluntary community outreach, done outside of the student's course through Guild Volunteering or another provider, which is reflected on a supplementary transcript.

Why is Service Learning Important?

In an increasingly complicated and globalised world, employers and greater society are no longer looking for fresh graduates with only a theoretical understanding of a particular problem. Service Learning offers students the opportunity to gain practical experience that provides a tangible benefit to society. Service Learning is a rare win-win-win situation: It is better for the University, its image, and its standing; it is better for students who wish to have a well-rounded education that facilitates employment and self-enrichment; and it is better for a community that is in dire need of ambassadors of environmental, economic, and social justice.

"Universities cannot afford to remain shores of affluence, self-importance and horticultural beauty at the edge of island seas of squalor, violence and despair."

A Brief History of Service Learning

While the precise origin of Service Learning is difficult to pinpoint, as good a beginning as any is the production of a 2008 report called *The Educational Attributes of Some of the World's 'Top 50' Universities*, commissioned by UWA and contributed to by numerous members of staff and the elected Guild President (Nikolas Barron). The whole piece is rather dense, but a number of sections refer to the esoteric idea of "community building," and "culture building," as well as the goal of "giving back." On the second of two pages of recommendations, somewhere towards the bottom, the report rhetorically asks: *"Is community service learning worth further investigation?"*

From this seed, the *Service Learning Working Party* was formed and a number of reports and studies have been commissioned to evaluate the potential for Service Learning at UWA. The SLWP briefly considered having mandatory community service as a part of studying, similar to Notre Dame. Numerous faculty champions, individual lecturers or staff with a keen interest, took to implementing Service Learning in a number of their units, some adapting from units that previously existed as practicum. To date, a small handful of units are already currently operating.

The SLWP culminated in a July 2012 report commissioned by the External Environment Committee (a standing committee within the UWA Senate) which formally recommended that UWA adopt Service Learning as an integral part of its mission. The SLWP's report has now gone to the Futures Framework Implementation Committee and the SLWP has since ceased to meet.

At present, there now exists broad top-down institutional support for Service Learning. It is part of the University's mission and its development is essential to UWA's ambitions to become a world Top 50 University. The challenge is now to implement Service Learning across faculties.

Where to from here?

As it stands, the University currently distinguishes clearly between curricular and co-curricular service learning. This split roughly exists along lines of University and Guild, with University faculty staff being primarily responsible for creating curricular service learning opportunities, and the Guild being primarily responsible for co-curricular Service Learning.

From the perspective of Guild Volunteering, the distinction is disempowering as we have been rendered unable to provide high-skill, faculty-relevant community outreach opportunities. In my experience as the Guild Volunteering Hub Manager, it has been very difficult to work with faculties to engage students and promote targeted opportunities. Guild Volunteering has subsequently fallen back to providing only entry-level volunteering opportunities that are clearly co-curricular.

Unfortunately, it is also unlikely that faculty staff will champion volunteering opportunities on their own accord. While there is broad institutional support for Service Learning, top-down pressure on faculties is likely to be weak with the competing interests of the centenary and the usual day-to-day pressures of research and teaching.

"[Service Learning] works best at Universities where there is a top-down commitment, organic bubble-up of practice, innovation, and opportunity and a space dedicated to supporting and growing the practice of SL" – Brisbane Service Learning conference, May 2011

Therefore, the potential for change cannot exist in either Guild Volunteering, Faculties, or from top-down pressure. It is my view that the driving force must be from the quoted "organic bubble-up of practice." With UWA's strong and active Guild culture, the students' Faculty Societies are well positioned to be the driver of this next stage of evolution in curriculum delivery.

From the Guild Volunteering Hub Manager

The responsibility for promoting service learning must ultimately be driven by students through their elected representatives in Faculty Societies and the Guild. While I cannot speak for students, I'll happily offer my support to ensure the success of student-driven initiatives. The history of the Service Learning ensures that 2013 will be a critical year and the motivated response of passionate and capable students will ensure that the pressure will be on faculties to provide a high-quality curriculum for students.

Introduction

Hi everyone! I'm very excited to have been appointed as the 100th Guild Vice-President. Over the past month, I haven't been able to do as much as I hoped to have done due to my internship commitments at Macquarie Capital from 26 Nov 2012 – 8 Feb 2013. Here is a brief review of the meetings that I have managed to attend and also a list of 'projects' I would like to achieve by the end of my term.

Consistency & Satisfactory Requirements of this report:

Consistency: This is being submitted on Tuesday, 22 Jan 2013.

Satisfactory: No money was expended in the past month in my role as Vice-President.

Meetings attended:

Finance & Planning | 2013 Budget Meeting

I reviewed the 2013 budget with the rest of the F&P committee. This year, we have had a majority of our funding cut from SSAF fees and so careful considerations were made in reviewing each lined item on our financials, including reviewing departmental budgets for the upcoming year. Although a few departments asked for increases in the 2013 budget, we have reviewed these requests carefully before deciding upon it.

Finance & Planning | Mobile Pizza Business Case

We had a F&P meeting last week to discuss the business case of a mobile pizza vendor coming into Uni for Semester 1. The meeting went well and we should be seeing fresh woodoven pizza when Uni starts!

Projects to achieve:

Activities | Parking Appeals Board

Once Uni starts, I would like to attend as many Parking Appeals Board as possible to make sure students are not being fined unfairly.

Projects | Post Graduation Association (PGA)

I would like to work closely with PGA to ensure that they are effectively communicating and engaging with post graduates at UWA.

Projects| International Students Society

I would like to work closely with the ISS, given my previous 3 years experience with the Malaysian Students Union (President in 2011). I would like to help them organise events and manage their memberships as well as give the ISS ideas as to how effectively engage the international students community. I am looking forward to working closely with Felix and his team this year.

Projects| Catering

I want to be actively involved with catering decisions throughout the year to ensure that our campaign promises are delivered – better quality food on campus 2013!

Projects| Education

As a returning tutor at the UWA Business School, I am pleased to see that for this coming year, an interview process has been implemented in choosing Accounting and Finance tutors for Semester 1, 2013! I hope to ensure this basic procedural requirement is maintained for Semester 2 and in the future years.

Conclusion|

I'm very excited for an eventful year ahead. I have learnt a lot about the student guild in the past month through the meetings I have attended, and I'm sure I will learn even more and find many more projects to be actively involved in as I attend more meetings (after my internship). I'm looking forward to a student guild that not only prioritises catering, but also the many other facets of university student's life at UWA.

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.

P.S. Look forward to better formatting for the next VP report!

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Treasurer's Report | Guild Council Meeting 30th January 2013

1. Catering

Services:

2013 is looking to be a big year. So far F&P has approved a raft of changes in the Refectory, to be completed for the start of semester.

Furthermore, we have approved the trial of a mobile independent pizza outlet, to be discussed in Guild Council. This is a positive step – the new mobile outlet suits the broader Catering department's aim with independent providers – maximum flexibility and student control. It is also more competitively priced than our previous tender.

Note: this is just a trial – we do not believe that giving a trial to a single provider for a few weeks is enough to warrant that we spend on capital works to install them permanently!

Review:

We are currently conducting a review of the catering business as a whole, to determine how we can improve it and what changes need to be made to ensure that it is competitive compared to other universities. This should be completed by the end of February.

2. EBA Team

Negotiations are ongoing, as we try to obtain an optimal salary increase for staff, while adhering to a strict budget.

3. Budget

The process is ongoing – if anyone has any questions to ask about the budget, I am happy to help you. I was disappointed that so few people came to discuss the budget during the contact hours that I set, especially given that some of the Councillors voted against the budget despite not voicing their concerns.

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Introduction | Hello and what a month it has been!

I have spoken with many of the councillors and staff, and it is clear that we have all had an exciting first month in office, and a steep learning curve in our positions! A lot has been achieved, and it doesn't appear to be slowing down – which is great. Keep up the great work team!

Secretary Duties | Summary

I was delighted to be elected as Guild Secretary – thank you for your confidence! I am treating the position of Secretary as “Chief of Student Reps” in that I organise the Student Rep team and liaise with staff. During the past month I have done the following as part of this position:

- ★ Touched base with all councillors.
- ★ Touched base with all chairs of committees and followed-up each committee's progress.
- ★ Kept the Guild President and Executive team on their toes – followed-up on business from Minutes, meetings and general activities.
- ★ Compiled Minutes and Agendas.
- ★ Formulated a Reporting Requirements Guideline – this will be put into a document and circulated during February, along with my research into the Administration Review 2011 (which may change the reporting formats).

Please note that this position does not have a budget, so no money was budgeted or spent in January.

Guild Executive | Summary

The Executive team has been contacted to approve a couple of loans and grants to students. I anticipate that when Annie finished her internship, and Rob and I return from overseas, we will have more of an opportunity to develop the activities of the Executive team.

Finance & Planning Committee | Summary

The Finance & Planning Committee has met multiple times and has achieved the following:

- ★ 2013 Budget. This required close scrutiny of each line item, with debate and discussion occurring in order to produce the Budget you saw at the December 18th Guild Council Meeting.
- ★ Approving the Masterplan Contingencies as outlined in the December 1st Guild Council Meeting.
- ★ Approving an independent catering contractor trial on campus in Semester 1, 2013.
- ★ Considering contract renewals and security applications from tenants.
- ★ Considering a motion to change guild coffee cups to closed-loop recycled cups (Environment Department motion).
- ★ Considering the Guild Loans structure.

Tenancy Committee | Summary

The Tenancy Committee does not generally meet during the summer break, however I have already had some queries from current tenants. During February I plan to review the Tenancy Policy to ensure it is current. As part of my position as Tenancy Chair, I have contributed to a review of the SOC policies in the Policy Book and to a Masterplan-Clubs survey that Laura, SOC President, has been working on. These will most likely be ready for implementation in February.

Important Guild Dates | Required from Councillors

Can all Office Bearers and Departments please forward important dates (such as SOC Meetings, Enviro Week, etc) to me as soon as they are set. I would like to compile a list of these dates for circulation. Thank you.

