



Prepared by

Thomas Henderson | Guild President

Introduction | Let the classes begin!

This month has been jam packed organising Orientation week dealing with university administration and planning for the first semester. I look forward to how Returners week will be received, the concert looks to be bigger than anything the guild has attempted

Activities | Summary

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

- UWA Local Drug and Alcohol Group to discuss Alcohol and Drug awareness initiatives for the year
- Dentistry welcome – to new postgraduate DMD students to the University and the Guild
- Volunteer Hub Interviews – Help facilitate the interviews for the Volunteering hub assistant but had to remove myself from the process due to a conflict of interest.
- SSC
- Pelican – First edition along with partially funny Przitorial has been printed and distributed.
- Student Edge – Meeting with Jeremy Chetty about the possibility to partnership with Student edge
- Alumni Engagement – Had with the university and Guild Alumni Director to discuss the road ahead
- Frozen Yoghurt – Decided on the flavours for the new Red Spoon frozen yoghurt
- Prosh – Meeting with Directors and Editor to determine the regime for the next year
- Convocation – Reported to convocation as to the direction of the guild with a focus on alumni relations and how we and convocation can work together.
- Senate SRC – Met with the Senate SRC to approve the budget
- Show Cause – Meeting to decide the outcomes of the students who have appealed against a ruling with regard to suspension or exclusion.
- Tav Working Party – Meeting to discuss short term ideas to improve the appearance
- Executive management – Had the first meeting of Executive management
- Governance – 2nd Meeting of governance
- Catl – Student panel with new teaching staff on what students respond to
- Catering – Meeting of the 2nd Catering meeting, chaired due to Daniel being unavailable
- SRC – 4th Meeting of SRC
- Welfare Advocacy – 1st meeting of Welfare, inquorate due to in attendance by council members.
- Corporate services – 2nd meeting of Corporate service
- Soc – 1st meeting of Societies an PAC Councils
- NTEU – Meeting with NTEU to discuss the upcoming industrial action.
- CELT – Discussion about the International Student informal student conversation classes.
- OOE – Meeting with the Organisation of Operational excellence to discuss how the Guild can help with the the student discussion side of the review into the admin operations of the University.
- Flying Start – Speech to flying start students
- BPhil – Dinner with the new intake of students along with deans and some of the university executive.
- Commencement Speeches – completed to new students
- UWA Staff speech – new teaching and admin staff
- TFA – to discuss a potential partnership with the Guild

- Alec Cameron – To discuss reputational risk and event management
- Senate Planning – All day Thursday before O-Day
- O-Day

Internal | Staff changes

We have now filled the positions of both Volunteering Hub Assistant Manager and the Student Assist manager as of this week. Sophie Greer will be working with Aden down in the Volunteering hub facilitating the volunteer programs while Aden is working in partnership with the University on service learning.

Danielle Fitzgerald will be starting as the Student Assist manager and will hopefully be settled in before the large rush of students want academic and financial support halfway through the year.

Internal | Volunteering, Service Learning

Cameron Barnes and Aden Date spoke to the Volunteering Western Australian Board about the benefits of the JVA between themselves, the University and the Guild. They were very excited to see the developments of the service learning program at UWA and the initiative of the guild for putting volunteering opportunities at the forefront of the university.

Activities | PROSH

Prosh have met with WASAC and ICEA with regards to the working together so that the events of 2013 can be avoided. The need to be inclusive of everyone is important and meeting with all stakeholders is vital to the continuing support of Prosh. They have also organised meeting with Perth journalists to engage them for writing nights etc.

Activities | Enrolments Orientation week

Enrolments and Guild membership activations have so far been very successful. The orientation week has been quite successful with the new initiatives put in place this year. The sports day and movie nights were very well received and may be continued during semester. The other activities were not as well attended and will be looked at in the orientation review.

Activities | O-Day

Reviews from O-Day will be flowing in and we think it went quite successfully. More shade will be required for the performances next year as the lack of shade was a turn off.

University Relations | Office of Organisational Excellence

The university are looking to do a review of the administration side of the university in order to reduce the doubling up of services and provision. While they are not looking at the Guild they are keen to get student feedback and as a result many of you will be asked to give feedback to some focus group sessions to be held during semester.

Internal | Review of Guild Elections, Sub Councils

This year the Governance Committee will be tasked with a comprehensive review of Guild Elections and associated sub council rules along with formulating some policy on media etc. Guild election regulations are complex expensive and difficult to enforce and we shall be looking to develop the regulations so they are easier to understand and enforce and hopefully at lower cost.

Internal | Catering Rebranding and Coffee

Froyo is now in the Ref and looks to be very popular in the coming warmer months.

University Relations | Senate

Last month I attended my first Senate meeting however missed the dinner due to the clash with the first guild council. As it was the December meeting, it was primarily concerned with direction for 2014. Both areas concerning the guild with regards to our regulations and our funding were passed by senate and were given recognition both the forward thinking and professionalism of the documents put forward.

University | NTEU Industrial Action

The NTEU have successfully balloted their members and have begun industrial action at the university. Currently they have planned for

- Limitations on working overtime and enforcements of payment methods of overtime and TOIL;
- Limitations on and refusals to participate in the PAR and PDR processes;
- Bans and partial bans on assisting students in enrolment processes.

We have been in negotiations with the university and the NTEU and are assured the only effect on student at the moment is that of assisting enrolment of students, which the majority has already been completed. The University has planned to withhold payment of any staff member hindering the enrolment process of students and as such there is unlikely to be many staff participating in this form of strike.

Conclusion |

That's about it for now! Looking forward to welcoming students back to uni for semester 1.

101st Guild Council

Vice President's Report - February

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February has been busy. My team managed bronze in the national beach handball championships, by the time this is tabled at council I'll have finished interning for the summer, and my focus will be back on Guild projects.

Committees

- Attended Feb SRC meeting, 11/2.
- Attended first EMC meeting, 11/2.
- Chaired first CSC meeting, 12/2.

MASA

- Met with MASA committee member, Pat, and others via email.
- Arranged committee members to attend MAP welcome, Feb 17th.
- Streamlining processes- new list management for MASA mailing list (primary member contact), new committee mailing list, yearly goals, budgeting etc.
- Project request sent in for a MASA logo to align with the Guild brand.

