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**Introduction | First quarter: strong start with a long way to go**

We are now nearly four months in to the reign of the 100<sup>th</sup> Guild Council! We have made significant achievements in some areas, while other areas will require greater focus and attention. As the saying goes, if it's not done by May, it won't happen!

**Activities | Summary**

My activities and correspondence since the February meeting have included the following:

- Attended the Universities Australia Conference thanks to financial support from the Vice-Chancellor
- Met with the new Chair of the Academic Board John Cordery to discuss plans for the year
- Met with the new editor of our Centenary publication Patrick Cornish
- Met with Kelly Smith, the Director of the UWA International Centre to discuss improved support services for international students and a range of issues, including \$5 cover charges for the medical centre and proposed changes to our recruitment strategy
- Met with the President of SNAGS to discuss plans for the year, issues around the merging of the two science faculties and service learning opportunities
- Attended the March Convocation Council meeting and discussed my Future Directions paper
- Attended my first Sports Association Board Meeting
- Met with Grady Venville to discuss our service learning proposal and plans to improve the training and development of student advocates on education council
- Took part in a fairtrade film shoot for the university & accepted a certificate on behalf of the Guild for our role in the University's fair trade accreditation process
- Attended my first Teaching & Learning Committee meeting where the Review of Pedagogy (now called UWA Education Futures) was discussed
- Spoke at the University's senior leadership day about the student experience
- Started regular directors meetings to improve cross-team communication
- MC'd at the Big 100
- Developed a service learning proposal (to be discussed verbally)
- Worked with the PSA to implement a new postgrad student employment initiative
- Met with the Muslim Students' Association to discuss issues around Halal food & prayer room facilities
- Developed a new strategy for migration advice services
- Met with Fiona Parker to discuss issues faced by residents at St Cats College
- Attended my first Board of Coursework Studies meeting
- Attended a catering committee meeting to track progress of recent developments and work on marketing strategy
- Initiated plans to improve the availability of Halal food
- Attended a meeting of Academic Board where we discussed my Guild Future Directions Paper
- Developed a proposal for an International Students' Council with ISS President Felix Lim
- Resolved issues surrounding Pub-crawls with senior university decision makers
- Met with Luke Johnson from Red Frogs and developed an engagement strategy to assist clubs with high risk events
- Attended the first ISS affiliates night

- Ran a Grill the Guild at St Cats and a Supper at Trinity, with more planned for the other colleges
- Spent the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at our Albany campus, met with their student committee & developed new proposals & ideas to improve engagement
- Attended regular meetings with the PSA to work on our idea for a Postgrad Education Forum
- Met with the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor & also (separately) the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to discuss a range of issues (to be discussed verbally)
- Attended the National Day of Action Rally

### **Education | Review of Pedagogy**

This will be a significant review and will incorporate some of key strategic objectives relating to class sizes, service learning and quality of teaching. So far, the review committee will include myself, the Education Council President and the Postgraduate Students Association president. There may be scope for wider student engagement through Education Council

### **Internal | Guild Catering**

Our three-tiered strategy is progressing and I am highly impressed with the work put in by Guild staff and the catering committee to make it happen. Progress so far includes:

- A Sushimaster outlet with Taro-Taro bubble tea (opening in the Ref next week!)
- A new made-to-order sandwich bar in the Ref
- A Butty's gourmet burger outlet in the Ref (recently rated as the best burgers in WA!)
- Chutney Mary's products available in Science Cafe
- A new Tav menu which includes new burgers, stuffed peppers, nicer fish & chips, fried chicken and much more
- A new mobile woodfired pizza van trial (where would you like it to be on campus?)
- A pop-up catering strategy which will be kicked off by a Boost juice van on Oak Lawn
- More student employment opportunities (we have recently hired ten students)

### **Internal | Review of Guild Regulations**

This is proceeding on the basis of having a report from statutes by the end of semester

### **National | Universities Australia Conference**

This was an excellent opportunity to engage with some of the issues around base funding, massive online open courses (MOOCs), fee deregulation, internationalisation and education quality and standards frameworks.

#### Introduction

This month has been a busy one; trying to settle right back into Uni, blocking out Uni for a week to compete in a Management Consulting competition (which we won!) and trying to make a start on establishing the Mature Aged Students Association (MASA). Like previous months, I have attended numerous meetings in my capacity as VP such as F&P, Catering, Exec meetings and Masterplan meetings. I also attended a Facilities Development Meeting where I met the senior management staff of the University and the potential architect of our revised Masterplan!