Conclusion | Lets make February even better!

It has been a great month – I am learning a lot about the position, the operational aspects of the Guild and the great team involved. I would like to continue to support you throughout the year, so I request that all councillors, OBs, Departments and Committees send me regular updates on the projects they are working on and how they are going. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any help you need! Looking forward to lots happening (and hopefully lots of grinning faces visiting the Exec Office) in February.

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SOC PRESIDENT JANUARY REPORT

The past month (or two) has been a busy time – getting to know new systems, finding information/documents and learning how exactly the Guild works. Since start of office I have been concerned with the following:

(1) SOC Committee Meeting

I held our first SOC committee meeting for the year in December. We used this meeting as an opportunity to touch base, but to also do some strategic planning for the year. As a result of the meeting we have been able to establish a list of priorities for the year and I am fairly confident that each committee member has had the opportunity to volunteer to help on different projects/activities.

I am excited for the year that we have ahead and am lucky to have a committee that are very competent and enthusiastic about the ideas we have in store.

(2) Clubs Dashboard Overhaul

One of the main projects that I have been working on over the summer holidays has been a review and overhaul of the Clubs Dashboard system. Currently, the dashboard is not the most user-friendly, or up-to-date tool for clubs. I have been working closely with Kaila Stevens (SOC OCM), Alex Pond and James Devenish to create a new system that will hopefully operate somewhat similar to the old WebCT system that existed at UWA. The process involves firstly organizing all relevant information/forms into clear and identifiable sections (e.g. Event Management; Clubrooms; FAQ), then updating all the old forms (some are as old as 2007!) and creating new information packs. We are hoping that the first stage (re-organising) will be completed prior to semester going back.

(3) Orientation Event Support Grants

I have recently opened applications for Orientation Event Support Grants and have so far received two applications. Applications will be open until O-Day and will be considered on a weekly basis. Thanks to Alex Pond, we have been able to create new PDF fillable forms, which have so far proven very useful. I am hoping to change all existing forms into this PDF fillable format – this saves on paper and also makes it easier for me to distribute relevant information to committee members for consideration. We have \$15k available for the support grants and as O-Day approaches I am hoping that we will receive more interest and applications. I would strongly urge club committees to take up this opportunity and start planning innovative, fun and safe Orientation Events!

(4) Masterplan

I have recently attended meetings of the Masterplan Project Development group that have been very valuable. I have provided thoughts on the student rep area and sought clarification on what the Masterplan will mean for clubs over the following years. I am currently working with Jonothan Zahra, with input from

Maddie as tenancy chair, to create a survey for club reps so that we can take their needs and thoughts into account in the planning stages for clubroom space. I invite anyone with suggestions/concerns/ideas (as far as clubs are concerned) to forward them onto myself – the more feedback, the better!

(5) New Club Enquiries

So far this year I have already received seven new club enquiries. This is fabulous, and it is great to see students that are so passionate about creating new opportunities on campus. I have had meetings with all of these club representatives and I look forward to helping them seek affiliation at the first SOC Council Meeting for the year (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 13th).

(6) Paint Party!

I have been working closely with the Activities Office and Iain McIntyre (SOC VP) to plan Paint Party. I am really excited about what we have in store – so get excited! We are undergoing initial planning stages at the moment – including securing an appropriate space at uni and paint. More info to come at a later date...

(7) Other things to come...

- Owen Myles (SOC OCM) has been working hard on Poster Policy review and the creation of a new club award for fresher friendly events. I will be working with him over the next few weeks to hopefully bring these ideas to the next SOC and Guild Council meetings
- I recently met with Molly Dale who has great ideas for creating an equity policy that is accessible to clubs – we are in the initial brainstorming stages but I look forward to helping her work towards some more concrete ideas. If anyone has any ideas please let Molly or myself know.
- The fillable PDF forms seem to be working very well. As such, in the interest of saving paper and keeping electronic records, I intend to look into converting all relevant SOC forms into the same formats.

FINANCES FOR JANUARY:

- Budgeted cost of Activities for SOC = total \$3,900 (\$150 Start-up Grants and \$3750 Orientation Grants)
 - o No money has been spent on these items as of 22/01/13, however I would expect that as we receive and consider applications for Orientation Grants, expenditure will occur. No new clubs can be affiliated until the February SOC meeting, and so Start-up Grant costs will roll over into that month
- Budgeted Operating Expenses for SOC = \$370 (\$150 computer, \$200 meeting, \$20 printing/stationary)
 - o No money has been spent on these line items as of 22/01/13. I expect, however, that the computer expense that has not yet been

incurred will roll over into the next month once James Devenish starts assisting with the Dashboard overhaul

- Note: general expense of \$67.75 has been incurred for purchase of office equipment (storage shelves to replace old filing cabinets), however total general expenses budget for the year stands at \$260 and I do not expect to incur costs above this amount (general expenses have been used for things such as tables and milk (?) in the past). In any case, there has been no cost incurred for the budgeted \$200 meeting expense in January, which can be used to offset this amount.

Thanks for reading my report! If you have any ideas/suggestions for SOC please feel free to get in touch and send them my way.

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Education Council President's Report

Tom Henderson

Guild Council

30th January 2013



1. Supporting Faculty Societies

Treasurer Training

Similarly to last year, Treasurer Training will be provided to each faculty to assist them in managing their finances. It is noted that while there is no other time to do treasurer training other than early to mid Feb, this is too late for most faculty societies. Therefore starting this year, we will also be running treasurer training in November after most FacSocs have had their elections and handovers. This will have the effect of allowing the treasurers to have a better understanding of financial planning and sponsorship prior to their sponsorship drive and budgeting process.

Student Representative Training

Traditionally Ed council runs Equity and Diversity Training for Presidents and Ed VPs to enhance their ability to better represent students. This will be continued, but with further ties with the University Executive with aims to meet the goals set in the Service Level Agreement signed earlier in the year. This session will include presentations from Academic Policy Service with regard to how academic policy is determined, Guild Student Assist and the work they do to assist students with academic misconduct, Centrelink etc. and Guild events with regard to orientation and marketing.

2. Education Council Administration and Reform

Funding Review

Education council was endowed with a large amount of money that had not been distributed by the outgoing Education Council President in 2012. Additionally was an amount of money set aside by the 99th Guild Council in their last meeting. Both amounts of money were required to be distributed with the intentions set out by the parties whom authorised the money. Given the incomplete information with regard to claims by FacSocs the remaining semester grant money was distributed evenly between the 11 FacSocs.

The secondary amount was distributed with respect to the 99th Guild Council motion giving \$4000 to undergraduate FacSocs and \$3000 to professional FacSocs, totalling \$4000. In line with the motion the money was distributed in accordance with the strategic aims of the Guild. With this in mind the money was given to FacSocs to accomplish initiatives surrounding volunteering, service learning and new alcohol free, inclusive orientation events that meet the requirements of the orientation review.

Finally the 2013 semester 1 grants will follow the same methodology that was used in 2012, distributing money inversely proportional to the amount of assets and sponsorship that each FacSoc has. The final \$11000 of the Semester 1 grants will be delivered in the form of \$1000 grants that are distributed by application with discretion by the Education Council OB's. Additionally, each FacSoc

will have to account for the money distributed to them in the form of a semester treasury report provided at the end of each semester.

3. Guild Education Administration

Student Handbooks:

In the coming weeks the education council office bearers will create a handbook, like in previous years, to work in conjunction with the welfare handbook outlining the ins and outs of the Education structure of the Uni, how the guild can support your education and the benefits and ways in which you can get involved with your faculty society

Teach 4 Students:

The Teach 4 Students campaign will be reinvigorated after falling by the way side last year. 'Teach For Students' is a positive campaign which aims to promote teaching styles and alternative methods of content delivery, such as Course Materials Online and WebCT, that increase the accessibility, flexibility and equity of the education that students receive. We feel it will complement the aim to create a best practice guide that is discussed below.

Library Fines

After complaints from varying FacSocs arising from the implementation of a new library fines system, Ed Council and the Guild President were able to facilitate a change to the system reducing the fine increment from \$5 to \$3 greatly reducing the impact on students while still encouraging acceptable use of reserve library material. Further action is warranted to allow fins to be paid by BPAY such that facilitates easier ways in which to remove the fine to continue to borrow.

Guild Policy Book

Work has been spearheaded by Dan Stone of the environment department along with the support of the other office bearers to improve the policy book. Changes have been made of the years and need to be better documented and as such, I have been going over the education policy to find holes and develop a policy direction for the coming year.

Best Practice Guide

The ground work for the development of a best practice guide has begun highlighting the best teaching methods of each faculty. Best practices will be compiled into a document presented to the university that shows the most positive way in which to run a unit. These best practices will be used in the teach 4 students program to show which teaching staff utilise these best practices.

4. Education Financials

So far Ed Council has only spent money on welcome pizza (\$70) for each of the FacSoc representatives, encouraging them to come to a January meeting and some printing costs associated with printing some agendas. Note only a few agendas were printed out with the plan to print agendas only for those who request them. These figures are in line with budgeted amounts.

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President: Valentina Baron

General Update

There hasn't been a great deal to report on in my area over the past month, however there are a number of things that are in the works which I will briefly mention now. After sitting on the Centenary committee with Alex Pond, both her and I have been trying to think of ways to show students how awesome the Guild is. One of the ideas that we came up with, which also ties in with PAC is the idea of a Thrift Shop Party. At the moment it is going to be held on the Thursday night before Easter, and the idea behind it is that it will be Thrift Shop Dress Up (obviously), and that people can either pay \$10 dollars for a ticket, or if they bring a bag full of clothes to donate, they can get free entry. Alex and I are still discussing who we want to donate the clothes and money to but there will be more to report on at the next meeting.