Parking Appeals Board

- Daniel Jo and Sam Shipley attended January and February Parking Appeals meetings in my absence. Thanks Dan and Sam.

Departments

- Working to set up an informal department OB meet-up to facilitate sharing of ideas, event coordination etc.

CSC

- Goal planning and discussion at first meeting.
- Committee briefed on IT changeover.
- ServiceNow for IT helpdesk, Unihub for Student Assist case management.
- Procedures and policies discussion on loans and loan recovery policy.
- Looking at club email server hosting, Guild TryBooking.
- Policy on account statements for clubs and societies.
- Long term consideration of upgrading / replacing Micropower (financial software).

IT Projects

- Soc/Events progress - we've received initial design ideas and Tony has met with Sushi again to discuss.

- Guild website progress - stalled slightly due to handball. Content loading and browser regression testing to come.
- Project management - ideas out for discussion to replace the current Google Doc form solution.

Please get in touch if you've got any ideas for projects (IT or otherwise) that require support.



Guild Council Report | February 26, 2014

Secretary | Sam Shipley

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Most of my February has been spent at the Guild, helping organise things for O-Week, Returner's Week and the rest of the year.

I worked closely with the Events and M&C teams in promoting O-Week and Returner's Week, particularly in designing the posters and promo materials for O-What A Festival and Back To Uni Party. I also helped out with the marketing strategy behind the Back To Uni Party, particularly with the ticketing.

At O-Day, I ran the Guild Events stall; giving away fresher guides, Guild event pamphlets and free Back To Uni Party tickets to Guild members. I gave out around 800 tickets, which I was extremely happy about! For the few days remaining until the party, I'll continue to promote it heavily on social media and give away more tickets during common lunch hour on Oak Lawn.

During February, a "Tav Working Party" was created between the Student Services and Catering & Tavern Committees. The intention is to cover things that do not fit into either committee directly, such as marketing of the Tav and short-term renovations until the Tav review is completed. One of the things we have looked at is improving the outside decor.

During O-Week I also attended both the St. Catherine's and Trinity Colleges' Market Days on a Guild stall. We handed out materials such as O-Week schedules and information about the Guild, as well as talking to students about what the Guild is and the services we can offer. Our stalls were very well received, particularly as most of the students were new to uni and had no idea about how the Guild works!

Finally, I helped to organise the Records Keeping workshop, to ensure that we are compliant with the necessary regulations.



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Catering and Tavern | Catering

This month in Catering and Tavern saw planned changes turn into a reality. Firstly, we have introduced Redspoon as the frozen yoghurt provider into the refectory. We had very positive feedback from tasting sessions done by students, and discussions about compliance and machines to be installed were productive. As a result, frozen yoghurt will be available in the Refectory in the coffee shop area by the first day of semester.

As mentioned before, we have also been looking into the possibility of brining burritos into the Refectory, next to the kebab stand. Zambrero has been contacted and the wholesale supplier to them has been identified. Progress is close to finalising the availability of the product soon in the refectory. Details of raw material costs will be reported soon, with the selling price expected to be around \$10.

A business case was also brought by the Environment department for the decreased use of plastic wares in the catering outlets. Although this received support, it was requested the Environment department do an awareness campaign through each individual catering outlet.

Catering and Tavern | Tavern

This month in tavern saw a lot more ideas and actions being implemented than the previous month. The contractor has completed works and Gary is cleaning and arranging the stocks progressively, co-ordinating items as required with the contractor. Further, the committee is looking into the possibility of introducing EFTPOS into the tavern.

We have also looked at introducing new types of alcohol in the Tavern, with a trial of Pimms, Sangria and jugs of different types of spirits. In terms of food, we have introduced the 'kampong burger' which will be available through weekly specials and also includes chicken burgers, chips and combinations.

Treasurer | budget

Due to my unavailability this month, I have not been able to liaise with the Guild department on whether they are on target to meet their budget and whether new initiatives as discussed previously have been looked into. However, the budget is always ongoing.



GUILD COUNCIL REPORT | Education Council President

Elizabeth O'Shea

February 26th 2014

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The past month has been incredibly busy. Most of my time has been spent helping organise O'Day/O'Week/Returner's Week activities, helping to make sure that Facsocs have the most exposure to new students as possible, and preparing for these new students to come on campus. I've spent a lot of my time coordinating Guild and Facsoc stalls at College orientation events, ensuring Facsocs are kept in the loop about Faculty welcomes, UniMentor and LinkWeek, and making sure that they have all the information they need to run successful orientation events.

CAMPAIGNS | Fresher Handbook and Know Your Rights Guide

The Know Your Rights Guide has been put on hold so we can get the Guild Guide/Fresher Handbook ready for O'Day. It will still be going ahead, but the Fresher Guide is the priority for orientation – covering all aspects of campus life, how students can engage with clubs and Facsocs, heaps of tips for getting the most out of uni, an overview of Guild services and where their SSAF money goes. This has been discussed as a Guild Council Special Project as the scope of the booklet has gone beyond simply education, and has been completed in collaboration with Welfare, Women's and Queer Departments, Sub-Council Presidents and my Education Council Committee.

CAMPAIGNS | SLETS and Teach For Students

The SLETS results are my top priority for Semester 1. While I don't have any progress to report on the results, I recently attended a Teaching and Learning Panel run by CATL which allowed me to provide detailed feedback on students' preferred teaching practices, general outcomes of SLETS, ways to be more conscious of off-campus students when lecturing, and changes that unit coordinators and other staff can make to how they run their units in order to improve the teaching and learning experience for students. From this, I have set up a meeting with Professor Sid Nair where we will start working on a Teach For Students workshop to run at CATL. This is a very exciting development and will be a great opportunity for us to set out our Teaching and Learning priorities (using SLETS and student feedback) as students, and to ensure that this information can be transferred to staff.

CAMPAIGNS | EAN and the National Day of Protest

EAN sign-ups will be a priority for O'Day. We will be encouraging students to sign up to the mailing list with their student email to receive updates on higher education issues both at UWA and nationally, as well as student rights and welfare issues that affect students. I will be discussing with Oscar Morlet (Ed VP) whether we should do this as a digest/newsletter or on a fairly ad-hoc basis, and other ways to engage students in the EAN.



