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Introduction

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

Meetings, activities and achievements

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

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

Key education issues to highlight

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

Introduction

This month started with an exciting event – the MASA Welcome BBQ which was held on Wednesday, 24 April! Turn out was great and the amount of enthusiasm from the students make me very excited to hold more events!

Projects:

Activities | Parking Appeals Board

I went to the Parking Appeals Panel on Friday, 26 April at 11am. Waived many fines this time! I think the success rate was about 6/10 being waived. I think Gary Jones does a good job in presenting the cases and letting the panel exercise their own discretion.

Projects | International Students Council

I met up with Felix to discuss the ISC on Friday, 3 May. We will be forming the first informal ISC meeting on 30 May 2013 at the Guild Council Meeting Room. The purpose of this council is to increase engagement and collaboration between Guild Departments, such as ISS, and all international student clubs on campus, as well as residential colleges, which cater for many international students. Currently, the plan is to build strong relationships with these international clubs and bring up a few international issues for discussion, such as multiculturalism and security on campus.

Projects | Mature-aged students

As mentioned in the Introduction, the MASA BBQ went really well! I also have posted up on G'News for expressions of interest to become part of the MASA Committee. Massive thanks to Gemma Bothe, Judith Carr, Joshua Bamford, Dan Stone, Cameron Barnes and Yun Yong for helping out that day and mingling with the mature-aged students! I'm hoping to organize a sundowner and a coffee morning/crawl before the end of semester as well.

Projects | MASA & PSA Collaboration

Met up with Peter Derbyshire from PSA on Tuesday, 21 May to discuss the potential of collaborating with PSA for the Family Picnic this year (to be held in September).

Projects | International Exchange Visits to UWA

These projects have been delayed / postponed from the international universities' side (which is very unfortunate). I ensured that if the opportunity arises again, UWA Guild would love to help out.

Projects | Ujeli Care Centre (Pokhara)

Met up with Sam and Henry (both medical students) to help them with considerations to set up their Health Care Project for underprivileged kids in Pokhara. Very exciting project and hopefully they will take on board what was discussed!

Meetings | Masterplan Meeting

Went to the Masterplan workshop meeting with the university representatives and well as the afternoon workshop with club representatives. I thought the workshop went really well with good contributions from everyone.

Meetings | NAIDOC Meeting

Went to the NAIDOC meeting for the planning stages of the event. Sounds very promising and interesting and I hope all goes to plan.

Meetings | F&P Meeting

Meeting was very informative with a review of the mid-year budget to see how we're tracking.

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.



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Catering

- Menu boards finally up
- Cancelled fee for hot water in cafes due to student feedback
- New paella guy as part of the mobile strategy
- Continued support for pizza van and boost
- Sushi has now been running for two months, so far a huge hit with students
- Looking at policy book for catering (ongoing)
- Dietary requirements handbook (ongoing), although changes have been made to the back-end – all staff now have menu and ingredients lists so they can instruct students as to what they are eating
- Worked with student group taking a unit on Health Promotions to publicize healthy options that the Guild offers. This is ongoing – need to promote via facebook and put stickers up in cafes

Finance

- SSAF handbook suffered some delays – nearly finished
- Approved audit
- Upcoming project Guild semester report

Board of Studies

- Met for the first time this month
- Sent apologies as I had an in-class assessed debate

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.

Guild Executive |

Guild Executive has approved some grants and loans.

We have also been working hard on making sure the Guild 100 Goals get achieved!