In addition to this, another project I have been working on is the PAC Pop Up Launch which is going to go ahead on ODay in the morning. Although the formalities of speeches and such are still being discussed, the idea is that we will be launching the PAC Pop Up Event on this day, which will be done by getting a handful of clubs to perform in between the speeches in the morning. At the moment, the four clubs that I have asked to perform are the Juggling Club, UDS, the Jazz Club and Dance UWA. A few of them are hesitant just with other events such as the Alumni Weekend etc, but I am confident that we will be able to pull it off as the exposure that these clubs will be getting is huge.

Other than that I have just been working on getting my committee together as I think they have sort of underestimated the work load that I believe they should have, so I am busy getting on to them about committing to this. And aside from that the only other thing to mention is that Laura and I are also busy finalizing our dates for our SOC and PAC meetings and the way in which we would like to run them for this year.

Finance

Budget for January under Stationary and General Expenses was \$150 dollars. Approximately \$74.75 was spent on new furniture for the Ed/PAC/SOC/Welfare office out of the PAC budget. No other funds have been spent.

Valentina Barron
Public Affairs Council President

Report to Council - 1/13 GC Meeting

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

Waste and Recycling:

- Keep Cups (reusable take away mugs) are ordered arriving 12th February. We'll offer them for \$10 (\$4 discount) plus a 20c discount on coffee. We aim to shift 1000 this year.
- **Maddie** has contacted UWA Grounds to see if we can reuse 4 tonnes of ground coffee a year in gardening. No response so far.
- We have asked **F&P** committee to investigate the use of post-consumer recycled coffee cups. I believe **Guild Catering** are investigating.
- **Guild Activities** have agreed to have a smaller recycling skip on O-Day. **Sustainable Development** will provide us with some advice on recycling and some recycling bins.
- We have been given a recycling station by Sustainable Development for free to use for Batteries, Light Bulbs and ReShoe. This will be launched at EnviroFest.

Energy:

- **Sam Begg** and myself have met with SolarE to discuss Solar Panels. We are advised that a 30-60kWh project is best and will receive rough costs and payback periods very soon.
- **Sustainable Development** will meet with myself and **Shirley** Thursday to discuss an Energy Audit of the Guild to reduce our \$24,000 per month electricity bill.
- **Sustainable Development** and ourselves are co-designing "lights-off" stickers for use around campus.

Transport:

- We are testing a new carpooling system for UWA called Jayride and have recommended to **Sustainable Development** that the switch be made to increase carpooling at UWA.
- We and **UBC** have convinced **Sustainable Development** to implement a Bike Repair Station in Guild. We did have a location sorted but we'll need to choose another one.

Culture:

- Work has begun on EnviroFest and Sustainability Week to ensure their success this year.
- Work has begun on a 5 things you can do RIGHT NOW brochure to increase awareness of sustainability measures on campus.
- We have spent time supporting clubs and groups: **UBC**, **AYCC**, **SEN** and a **Hemp Club**.
- We have beautified the Enviro Office with Blackboard, record bowls and paper coasters.

Finances:

No expenses have been budgeted for this month. As of yet, no money has been spent. Future savings for the department include: Disconnecting phone line (\$20/month), not paying for Bike Repair Station (~\$1400 once off).

Acknowledgements:

I would like to thank all people and organisations listed above for their time and effort and also the following people who aren't listed for their help: Henry Dudek, Anna Sondalini, Jason Lu, Alex Pond, Ken Saverimutto, Wayne Howells, Cameron Barnes, Joshua Bamford. As usual if any of this interests you to the point that you want to get involved – please feel free to contact me on 0416 370 809.

Women's

January

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Overview

The December – January period has been hugely busy (and hopefully productive) for the Women's Department.

Women's Room

In December the Women's Room underwent massive renovations. If you haven't seen it yet, please go in and check it out.

The renovations included ripping up the old (and incredibly soiled/ unhygienic) carpet and replacing it with two rugs – at a total cost of \$400. This was necessary due to the disgusting state of the carpet – there was no question it was a health and safety hazard. We decided to use rugs instead of carpet because it was a) far cheaper, b) quicker, and c) easier to replace. We also repainted the room with some free paint.

We also spent \$18 on some cushions for the bed/ lounge in the women's room and three dollars (!) on cleaning products.

The renovations were not (at the time of compiling this report) complete, but an aircon has been secured courtesy of Finance and some armchairs or beanbags will hopefully be purchased soon, and I estimate this will bring the total expenditure up to \$500.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with the renovations. Hopefully the room will now be seen as a more welcoming and accessible space for all female students.

Social Media

A facebook page for the Women's Department has been set up, as well as our own Tumblr Blog and a group for the supporters of the women's department. (Although this group may end up being removed if it is not used)

There has also been some communication with Karen about updating the Women's Department and Women's Week pages and adding links to the women's week schedule and also our budget.

Department Changes

I have decided that this year the Women's Collective will instead take the form of a "Supporters of the Women's Department Group" in which men will be

Expenditures

General Expenses

Budgeted: January and February
\$1086

Actuals:

\$421 – Women's Room (most likely will become a total of \$500)
\$300 - O- Day Stall booking
\$200 - Hire of the Tav during women's week

- There will also be the possibility of some money being spent on a light lunch for one of the events during women's week – (Budgeted at \$100)
- There are also the costs of stalls at women's week – a total cost of \$2000 but some of these costs – about 50%- will be passed on to stall holders (Total budget for Women's Week is \$1500 and we're doing our best to keep it under this)

Total:

\$2021 (completely blew out because of the cost of stalls at O-day – but this figure is currently just an estimate)

Publications

Budgeted: January and February
\$431

Actuals: \$200 (estimate) for show bags, confectionary and a custom stamp

allowed. This will be the only exception to the “no men” in the Women’s room rule – and all meetings will end with a ten-minute male free session in case of any sensitive topics needing to be raised.

We will also (hopefully) be running movie and pizza nights throughout the semester, show casing “chick flicks”, documentaries about women’s issues, and feminist films.

I have requested that FAN appoint a liaison officer to make it easier for us to collaborate and communicate.

I have also put in a submission for an advert in G-News for a department Communications manager to manage all our social media on a voluntary basis – this is mainly because it would be great to lots of opinion pieces and interesting articles being shared through our social media spots and delegating this to someone else is easier than trying to manage it all alone.

Additionally, I have been talking to Alex about redoing our Women’s Department Logo.

Reviews (YAY)

This month we made contact with one member of on campus security and are awaiting a response from the person we were referred on to in regards to the on campus security and lighting review (which Dan will hopefully be taking part in as well so we can look at any changes being made sustainably).

We also did a massive policy review to amend the fact that women’s and queer policy were removed from the policy book in 2012. I worked closely with several members of the Feminist Action Network in an attempt to represent a wide range of views and ensure that the Guild would be kept accountable on many issues such as women’s safety and bodily autonomy.

O-Day and Women’s Week

Plans for the Women’s Department O-day stall are well underway, and we should be compiling show bags soon including information, confectionary and things like maps to the women’s room. (If anyone wants to volunteer to help out either on the day, or with making up the bags, please let me know).

Women’s week plans are well underway, with proposed events such as panel discussions (Q& A style – still waiting on a response from the politics club about whether or not they would like to run this) and “Women of TED” where we will be showing some TedX talks, an Oak Lawn Festival and a revival of Burlesque in the Tav. We have also secured Dr Fiona Wood and Equal Opportunity Commissioner Yvonne Henderson as guest speakers. Another event that we are having is something called “Hanging the Bra Tree” (the name is still in the works) where we’re hoping to get women to bring down bras they won’t miss to hang off one of the trees on Oak Lawn – it would look awesome visually and hopefully raise awareness for breast cancer, as well as some funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Unsure of costs (at time of compiling this report) of promotional material and information for both O-day and Women’s Week. Will most likely be budgeted at \$231 (though of course we will probably exceed this)

Campaigns/ Functions

Yearly Budget of \$2500

Our self-defense lady Debbie Clark has quoted us \$140 per week for classes. This is a reduction from last years costs due to the fact that we will be using a current student, Nicole, as our instructor, and therefore do not have to pay for additional transport costs.

Estimated costs – for 20 weeks of self defense - \$2800 (\$300 over budget)

Other Projects:

I’ve been working closely with the RSD to organize some volunteering opportunities through an organization I’m very familiar with – Big Help Mob. We’ve managed to set up a great partnership and a way for college kids to clock up volunteering hours and contribute to an intercollege volunteering competition. This volunteering competition, in conjunction with events such as the Vampire Cup (whichever college donates the most blood wins points) will become part of the “Culture Cup” a section of the intercollege cup.

We’re also working on organizing an intercollege shave for a cure event.

ISS Director's Report to Guild Council **January 2013**

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide brief information about the progress of ISS. My apologies for not able to make it for today's Guild Council Meeting.

Activities

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

1. ISS Lighthouse Magazine

Lighthouse magazine is into its final editing stages, before printing. It is on track to be ready for Orientation 2013. From 2013, a hard copy of the magazine will only be printed for new International students. Existing students will be able to access the magazine online. This is part of ISS's efforts to be environmental friendly.

Budgeted Cost: \$2,000

Actual Cost: waiting for invoice from UniPrint.

2. Facebook Page

ISS is in the midst of creating our official Facebook page. It should be ready before O-Day.

Budgeted Cost: none

Actual Cost: none

3. ISS Logo

ISS is in the midst of designing a new logo. Stay excited as we continue to revamp the image of ISS.

Budgeted Cost: none

Actual Cost: none

4. O-Day Festival

ISS, together with MCW, is having an O-Day Festival stall on 22nd February 2013.

Budgeted Cost: \$500

Actual Cost: \$480

Conclusion

Information is correct as of 22 January 2013. 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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The last few months have been very busy for me and for the PSA. I started off my term by attending CAPA in Melbourne with Aisling (2012 PSA President) to represent the UWA PSA at a national level. As we were a full fee paying member I was able to vote on the decisions that were being made at a national level in relations to changes in the constitution, electing the new committee, and changes in the role of the regional secretaries. The Presidential elections were tied at CAPA 3 times, before Meghan Hopper was elected President. A Western regional secretary was elected (Vanessa Caparas) who is a PSA member and an employee of MUPSA. Vanessa will be assisting all of the postgraduate associations in Western Australia in any of their issues.