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We will also be promoting involvement in the National Day of Action that has been called by NUS for March 26th. This day has been organised so that students can have a united and loud voice against cuts to Higher Education. Higher Education is often first on the chopping block in budget cuts, and rallies/actions will be taking place in all major cities on this day. We will be encouraging students to get involved in educational activism, get informed on how these changes will effect them, and get active by coming to the rally on the 26th, as well as helping to build the actions through EAN involvement.

There will be at least 5 NUS National Office Bearers who will be present at the UWA O'Day who will be helping to build the UWA EAN, explaining what NUS is, getting people involved in student activism and helping support the NUS West State Branch in doing so. It is great to see the National OBs engaging so heavily with WA and UWA specifically, and I believe this is a direct result of us having an active presence within NUS and at National Conference, and I know a number of UWA delegates personally lobbied National Office Bearers with regards to making UWA and WA a priority.

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Semester One Funding

At the February 11th meeting of Education Council, a funding model for the distribution of Semester One funding was passed unanimously. Alex Bennet prepared a number of models for consideration, taking into account assets, sponsorship and EFTSL for each Facsoc in different combinations. The model that was decided upon, and amended during the meeting, was a distribution of \$15,000 in base funding and \$15,000 in Special Projects Grants (upon application, encouraging new initiatives that are innovative, inclusive and/or could not be funded without Ed Council assistance). The \$15,000 of base funding was allocated based on the sum of a Faculty Society's assets and sponsorship and divides the resultant figure by EFTSL, giving a value that represents the amount of resources a Facsoc has per full time student that it represents. Funding was then distributed using a linear fit where the Facsoc with the highest dollar per student value receives zero from the funding pool, and then the funding was distributed proportionally depending on what percentage of the highest dollar per student value a Facsoc had. Facsocs with more than \$100/student (WAMSS and UDSS) were allocated \$100 in funding (an amendment to model 3c throughout the meeting).

OTHER PROJECTS

I have also been trying to set up Educational Advocacy/Guild Services training workshops for college leaders. I ran a successful workshop at St Cat's, and will be locking in dates at most other colleges early in semester.

It has been a hectic and whirlwind summer holidays so I am personally excited to be able to focus more specifically on education issues over the next month – my



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priorities will be SLETS, working on the week of TED style talks that are tentatively locked in for week 11, writing a bid for NUS Ed Con to be hosted in WA, and more formally organising the EAN to meet regularly and more inclusively engage more students.

Lizzy O'Shea
Education Council President

Finances: There were no expenses for this month.

Public Affairs Council Report

Prepared by: Honny Palayukan, Feb 2014

Introduction:

We've had our first PAC meeting, which was a great opportunity for us to meet club reps and to ensure that they were all fully aware of the dates we've set to the events we've been planning throughout the year.

Our goal is to get clubs to focus on working collaboratively, and to get involved in the events PAC will be sponsoring. We also outlined the requirements in which applications for Collaborative Grants must meet- mainly that it involves multiple PAC clubs (though collaborations with SOC clubs and Faculty Societies is also encouraged).

Activities I Summary

- Finalised dates for PAC events, as follows:

Summer Nights Festivals

- > Blanket Fort Movie Night, Thursday 6th March
- > SLAM Poetry Night, Thursday 13th March
- > Music on The Green, Thursday 20th March

Social Justice Week, 31st March-4th April

Faith Week, 28th April-2nd May

Fringe Festival, 18th August-22nd August

- We have written up a draft of our grants applications for the following groups:
 - > Department of Culture and the Arts
 - > City of Nedlands
 - > City of Subiaco
 - > City of Perth
 - > CANWA
 - > Healthway Australia
 - > Lottery West

I am more than happy to supply our draft to anyone who would like to have a read and/or provide some feedback on it.

- First PAC meeting of Semester 1
 - It was a short meeting, but it was a nice way to get the committee and myself acquainted with the club reps of 2014.
 - Successful affiliations: UWA Nationals Club.
 - PAC Treasurer, Dana, addressed the allocations of Semester 1 Collaborative Grants. PAC clubs planning events in collaboration with other PAC/SOC/Facsoc clubs will be eligible to apply for two \$250 grants, and one \$500 grants. Second Semester grants have not yet been allocated, but clubs will have notice of the allocations towards the end of first semester.
 - Applications are due by close of business 18th April.
 - SJC Chairs- Alex Hamilton/Sophie Stewart, hosted first Social Justice Collaboration meeting. They are creating a mailing list to keep club reps informed of advancements. Planning has commenced, and club reps are expected to attend all formal meetings.
 - My personal consultation hours have been set to Mondays and Wednesdays 1pm-3pm, starting from 3rd March.

Finances I Summary

- We have not yet expensed any money from our budget.
- Our allocations to Semester 1 grants are outlines above, following the announcement of the guidelines to grants at the first PAC meeting.
- We hope to submit our applications to the by the end of February, as a few of them are due in rounds. We hope to have an accurate idea of our Fringe Festival and Second Semester grants available by June.
- Draft application summary can be seen upon request. We are open to feedback and suggestions to improve our chances of successful applications.

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Overview

What a crazy busy month! We have had a lot happening in the Societies Council during the past month, especially with O-Week and O-Day.

SOC Meetings

We held the first SOC meeting on Wed 12th February, with a fantastic attendance rate (87 Clubs/FacSocs, including apologies). The agenda was as follows:

- 1.0 SOC Welcome
- 2.0 Other Welcome – PAC President, Ed Council President, Guild President, Tenancy Committee Chair, Guild Vol Hub, Guild Events Manager, Welfare Officer, PROSH
- 3.0 New Club Affiliations
- 4.0 AGMs & Forms
- 5.0 “How to O-Day”
- 6.0 Grants & Prizes
- 7.0 Orientation Week & Returner’s Week
- 8.0 Compliance & Event Management
- 9.0 Guild Events Calendar
- 10.0 Consultation Hours
- 11.0 Other Business – Sem 1 Club Carnival, PROSH Olympics, Pelican, Other Guild services
- 12.0 Training & Meeting Dates

We had three successful new clubs affiliated – the UWA Mathematics Union, Profectus UWA and UWA Petanque Club. We clarified the office bearer forms process, EMP process, available grants, as well as other important upcoming events for clubs. We also covered the more serious topics of compliance, and inclusive events. The next meeting, 12th March, will cover Treasurer Training.