The following goals have been achieved:

- Run student advocacy training
- Give FacSocs money at the start of the year to expand their services
- Incentivise collaboration between professional and undergraduate FacSocs
- Work with NUS on reforming SSAF legislation
- Provide FacSocs with financial support to run 'skilled volunteering' programs
- Use 'skilled volunteering' as an impetus for more service learning units
- Revive the Volunteering Hub Steering Committee
- 'Orientation grants' to help clubs run new events
- Require input from Women's collective on any camps run in 2013
- Engage TAG to report on how Guild catering compares to other campuses
- Resell products from private suppliers to deliver more choice at student prices
- Trial new mobile vendors to service students around campus
- Provide a significant funding boost to RSD
- Support NAAUC state conference
- Improve advocacy for regional students by including RSD in Ed Council
- Assist RSD in getting access to university venues and facilities
- Provide financial assistance for RSD to run career and academic events
- Hold regular meetings of the tenancy committee to deal with clubroom issues
- Create a new award for the most 'fresher-friendly' club
- Introduce more poster frames for clubs to advertise in
- Strengthen the PAC identity with separate meetings and clear affiliation policy
- Provide a new pool of funding for collaboration grants targeted towards small social justice clubs
- Distribute mental health grants to faculty societies at the start of the year
- Run soup kitchens, student breakfasts and a welfare week
- Sell subsidized keep cups and provide a 20c discount on keep-cup coffee
- Rebuild the environment collective
- Increase funding for sustainability week and run with the help of the GVH
- Reduce the Guild's environmental footprint
- Lobby for more end-user facilities for cyclists
- Run NAIDOC week on campus to promote cultural understanding
- Give PSA presence on Ed Council and link up PSA faculty reps with FacSocs
- Provide PSA with a significant funding boost to expand their activities
- Get an active member of Guild Council elected onto NUS National Executive
- Amend the NUS policy platform to include issues unique to the UWA Student Guild
- Use the President's summit in January to raise UWA issues and establish working relationships with other student unions around Australia
- Push for a better interface sports calendar with popular sports and mixed teams

- Lobby for better access to safety equipment like first aid kits and stretchers
- Support Podiatry students through an elevated PMSS
- Implement WAEC recommendations to ensure independent oversight
- Reform election regulations to take online campaigning into account
- Work with Security to identify places on campus with inadequate lighting
- Lobby for better bike security
- Fight unreasonable increases to parking costs
- Reform the policy book and circulate to staff and students
- Replace 'cabinet' with non-partisan pre-council briefings open to all students
- Engage with the University's centenary events such as the Luminous Night

And many more are close! Keep up the good work team!

These goals have been printed on large posters and are now on the wall at the end of the Guild East Wing facing Oak Lawn – go check them out and watch more ticks being added over the rest of the year!

Tenancy Committee |

- This month the Tenancy Committee met for the second time this year. We discussed many maintenance issues, as well as the Tenancy Budget Proposal Business Case – a budget for maintenance to make the club spaces in the East Wing and Cameron Hall more “livable” until the Masterplan takes effect. This business case was edited with the input of the tenants, approved and taken to the Finance & Planning committee. I am very excited to announce that it passed. The following maintenance items will take effect immediately:
 - Fix holes in the roof over the UniSFA and UCC clubrooms
 - Pest control
 - Replace light globes in the Loft
 - Update the fire extinguisher as needed
 - Clean carpet in the NUS West room
 - Disconnect Unigames from Red Circuit 1
 - Steam clean carpet on the second floor corridor of the Guild East Wing (done)
 - Steam clean carpet in the Guild Council Meeting Room (done)
 - Replace the Queer Department carpet
 - Fix windows in Cameron Hall

The following will be carried out at the Clubroom Busy Bee (unless urgent):

- Place anti-slip strips on the stairs and fire escape
- Paint over vandalism on beams in the Loft
- Plug up hole in door between NUS West room and the Women's Department
- Fix holes in the walls in Cameron Hall

And the following will be carried out before the end of the year:

- Install whirly birds in the Loft
- Repair the sink in the Loft
- Provide a kettle to make hot water

- The next project is enhancing and multiplying storage space for clubs.