Kara (my VP) and I have been trying to introduce ourselves and touch base with all the services on campus which provide for postgraduates. So far we have had meetings with, or heard back from, the IAS, CATYL, Careers Centre, the GRS, Limina, Uni Access, Study Smarter, LACE, Student Services and Counselling and Psychological Services. The IAS has indicated that if we prepare a two page brief to them they may be willing to help us out monetary wise in order to put on a successful professional development seminar. I am still waiting for responses from OSDS.

Kara and I have also been trying to organise the PSA's yearly event calendar. We have plotted most of our social and professional development activities for the year around university study breaks and exams, as well around the schooling term calendar so that students with children will be able to attend. In addition to our regular events we have added some new non-alcoholic events as per the demand raised for them last year.

I have been in discussions with the GRS and the Guild about postgraduate welcomes and the PSA is scheduled to talk at both the research welcome in April and the coursework welcome in February. I have contact Narelle Palmer about Postgraduate welcomes and if we have the material printed in time she has suggested that we would like to put a PSA flyer in all of the postgraduate orientation packs.

I have been working with Alex Pond in designing some advertising material for the following year. Currently Alex is designing a calendar for our yearly events, our committee posters, a flyer outlining our services (to be given to Narelle Palmer) and a PSA sticker to go on guild cards.

I have organised with James Devenish so that when postgraduates visit Guild reception to activate their guild membership they will now also receive a PSA sticker on their card and be asked if they want to sign up to the PSA mailing list. If they do Guild reception can now sign them up to the mailing list on the spot.

As some of you may now know we have a staff member to help out with PSA things for three hours a week. Karrie works on Tuesdays between 8.30am – 12.00pm. Karrie has so far helped out with administration issues and assisted in organising the InSPiRE BBQ which is held in February, writing up a synopsis of Postgraduate services on campus.

InSpire is an inter-university workshop and seminar event. Each of the days is occurring at a different university and UWA is hosting the inaugural day occurring on the 11th of Feb. The GRS has asked up to have a BBQ organised for 3-7pm, as well as a marquee and a table with information on the PSA. During that week Meghan Hopper (the President of CAPA) will be in WA and touring all of the

university campuses. She will most likely be at UWA on the 11th of Feb as well as another day which is as yet to be decided.

This year there is a new Dean of Coursework Grady Venville. I have been talking to her to organise semi-regular meetings with both her and Alan Dench (Dean of Research) so that we can discuss postgraduate issues, changes etc. which arise.

Lastly, as many of you know Cameron Barnes is planning on putting through some changes to the Guild regulations this year and has invited the PSA to suggest how we would like to change the regulations in relation to us. So far Kara and I have met with Cameron to discuss what changes he thinks should be made in regard to the PSA. Since then Kara and I have met with the Deirdre De Souza who is the university secretary and she has advised us on who else we need to be discussing changes with. Madeleine (our Law Rep) has also sat down with Kara and I to help explain much of the language used in the regulation to us and talk through and work out what we think are the important changes that need to be made. Recently we have also discussed these changes with Sato Juniper who is the manager of the Graduate Research School and Scholarships Office. Finally we talked to John Stubbs, and have plans to talk to Peter Curtis and Wayne Howells.

In terms of the PSA's budget we are still finalising/justifying the \$10,000 Cameron is currently holding. Hopefully that will be sorted out before the start of semester. So far the PSA's expenditures have consisted of buying tea and coffee for the PSA Lounge and buying ink for the printer. The tea and coffee purchased is currently exactly on budget for the month of January. Buying new ink for the printer was \$71.50 and was significantly over what has been budgeted for in the month of January. It was unfortunate that all of the ink in the printer ran out within the week that I started as President; hopefully this won't happen again anytime soon. The InSPiRE Barbeque which was previously mentioned is currently looking like it will be over budget as when making the budget we were told the barbeque would be for 160 people. The number of people attending the barbeque has increased to around 200. We budgeted on the barbeque costing \$400, so hopefully it won't be too much more than that. So far we have not paid for any advertising material and are still waiting on quotes so we do not know if this will be on budget.

If you have any comment or queries on these actions please let me know.

Gemma Bothe
Anthropology and Sociology PhD Candidate
Postgraduate Students Association President 2013

Welfare Officer Report - January

Cameron Fitzgerald

Feedback - Proposed dates for Welfare Week

After consultation with Alex Pond about other weeks that are already taken by Guild events, currently planning to hold Welfare Week in the **third last week of semester one (i.e. week of the 13th of May)**. Please email me ASAP if you're planning some other significant event at that time. (Also subject to confirmation from the Welfare Committee).

Actions since last meeting

- In Sydney working until Feb 25, but was back in Perth over Christmas and organised a Welfare Committee (+ friends) planning and goals meeting. Notes from that meeting are attached below.
- Planning in progress for first three items on the goal planning list, particular focus on drafting the student survival guide in time for OWeek. Contact me if you have content you want added to the student survival guide.
- Made contact with the UWA LDAG (Local Drugs Action Group) and HPU to make myself known to them.
- Drafted guidelines for the Mental Health Grant Program. I've attached these at the bottom of this document for comment. They were also provided to Fac Socs at the last Ed Council meeting.
- In contact with UWA Associate Professor of Psychiatry Jonathan Laugharne with regards to a study/exam-stress self-help program he is developing and how the Guild can help promote this to students.

Action list before next meeting

- Establish a relationship with UWA LDAG and HPU, flesh out how we can help them and they can help us (see goals list for detail).
- Completion of the first three goals listed - in particular the student survival guide will be complete in time for ODay.
- Draft email to ALVA students about getting involved with Welfare Committee.
- Complete Mental Health Grant Program guidelines.
- Begin looking for a yoga instructor for semester one.
- Choose a date for Welfare Week.
- Setup "UWA Student Guild Welfare Department" Facebook page to provide students info about the various Welfare events for the year.
- Welfare budget. Work out where we're going to spend the money.
- Organise another Welfare Committee meeting and check progress of the goals listed.

Finances

- No expenditure for December or January (prior to submission).

Comments

- Anyone interested in helping out / owning any of the goals on the list below, please get in contact with me (welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au).
- If anyone has ideas for stuff on or off the list or questions about it, please also get in contact.

Welfare Committee Meeting #1

22/12/2012, 11am, Guild Small Meeting Room

Attendees: Josh Bamford, Cam Barnes, Georgina Carr, Cam Fitzgerald, Tom Henderson, Jess Murray

Absent: Kelsey Gordon, Rajdeep Singh

Goal Planning

*Note: The aim for each of these will be to have a **clear timeline and plan** by the time we next meet. "Person responsible" just means you're in charge of setting up the timeline and plan, not necessarily executing it. Add your name next to anything and get involved!!*

Revamp the Welfare website

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- Due: Beginning of 1st Semester
- More relevant info, links etc
- i.e. Student services have a mental health nurse, link to info
- Recipe of the Week [**Georgina**]

Student Survival Handbook

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz [Georgina and Jess to contribute articles]**
- ~~Draft due 15th Jan~~ Info not received in time, revised due date soon.
- And mini cc sized handout for ODay, online version (wiki)
- Awaiting previous years content from Alex P [**follow up**]

Guild LMS Unit

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- Beginning of 1st Semester
- Setup a Guild LMS unit to simplify access and info about common Guild services
- What info to put in? Alex Pond has already done work on this. **Cam Fitz to get in contact.**

ALVA/Ed Noticeboard and Main Campus Involvement

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**

- Get a Guild noticeboard in ALVA/Ed, get them involved in main campus events
- Call for EOIs from Ed/ALVA students to get involved with Guild Welfare Committee - **Cam Fitz draft email** and get Cam Barnes to get it sent around.
- Noticeboard... ? discuss at next meeting.

Mental Health First Aid Courses

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- Mental health first aid courses targeted at faculty societies and clubs in partnership with HPU
- Cam Barnes and Laura met with HPU - potentially can do, would have to be small numbers of students & reasonably spread out. Potentially could do at least two, max four.
- Class size about 15 people - get fac socs to send one rep to each.
- Bring these workshops to ALVA / Ed off main campus - covered.

Mental Health Grant Program

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- \$3000 for mental health grants
- Guild Council Funding Pool - Guild Council responsible for coming up with distribution method
- Draft guidelines for what the money can be spent on, and on what basis the money will be given to one club over another - criteria - number of students affected, long term impact, whether money will be used to start a continuing initiative, financial need (**Cam Fitz to draft**)

Welfare Week

- **Person responsible: Raj / Kelsey?**
- Soup kitchen
- Borrow Macca the Pig
- Physio students to do massages
- Oral Health day - Get Rodman involved
- Potentially free STI checks
- Free condoms
- Guild catering to do a special welfare meal! Subsidized big brekkie or something
- Wiki: Healthy cooking etc - Guest chef to come down - launch healthy cookbook during welfare week
- Stalls on Oak Lawn - Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, various other NGOs (Georgina)
- Medicare to come down and sort out medicare cards and things like that
- When? **Cam Fitz** to contact Alex Pond about what weeks are taken.
- Organising committee - someone to take charge and think of organising committee structure, we'll put a call out when semester starts [probably to STAR crew].

Cheap student breakfasts and soup kitchens.

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- How frequently, when?
- Sort out how much it'll cost to run == how many we can run.
- Do some before/during folio week down in arch

Stress management and study workshops around exam time

- **Person responsible: Jess**
- UniSkills already do study workshops - just publicise those
- Stress management - HPU - "A Stress-less Workshop"
 - Integrate the contingencies about what to do if it all goes wrong - i.e. if you have a panic attack etc... special consideration - Student Assist Officers.
 - Last week of uni
 - One on main campus, one before folio week down in architecture

Music jam sessions

- **Person responsible: Josh**
- School of Music has run mental health days, Josh's honours supervisor, Catch Music (runs jam sessions for various social groups).