#### Projects:

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

There was a second meeting which I had to proxy to my brother to attend due to a clash. He said it was very interesting, however only managed to waive a couple of fines out of the 20 he sat in. Will try to attend the next one, although they are becoming more irregular.

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

Will be meeting up with Felix before the end of March to talk about establishing the International Students Committee to coincide with Affiliates Night for big impact.

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

Posted on G'News this week about establishing a Mature-Aged Students Association (MASA) which has been well received with immense interest! Next week, I'll look into setting the committee up, maybe with a welcome BBQ for everyone interested to come down for some free food and form a committee for the rest of the year.

##### **Projects | Post Graduation Association (PGA)**

Still haven't had the time to contact Gemma (sorry!)

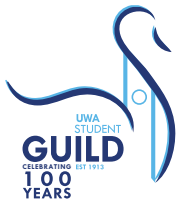
#### Conclusion

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

#### Consistency & Satisfactory Requirements of this report:

**Consistency:** This is being submitted on Wednesday, 20 March 2013.

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



#### Catering

- ⤴ Working with Memberships to communicate and promote changes implemented by Guild Catering in a more routine way (many students only learn about what is on offer by going to the cafes)
- ⤴ Changing packaging and marketing of all goods sold from cafes (e.g. replacing plastic tubs with better bowls that can be branded &c.)
- ⤴ Finished design work with Alex to name the sandwich/salad area, “Lunch Club (to go, made to order)”
- ⤴ Producing a Dietary Requirements menu book (accessible in each cafe and online)
- ⤴ Developing a strategy for deployment of more mobile booths
- ⤴ Looking to meal deals to promote healthy options
- ⤴ Sushimaster is now here! Cam calls it sooshi or something. Laugh at him
- ⤴ Catering policy schedule – list of policies to instruct Catering on Guild initiatives

#### Finance & Planning

- ⤴ Nothing to report beyond MD & CD

#### Other Projects

- ⤴ Board of Studies (Commerce) still hasn't met due to a lack of agenda items
- ⤴ Treasurer Training for SOC/PAC clubs – outlined role of Guild Finance in brief presentation. Laura talked about Grants, Vishal presented on financial responsibility
- ⤴ Produced Treasurer's Handbook, combined with online templates of budgets and claims forms &c.

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**Secretary Duties |**

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

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

**Guild Executive |**

Guild Executive has approved some grants and loans.

**Finance & Planning |**

See the F&P minutes!

**Tenancy Committee |**

- During the past month I held the first Tenancy Meeting for 2013 – it was attended by almost all of the clubroom tenants. We discussed general administrative issues and well as ideas for making the clubrooms spaces more suitable for the clubs during the wait for the completion of the Masterplan – some great ideas were voiced! The next meeting will be held in April – please let me know if there are any issues you think should be addressed by this committee.
- On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013 we held our first Tenancy Busy Bee. It was well attended, and clubs worked really hard to revamp their clubrooms and the common spaces. We filled up multiple skin bins with old furniture – I would encourage you all to take a trip to Cameron Hall, especially the Loft, to see the difference! The next Busy Bee will be at the end of semester one, however Laura and I will be conducting fortnightly walk-throughs to keep tabs on how the tenants are going.
- Laura and I are currently conducting a review of the storage spaces. One of our election promises was to provide more storage space to clubs and we had planned on bringing in more storage. However, we have realised that the current storage is being inefficiently used, so we will look into re-allocating those spaces first. More information to come!
- We have now opened applications for the clubroom previously occupied by Solid Gold. Over the next month we will be allocating that to new tenants.

**Other Projects |**

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

- Strategic Direction Plan  
Wayne, Shirley, Cam and I are now working on developing the Strategic Plan. Once done, we will begin work on the Operational Priorities Plan. Over the next month Cam and I will be allocating “Guild 100” projects to certain student reps and staff. Once allocated, I will be monitoring the progress of these projects.
- Big 100  
I helped to marshal for the Big 100 – the form of 100 made by lots of students, on James Oval. We have got some great footage out of it which I will be excited to share with you and the wider community when it is ready.
- Staff & Student Rep Catch Up  
I attended the Staff & Student Rep Catch Up in the Ref and was able to trial the new Bubble Tea – I would recommend trying all of the new foods if you haven’t had the chance yet!
- Coffee Grounds

I have now had a meeting with Dan and David Jamieson from Grounds Management about re-using coffee grounds onsite. The project has been flagged and David is working on some feasibility to decide how best to use the grounds.