My most recent two emails contained a lot of important information including:

- Minutes & Slides from the Feb SOC meeting
- Mailbox allocations
- Information about EMP’s & the process of approval, and the Guild Events Calendar
- Inclusive Event Information
- O-Day information (what can be promoted, how to claim the O-Day Membership Grant), and the links to Guild Facebook events
- Info re: T-Shirt Prize Pack, Sem 1 Club Carnival, PROSH Olympics
- Guild Venue contact details

I now have a SOC Suggestion Box at meetings, and I have received positive feedback from the first meeting. If you have any feedback, suggestions or comments – please let me know!

SOC Committee Meetings

The Societies Council Committee (also known as “little SOC”), have been meeting fortnightly since my return from overseas. We have been busy planning the upcoming SOC meetings,

Club Carnival and President's summit, contributing to O-Week, and reviewing grant applications, mailbox allocations.

We are looking for two speakers for President's Summit to discuss Leadership and Team management. If you know anyone who would be good for clubs to meet, please let me know!

O-Week & O-Day

I attended O-Week and contributed to running a lot of the events. We had fantastic turn-out to our two movie nights, as well as fun new day time events.

O-Day was a very successful with an overwhelming majority of clubs achieving record sign-ups and interest in their clubs. I am very excited that so many clubs had such a great day. For those who didn't, I'll be making recommendations to the Events team for improvements in 2015.

We have put together a prize pack of club and FacSoc t-shirts (to replace the previously run Golden Ticket prize pack). That will be drawn from the list of students who signed up to clubs and FacSocs at O-Day. We will be running a weekly Golden Ticket competition that will be opt-in at the time of submitting the EMP.

I spent most of the day meeting clubs, acting on any issues they raised, and organising the semester with them. Honny, Kaila and Tom also came round to a lot of the clubs with me – thank you for accompanying me and putting up with the heat! I did also from time to time go back to the Guild stall, where we had some posters promoting joining Clubs and FacSocs, as well as lots of logistic information about the day.

A huge thank you to the Guild Events Team and Memberships & Communications team for putting on the biggest O-Day we've had yet! Big thanks also go to the Guild Councillors and sub-council members who came along and helped out with everything last minute, as well as on the day!

Returner's Week

During February I met with Alex and the Events Team to discuss the best way for clubs to engage with Returner's Week. We have requested that clubs be down on Oak Lawn as much as possible to contribute to the great vibe we have at the start of the year.

I have also been contributing to some of the organising of Returner's Week.

Guild Promotion

I attended the Market Days at St Cat's College and Trinity College, and the ALVA welcome lunch, to promote the services the Guild offers and our O-Week events. We had a great reaction from first years – almost all of them very interested in our services and events!

Dashboard | Kaila (SOC Vice President)

We have now received the first design proposal from the website designers, and are in the process of meeting with various staff teams to give feedback. We hope to have the site completed by April.

Inclusive Events Handbook

We have completed research for the Inclusive Events Handbook and are currently putting it

together. I hope to have it circulated to clubs during Week 1 or Week 2 of Semester One.

Student Leadership Training

Myself, many club reps and other members of Guild Council participated in the Student Leadership Training in late January. I found many sections very helpful, and have provided feedback on the program. For those members of Council who have completed the program – if you have further feedback, we'd be very happy to hear it!

Semester One Club Carnival

We currently have 51 clubs signed up to participate in our Semester One Club Carnival, with many more checking with their clubs and getting back to me. The aim of the Semester One Club Carnival is to give commencing students a second chance to go round to any clubs they may have missed on O-Day, as well as the chance for commencing students and returning students who didn't go to O-Day to engage with our clubs. I anticipate that clubs will get a lot of interest on the day!

Club Enquiries

I continue to receive a lot of club enquiries – including mailing list additions, constitution advice, O-Day questions and new clubs seeking affiliation.

Tenancy Committee

Alex and I have now completed our Tenancy Committee handover, although I will continue to be involved in the committee.

Clubs have begun moving into their storage spaces. We have put in a works order for the broken cupboards, so those temporarily placed can move into their final placements as quickly as possible.

We have also activated the following projects:

- Ground Floor/After Hours access storage spaces (to be built)
- Paint over beams in Cameron Hall loft
- Install Whirly birds in Cameron Hall loft
- Replace sink in Cameron Hall loft
- Repair Women's Dept window locks
- Repair hole in floorboards between Science Union and Leisure clubrooms
- Repair Christian Union window pane

The following projects are now complete:

- Removal of white window panes in Cameron Hall, and new window opening system
- Repair of holes in walls in Cameron Hall

The following projects are due for completion during Semester One:

- Repair holes in roof above UCC club room
- Replacement of NUS West carpet
- Remove all junk from balconies in Guild East wing
- Clarification with UWA Security over access to Cameron Hall clubrooms

We held our first Clubs Busy Bee of the year on Sunday 23rd Feb. A majority of the tenants attended, and we did a lot of work on the Cameron Hall Loft. Thank you Bennet for organising that Busy Bee. We had two skip bins available for clubs to throw out old furniture and get ready for the new semester.

Student Services Committee & Tavern Working Party

The Student Services Committee met in February to discuss O-Week, Returner's Week, Guild Events in Semester One, how to encourage better student engagement with the Guild and its departments, as well as brainstorming some competitions for students.

We also developed a Tavern Working Party from members of the Student Services Committee and Catering & Tavern Committee, to consider the Tavern Review and short-term aesthetic changes we can make. We are currently implementing these ideas – so keep an eye on the Tav!

Corporate Services Committee Meeting

The Corporate Services Committee met in February to discuss a broad range of issues, including Club Banking practices. I am currently discussing the recommendations with "little-SOC".

Safe Partying

Chloe, Stephanie, Alex and myself met with a staff member of the City of Subiaco who looks after community safety and drinking. We hope to work together on a "safe partying" (anti-over-consumption-of-alcohol) campaign. More to come on this!