Yoga / Zumba

- **Person responsible: Georgina**
- Re-use existing instructor for Yoga. Get details!
- Shop around for Zumba instructor... maybe try UWA Sports / ask them to chip in.
- Tuesday evening for Yoga, again?
- Ask a Facebook Question on the Guild Facebook page to work out when to run Zumba.

Self-defence

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- Comes out of Women's budget - talk to Sophie. [Run in collaboration]

Petting Zoo

- **Person responsible: Jess**
- Last week of uni

Inspirational Speakers

- **Person responsible: Kelsey?**

- Ideas tossed around include: Ben Roberts-Smith (VC), Darren Lomman (Dreamfit), Fiona Stanley / Fiona Wood, Tim Kenworthy (Useful Inc.), Shaun Tan, Prof Michael Kidd, Carmen Lawrence, Diana Warnock... some, not all haha
- Free food / common lunch hour / use Sue Boyd
- Needs more planning.

Alcohol in moderation campaign

- **Person responsible: Josh, Jess**
- with Josh's suggested Science Communications unit
- also potentially with HPU
- tie it into grants program - i.e. must put up posters to get grants

Mental Health Working Party

- **Person responsible: ****
- HPU rep, SPAMH, Blackstone mental health officer
- Other fac soc mental health program reps (if they run them) - **Hendo to follow up if they exist** via email
- Look for other groups that could be a good fit
- Someone from link week committee
- Student services rep?
- TBD Late Feb when Cam returns

Centrelink on Campus

- **Person responsible: Georgina**
- Get Centrelink to come down and do mobile stalls or something. Particularly during Welfare Week
- Curtin has a permanent stall, but we're not big enough potentially

Relationship with HPU

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- HPU runs a load of courses already, but attendance is relatively poor.
- Work out our relationship with HPU... we publicise their courses and in return they run some mental health first aid courses for us etc.
- I.e. HPU Health Relationships courses etc

Mental Health / Ed policy

- **Person responsible: Cam Barnes / Hendo**
- Work with academic policy services to include mental health considerations in academic policy - i.e. problems with 100% exams / 24 hour take-home exams etc - mandate the need to consider mental health issues

- Cam Barnes and Tom Hendo and Cam Fitz - to meet with registrar about what we can do here.

Relationship with Student Services

- **Person responsible: Cam Fitz**
- Judy [Skeene]?? - associate director student services
- chat to them about referring stuff to them and referring them to us. *** for student assist etc etc

Student Centre Committee Goals [inherited from Welfare]

- Online Applications for student loans
- Revamp loan policy
- Anonymous first-point-of-contact counselling website - via the Guild Education Officers.
 - [this is potentially in doubt, need to talk to counsellors about whether or not this will be useful. There are some issues with the expectations placed on a service like this that I didn't consider originally]
 - Not good for emergency counselling - direct people to existing emergency counselling services

Conditions for Guild Mental Health Grants

Draft

Basic Guidelines

- Grants are to be allocated to UWA Student Guild affiliated Faculty Societies.
- Grants are to be allocated at the discretion of the UWA Student Guild Education Council.
- Applications are due by the *31st of January 2013*.
- The total grant pool is \$3000 and (unless extenuating circumstances are demonstrated) the maximum grant per society will be \$500.

Details

- Grants are to be made available for Fac Socs to hold Mental Health related events / projects.
 - The scope of Mental Health related projects includes any project designed to raise awareness of mental health issues or directly combat student mental health issues.
- Points to take into consideration in reviewing the various grant applications include-
 - Number of students affected
 - Long term impact of the project
 - Whether the project will form part of a continuing initiative
 - Perceived prevalence of mental health issues in applicant faculty
 - Importantly, financial need of the applicant society
- Projects must not be linked to alcohol at all.
- Grant money must be used for the project in 2013.
- Fac Socs receiving grants will also be required to-
 - Send a representative to each of the (planned) Guild mental health first aid training sessions
 - Display posters from the (planned) Guild alcohol in moderation campaign at their events

Summary of Activities from December 1

Inter-fac sport is undergoing some exciting changes that will hopefully create a bigger and better competition. The most significant changes include;

- **The establishment of an Inter-fac Sport Committee** - this committee will allow sport reps to discuss ideas, organise upcoming events and reflect on previous events. Communication is already improving via an Inter-fac Sport Committee facebook group where sport reps from different faculties are all involved in vital decisions such as calendar setting and discussing trophy purchases. This group will also meet at least once before O-Day and then hopefully every 1-2 weeks.
- **Changes to the Calender** –Creating an inter-fac sport calendar to include the right sports that will promote engagement and enthusiasm is vital in determining how successful the 2013 competition will be and has been a challenging task. I have met with UWA Sports on a number of occasions and significant pressure has been placed on them to listen to us, perform and change. We have come to a compromise where the calendar has been broken into 3 sections – (1) Events run mostly by UWA Sports, (2) Events run mostly by the Clubs eg. The rowing club and (3) Events run mostly by the Sport reps. It will be these events that we create a social atmosphere with food, music, commentators and after events.
- **Discussed Inter-fac Sport at Ed Council** – hopefully have the support from every faculty to help promote the events, build excitement and friendly rivalries.
- **Cam and I met with Bruce** (UWA Sport Executive Director)- important issues of how the Guild and UWA Sports can work together were discussed as well as short term and long term priorities.

The Month Ahead

- Cam and I will attend our first UWA Sports Board Meeting
- Interfac Sport Committee will have their first meeting
- I will hopefully put together a funding proposal for the Inter-college sport competition to present to UWA Sports.
- The first Inter-fac sporting event (Touch Rugby) will be organised- Hoping to have some music, commentators, maybe the RedBull team down there.
- Build excitement at O-day for Inter-fac by joining up with the UWA Sports team

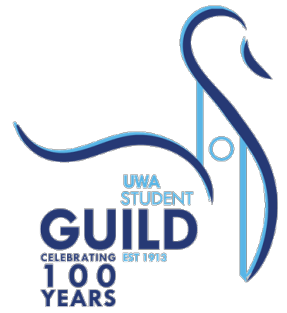
Other Stuff

- I will be working with Cam and the RSD president, Simon, on a Guild Council- College Engagement strategy. This strategy will hopefully allow improved communication and collaboration between college students and the Guild.



Guild Report

30th January 2013



Engagement with Guild Council

- 'Grill the Guild BBQ' being organized with each college for Semester 1, strengthening the relationship between colleges and the Guild.
- *College Engagement Strategy* document has been drafted by Cam Barnes and Kelly Fitzsimmons
- Meeting to be arranged to discuss the best way to tackle education issues at colleges

O-Week

- Dragon Boating event on Thursday 21st February
- 500 college first year students will descend on Matilda Bay Reserve for a friendly Dragon boating competition
- Still need to approach UWA to gain approval for the Orientation event
- Event Management Plan forwarded to everyone so the crowd can be kept under control

Inter-College Charity Ball

- Gained approval from Winthrop Hall to hold the Ball there again. This involved some negotiation and modifications to the event, particularly in the area of alcohol management to curb drunk and disorderly behavior at the prestigious venue.
- We hope to raise \$10,000 for *Teach Learn Grow Inc.*
- Date: Friday April 12th
- We'd love to see all of the Guild come along, it's a great night! More info to come

Jungle Party

- *IC Jungle Party* will be held on 15th March at *The Deen*
- All Guild Councillors (and any UWA students) are welcome to attend!
- Tickets \$6, available at the RSD O-Week Stall

Graduate's Networking Dinner

- New event which requires considerable planning
- Currently seeking companies from Law, Engineering, Commerce and Medicine. If you have link to a company you think may be interested and could help us secure their attendance at this worthwhile event that would be much appreciated.
- Venue: UniClub or Convention Centre
- Date: TBC, March

Community Involvement and Fundraising

- RSD is currently working to raise the profile of volunteering amongst the colleges and develop a strong involvement with the community
- Sophie Liley (Women's Officer) has done some great work in getting a *Big Help Mob* collaboration off the ground. Program will involve colleges competing to see who can complete the most 'Missions' for the organization.
- An intercollege *Shave for a Cure* event is also being planned.
- The *Vampire Cup* will also be run once again, promoting the value of donating blood.
- We hope to combine all of these community-oriented programs under the umbrella of the inaugural Inter-college Community Cup to be awarded annually.

Finance

Spending until 30th January 2013

	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense
Booking Matilda Bay Reserve	\$135	\$135
Dragon Boat Hire	\$1200	\$1200
Winthrop Hall Deposit	\$1200	\$1200

All events currently being planned have been budgeted for.

Upcoming Events and Organisation

- Variety of Intercollege Arts events such as the popular *Lip-Dub* and *Battle of the Bands* competition.

The Residential Students' Department hopes this report, as the first for 2013, is both consistent and satisfactory. In the event that it does not meet the Guild reporting requirements, we hope you will contact us in the first instance so we can correct the issues. Any feedback in regards to the report and its content is most welcome.

We look forward to collaborating with the Guild in its Centenary year.

Kind Regards,



Simon Thuijs
RSD President



RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT

The peak representative body for students living on-campus at UWA

National Union of Students National Conference 2012 – UWA Delegate Report

Report written by Lizzy O'Shea.

Overview:

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the primary representative body for tertiary students in Australia. NUS organises conferences throughout the year, including NUS National Conference (NatCon), Education Conference, and Presidents' Summit. NatCon is the primary arena for policy debate and the election of National Office Bearers, National Executive and NUS State-Branch Office Bearer positions for the coming year. Policies carried at NatCon dictate how elected officers will run their departments and NUS as a whole. NUS NatCon was held from December 10th – 13th 2012 at La Trobe University, Victoria, with each affiliated campus electing delegates.

Cam, Rob, Tom and myself sat as Independents at NatCon. This meant that we did not bind with any single faction and voted in the specific interests of UWA students. We aligned ourselves with other Independents at NatCon, sitting with the National Independents, in order to achieve common goals. This included electing a fellow Independent and UWA student (Rebecca Doyle) as National Women's Officer. By working together we are able to negotiate with the large factions, but maintain our independence by not having a binding caucus.