Other Projects |

- Welfare Week Clothes Swap
I helped Cameron Fitzgerald with organizing a Clothes Swap as part of Welfare Week. It was very successful with over 300 items of clothes being brought in. A large portion of those have now been donated and the rest went to happy new homes.
- Attended the EAN Meeting
The discuss the appropriate actions to take in protest of the Federal Budget announcement.
- National Day of Action
Attended the UWA NDA and wrote postcard. A very successful event!
- NAIDOC Week
Helped WASAC setting up the Marnda event on Oak Lawn on Tuesday 21st May, and helped them BBQ roo, croc and emu sausages as well as helping to run the normal BBQ also.
- Workplace Health & Safety
I was meant to attend the WHS meeting, however got the times mixed up so only made the tail end of the meeting. The Guild will be making changes to ameliorate our WHS procedures.
- Activities Committee
Attended the Activities Committee meeting. On the agenda were many events including Guild Ball. We have put out a call for expressions of interest to be on the Guild Ball working team, via G-News and have had quite a few emails which is great! Planning will begin soon.

Conclusion |

We are making great progress on our goals. I wish everyone luck with exams and am here for support and encouragement if you need it!

This month has been a little different for SOC. As end of semester assessments start to kick in, emails and enquiries from club reps have started to slow down, as expected. My apologies for circulating my report a little late – I have also been busy with assessments, and struck down by a horrible virus going around!

President's Summit |

While the month has been quieter on the club rep enquiry front, it certainly hasn't been quiet in terms of meeting preparation. SOC held the first official President's Summit, which was a great success. The President's Summit was held in replacement of the May SOC meeting, and was a night focused on inspiring club presidents to become effective leaders of their committees. It also provided an excellent opportunity for the leaders of clubs to network and share experiences – something that has not happened on this scale before. The evening went as follows:

- 6pm: sign in and seating, with nibbles available. Club presidents were encouraged to sit at tables (of 8) with people they haven't met before, to encourage networking.
- 6-6:30pm: general SOC administrative announcements.
- 6:30pm – 7:15pm: Guest Speaker 1: Tara Broadhurst. Tara, a former executive member of the Leisure committee who now works in the events industry, talked to club reps about how to manage committee expectations. She held several breakout sessions, in which club reps were encouraged to share experiences and come up with solutions together.
- 7:15pm-7:45pm: Supper break. Club reps were encouraged to match up with a club leader they have not met before, and find out about how their club functions – including what works well in their committee/club structure.
- 7:45pm-8:15pm: Guest Speaker 2: Akram Azimi, Young Australian of the Year. Akram gave an inspiring speech about what it means to be a leader, drawing from his own experiences. He also took questions from club reps – which provided some valuable tips for presidents on how to develop themselves as effective leaders.
- 8:15-8:30pm: Final breakout session lead by myself, encouraging club leaders to reflect on Akram's speech and start thinking about how they will be even better leaders next semester.

At first I was a little nervous that club presidents might not be comfortable engaging in the breakout/brainstorming sessions, or be willing to share their own committee experiences. However, I was pleasantly surprised! Club leaders were very interactive, and made the best out of the opportunity. There was plenty of valuable experience sharing occurring, and everyone made the effort to ensure they collaborated with clubs they have never interacted with before. I have received positive feedback from club leaders, and several requests as to whether a similar event will be held next semester. I would strongly encourage that events similar to this are run in the future – it proves very valuable in encouraging club collaboration, and developing more effective club leaders.

I would like to thank Tara and Akram for providing inspiring talks on the night, as well as the SOC and PAC committees for their help in organizational aspects. Additionally, thanks to WASTV for filming/photographing the evening.



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Laura Smith | 100th Guild Societies Council President

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New Club Affiliations

Congratulations to the UWA Nationals Club, affiliated at the President's Summit.

Budgeting Info |

Expenses in SOC have been a little different than usual in SOC this month, due to the President's Summit. Costs incurred include the following:

- Meeting Expenses: budgeted \$200, actual \$725. Note, however, that meeting expenses are budgeted for June, July, November & December – which will not be incurred. Additional expenses from this month supplemented by this.
 - Venue & Equipment Hire: \$180
 - Food & Supper Supplies: \$500
 - Thank you gifts for speakers: \$45
- Club Start up Grant: \$150

NDA 1

The first snap National Day of action was moderately successful with a protest staged at the front of the university on Stirling Hwy. There were approximately 100 students and staff members at the peak of the protest with around 40 staying for the duration. The number of students that continued onto the city was a little disappointing.