- Grill the Guild

I attended the first Grill the Guild at St Catherine's College – it was a great experience to engage with College students and I feel both parties got a lot out of it. I will be attending all of the upcoming Grill the Guilds also, and hope to have a similar experience at each.

- Masterplan Meetings

I am now attending the Masterplan planning meetings, so am up to date on how it is proceeding.

### **Conclusion |**

As always, I'm here for support and encouragement if you think you need it. Feel free to pop in and see me anytime!

This month the SOC has been relatively busy with the return of students to campus. It has been great to see such vibrancy already, particularly during Tuesday common lunch hour times! Here is an update on a few of the things that myself and the SOC committee have been working on:

#### **1. Best Inclusive Event Award**

At the most recent SOC meeting, the SOC council voted to accept a proposal for a new award, which will be announced along with the other SOC and PAC awards at the annual Cruickshank Routely Memorial later this year. The award is a \$200 prize given to the SOC affiliated club that has been deemed by the Societies Council Committee to have held the best alcohol-free event for students on campus. This is a great opportunity for clubs to provide fun and innovative events for students of all ages. I would like to thank Owen Myles, SOC secretary, for his hard work in putting this award proposal together and I look forward to receiving applications from clubs later in the year.

#### **2. Changes to the Posters and Publications Policy**

Owen has also been working hard, in consultation with Ben Johnston, on changes to our posters and publications policy. These changes are to reflect a move to the use of clip frames for the positioning of posters around the Guild Village, as well as including some long needed updates to several sections, including rules governing discriminatory material. Another exciting element of the policy is that we eventually hope to place clip frames in Guild catering outlets – to provide clubs with even more opportunity for promotion and spotlighting. This change to policy received a high level of support from clubs at the SOC meeting and has been passed by a majority vote. I look forward to discussing this at Council and encourage all Councillors to vote in the affirmative for this policy change.

#### **3. Event Management and Security**

Kaila Stevens and I had a very constructive meeting with Garry from UWA security regarding the approvals process for events held on campus. We were able to get some clarification on the timeline for the events approvals process, as well as a list of helpful tips for clubs to consider when planning an event and completing their Event Management and Risk Management Plans. We are hoping to bring this all together to provide clubs with online resources that can enable them to run more organised, and safer, events.

#### **4. New Club Affiliations**

At the most recent SOC meeting there were three clubs successful in affiliation to SOC. These were: WASTV (also PAC), People for Animal Welfare UWA (also PAC) and Supporters Society. Congratulations to these clubs and I look forward to hearing about their first events!

## **5. Orientation Event Support Grants**

Since the last SOC meeting we have awarded another round of Orientation Event Support Grants. The following clubs were successful in receiving a grant:

- Multicultural Students Union
- Psychos

The SOC committee is still currently considering the last of those applications to come through (pending more information from clubs). In total, I estimate that, with the remaining grants to be considered, the SOC committee will have awarded 10 Orientation Event Support Grants this year. This is great to see, and hopefully next year we will be able to encourage even more clubs to apply!

## **6. Golden Ticket Winner**

Our Golden Ticket winner has been drawn! Congratulations to Sophie who has won the Golden Ticket. She has won herself a double pass to a variety of club events this semester, with the first event kicking off tomorrow (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March). We had a record number of clubs participate this year (over 30) –which is great to see!

## **7. What's To Come in the Month Ahead?**

I am currently planning a “President’s Summit” for all presidents of clubs to attend in week 6. This is a great opportunity to encourage some networking and collaboration between clubs, as well as provide some of our most involved student representatives some leadership and motivational speakers. I am currently in the process of securing speakers for the night, but if anyone has any suggestions – please send them my way! I am looking for people to speak about: leadership, responsible event management, general outside the box inspirational stories.

## **Budgeting Info:**

Please note that I intend to speak with Vishal to change the allocation of my budgeting across the calendar months, so that it can more accurately reflect spending patterns. There are also some expenses that need to be confirmed, but I will update if need be at Council (SOC Handbook and Computer).