The major factions at NUS NatCon are as follows:

- National Labor Students (NLS)
- Student Unity
- National Independents
- Socialist Alternative (SA)
- Australia Liberal Students' Federation (ALSF)
- Grassroots Left
- Unaligned delegates

National Conference:

The elected delegates from UWA who attended the conference were Cameron Barnes, Thomas Henderson, Robert Purdeu and myself, Lizzy O'Shea. Rebecca Doyle, a UWA student, also attended the conference as a candidate for the National Women's Officer position. Ben Watson and Oliver Mashinini, despite being elected as delegates for UWA, did not attend the conference. Clarification as to why they failed to fulfil their role as elected delegates has been requested in the format of a report to Guild Council.

The number of votes each delegate holds is determined by the order in which they are elected, and is specified in the NUS Accreditation Report (which I can supply upon request). For UWA, 69 votes are allocated among 6 delegates (determined by UWA's number of EFTSUs (Equivalent Full Time Student Units)), in descending order of election, until all votes are exhausted, resulting in the delegates who were elected first holding a larger number of votes (Table 1). The number of votes a delegate

holds for each motion moved on conference floor is equivalent to the number of ballot forms they are allocated for each elected position.

Table 1: Allocation of votes at NUS National Conference for UWA delegates, as specified in the NUS Accreditation Report.

Delegate	Number of votes
Cameron Barnes	12
Ben Watson	12
Oliver Mashinini	12
Lizzy O'Shea	11
Tom Henderson	11
Rob Purdew	11

The votes of Ben Watson and Oliver Mashinini (12 each) for all policy discussion and electoral ballots, except those for the National Women's Officer position, were proxied to ALSF students from outside of Western Australia. Oliver Mashinini's ballots for National Women's Officer were proxied to Cameron Barnes after negotiations between factions had already been finalised, and Ben Watson ignored our request for a conditional proxy to support a UWA student being elected as a National Office Bearer. While we eventually received Oli's conditional proxy in support of Bec, Ben's votes only made their way to UWA students after we entered into negotiations with ALSF, who decided to give us Ben's votes. This was because ALSF wanted to support Bec as the better candidate, not because Ben wanted to.

Both Ben and Oliver were very difficult to contact over this period and did not respond to calls or messages, often until a blocked phone number was used. This late allocation of 24 votes greatly compromised our negotiations with other factions. These negotiations relied on Rebecca Doyle having a certain number of votes, ensuring that the support of NLS would equate to a majority. If these 24 votes had been confirmed in support of Bec before negotiations had been finalised, the outcome could have been very different, especially given the very small proportion of ballots on conference floor were in any doubt as to where they would be allocated.

Policy:

All proposed policy must be submitted prior to NatCon in order to be included in the policy book, although policy can be moved from conference floor. The following outlines policy discussed at National Conference 2012. The full policy document outlines all policy available for discussion (I am able to circulate this policy book upon request). I have outlined when UWA students moved or seconded policy (see Appendix 1), spoke to conference floor on policy and made amendments, as this is important in showing our active participation in the conference, and how we addressed UWA's specific needs and interests.

By-Law Changes:

- Introducing a National Disability Officer for NUS 13.1 – **Carried.**

This resulted in the election of a National Disability Officer for NUS for 2013, a new position. The National Disability Officer must identify as a student with a disability and *“is responsible for the supervision of NUS’s activities in the area of disability, including accessibility and mental health”*. This officer is also required to take direction from state Disability Officers, equivalent representatives and campus activists on the department’s campaigns and priorities. To my knowledge, this motion was carried unanimously.

Ethno-cultural policy

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.1: Just a Colour of the Rainbow- **Carried**

This policy was concerned with the specific issues facing students who identify as queer and also identify as coming from an ethno-culturally diverse background.

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.2: Cross Campus Ethnocultural Network- **Carried**

This policy identified that students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds may have difficulty engaging in the student movement, and proposed providing more opportunities for knowledge/skill sharing for these students through various means.

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.3: Building Collectives- **Carried**

This concerned the National Ethnocultural Officer visiting all campuses that do not have an established Ethno-Cultural Collective or Department, seeking to establish and build collectives on these campuses.

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.4: Fear of a Brown Planet: Why aren’t students of diverse backgrounds engaging in NUS?- **Carried**

Acknowledging that discrimination still exists in university policy and administration, NUS recognises the need to challenge institutional racism, and this policy pushed for the National Ethno-cultural officer to create campaigns that address institutional racism and establish programs that engage with universities to ensure that they have relevant programs in place to tackle these issues.

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.5: Diversity and NUS – National Ethno-Cultural Student Survey- **Carried**

Proposed that NUS can attempt to become a more inclusive organisation from a grass-roots level

- Ethno-Cultural Policy 9.6: The National Ethnocultural Officer- unclear if **Carried**.

This policy called for the National Ethnocultural Officer to create a survey, in consultation with campus Ethnocultural collectives and departments, that assessed the ways students who identify as ethnoculturally diverse can engage with their student organisations, and that issues identified in the results of this

survey would be addressed by the Ethno-cultural Officer and other relevant national office bearers.

Women's policy:

- Women 5.2: Safe University Accommodation – **Carried**

This policy concerned the safety of women students in student accommodation and colleges, and the lack of women in student accommodation leadership roles resulting in it being less likely for these issues to be raised and understood. Issues include unacceptable behaviour, underlying sexism, discrimination and harassment and were brought to light at a college at USYD, but are not unique to this campus. This policy called for the National Women's Officer both compile a database of student accommodation including details of these issues, and compile an audit of policies and practices on these campuses, leading to a ranking of all university student accommodation.

- Women 5.3: Intersectionality in the Women's Department – **Carried**

The experiences of women students are informed by intersecting aspects of identity, including but not limited to ethno-cultural identity, Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, dis/ability and socio-economic status. This policy aimed to increase the accessibility of women's activism and make the community more inclusive, through the consultation with other national office-bearers by the National Women's Officer, working towards making women's spaces more inclusive of all women, and acknowledging Intersectionality through various means.

- Women 5.4: Equal Pay AKA Smart enough to make these millions – **Carried**

- Proposed amendment:

- NUS will communicate its congratulations to the Australian Services Union Social and Community Services Division in their successful struggle to win equal pay.
 - **Amendment carried.**

This policy addressed the issue of the pay-gap between men and women, as an ongoing issue that disadvantages women. This called for the National Women's officer to work to support national campaigns and efforts to strengthen and improve equal pay legislation through discussion and lobbying, as well as engaging with campus groups and other means.

- Women 5.7: Blue Stockings Week 2013 – **Carried**

Acknowledging the underrepresentation of women within senior academic positions at universities, Blue Stockings Week will be organised by the National Women's Officer in collaboration with the National Tertiary Education Union.

- Women's 5.25: Women's right to choose and access support – **Carried**

I spoke against this motion. The discussion of policy 5.25 showed how much factional politics were dictating the direction of this conference, down to how strong a stance these policies would be taking, not simply if the topic in question would be discussed or not. 5.25 was Unity and Mikaela Wangmann's (the Unity Women's Officer candidate) proposed 'pro-choice' policy, and was prioritised for discussion by both Unity and NLS, above Jade Tyrrell's proposed "Pro-Choice Universities" policy (5.1).

5.1 was a stronger pro-choice policy than 5.25, stating firmly that NUS believes "abortion should be decriminalised in all states and territories and should be available without qualification" and condemning the affiliation of anti-choice clubs by student unions, amongst other things, while 5.25 was less firm in its stance and did not call for as strong action.

My personal view is that NUS needs to have stronger pro-choice policy than 5.25, and I would support the women's officer actively advocating for the inclusion of RU486 on the Medical Benefits Scheme, and the legalisation of abortion. 5.1 took a stronger stance than 5.25, yet NLS supported the Unity motion in place of 5.1, which was moved by the NLS presidential candidate at the time. This seems conflicting and, in my opinion, was because NLS had already decided to trade votes for National Women's with Unity, and wanted to prioritise Mikaela's views over other, stronger pro-choice views.

- Women's 5.11 Key Strategic Relationships; 5.14 Key Strategic Relationships; 5.26 Commission on the Status of Women en bloc - 5.11, 5.14, 5.26 en bloc – **Carried**

These policies promoted continued collaboration and cooperation by organizations with similar values, linking up women's action groups that deal with women's issues on campus, and that the National Women's Officer will plan to enhance the NUS' involvement in all stages of the Commission on the Status of Women.

- Women 5.15: Promoting Healthy Body Image – **Carried.**
 - Proposed amendment:
 - That action point 3 be added as follows: That the women's officers will re-investigate the relationship with the Butterfly Alliance which was started in 2011
 - **Amendment carried**

This policy promoted collaboration on campaigns on body image and engagement with pastoral care services to promote the need for treatment of eating disorders on campus.

- Women's 5.16b: Affordable Childcare for tertiary students – **Carried**

This policy called for collaboration between National Women's and Welfare officers in order to campaign for a proportion of SSAF to be put towards subsidizing child-care to the fullest extent possible, and support student organisations in doing so.

- Women 5.13: International Women's Day – **Carried**

That the National Women's Officer will act as a point of contact in coordinating campus events for International Women's Day, and will assist in promoting IWD celebrations with State-branch Women's Officers and other women leaders in student communities.

- Women 5.24: 'Abbott is out of touch, so keep his election out of reach' Campaign – **Carried**

Moved by Bec Leighton (Murdoch) on behalf of **Rebecca Doyle (UWA)**, seconded by Lizzy O'Shea (UWA). See full policy provided in Appendix 1.

- Women 5.22 Talk About It + 5.27 Women Talk About It Survey & Safety on Campus – **Carried**

Policy 5.22 Moved by Bec Leighton (Murdoch) on behalf of **Rebecca Doyle (UWA)**, seconded by Lizzy O'Shea (UWA). See full policy provided in Appendix 1.

- Women 5.12: Women in Student Leadership – **Carried**

Acknowledging the importance and power of women in student leadership positions, this policy pushed for the Women's Department to develop a framework that encourages women's leadership through various means.