The biggest things to come out of the first NDA were the 100 demands that students thought were needed for their education. This along with the survey will be presented to the university in a document in second semester.

NDA 2

NUS called a national strike on the 14th of May (Budget Day) to coincide with actions occurring over the entire country. The NDA organised for the UWA campus was a joint venture between the Guild and the UWA NTEU branch. Speakers from the Guild, the NTEU and NUS provided students with lots of information about the cuts and the positions each of their respective groups were taking. Over 200 petitions postcards were signed and will be given to the Prime minister when she next visits WA.

To encourage students to sign the post cards attend the rally, members of the NTEU facilitated students in not penalising student who didn't attend class. The Guild also provided a free sausage sizzle to encourage students to come down and ask questions.

A bus was provided to students who were keen to attend a centralised rally, although the take up was disappointing as many students while keen to support the rally were not prepared to go to miss class or travel to Curtin.

EAN

The Education Action Network has had a shakeup with the EAN coordinator position being declared vacant due to non-attendance of the Ed-VP. The faculty representatives decided it would be more beneficial for someone who had education as their priority to complete the term. We hope to maintain a good relationship with the outgoing VP and his passionate activist supporters at UWA.

SLETS Survey

As seen in the motion, the survey has been completed and is going to be converted into a web based survey that will be sent out to students. We are going to be putting \$1000 into prizes from the Co-op to encourage students to participate and hope to get at least 2000 participants. This will be done through FacSoc promotion and promotion through G New and the university all student email.

The survey will hopefully run from week 13 through to week 3 of semester 2, as some of the questions relate to exams etc. and we would like as many first years to be participating in the survey as possible.

Education Financials

- Cost of BBQ for NDA 1 and 2
- Cost of buses for NDA 1 and 2 have been submitted

- EAN Budget may be a little over due to the 2 actions held in first semester.
- Education Council budget is below budget



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Valentina Barron | 100th Guild Public Affairs Council President

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There has not been much to report on in terms of PAC related activities in the last month. I have been working very closely with WASTV and using them to get involved with a lot of PAC club activities and putting them online to assist promotions for PAC clubs. I have also started to put in motion some plans for Semester 2 Fringe Festival Week. I have started putting together a specific committee and also started looking into some of the ideas that I want to try and include. I have really spent the last month helping PAC clubs with their events and helping a few of them with the direction they want to go in and how they want to go about expanding their club and increasing their presence on campus.

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

As a special end of semester report, we've spent the last 6 months working on creating systemic changes within the Guild and UWA, as well as running events and things on campus for students to get involved in. Currently, this is the score:

Systemic Environmental Projects	Status	Field
Keep Cups with discounts	Implemented	Waste Management
Dine In Options	Implemented	Waste Management
Bicycle Repair Station	Pump implemented, awaiting safety features to unlock rest of apparatus	Transport
Carbon Neutral Flights	Implemented	Energy and Climate Change
Jayride	Implemented - more systemic promotion required.	Transport
Reusing Coffee Grinds	Implemented for one café. Discussions with grounds about the others	Waste Management
Recycling Point	Implemented - 60 phones, 40 pairs of shoes, bunch of batteries collected	Waste Management
Energy Efficiency Measures	Signage, Air conditioning setpoints in LTs , computer standby modes	Energy and Climate Change
100% Recycled Paper	Maintained as procurement strategy.	Procurement
Recycling at Events	Implementation of recycling bins at events highly successful, requires EMP changes	Waste Management
Incomplete Projects	Status	Field
Energy Audit	Awaiting Council Approval	Energy and Climate Change
Veggie Garden	Awaiting FM Approval	Procurement
Solar Panels	Awaiting FM Director's Approval	Energy and Climate Change
Eco Friendly Cups	Awaiting samples	Procurement
Carbon Neutral O-Day	Ongoing work - cost calculation phase.	Energy and Climate Change

In many ways we've been working on projects very opportunistically, without a core strategy or message to convey to students. Now that we have been working on projects and developed some expertise we have the opportunity to develop a central strategy – to ensure continuity with our existing projects as well as cleverer mobilisation of resources in the future. We'll be holding a strategic planning day with different club reps and the Enviro team on the 22nd of June.