### **Expenses incurred for March:**

- Club Start-up Grants: budgeted \$150, actual \$450. This is due to a high level of new club affiliations for the start of the year.
- Club Grants: budgeted \$6,000 – not reflective of actual spending pattern. Actual: \$520 for Orientation Event Support Grants
- Orientation Grants: budgeted \$3,750 (also for January, February and April). Not spent yet, however grants are expected to be finalised over the next week to equal the budgeted total of \$15,000.
- Meeting: Budgeted \$200, actual \$181.60

All other line items did not incur expenditure.



## **1. Supporting Faculty Societies**

### **Equity Diversity Training**

Plans to run Equity and Diversity Training for Faculty societies are still under way. We are looking to run it in conjunction with Guild council to improve cost and efficiency. There is also the likely possibility that we will include a session on Social media skills to improve FacSocs ability to reach out to students and better equip themselves to improve the identity of their society.

### **Student Representative Training**

Student representative training was very well received by the faculty leaders that attended. The presentation centered on the role in which faculty societies play in the greater university community. This included the operations of University administration, convocation and the Faculty structure. It endeavored to provide the opportunity and knowledge about how to better get issues and policy in front of the relevant committees.

## **2. Education Council Administration and Reform**

### **Monthly Faculty Exec meetings**

Starting this month we will be initiating a monthly one on one meeting with faculty Societies to better discuss issues that arise in that faculty. They will also be used to help establish faculty specific questions for the Student Learning experience and Teaching Survey.

### **Funding**

The 2013 semester 1 startup grants have been distributed where money was inversely proportional to the amount of assets and sponsorship that each FacSoc has.

## **3. Guild Education Administration**

### **Student Survey:**

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

### **Events**

A reminder to Faculty societies that they have a responsibility to their Faculties and to the Guild to provide EMPs for any event containing alcohol was issued. The university is looking to make an example of a club or faculty society. There is a greater need to continue to abide by the

orientation and alcohol review such that the improving relationship with the University can be continued.

#### **4. Education Financials**

- Student Rep Training costs of hiring out Sue Boyd and providing catering was last month but will be realised in the coming months budget. Will need to be accrued.
- Pizza of first meeting which was through a reimbursement will also be realised 2 months after its usage and will need to be accrued.
- Semester 1 Start-up grants have been distributed.



## GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | March 2013

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This month has been quite productive in terms of getting things underway. I emailed Social Justice Clubs regarding grants for SJC along with the information sheet, and Honny held a meeting last week with Social Justice Collaboration which went quite well, and further meetings were scheduled for that. As for PAC Pop Up, we have been starting to contact clubs and really start talking about the realistic items of their performances. I have also been talking with Dan Stone about doing an enviro PAC Pop Up, however, I am hesitant in planning things until I have a meeting with Ted Snell next week, where I will get a better idea of the promotional activity that I will have access to. I have also been spending next to no money in the last few months and therefore, have just been starting to put together ideas of fringe festival for semester 2 and also started to get the ball rolling on faith week and social justice week.

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

### Waste and Recycling:

- **Maddie** contacted UWA Grounds to reuse 4 tonnes/year of ground coffee in gardening. We're waiting to hear back. **Bryn Howells** is investigating alternative places to reuse them and has already found a place willing to reuse 250kg/year.
- We have asked **F&P** committee to investigate the use of post-consumer recycled coffee cups. I believe **Guild Catering** are investigating. Deadline is shifted to next F&P.
- **Ben Johnston** is putting recycling bin ordering into event management plans for clubs.
- Our recycling station has had a step back. We are rallying, and intend to launch in week 6. (After Study Break).
- **Bryn** is designing new stickers to apply to the bins to improve the recycling rate.
- **Julia W** is arranging free hot chocolate and cookie stunts to encourage Keep Cup takeup and usage.
- **Louise** and **Jessica** are designing new promotional material to support dine-in drive – posters and a banner respectively.
- **Guild Catering** have begun to provide dine-in options to customers. We are seeing a low take up so far and have asked for staff to be trained in asking for dine-in/take away.
- **Guild Events** had 2 recycling skips on O-Day as well as non-recycling skips, for the very first time. We believe the contents were recycled.
- **Keep Cups** have arrived! We'll offer them for \$10 (\$4 discount) plus a 20c discount on coffee. From very rough information, we think we've shifted ~500 w/ Co-Op.