Finance

"Little-SOC" has approved two grants, and are in the process of reviewing two more. We hope to get a lot more grant applications coming through over the next month. Please see below for the Societies Council spending in February 2014.

Line Item	Amount Budgeted for 2014	Amount Spent Feb 2014	Description
New Club Start-Up Grant	\$2,500	\$450	Three new clubs were successful in their affiliation to SOC
Orientation Event Support Grants	\$10,000	\$750	Leisure were successful in their application for this grant
Lion Nathan Grants	\$5,000	\$1,000	MOPSS were successful in their application for this grant
SOC Meetings	\$1,400	\$401	Money spent on un-anticipated room booking, and on SOC BBQ

March Planning

The projects to be conducted by SOC in February include:

- Look at ways to enhance club promotional opportunities
- Allocate Orientation Event Support Grants and O-Day Grants
- Revise SOC Policy and forms
- Continue to look at the SOC Dashboard design

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Women's Report – Bec Doyle – February 2014

Overview

The past month the Women's Department has been busy preparing for the start of the University year and have been taking advantage of new opportunities presented by organizations in the wider community.

ODay Preparations

In preparation for returning students, the Women's Room was cleaned with the help of collective members. It is now a much more welcoming and clean space.

The Women's OWeek showbags have been completed and have been constructed from recycled materials from last year and new materials that have been bought and printed. Showbags consist of:

- SARCS pamphlet
- Headspace business card
- WA AIDS Council business card
- SARCS business cards
- Condom
- Cottons Sanitary Pack
- International Women's Day Pamphlet
- Women's Department First Week Survival Guide

International Women's Day

More details have been confirmed for International Women's Day Celebrations. Due to my own work commitments the events have been moved from Tuesday the 11 of March to Monday the 10 of March. As I've stated in my previous report the Department will be conducting a 'Bra Hanging' Tree and in the evening we will be having a lecture series in the evening looking at the 'Past, Present and Future' of Women's movement. I have printed pamphlets for this event and after OWeek posters will be printed and a FB invite will be created, hosted from the UWA Student Guild page for greater exposure.

The aim was to have each speaker address one area, the past, present and the future. At this stage, we have confirmed two speakers for the International Women's Day Lecture series. Meredith Hammet, the State Secretary of UnionsWA will be speaking on the present challenges facing women in the workplace and Dr Anne Aly from Curtin University will be speaking on the future struggles that the Women's Movement will face. Joanne McEwan from the History Department unfortunately declined the invitation to speak as she has other commitments that night but has offered to find an alternative speaker.

Upcoming Events

As part of the IWD celebrations, I have been asked by last years Women's Affairs Officer Sophie Liley to be one of her four guest speakers at the University Hall

IWD High Tea on the 28th of February from 3-5pm.

The Women's Department has also been asked to be part of a guest lecture with the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence. This lecture is part of their 'Western Australian Universities Tour: Student Seminar Series 2014.' The lecture will take place on the 18th of March from 1-3PM in Woolnough Lecture Theatre. For information, see the following link:

http://www.womenscouncil.com.au/uploads/6/1/1/9/6119703/wcdfvs_2014_training_events.pdf

The Women's Department has also been sent information regarding the Isabella Lake Memorial Lecture, which will discuss Transgender and Intersex rights. The guest lecture for this event is, Aram Hosie, This event will be on the 26th of March from 6-8PM in Westfarmers Lecture Theatre.

Finance- February

Actual Spend	\$92.62- 100 Dental Dams plus postage costs
Budgeted Spend	
Campaign/Functions	\$400
General Expenses	\$75
Publications	\$100

Prices of the printed materials for ODay- the International Women's Day fliers and the First Year Survival Guide will be included in the next Finance report.



Max Riley - WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

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Actions since last meeting

- Finalised dates of Tai Chi activity with Taoist Tai Chi Australia
 - 5 Weeks during semester one, potential to be extended to 10 weeks depending on interest.
 - Starting Week 3. Poster and Social Media Campaign should have started by this Guild Council meeting.
- Begun organising **Welfare Week**
 - Please let me know if any club or Faculty Society you are affiliated with is planning on running any events during this week. I'll try and avoid major clashes/ Joint events are always good.
- Corresponded with Student Services about Centrelink visitation program. (Wednesday the 5th of March)
- Renewed the Guild Yoga program for Semester 1. It will be run by the same instructor (Emmaline) on **Wednesdays at 4pm.**
- Met with the Health Promotion Unit and the Local Drug Action Group to talk about activities for the upcoming year. In particular, advocated for Mental Health First Aid programs to be run more frequently throughout the year for student leaders on campus.
- Contributed to the Student Survival Guide put out by the Education Council.
- Finalised the Welfare Department Social Media engagement strategy.
- Been introduced to the faculty society Equity Reps for Blackstone, Science Union and UDSS.
- In the process of organising Health Promotion Day on the 15th of March in conjunction with Student Services and the City of Subiaco.
- Met with ECOMS Ed VP about reviewing Study equipment that can be rented in the Business School.
- Met with the NUS National Welfare Officer about Welfare campaigns the peak body will be running this year.
- Started developing a step by step Centrelink guide for students who need to access funds and services offered by the Federal Department of Human Services.
- Met with the Equity and Diversity Rep of the Postgraduate Student Association about inclusiveness at Guild Events and the Welfare Officer of the International Student Service.
- Talked to the Societies Council about the role of the Welfare Department.
- Met with representatives from a number of Coles and IGA stores about the possibility of sponsorship of a discounted breakfast program.
- Had a Welfare Department presence at Orientation Day and Trinity Market Fair.

Finances

- No expenditure for February prior to submission. This gives us a significant amount of budget flexibility for our important programs.
- Slight increase in Yoga lessons cost this year, due to increased travel costs of instructor. Still a very competitive rate.

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Comments

- If anyone has any suggestions for suitable people for the Welfare Council, ideas about events we can run this year or wants to get more involved. Please email me at welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au
- Priorities for the next month will be finalising the Centrelink Guide, running Health Promotion Day, obtaining financing for the Mental Health Grant program, Contacting the remaining FACSOCs about Welfare involvement, organising the Free Breakfast program and implementing study equipment hire before mid-semester exams.
- I also plan to hold the inaugural Welfare Department Ordinary Meeting after Link Week. Notice will be given as per the Welfare Rules.



GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | FEBRUARY 2014

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Dear friends, colleagues and interested students, I intend to use this report to update you on our various projects that relate to sustainability and the environment at UWA.

Environmental Projects – Not yet succeeded:

Incomplete Projects	Status	Field	Finances (February)
Veggie Garden	Approved by Guild Council. List by UWA SD/FM as minor works in 2014. UWA will fund it. Building delayed by changes to UWA projects approval regulations.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Solar Panels	Approved and in final design phase, next stage is to tender.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Eco Friendly Cups	Current coffee cups are recyclable in both Guild and UWA bins. Unlikely to source new cups.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Divestment	Initial Ethical Investment Criteria approved by GC in Nov 2013, need to forward to Investment Company.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Cruelty Free Eggs (set up for 2014 approval)	Catering has costed this as ~\$900 expense to the Guild p.a. List emailed to catering, awaiting decision on type/certification to use.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Freshie Vending Machines	Looking at possibly renting, rather than buying machine as a trial.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bottled Water at Enrolments	Passed GC motion to stop free disposable bottled water at enrolments. Reusable plastic water bottles have been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Candy dispenser	Don't think this happened...	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Energy Audit	Have one quote, looking at 2 nd quote to compare.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Guild Election – Paper Usage	Motion to ask statutes to put limits on amount of paper that tickets can print for Guild elections.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Envirofest	Initial planning underway, date set for April 1 st , animals booked in. EMP done.	Engagement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Environmental Projects – Initialisation success – either maintaining or improving:

Systemic Environmental Projects	Status	Field	Finances
Environment Council and Calendar	The Environment Council has regular monthly meetings and has created a calendar which integrates with G-News in low-effort manner.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0



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Bike Breakfasts/Lunches	Both events went well and are planned for 2014 again.	Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Guild Sustainability Plan	Pencilled in 27 th Feb as date to review plan and implement feedback from TAG.	All.	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Carbon Offsetting O-Day	Approved by FnP at end of 2013, press release written to promote event and offsetting.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Keep Cups with discounts	Discount increased to 30c, ~6000 cups saved	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$53
Dine In Options	Implemented – doing well even during holidays	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bicycle Repair Station	Implemented, regular checking for maintenance issues, follow up on repairs.	Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Carbon Neutral Flights	Policy Implemented – needs to be paid for now.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Jayride	Implemented - more systemic promotion required.	Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Reusing Coffee Grinds	Implemented for three cafés. Grounds using in soil. Bought wheelie bins for collection to make easier and expand to 5 cafes.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling Point	Implemented – Lots of phones, batteries, lights and printer cartridges collected.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Energy Efficiency Measures	Signage, Air conditioning setpoints in LTs , computer standby modes	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
100% Recycled Paper	Maintained as procurement strategy.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling at Events	Implementation of recycling bins at events highly successful, requires EMP changes	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
SERAG volunteering.	The Environment Department has linked the Swan Estuary Restoration Action Group to the Guild Volunteering Hub to ensure greater conservation of the Pelican Point Area.	Engagement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Finances:

- Actual Spend = \$605
- Budgeted Spend = \$260
- Actual Events = 1
- Budgeted Events = 1
- New Items: \$552 to 3 enviro clubs as loan/grant to cover O-Day stall
- Unusual Discrepancies: None
- Project Breakdown next to each project



ISS Director's Report

February 2014

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide the 101st Guild Council with an overview of the activities and projects that are currently underway or have been done by the International Students Service Department.

Overview

The month of February is mainly occupied by Orientation. ISS is deeply involved with International Welcome, the first orientation event that international students will attend in the University of Western Australia. Most of the directors have returned to Perth and are currently planning out the ISS booth for O'day.

Issues/Concerns/Happenings

The following comprised of issues, concerns and things that happened in the month of February, a financial breakdown (if applicable) as well as any comments:

The Lighthouse Magazine

ISS is pleased to announce that the 2014 Semester 1 issue of the Lighthouse Magazine. The Lighthouse cards have been well received by the incoming students and we would be using them for St Cats Orientation as well as O Day. I have attached the link here to the online edition should anyone here want to read it or take a look at it. I am pleased to announce that our aim to save costs with this year's edition has been achieved, thanks to pushing the entire issue online, cutting down on printing costs and design costs plus advertisement revenue, we have turned a profit for the Lighthouse.

The extra money left over from the advertisement revenue would be used to cover the cost of printing International Welcome and O day flyers.

Lighthouse Link:

http://issuu.com/uwastudentguild/docs/lighthouse_volume_1_2014

Budgeted Cost: \$500

Actual Cost: \$450 (Design), \$120 (Printing)

Advertisement Revenue: \$850

Online Presence

I am currently toying with the idea of closing down the ISS website as I feel it is made redundant by the existence of the ISS Facebook Page as well as the main Guild Facebook page. Should there be any news that needs to be transmitted to the general international student population, the ISS and Guild Facebook pages would suffice and G-News as well. MCW Sub-department will still maintain their separate website as they require it to facilitate stall sign ups for SpringFeast 2014. I welcome opinions and concerns on this.

Budgeted Cost: None

Actual Cost: None

International Pre-Departure Briefing Singapore

I had a productive meeting last Tuesday with Kelly, the Director of the International Centre and I raised the issue of the Guild getting a greater involvement in the Singapore Pre-Departure Briefing. He was incredibly supportive of the idea and was happy to give the Guild 10 minutes to speak about the services offered, the history of the Guild and what the Guild can do for people. He saw it as a way to assuage parents that there was something looking out for their students in Perth. He suggested that instead of flying up the Guild President to speak for 10 minutes and back, that we use the ISS Director to speak as the Director is already in Singapore and can act as a representative of the Guild there. I have brought this up with Alex Pond and we will be coming up with slides to show students during the next Pre-Departure Briefing in Singapore (July).