This month has been completely crazy as we kick off with The Bare Truth campaign. Things are also going really well with Axe The Tampon Tax, and while our Self Defence classes don't have huge attendance, there are a group of regulars coming down every week that is great to see.

The Bare Truth

The Bare Truth is a campaign we are running to promote healthy self-esteem and body image in young women. We currently have twenty-nine models plus four crew members, all of them voluntary. The models are each having a two shots taken and being kind enough to write an article about their experiences with eating disorders, mental health, body image and their thoughts on what "true beauty" is. The idea is to promote the belief that everyone is essentially beautiful the way they are. The magazines will be sold to raise money for the Butterfly Foundation. The only thing we are currently struggling with is funding, but on a more positive note, our first shoot was two weeks ago and went incredibly well; all of the girls had a lot of fun and already we're seeing some really positive changes in the lives of the participants.

Financially, while we are struggling for funding, we are planning on seeking sponsorship to actually print the magazines, as well as asking printers for a sponsorship style discount. We are planning on making sure we break even and then donating the profits to The Butterfly Foundation (we aim to raise at least \$2000). At the moment ideas for a launch are also being thrown around – The most promising is another Burlesque In The Tav event, run more like a Tav show with tickets being sold and drink deals from the Tav. (If this does happen it will be in semester two.) The launch while hopefully also include a raffle to assist us in raising some more money.

Axe The Tampon Tax

TOM Organic have officially become sponsors of the Campaign to remove the GST on Sanitary products; which means we now have a PR Agency helping me with media (I had a live Radio interview for a Subiaco station on Wednesday the 22nd) and T- Shirts are being sent over. This will hopefully mean we get a lot more traction before the upcoming federal election. I don't actually think much will be achieved in terms of repealing the GST in the next couple of years, but at the moment raising awareness of the issue and gaining public and political support is our main goal; hopefully in the next few years this will create a springboard for actual change.

Finances

Marque invoice for women's week has come back at just over \$3000. (We are however invoicing participants (Clubs apparently get this money back through admin costs or some such) so it should work out at about \$2000). This is a lot more than we were expecting, and given the slightly lack lustre success of the event there will have to be some remodelling done for next year's women's week. (Unfortunately this was something that couldn't really be accounted for in planning as there was little to go off.)

\$42.03 was spent on catering for The Bare Truth Induction Session.

Introduction

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

Departmental Reports

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

1. Welfare & Education Department

Health and Wellbeing Month

Date: August 19 to Sep 13 2013

The objective of the event is to raise awareness about the importance of health and wellbeing among international students and to provide them with the knowledge and resources to achieve a more balanced lifestyle. Focus will be on organizing fun and engaging activities and initiatives relating to 1) food and nutrition, 2) exercise, 3) mental health and stress, and 4) social support, homesickness and culture shock. FitforStudy, UWA Sports and UWA Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) have agreed to collaborate during the month.

Budgeted Spending: \$1,500

Semester 2 Lighthouse Magazine

The editor is currently in the process of finalising the articles for the second edition of the Lighthouse magazine. It will be sent to print during the winter break. Publication should be ready for distribution before Semester 2 Orientation

Budgeted Spending: \$1,800

2. Social Department

ISS River Cruise

Date: Friday, 10 May 2013

Time: 8pm to 11.30pm

This event was organized to create a platform for both international and domestic students to interact and network in a casual setting. Event was a sell-out. Positive feedback received at the end of the night. Positive spillover effects were observed when the photo album is uploaded onto the Facebook page.