### Energy & Climate Change:

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

### Transport:

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

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

#### Culture:

- We are getting an urban orchard arranged and are liaising with **Helen Whitbread** from FM.
- Guild Catering has ordered a few boxes of Thankyou Water (social enterprise) to be trialled at either Hackett Cafe or Science Cafe. Have not heard back – concerned.
- The 5 things you can do to be a sustainable student brochure is complete.
- Work has begun on EnviroFest and Sustainability Week to ensure their success this year. SW will have about 12 events at current tracking.
- We ran a recruitment drive to support Enviro clubs in week 2 with 60 attendees. We supported SEN and CCWA events in week 1.
- We have beautified the Enviro Office with Blackboard, record bowls, paper coasters, music table, fridge, floppy USBs, cassette cutlery holder.

#### Finances:

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**Overview**

This month has been incredibly busy for the women's department, with our O Day Stall, women's week in weeks two and three, setting up self defence, working on Axe the Tampon Tax and the Bare Truth, and starting up some more department initiatives. We held our first department meeting about two weeks ago and got one person there who had never been involved in the guild! I also managed to find a Media Officer, so we now have Sophia doing some amazing work for the department- she's been helping mainly with our two campaigns and with the social media presence of the department.

**O Day**

O Day went really well; while there was a disappointing turn out to the actual stall everyone who did come down seemed very interested. Perhaps for next year there should be more people on the stall throughout the day. I found that roaming around with freebies was a really good way to engage freshers as well.

**Women's Week**

Women's Week was a great success, while several of our events were poorly, if at all, attended, events such as Burlesque in the Tav, Q & A and the Closing Festival/ Bra Tree installation were well received and we had some very encouraging responses. The UN Young Women UWA also did a very good job with their high tea. The bra tree collected more than one hundred bra's for UPLIFT, and we will continue receiving donations until the end of semester. A small amount of money was also raised for the Breast Cancer Care WA Foundation.

**Self Defence**

Self defence classes are now up and running – our instructor, Nicole, has been bringing down many of the students from last year, and hopefully we will start seeing some more new students once we begin promoting it properly.

**Axe The Tampon Tax**

Parliament sat last week on the Budget, at the time of writing this report I was awaiting a response from NUS Women's regarding our posters – they will hopefully be sharing the campaign nationally. I am additionally in the process of organising an event in partnership with TOM Organic in Melbourne for about two months time – there will hopefully be some form of panel discussion regarding women's issues being addressed by politicians in the next federal election, with a major focus on Axe The Tampon Tax. (TOM Organic will hopefully be flying me over to MC the event.) We are also currently lobbying individual MP's who head up electorates with a high number of petition signers in them to come and out and publicly support the campaign. At the time of writing we were also planning a stunt to increase media attention; if all went to plan then you would have noticed it. Finally, I did an interview last week for 4ZZZ Brisbane regarding the campaign.

**The Bare Truth**

We are looking into launching a second campaign for the year; this one will be called "The Bare Truth" and is a campaign that looks at addressing mental and physical health issues

associated with body image, self esteem, and being healthy, as well as drawing attention to, and rejecting, social stereotypes and ideas of beauty.

The campaign will feature a 2014 calendar, with a different female student modelling for each month (we aim to get women from all different sizes, ages, and backgrounds), as well as a coffee table book/ magazine with a collection of the photos and articles surrounding these issues by the models. There will also likely be an online component to promote the campaign, and all funds raised will be donated to the Butterfly Foundation.

### **Lighting Review/ Bathroom Review**

We are looking into getting the on Campus Security and Lighting review completed as soon as possible, as well as a review of the toilets on campus, which will hopefully include getting them cleaned up!

### **Social Media and the Women's Department**

The Women's Department now officially has a tumblr and a facebook page, and Axe The Tampon Tax also has a page and a twitter, so if anyone is interested they can find us here:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/UWAGuildWomens>

Tumblr: <http://uwawomensdepartment.tumblr.com>

Sophia (our Media Officer) has done an excellent job of getting the Tumblr Blog into full swing and we had our first submission the other week from Joshua Bamford regarding Burlesque in the Tav and the empowerment of women.) Some of you may also have noticed that we put our first vlog up, showing people how to get to the women's room – we will be continuing the vlog throughout the year with useful updates and thoughts from the women's department.