- Women 5.23: Maintaining Social Media for the NUS Women's Department – **Carried**

Moved by Bec Leighton (Murdoch) on behalf of **Rebecca Doyle (UWA)**, seconded by Lizzy O'Shea (UWA). See full policy provided in Appendix 1.

- National Progressive Women's Network – blocked at Business Committee.

Included in Appendix 1 is a copy of the National Progressive Women's Network policy that we tried to move from conference floor during the Women's policy session, and was blocked by NLS and Unity at Business Committee. It did not get discussed from conference floor or formalise this group in policy, but this group has been established regardless of this, and I feel that this was a very important part of my NatCon experience. A strong national women's movement requires a strong network of diverse women from all backgrounds, in a non-politically affiliated sense. Communication between networks must be strong if we want to overcome intersecting challenges facing women today, and this is particularly true from a WA viewpoint, where we are particularly isolated.

Education policy:

- Education 3.11: NUS and the Federal Election: Shake what democracy gave you. – **Carried**

It is an election year, and this policy called for NUS to work with youth organisations and affiliated bodies to ensure that as many students as possible

over the age of 17 are enrolled to vote. The full policy (3.11) outlined in the policy book gives a large list of actions for NUS in the lead up to the Federal election.

- Education 3.17 Stopping the Cuts + 3.1 Campaigning Against Cuts + 3.9 Cuts to Humanities and Social Sciences AKA RIP Arts + 3.10 Stop the Cuts! en bloc - - **Carried**

These policies were all concerned with campaigning against cuts to academic staff, faculty budgets, changes to course structure and the diversity of courses offered, award levels, as well as calling for decreased class sizes and increased resources for students. These policies were all very detailed and my personal recommendation would be for interested students to read these complete policies, although they were passed on bloc.

- Education 3.12: Education Conference – **Carried**

This concerned the organisation of Education Conference in 2013, and proposed an application process for hosting the conference. It also outlined a commitment to ensuring full access for students from disadvantaged backgrounds through grants for travel, accommodation and registration for students from low socioeconomic status, regional and indigenous backgrounds, and called for the National President and Education Officer to seek funding from the higher education sector to ensure that a high quality conference can be held at minimum expense to attendees.

- Education 3.13: Say no to the deregulation of fees and yes to fair and accessible higher education – **Carried**

NUS strongly opposes any increase to university fees and the deregulation of university fees, and supports free education. Higher university fees are a major burden to students, and NUS believes that the Government should fund universities at a level that ensures high quality education is available to Australian students. The NUS President and Education Officer will engage with relevant organisations to strengthen relationships and gain support to advocate against fee increases. They will also run a campaign to be launched with the National Day of Action (March 27th) and will lobby politicians to ascertain their positions on student fees, particularly in the lead up to the Federal election

- Education 3.4: Prioritise teaching over research – **Carried**

Given the key function of universities is student teaching and learning, NUS affirms its commitment to student teaching and learning over research at universities. While still acknowledging research is important, universities are about education and well-equipped and skilled students are produced through investment in teaching over research. This policy calls for the National Education Officer to lobby all university administration bodies to use the majority of student fees to fund teaching and student learning over research. It also called for NUS to lobby relevant bodies to have various university ranking systems changed to give quality of teaching student satisfaction a greater weighting.

- Education 3.16: Free, Fair and Funded Education – **Carried**

This policy called for all political parties to support and implement free tertiary education and the abolition of student debt, and that the NUS endeavour to hold campaigns, forums and events advocating for the return of free education, with NUS working to support groups that are lobbying parliament for these changes.

- Education 3.20: Support Mature Age Students – **Carried**

This policy is not in the policy book so it may have been moved from the floor, this is unclear at this point.

- Education 3.3: Removal of Parallel Import Restrictions on Books
 - Motion **Lost**.

Parallel Import Restrictions (PIRs) restrict cheaper, legally printed textbooks being imported from overseas, which increases the cost of textbooks to Australian students. This policy called for NUS to campaign for PIRs to be abolished on books, after research has shown PIRs place particular upward pressure on the price of academic and reference books, and to lobby the Federal Government to abolish PIRs, to lower the cost of books for students.

Unionism policy:

- Unionism 2.10: Students' Money to Students & the Student Engagement Ranking System aka: NUS is watching you
 - Amendment proposed by **Cameron Barnes (UWA)**
 - Add action point 15: *'In recognition of existing state legislation requiring a minimum of 50% SSAF to go directly elected student organisations, NUS will campaign for this requirement to be enshrined in SSAF legislation.'*
 - **Amenable to mover, carried.**

See additional comment from Cam at the end of this report.

- Unionism 2.7: NUS to engage with the Australian Council of Trade Unions – **Carried**.

This policy commits NUS to exploring opportunities to engage with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and other unions who represent students or workers employed in the education sector.

- Unionism 2.9: SSAF and Welfare – **Carried**

Every student has the right to have access to services that support a student's welfare while studying, and this policy called for NUS to support all student organizations that are engaged in campaigning for access to SSAF, establishing a national working party to bring together student organizations to work together to respond to the use of the SSAF and welfare issues.

Environment, Welfare and Queer policy:

At this point in time I cannot provide a complete summary of policy discussion for Welfare, Queer and Environment policy sessions, as the minutes that I received were incomplete. These will be circulated when possible.

Cameron Barnes was able to have an amendment carried in the Environment policy discussion calling for the National Environment Officer to provide information on low cost/free energy audits and solar panels, inline with key interests of UWA and a potentially a great gain for sustainability at a campus level.

National Office Bearer Elections:

The NUS national office bearers for 2013 are as follows:

- President - Jade Tyrrell (National Labor Students)
- General Secretary - Todd Pinkerton (Student Unity)
- Education Officer - Clare Keyes-Liley (National Labor Students)
- Welfare Officer - Hovig Melkonian (Student Unity)
- Women's Officer - Mikaela Wangmann (Student Unity)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer - Blake Mooney (Student Unity)
- Queer Officer - Cat Rose (Socialist Alternative)
- Queer Officer - Hiba Marhfour (National Labor Students)
- Small and Regional Officer - Michael Pettersson (Student Unity)
- Ethno-Cultural Officer - Kerrie Kahlon (Student Unity)
- Environment Officer - Stephen McCallum (National Labor Students)
- Disability Officer - Liam McDonald (National Labor Students) – **established for 2013 as carried at NatCon.**
- International Officer – **believed to have resigned Jan 2013.**

National Executive elections:

National Conference also resulted in **Tom Henderson** being elected to the NUS National Executive, a committee responsible for reviewing things like the NUS budget, and meaning that Tom will be attending all NUS conferences this year. Having a guaranteed additional UWA representative at each national congregation is invaluable, and will ensure that the views of UWA are heard at this national platform, while the National Office Bearers are also made aware that if they don't remember that they're meant to represent us, then we are less likely to re-affiliate, as our association with NUS depends on whether we actually get anything out of it.

NUS West – State branch:

Elections for NUS State-branch positions also occur at this conference. The results for NUS West elections are as follows:

- **President - Anita Creasey (UWA)**
- **General Secretary - Tom Henderson (UWA)**
- **Education Officer - Lizzy O'Shea (UWA)**
- Welfare Officer - Adam Rida (Murdoch)

- **Women's Officer - Zoe Bush (UWA)**
- Queer Officer - Jacky Le (ECU)
- Environment Officer - Bec Leighton (Murdoch)

This election resulted in UWA having a very strong presence on NUS West. I am confident that this year will be a strong year for NUS West, with increased campus activism and communication between campuses, allowing facilitation of cross-campus collaboration and effective campaigning.

NUS West is focused on both building and strengthening the relationship that students have with the union movement, engaging with students and the Guild on issues of social justice activism and welfare campaigns, as well as issues concerning their education. NUS West provides a framework for the campaigns and work of NUS at a national level to effectively filter down to WA campuses, and a strong UWA presence on NUS West will ensure that UWA students have a voice at a state and national level.

Future Outlook:

Jade Tyrrell and Clare Keyes-Liley met with the Independents during NatCon to discuss the relationship they were hoping to have with all delegates and universities. The UWA delegates used this opportunity to stress to the future President and Education Officer that UWA needed to start seeing results from NUS. We made it very clear to Jade and Clare that our support for NUS was conditional on UWA seeing results from NUS, and that this would be considered when the time comes to affiliate for another year. We passed on the fact that people on our Guild Council had concerns about NUS and that they need to address these concerns. I also indicated that they needed to show us that the large amount of effort it took to re-affiliate to NUS, as well as Guild funding (especially in the current economic state of the Guild) was worth it. We are trying to hold NUS accountable and to ensure that we get value for our money.

As the result this pressure on National Office Bearers to be held accountable for their actions as directors of an organisation, and to ensure that they maintain active contact with our campus, we have already confirmed campus visits from Jade (O'Day) and Clare (International Women's Day).

Expenses:

I do not have exact figures for all taxi fares at this point. The airport to the CBD fare was approximately \$40-\$45 and this estimate has been used to determine total expenditure. Flights for Tom Henderson have not been included in this figure.

Table 2: NUS National Conference expenses – 2012.

Item	Description	Expenditure
Flights	Return to Melbourne for Rob, Cam and Lizzy.	\$2200
Registration	4 x \$950	\$3800
Accommodation	The night before National Conference started (\$30 per person for Rob, Tom and Lizzy). Cam came straight to the conference a day later.	\$90
Taxis	2 x Airport to Melbourne (Rob+Lizzy and Cam) 1 x CBD to Airport (all delegates)	Approximately \$135
		= \$6225 + Tom's flight.

Addition to NUS Report – Cameron Barnes:

I would like to second everything that Lizzy has covered in her report. The NUS National Conference presented significant challenges that were difficult to overcome. The running of the conference was extremely political and factionalised. However, just as the nastiness of Student Guild elections should not taint the important work carried out by the guild, my frustrations with the running of the conference should not take away the significance of the organisation and the opportunities we were presented with to have a real impact on the running of future conferences. Three UWA students were elected to NUS National Executive, and UWA students dominate the State Branch. After personally meeting with the new National President and Education Officer, I have received assurances that our campus will receive lots of attention and support. These assurances have already been acted on, with the National President agreeing to come over to UWA for our O'Day and some of the first week. I also managed to move several amendments and speak about the issues we recently faced with SSAF legislation.