Budgeted Spending: \$2,000

Actual Spending (after deducting revenue from ticket sales): \$1783.49

ISS Soccer Tournament

Date: Saturday, 18 May 2013

Time: 12pm to 5pm

Collaborated with Singapore Students Society (SSS). Event was successful despite the short time frame to get teams in. A profit of \$245 was recorded at the end of the event (profits split 60:40 as stated in the collaboration agreement)

Budgeted Spending: \$800

Actual Spending: \$49

Share of Profits: \$98

Remaining Profits: \$(98-49) = \$49

3. International Students Council (ISC)

Annie and I have finalized the structure of ISC.

First ISC session will be held on 30 May 2013, 6-7pm. Am currently in the process of finalizing agenda and contacting the relevant parties involved.

The main objectives of ISC are

1. Build relationships among all international clubs and colleges
2. Have a common goal of representing international students on UWA campus, leading to better engagements
3. Embrace the multicultural environment that we are in

4. Any Other Business

1. Four ISS executives will be attending the upcoming CISA National Education Conference in Sydney this July.
2. ISS Constitution will also be worked on over the winter break.

Conclusion

Information is correct as of 23 May 13. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. That is all for now, have a good month ahead 😊

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PSA Committee-

The PSA has a new Science Faculty Representative Benjamin Goodall and a new Secretary Shoaib Memon.

Our ALVA Faculty Representative has stepped down from his position. This means that the PSA is now looking for an Education Faculty Representative, an ALVA Faculty Representative, and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer.

Work on the PSA regulations document has been finished. This has been forwarded to Josh for consideration in the Guild Regulations Committee.

Postscript-

Postscript well underway for 2013. We almost have enough content and are currently advertising for cover art to be submitted by postgraduates. I will be interviewing Dr Shirley Watt in the next fortnight for the magazine. Dr Watt is the third woman to study Agriculture Science at UWA. She received her PhD in 1971 in the area of Physiology.

The editor-in-chief of Postscript this year is currently trying to set up a meeting time with Alex Pond for when returns from leave, so that the PSA can work with the Memberships and Communication department for a timely production.

Guild –

The inaugural Postgraduate Education Forum- where both PSA faculty representatives and representatives from Faculty societies occurred on April the 30th. This forum was of mixed success. Despite Fac Socs being resistant of the forum it has resulted in some of them reaching out to PSA Fac Reps to start discussions about representation and postgraduate representation.

I had a meeting with Sean Simpson (Subicao Council) Sean wishes to implement an event and education campaign at UWA in regard to safety, crime prevention and responsible partying. I have sent my notes from this meeting to Cameron Barnes.

Representation and Advocacy-

I recently met with Grady Venville (Dean of Coursework) and Alan Dench (Dean of Research) about several issues.

During the Postgraduate Education Forum the issue of undergraduate lectures and presentations being given at a postgraduate level was raised. When I mentioned that this had been happening (the cases I know specifically about were in Engineering and in Pharmacy) Grady was very eager to act upon it and to ensure that this would not continue to

happen. Part of the change over from undergraduate degrees to postgraduate degrees on the universities part is ensuring that the 'new courses' are not just replications of their undergraduate counterparts and are actually offering a higher level of education. If you come hear of this happening or come across it please let me know so that I can pass the information on to Grady.

I have attended several meetings with Mary Davis over the scholars centre renovation. The Reid Library intends to remove assigned desks within the scholars centre and replace this with a 'hot desk' system. This is despite overwhelming feedback that the PSA has received stating that this is not a change which would be welcomed by postgraduates. This issue would also affect honours students as they are currently able to apply for and be assigned a dedicated desk in the scholars centre. The library states that they have received their own feedback from postgraduates stating that they are happy with the potential change. This is a continuing issue which the PSA will be following up.

University-

I attended the Graduate Research School Board Meeting.

I will be going to the Albany Campus on the 24th of May for the Albany Steering Committee Meeting. I have been trying to get into contact with student reps and/or postgraduates in Albany to no success so far.

Events-

The PSA Quiz Night will be happening on the 23rd of May in the Tavern. Currently we are close to selling out. We have over \$2000 worth of prizes and have received sponsorship from both NAB (\$300) and Rocketfuel (\$350) which will cover all of the running costs of the night.