### **Finances**

#### Publications

Budgeted: \$0

Actuals:

- Women's Week Posters, Burlesque in the Tav Posters, Women's Health Flyers

#### Events/ Campaigns

Budgeted: \$200

Actuals: Upwards of \$2000

- Marque Costs (absorbed by the Women's Department but to some extent offset by the clubs and organisations in attendance)
- Ongoing self defence costs

#### General

Budgeted: \$0

Actuals: approx. \$120 – see submitted receipts for exact number

- Women's Meeting Pizza
- Catering for Women of TED
- Materials for the Bra Tree (still to reimburse Lizzy) \$
- UN Women High Tea ticket \$20

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### Introduction

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

### Departmental Reports

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

#### 1. Welfare & Education Department

##### Lighthouse Magazine

Still currently waiting for the online edition of Lighthouse to be uploaded. Once uploaded, we will contact International Centre and have it send out to all international students on campus.

*Budgeted Spending: \$2,000*

*Actual Spending: waiting for invoice (since end-Feb)*

##### Welcome Barbecue

Event was held on 5/3/2013 at the Oak Lawn. Main objective was to raise awareness about ISS on campus. 200 additional sign-ups were obtained from this event.

*Budgeted Spending: \$370*

*Actual Spending: 290*

##### Rottneest Day Trip

This is a follow-up to last year's event that received a positive response from those who attended. Purpose of event is to allow international students the opportunity to experience Western Australia at a more affordable cost. Currently negotiating group package price with Rottneest Express. Expecting 50-60 students for the event. Will be held during the Mid-Semester break.

*Budgeted Spending: \$1500*

#### 2. Social Department

##### ISS Affiliates Night

To be held on 25/3/2013. To further increase the number of affiliates under the ISS umbrella. Other International clubs, colleges' res-club representatives, members of the UWA Student Guild will be there. At the same time creating awareness of ISS to the other clubs and hopefully to create a bond with them.

*Budgeted Spending: \$300*

##### ISS Soccer Tournament

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

*Budgeted Spending: \$800*

##### ISS River Cruise

Event will be held in end April. Social networking party organised for International students.

*Budgeted Spending: \$2,000*





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**3. Multicultural Week Department**

**MCW Information Session**

Held on 7/3/2013. To date, we have a total of 86 members in the MCW committee. All sub-departments showed an increase in membership size. We are on track for an even bigger MCW this year.

**Harmony Week**

It will be held on 26/3/2013. A stall will be stationed on Oak Lawn from 12-2pm. 3 mini-games will be organised. We will be giving out Harmony Week merchandise too.

*Budgeted Spending: \$70*

**4. Any Other Business**

None

**Conclusion**

Information is correct as of 20 March 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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#### **PSA Committee-**

We held our first professional development seminar for the year on 'Intellectual Property and Commercialisation' in conjunction with the Office of Industry and Innovation (OII). The seminar was full. OII found the day useful. We are waiting to hear feedback to see if we should run the seminar again.

Our Education Faculty Representative has stepped down from her position due to a family issue. This means that the PSA is now looking for a Science Faculty Representative, an Education Faculty Representative, and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer.

#### **Representation/Advocacy-**

I am looking into the state of postgraduate housing as I have received numerous complaints- especially from international students, about the availability of appropriate housing.

I have met with Joanne van Vuuren at St Catherine's College (Director of Studies). She is looking to introduce a new initiative to assist postgraduate students with their studies (specifically their writing). The initiative will take the form of a writing club, tutoring and seminars (to be in line with their undergraduate education initiative). She wanted PSA support, which we are more than happy to give.

The PSA will be attending the National Day of Action in the city. Aisling (Blackmore 2012 PSA President) will potentially be speaking on behalf of postgraduates at the event.

#### **Guild –**

The 'regulations sub-committee' met with Josh and explained what the PSA has come up with to facilitate better integration with the Guild through reforming our constitution as well as through the Guild regulations.

Cameron and I are looking to introduce a Postgraduate Education Council/Forum/Group- where both PSA faculty representatives and representatives from Faculty societies will discuss postgraduate educational issues.