It is an excellent way to increase awareness of the Guild amongst Singaporean and Malaysian students even before Orientation begins and to get them thinking about the UWA and the student life offered there. Again I welcome whatever input and suggestions you guys would have for this!

O-Day Festival

ISS and MCW will be running a combined stall at "GuildLand" this coming O-Day. We are planning and printing a brochure that will offer concise information about the workings of the ISS and MCW. We decided to scrap the idea of serving food due to the impossibilities of acquiring the correct clearance in time.

Budgeted Cost: \$500-600

Actual Cost: TBD.

Department Re-Organization

I am currently toying with the idea of reorganizing the ISS department and to cut down the number of directors and the way the department is run. This is a preliminary idea and is subject to change. I welcome any opinion on this matter.

Closing Comments/Conclusion

February is an intense month thanks to Orientation (especially International Welcome) and O-day. All directors would have returned by now and we are beginning to plan out the year's activities, we are aiming to try and conduct these events in conjunction with other Guild departments (We will be finding you guys all over the place soon!). As always, I welcome opinions, criticism, suggestions and proposals anytime, feel free to email or drop me an sms anything. I will see you all in the next Council meeting.

(All information is correct as of 17 February 2014).

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Queer Department February Report 2014

Overview

This month the UWA Queer Department has worked to recruit student involvement and forge stronger ties with the other university Queer Departments.

Fair day

Fair Day is a pride fair where organisations run stalls for the LGBT* community. UWA Queer department took part in this through the Cross Campus Queer Network, splitting the costs four ways.

Our stall was popular, although more from the bubble machine than from actual student involvement. However we did get a lot of interest for some of our projects, like Querelle magazine.

O-day

Our O-day stall was very successful and we got a lot of student involvement. We sold badges and drinks (in order to pay for more badges and drinks at future events, the idea being perpetual motion). We had a lot of mailing-list sign ups, which was amazing. We estimate that we handed flyers out to over 100 students and are optimistic about student involvement this semester.

Budget for February

Given: \$535

Spent at last report: \$143

Since then:

\$55 for Fair day stall

\$25 for Cross campus queer network banner

\$3 printing event flyers

\$23.30 on paint and spray bottles

\$30.65 in soft drink and water

\$? On extra flyers

\$3.50 on Ice

\$? On our fairday stall

Total spent so far \$307.45

Leaving \$227.55 excess

If the stall costs are greater than this then we can move funds from Books in May.

Conclusion

This month was a drive to get people involved in our department. We learnt that Fair Day is a good way to target other organisations while O-day is great for getting students involved.

National Union of Students (NUS) 2013 National Conference - UWA Delegate Report.

Overview:

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the peak representative body for tertiary students in Australia. NUS campaigns and organizes around different issues that affect students, to ensure that students' voices are heard by the government, media and the public. NUS is run by student Office Bearers and the National Executive to ensure that the union operates in the interests of students, is accountable for its actions, and operates in a way that maximises student involvement and is inclusive of all types of students.

The National Conference of the NUS sets the policy platform the coming year, elects the National Office Bearers who are to carry out these campaigns, the National Executive who keeps the Office Bearers accountable and the State Office Bearers who are responsible for implementing National policy at a state/territory level, and ensuring that National Office Bearers both engage with their state and run campaigns for their students. NUS NatCon was held from December 9th - 12th at La Trobe University, Victoria, with each affiliated campus electing a set amount of delegates holding multiple votes, based on the number of students their campus organisation represents.

Factions:

National Conference is highly factional, meaning elected delegates often choose to sit with an organised group. Four large factional blocks make up the majority of the NUS National Conference delegates, with the remainder filled by two smaller factions and a small number of unaligned independents. The four large factions are: Student Unity (Labor Right), National Labor Students (Labor Left), The Socialist Alternative and the National Independents. The two smaller factions are the Grassroots Left and the Australian Liberal Students Federation (ALSF). The National Independents are the only non-binding faction at NUS, with other factions votes being decided in binding caucuses or by factional leaders. Although individuals may be able to express their personal views in their factional caucus, the caucus may bind against them, as opposed to each of the individual delegates exercising their vote themselves. Thus, the members of these factions have a very limited ability to assert their values, opinions and campus ideals on how their votes are being administered. In some cases, delegates will be allowed a conscience vote e.g. Unity delegates in the Women's policy session.

UWA Delegates:

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. For UWA, 82 votes are allocated among 7 delegates (determined by the number of EFTSUs (Equivalent Full Time Student Units) represented by the UWA Student Guild divided by 250), 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: Number of votes held at NUS National Conference 2013 by UWA delegates.

Delegate	Number of votes
Cameron Barnes	12
Lizzy O'Shea	12
Alex Bennet	12
Rebecca Lawrence	12
Aiden Depiazzi	11
Rebecca Doyle	11
Ben Watson	11

Of the UWA NUS Delegates, Cameron Barnes, Lizzy O'Shea, Alex Bennet, Rebecca Lawrence, Aiden Depiazzi and Rebecca Doyle all attended while Ben Watson sent a proxy. Of those that attended, Cameron Barnes, Lizzy O'Shea, Alex Bennet and Rebecca Doyle "sat with" the National Independents while Rebecca Lawrence, Aiden Depiazzi and Ben Watson's proxy joined the ALSF.

In October (after their election), the UWA delegates hosted a student forum to identify the priorities of UWA students, and to set goals for NUS NatCon. Some of the goals identified by students in attendance dictated that UWA delegates should aim to do the following:

- Push for NUS to improve its engagement with students who aren't politically active.
- Play an 'accountability' role by challenging dominant factions and encouraging fresh ideas.
- Ensure that UWA, and Western Australia, has a strong voice in the way that NUS is run and in the policy positions that it adopts at National Conference.
- Push for a nuanced understanding of SSAF which acknowledges its relative strengths and weaknesses, and how these weaknesses can be overcome.

These goals aligned very strongly with the National Independents. A primary focus of the National Independents is to improve transparency and accountability measures of the national body and its office bearers, with accountability seen as the core function of the National Independents, even by other factions. The National Independents are not a binding faction, but a group of independent delegates

working together to achieve tangible outcomes for their students, with WA delegates making up the majority of the National Independents. The UWA delegates played a large role in coordinating and enacting this focus through heavy involvement in the running of the National Independents and negotiating with the other factions to get the most qualified and well suited candidates into National Office Bearer positions as well as quality policy motions moved and passed. Examples of this include Cameron Barnes taking on the role as the National Coordinator of the National Independents, Lizzy O'Shea acting as a WA Coordinator, and both acting as lead liaisons with other factions.