Orientations-

Spoke at the Plant Biology Postgraduate Orientation.

Finance-

Presently out of our budget we have spent \$18,890.64

Suffice to say, May has been the busiest month for the Welfare Department to date.

Guild 100 Goal Progress

- 45: Create a mental health working party to unite mental health groups on campus. Planning is underway with Cam & student centre committee.
- 46: Distribute mental health grants. Done.
- 47: Run mental health first aid workshops for faculty societies. In progress – advertising sessions for June / October.
- 49: Provide online access to services offered by student assist officers. In progress – design underway, awaiting ICT.
- 50: Run soup kitchens, student breakfasts and a welfare week. Done, but will run more.
- 51: Run a petting zoo and stress management workshops during exam periods. Stress management is more or less handled with our online offering / advertising Skillshops via Student Services. Petting zoo is TBC, working with PAWS.
- 52: Create a Wiki version of the student survival handbook with more content. Design is complete, awaiting ICT.

This Month

- Guild Yoga is continuing to run, despite some problems with our instructor's work commitments elsewhere. Turn out is gradually increasing, and we're awaiting a lawn sign to better advertise it on the day.
- College Yoga is more or less up and running – with our instructor issues, Trinity Res Club has organised an instructor, and the Welfare Department will be funding sessions under the proviso that they are promoted to other colleges.
- The Guild Wiki design doc has been finalized and is ready to roll out – completion of the project is now dependent on the work load of Guild IT, who are rather busy with other projects at the moment. Design doc - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wT1d-4LMYHNyGiqp18xgWh7mLP6jnXKNna8PGYIDK9M/edit#heading=h.nby29jw4wcbk>. Any feedback is appreciated.
- Guild Mental Health Grants have been distributed. I've published a brief report on what the money will be spent on within Fac Socs: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V5zk-o6vlzxU06pwLhjEG9MvuEF9Kpe47NN7peh3_E0/edit?usp=sharing. We have a bit of money leftover, so will reopen applications in second semester.
- Student Centre Committee has now met twice. We've been working on loan policy changes, and enhancing frontline service delivery via some (soon to be launched subject to IT time constraints) online web forms.
- Prof Laugharne's Mind Body Reprogramming (MBR) at-home stress management course will be rolled out to students before the end of semester (probably by the time of this Council meeting). James has been working on a 'Members Area' for the Guild website which will include free access to MBR, as well as consolidating access to Texchange and G-News subscription management – this is looking awesome (well done to James).

- Bone Marrow Donor sign-up day took place on the 30th of April, alongside Relay@UWA Launch. We signed up around 75 people to the registry, which is an awesome effort – the nurses helping out on the day were very pleased. Thanks to councilors who signed up.
- I met with the Health Promotions Unit (HPU). I invited them down to participate in Welfare Week, have organised Mental Health First Aid course sign-ups for Fac Socs (hoping to have that info out to Fac Socs before this meeting), and will be heavily promoting existing “Skillshops” on exam stress management.
- I’m working on an Exam Stress poster and pamphlet to promote all options to students with regards to better coping with exam stress. This includes Student Assist, the “Skillshops” outlined above, Prof Laugharne’s at-home exam stress course, and information about special consideration and exam deferral. I’ve been seeking advice from Student Assist on this.
- I’ll also be promoting a Health Communications unit student team’s poster project. It’s a poster listing 100 ways to relax / cope with exam stress during exams. They’ve put in a lot of effort to make it an appealing concept. Look for that around the Guild Village soon.
- Organised and run Welfare Week with help from the Welfare Committee (thanks in particular to Georgina Carr, Aiden Davey, Rajdeep Singh and Maddie Mulholland). We run a number of events from Monday to Thursday including:
 - A clothes-swap on Monday, thanks to Maddie. This proved very popular and we will definitely be running another one in semester two.
 - A soup kitchen and mini-stalls on Tuesday. The soup kitchen served around 150 people and was out of stock in 30 minutes. We will run another in semester two. The mini-stalls proved somewhat popular – HPU TAP ran several alcohol ‘interventions’ (small surveys), but we need to work on ways to help them engage with students.
 - A big breakfast on Wednesday morning with bacon & egg muffins (+ cheese, sauce, juice). We setup on the corner of the Guild Village / James Oval. We ran out of stock by 9:30am – 100 people served.
 - City of Subiaco Reach Program came to Guild Village and setup in the corridor near the Ref entrance. They ran health checks for over 80 students – this included blood sugar, cholesterol, pulse, temperature, girth and blood pressure. We also ran a free sausage sizzle, which was out of stock in 20 mins.
 - Funding permitting I’ll be looking to run several of these free food / health events again next semester.
- Oral Health day was on my list to run for this past Welfare Week, but unfortunately the timing was not right for UDSS – we’ll look at running that next semester (and get the Reach Program back around the same time).