#### **Events-**

We are in the process of planning our Quiz Night for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

We are exploring the possibility of a Lottery West grant to fund Family Day Picnic in September.

The PSA has applied to Bunnings to host a 'Fundraising Barbeque' within the next few months. We will hopefully hear back from Bunnings within the next fortnight.

The last PSA Connect had over 70 people attend, which resulted in the food and drink running out within the first 20 minutes. A staff member from Counseling and Psychological Services attended to chat with students and hand out flyers. The staff member found the experience of being able to talk to students in a social forum very helpful. Next Connect staff members from the Graduate Research School will be attending to talk to postgraduates.

### **Advertising-**

The PSA has ordered the majority of our advertising for the year. We have received our committee poster, flyers, a new banner, and stickers for student cards. We are still waiting for our calendar of events.

### **Awards-**

The PSA's first Awards and Grants round is open. We have already received several applications. The deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

The PSA has continues to co-fund a Convocation Travel Award, with Convocation. The PSA has co-funded the award over the last few years.

### **Budget-**

The Convocation travel award was not included in our initial budget due to an oversight. This has resulted in our spending on awards and grants being over what we anticipated.

Uni-credit has paid for half of our calendar of events- as they are placing an advertisement on the back. Other advertising initiatives have currently cost less than expected- however the final cost has not yet been tallied.

Our initial professional development has been run at minimal cost to the PSA. Kara (Vice-President)'s husband is a pastry chef and he made making the morning tea, and only charging the PSA for ingredients. The venue did not cost anything. A light lunch was purchased from Subway. The OII put on the presentation for free. Total cost is \$258.65. The total budgeted for this event was \$500, resulting in the PSA being \$241.35 under budget.

The last PSA Connect was held and cost \$628.00

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March has been a productive month for the Welfare Department. It's great to be back on campus getting things done.

#### This Month

- Started *Guild Yoga* again, trialing a new instructor who is running the sessions for \$50/week, instead of \$140/week previously. Feedback so far (from Josh Bamford) is good, although the first session was not well attended, most likely due to the rain that day (we relocated to the Sue Boyd Room at the last minute).
- Helped promote *Guild Self Defence*. A successful first class with ten students, will be interesting to see how that goes.
- Finalising the Design Doc for the *Guild Wiki*, as passed at the last council meeting.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wT1d-4LMYHNyGiqp18xgWh7mLP6jnXKNna8PGYIDK9M/edit#heading=h.nby29jw4wcbk>. Any feedback is appreciated.
- Finalised Mental Health Grant Guidelines for Ed Council, awaiting submissions for funding by the end of March.
- Collaborated with Rob and Cam to produce new policy relating to our student loans (Guild Ordinary Loans and Guild Emergency Loans) and how we act on unpaid loans.
- Began planning elements of Welfare Week including a soup kitchen, more contact with City of Subiaco Reach Program (basic health check), free massages (talked to Blackstone about their provider last year).
- Began planning a Bone Marrow Donor Sample day to potentially coincide with the Relay@UWA Launch Event (Common lunch, 30<sup>th</sup> April).
- Planning an event in collaboration with Relay@UWA to close Welfare Week – the Relay Old School Bingo Boogie Bash. A bingo night, with 60s tunes and “old people” theme, raising money for Relay, and promoting a responsible drinking message (i.e. no alcohol).

#### Next Month

- Will get construction of the Guild Wiki underway.
- Will launch the self-help audio series for stress management during exams.
- Will finalise Mental Health Grant allocation.
- Will link-up with UWA HPU to arrange Mental Health First Aid training for Fac Soc reps.
- Will move ahead with planning for Welfare Week.
- Will meet with an ALVA Rep to see what we can do at the ALVA campus.
- More things!