I would also like to commend Lizzy, Rob and Hendo for their hard work and dedication during the conference. All four of us took our duties very seriously and spent a significant amount of time trying to influence negotiations, push UWA issues and fight for better representation for our state and campus. Hendo did extremely well to land a position on National Executive, and Lizzy's speeches during the Women's Policy debate were heartfelt and highly effective. I was proud to say I was from UWA and I feel that we represented our Guild well.

Finally, I would like to add that the conference allowed me to have a number of informal conversations with other Presidents about the new Student Services and Amenities Fee and its issues. NUS will be running a campaign on SSAF this year about student control over student money. One of the amendments I managed to move was for NUS to lobby for SSAF legislation to be made consistent with the

existing state legislative requirement that at least 50% go to the directly elected student organisation. I look forward to seeing progress on this issue.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns

Kind Regards,

Cameron.

Appendix 1: Policy and Amendments moved by UWA Students

Women's 5.22: Talk About It

Preamble

1. In 2010 the National Union of Students Women's Department launched the Talk About It survey in response to the creation of a pro-rape Facebook page by student's at St Johns college.
2. The data collected by the survey proved that this type of behaviour was not an isolated event and that many women students around Australia were experiencing fear, sexual assault and harassment and rape whilst on campus at student organised events.
3. The results from the survey found:
 - a. 67% of women had had unwanted sexual advances
 - b. 76% of women felt unsafe on campus at night
 - c. 86% of women had been sexually harassed on campus
 - d. Of those women only 3% reported it to their university while only 2% reported it to the police
4. In 2012 the Talk About It survey was relaunched by the NUS Women's Department to see what if anything, had changed and continue to pressure universities to implement change this culture.

Platform

1. The National Union of Students believe that women have the right not to be sexually assaulted or harassed in any form while on campus or at student organised events
2. The National Union of Students hold that no women student should feel threatened or fearful while on campus

Action

1. The 2013 NUS Women's Officer will talk with universities throughout Australia once results from the survey have been found. The Women's officer will suggest

policy recommendations for universities to implement to prevent further sexual assault and harassment on campus.

2. The NUS Women's Officer will publish results as part of a social media and physical campaign to pressure guilds and other student organisations to encourage their universities to implement policy recommendations.
3. In conjunction with the social media and campus campaigns the NUS Women's officer will run a consent education campaign around what is and is not consent and what does and does not constitute as harassment and sexual assault
4. Student Guilds and Unions will be encouraged to seek and establish cooperative relationships with the relevant sexual assault resource centres in their city and/or state.

M: Rebecca Leighton (Murdoch University) **on behalf of Rebecca Doyle (UWA)**

S: Lizzy O'Shea (University of Western Australia)

Women's 5.24: 'Abbott is out of touch, so keep his election out of reach' Campaign

Preamble

1. During his time as Federal Health Minister, Tony Abbott revived a national abortion debate, used ministerial discretion to make RU486 widely unavailable and attempted an assault on Medicare; the arena where abortion is most vulnerable. In 2004, Abbott had this to say:
 - a. 'the problem with the practice of abortion is that an objectively grave matter has been reduced to a question of the mother's convenience'
Adelaide University Democratic Club (16 March 2004)
2. Furthermore, as Leader of the Opposition, Abbott has made numerous sexist remarks that demonstrate he is out of touch with the needs of Australian women.
3. These include:
 - a. 'I think there does need to be give and take on both sides, and this idea that sex is kind of women's right to absolutely withhold, just as the idea that sex is a man's right to demand I think they are both they need to be moderated, so to speak' 'Religion. Sex and Politics' (19 March 2009)
 - b. 'what the housewives of Australia need to understand as they do the ironing is that if they get it done commercially it's going to go up in price and their own power bills when they switch the iron on, are going to go up' visit to the Bells Foxy Dry Cleaners (8 February 2010)

Platform

1. NUS believes that the election of a Liberal National Coalition government with Tony Abbott as Prime Minister at the 2013 Federal Election would be a threat to the rights and interests of women.
- 1) 2) The National Union of Students believes that, while allowing for differences in opinion, that the election of candidates from the Australian Labor Party and the Australian Greens would be the best outcome for women students.
- 2) That the National Union of Student is committed to the promotion of women's rights including access to safe and legal abortion, access to subsidised

contraception, correct consent education and the reassertion that women have a prominent role to play in society, further than that of a housewife. As a result NUS recognises that these same views are not agreed on by the current Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott

Action

- 1) In line with a national campaign to encourage students to enrol to vote, the 2013 NUS Women's officer will run a campaign revealing Tony Abbott's true views on women and how if elected as Prime Minister Tony Abbott is likely to threaten the rights of women given his past views
- 2) Campaign materials will be distributed to NUS State Women's Officers for distributions on the campuses within their states
- 3) The campaign will not encourage female students to endorse a particular political party, but it will instead encourage young women to be critical of Tony Abbott and the Liberal Party under his leadership - as he is a direct threat to their rights in this country.

M: Rebecca Leighton (Murdoch University) **on behalf of Rebecca Doyle (UWA)**
S: **Lizzy O'Shea (University of Western Australia)**

Women's 5.23: Maintaining Social Media for the NUS Women's Department

Preamble

1. Due to the growth of social media the promotion of student activism and feminism has become more readily available to female students.
2. This impact has been significantly positive for the NUS Department allowing for the discussion of women's rights and issues by more students.

Platform

3. Social media has been a successful way of maintaining connections with University women's officers and women students across Australia

Action

4. In 2013, NUS Women's officer will maintain the WordPress blog, twitter account and Facebook page established for the use of the NUS Women's department

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Proposed Women's policy: National Progressive Women's Network

Preamble:

1. A strong national women's movement requires a strong network of diverse women.
2. The plethora of ideas and goals of women's officers and women's groups are not always communicated nationally and a lack of communication between campuses often leaves women's departments without support or an inability to

reach their full potential. This limits the potential of both individual women and the broader women's movement.

3. The communication between different women's officers and women's collectives must be strong to overcome the intersecting challenges affecting women around Australia.

Platform:

1. NUS supports a National Progressive Women's Network that will work to support and sustain the progress of women's officers and collectives and a broader women's movement, by creating a positive network of diverse women identifying students.
2. The Women's Office will create this network to inform both campus women's officers of the workings of the national women's officer, as well as informing the national women's officer of the actions of women's officers on campus.
3. NUS supports the creation, exchange and collation of quarterly reports between the NUS women's officer and collated reports of women's officers around the country to promote information sharing.

Action:

1. NUS supports a Progressive Women's Network consisting of women identifying students nation-wide.
2. This network will have broad aims and advise the NUS National Women's Officer, with mutual exchange occurring between all groups and officers.
3. This network will also help to support women's groups at universities not affiliated with the National Union of Students.
4. The National Progressive Women's Network will provide bimonthly reports to the women's officer to keep the women's officer up to date on what is happening on campuses around Australia. These would be collated reports of what campus women's officers and women's groups are already doing around the country.
5. The NUS women's officer will provide bimonthly reports to the National Progressive Women's Network detailing her actions and plans.

Moved by Lizzy O'Shea (UWA)

Seconded by Lauren McCracken

NUS Delegate Report – Ben Watson January Council Meeting

I appreciate the request of Council to present this report and look forward to reading the reports of other NUS delegates. As you would all be aware, I attended the 2011 NUS National Conference but was unable to attend the 2012 Conference due to sponsorship meeting commitments in my new role on the Blackstone Society.

During my time at the 2011 Conference I learnt a lot about how NUS operates as an organization and this experience crystallized my belief that UWA should not be paying affiliation fees to NUS. I was shocked to see an organization hamstrung by factionalism and back-room deals, an organization that did not have the interests of UWA students in mind.

Due to my inability to attend the 2012 NUS National Conference I proxied my votes to Charlie Daniel from the University of Melbourne. Charlie is a friend and great patriot. I am a person with very strong beliefs and I did not feel that the views of the other UWA students attending reflected my own closely enough to allow them to take my proxy.

Charlie never voted on any motions with my votes, and only used my proxy to collect voting cards for the election of office bearers and national executive.

All of my National Women's Officer votes were given to Cameron Barnes so as to vote for a UWA student for the position. My National Executive votes were used to help Gemma Whiting, also a UWA student, get elected to the National Executive for a second year.

Given Cameron's statements in the 1 December meeting that his number one priority for NUS was achieving accountability, I think Gemma's election is fitting. In 2012 she sat on the budget committee and was instrumental in pressing NUS on accountability issues. I'm sure her experience will be valuable for UWA students.

Thus, the way my ballots were used for elections was consistent with the aims and objectives of securing representation for UWA students. I hope this satisfies Council and I am happy to discuss matters further if anyone requires.

2012/13 NUS Delegate Report – Oliver Mashinini

Writing this report in January, let me first take this opportunity to wish the members of the Guild Council well as you all take on the very important work of stewarding the Guild during the centenary year of our great University.

I was greatly honoured and humbled by the confidence of many friends and fellow students who voted for me to be a NUS representative for UWA. Unfortunately, attendance at the conference conflicted with my participation in an internship program at a financial services institution and I was not able to attend.

In light of this and in counsel with friends who were part of my team during Guild Elections I decided to proxy my votes to Charley Daniel, a student at the University of Melbourne.

As I was not there to apply my personal judgement to matters and with a rudimentary understanding of the faction positions at the conference, I requested my votes not be used for any policy positions.

My ballot did support the WA Independents' candidate for Women's Officer as well as another UWA student, Gemma Whiting, for the National Executive.

I look forward to reading the reports of the other delegates and can be contacted on my university email by any members of Council who have further questions.

All the best and kind regards,
Oliver Mashinini