Next Month

- Potentially having a nap. And doing exams and stuff.

Money



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- Budget is now contained in this Google Doc, constantly updated:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AlGtvpkklz34dG5CY1BfWFp0cFltczJJVkh1VUxObkE&pli=1#gid=0>

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Summary of activities:

- Poster was made however was not put up. This was due to miscommunications between myself, the UWA Sports Officer and UWA Marketing Team. There definitely will be one for next semester!
- **Committee Structure:** This is ongoing- sport reps have been assigned a sporting event to run and encouraged to take 'charge' of that event. Definitely room for improvement for next semester and beyond. The sports reps have been amazing in getting teams organized and to the event.
- **Funding proposal:** Meeting was never arranged. I am thinking of adapting the proposal to include a more thorough report of Interfac and Intercollege.
- **Guild Sport Rep:** I am hoping to start work on a document in conjugation with UWA Sports to outline the role of the Guild Sport Rep for next year and beyond.
- **Netball/Football:** went well, again participation numbers were up.
- **Mixed Rowing:** first time this event has been run. It was run by the Rowing Club and there were a number of issues that need to be addressed if it is staying in the calendar for next year. These include; Communication between the rowing club and sport reps needs to be improved (how many people, when, how experienced they have to be), assistance from UWA Sports and the Rowing club to know who rowers may be as sport reps are unlikely to know.
- **Mixed Netball:** this was our last sport for semester 1 and was a Great day! Most people arrived on time. For the first time we had duty teams who were responsible for umpiring one game, timing and scoring once throughout the competition. This worked really well. We even had the trophy down at the event. 😊

Upcoming:

- **Organization of documents:** I will continue to work on the Dropbox document containing relevant information with UWA Sports, I will start working on a document regarding the Role of the Sport rep
- **Semester 2 Sports:** planning will start throughout the break with the Sport Reps
- **2014 Inter fac sports:** I will also start working on a document outlining some key things that I believe should be considered for next year, this will be made in conjugation with UWA Sports.



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College Engagement Strategy

- Guild flyers distributed throughout colleges – yet to receive feedback

Environment – Printing & Recycling

- As each college is independent, the RSD cannot enforce or implement any recycling programs on any of the colleges, so this issue has been forwarded to the individual student clubs
- Progress from here is then up to the individual colleges and will be a collaboration between their Admin and Student Clubs.

Battle of the Bands – Previous Event

- 7th May, UWA Tavern
- Great turnout, we filled the entire Tavern
- Sound equipment in the Tav was slightly dodgy, and the Sound Technician albeit helpful, was not completely knowledgeable.

Live Below the Line – Previous Event

- Colleges combined raised of total of \$
- Over ___ collegians participated
- Will definitely do this again in future

Lip-Dub (Music Video Competition)

- May 23rd
- Venue: UniHall Quad
- Hopefully get a Guild Rep to help us judge

NAAUC Scholarships

- Currently accepting application for NAAUC Leadership Conference scholarship
- Applications close Friday 24th

Finance

	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense
Sound Technician	\$350	\$300
Trophy	\$50	\$33
Lights	\$100	\$80

Kind regards

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RSD President