#### Money

- Budget is now contained in this Google Doc, constantly updated:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0AIGtvpkklz34dG5CY1BfWFp0cFltczJlVkh1VUxObkE&pli=1#gid=0>

#### Summary of activities:

- Attended the first UWA Sports Board Meeting
- **Interfaculty Squash:** I was very happy with how this event ran. We had 13 teams register and it seemed to run smoothly. We did cut out the last 2 fixtures to make the competition finish at around 3pm. We will attempt to keep all sports from 1-3pm for the rest of the year.
- **Interfaculty Touch Rugby:** again I was happy with the turnout -13 teams registered but ALVA did not turn up. However, the structure of the event didn't run too smoothly. I am in the process of discussing this with the sport reps and UWA Sports to try to come to a solution
- **Committee Structure:** We will meet the last Thursday of every month at around 1pm. The UWA Sports Staff Member will attend and from time to time the faculty presidents will be invited to attend. I am hoping that towards the end of the semester the sports reps will be running this meeting mostly by themselves.
- **New UWA Sports Staff Member on board:** Dylan from UWA Sports has joined the team. It's great to have him on the team and he has been very helpful. He only works Tuesdays and Wednesdays which at times is difficult when we are trying to plan for events.
- **Funding proposal:** UWA Sports have not provided a formal response to this proposal. It has been discussed but no formal written response has been presented

#### The month ahead:

- T20 Staff vs Student Cricket Match – organized by Guild, Cam, UWA Sports
- 2<sup>nd</sup> UWA Sports Board Meeting
- Interfaculty Volleyball- March 20
- Interfaculty Badminton – April 10
- Interfaculty Table tennis – April 17
- Hopefully will work with the UWA Sports marketing team to improve the promotion of the competition
- Hopefully get a formal response regarding the funding proposal

# UWA Sports Council President's Report

Written by Richard O'Halloran

For presentation at UWA Guild Council Meeting 27 Mar 2013

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## Changes to Australian Uni Games (AUG):

Sports Council has had some discussions with UWA Sports representatives over proposed changes for arrangements at this year's AUG. Principally, they relate to dealing with any cultural issues by UWA teams at the event. Whilst broadly supporting their efforts, we have had some concerns regarding the potential implications of some of these changes. In particular, the proposal for individual teams to make separate accommodation arrangements. My concerns relating to this change include the detraction from team bonding, culture and the quality of the experience, safety of students and the potential for teams to have issues organising accommodation.

Other changes include introduction of new uniforms, mandatory qualification for teams to compete, use of a breathalyser/ RBT system every morning before teams go to competition, and a more extensive code of behaviour (as well as establishing a disciplinary panel to determine consequences of breaches). UWA Sports have attempted to deal with many of these concerns and further plans will be made, in conjunction with Sports Council, before AUG.

## Recent & Upcoming Activities:

We recently selected the UWA Sports Scholarship recipients for 2013 and held a lunch for recipients on 21 March. We have also held meetings to review the budgets of the various affiliated sports clubs from 5-13 March.

Meeting of full Sports Council will be held on 28 March. One notable mention for agenda items is the intention to affiliate a new UWA Petanque club. We will canvas opinion on the changes being proposed for AUG and review specific club issues raised at budget meetings and how they should be dealt with. Our expectations of clubs for 2013 will also be explained.

Richard O'Halloran, 2013 UWA Sports Council President



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#### **Jungle Party**

- Event held last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, The Deen
- Sold out all 550 tickets
- No major issues with the event or venue
- Well attended, with positive feedback from collegians

#### **Grill the Guild**

- Dates confirmed for all BBQs except St Thomas More College & UniHall
- St Cat's: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March, 5.45pm
- St George's: Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Trinity: 26<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm
- STMC: TBC, Jayden Zilm (President) – 0427 127 869
- UniHall: TBC, Hubert Heng (President)

#### **Harry Potter Charity Ball**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> -Winthrop Hall
- Promotion began strongly, we're expecting to sell out
- Tickets \$75, available online – hope to see Guild Councillors there!
- Still seeking Charity Auction items

#### **Shave for a Cure**

- April 30<sup>th</sup> at St Catherine's College
- Sophie Liley and Simon Thuijs are shaving their heads. More students TBC
- Currently raised \$1500, goal of \$7500 between all college representatives

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

- May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Currently seeking Octagon Theatre as a venue, as college capacity is expanding

#### **Website**

- Currently working to get our domain name transferred and update our website

#### **Battle of the Bands**

- Date TBC, near end of Semester, Tav is booked frequently
- Colleges compiling teams and rehearsing



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### Finance

	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense
Buses for Jungle Party*	\$1200	\$1050
Pizza for Jungle Party*	\$1000	\$700
Banners for O-Day*	\$200	\$180

\*Please note that these expenses are independent from Guild funds.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Thuijs', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Thuijs  
**RSD President**



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