Tables 2 and 3 outline the number of policies that UWA Delegates were involved in (Moved or Seconded) as well as the number of policy motions moved (not seconded) by the two factions that UWA delegates sat with. If two UWA delegates were involved with the same motion then it is attributed to the mover's tally. These numbers have been collected from the NUS 2013 National Conference Policy Booklet.

Table 2: Number of policies moved or seconded by UWA delegates at NUS National Conference 2013

Delegate	No. of policies moved or seconded
Cameron Barnes	3
Lizzy O'Shea	7
Alex Bennet	1
Rebecca Lawrence	0
Aiden Depiazzi	0
Rebecca Doyle	1
Ben Watson	0

Table 3: The percentage of policies moved by factions that UWA delegates sat with

Faction attended by UWA Delegates	Motions Moved	% of total motions
National Independents	36	14.93%

ALSF	0	0%
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It is clear from Table 2 and Table 3 that those UWA delegates that sat with the National Independents had a tangible impact on both the National Independents, moving a third of their accumulated motions, and the NUS National Conference, moving ~5% of all motions in the policy book. Sadly, the same cannot be said of those delegates that sat with the ALSF as they have failed to move any policy individually or as a faction.

Conference Proceedings:

The 2013 NUS National Conference ran from Monday the 9th December until Friday the 13th December at La Trobe University in Melbourne. The conference proceedings are outlined in the following sections.

Monday

Delegates were picked up from the NUS offices at Trades Hall in the Melbourne CBD and taken to La Trobe University. Upon arrival, a short delay saw delegates waiting for registration and sign-in to occur. Once delegates had been given access to their accommodation and formally registered, a lunch was provided before a Welcome to Country ceremony took place. The Welcome to Country ceremony was delayed several hours due to the last minute unavailability of the Indigenous Elder who was scheduled to conduct the ceremony.

Once the Welcome to Country had taken place, a number of National Independents attended a “Broad Left Caucus” meeting organised by the Socialist Alternative faction. The meeting discussed how we, as a relative block, could try to maximise the amount of time spent discussing policy throughout the week and minimise the number of times that factions “pulled quorum”. It was discussed that the Student Unity faction typically do not like to wake up early, so we should try to talk about policy into the Monday night to accommodate for the loss of conference time in the morning.

Conference sat once again that day in order to elect the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer. After this, the Socialist Alternative faction tried to move a motion to discuss the Education policy chapter but Student Unity left the room, purposefully leaving the conference inquorate.

Tuesday

Conference was organised to sit at mid-morning, however the Student Unity informed other delegates that they did not intend to arrive before lunch. Thus, no time was spent on conference floor on Tuesday morning as the session would have been inquorate.

At lunch time, the Socialist Alternative and a number of other delegates held a rally to oppose cuts to La Trobe University funding. Tensions rose when members of the Student Unity faction started chanting anti-Socialist-Alternative chants from a balcony above the rally. The rally then marched towards the Student Union building where the NUS conference was being held and delegates were entering the conference room for the afternoon session. A number of Socialist Alternative members surrounded a group of Student Unity delegates and started a conflict. Reports of an assault came out of this ordeal and Student Unity, in protection of their delegates, withdrew their members who had not yet entered

the conference room. Meanwhile, the conference room doors had been locked, trapping many delegates and other students inside, while participants in the rally began to bang on the glass windows and doors. Naturally, this was a terrifying experience for those inside and left a lot of students in shock. Once the ordeal had subsided and the participants of the rally had stopped their appalling display, students and delegates returned to their accommodation. The Student Unity faction had been affected the most by this ordeal and their factional leaders refused to return to the conference room for fear of their members' safety.

Later that afternoon, the Socialist Alternative faction leaders apologised for the behaviour of their members to the other factions. This resulted in conference sitting to discuss policy motions for the first time that night.

For the first session, it was decided to discuss the education policy chapter of the National Conference Policy Booklet. Policy discussion went well (see Policy section later in the report) until a motion was moved that directed the NUS to support the abolishment of parallel import restrictions on textbooks. The vote was extremely close with Student Unity voting for, National Labor Students and Socialist Alternative voting against and the National Independents divided on our vote. Initially, the chair deemed that the vote passed but a subsequent re-vote yielded a failed result. When this happened, the Student Unity faction became animated and decided to chant "campus count" at no one in particular. N.B. A campus count is a full count of each delegate's votes for or against the motion, a procedure which can take multiple hours to complete. At this stage, the Socialist Alternative and NLS factions began to withdraw, leaving the conference inquorate. The Student Unity faction then attempted to follow the proper procedure to call a campus count; however this was no longer possible as the session was inquorate and it had been longer than 1 minute since the outcome of the vote had been declared. Since quorum had been lost and the campus count could not be held, the conference was adjourned until the following morning.

Wednesday

Conference met in the morning as collectively agreed upon by all factions. The day was spent discussing and debating a variety of policy chapters, including Administration, Women's, Queer, Unionism and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy. Even though conference sat well into the night, there was no time to discuss the Disabilities, Ethno-Cultural, International and Environment policy chapters, thus leaving office bearers elected to these positions without binding direction for the duration of their term. The last items to be addressed were the candidate speeches for national office bearer elections which took place in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Thursday

The last full day of conference is known as "ballot day" as this day is solely devoted to distributing, receiving and counting delegates' votes for the national and state office bearing positions and the National Executive. Each delegate receives the same number of physical ballot papers as votes that they hold, thus there are thousands of ballot papers that need to be carefully, counted, recounted, stamped, distributed and filled in. Thus, this process essentially takes the entire day.

The binding factions organise for proxies to collect their member delegates' votes and deliver them to their faction leaders. These faction leaders then fill in stacks of ballot papers or hand them to other

factions as part of pre-negotiated deals.

The National Independents, however, encourage all delegates to collect their own ballots and fill them out as they wish. Member delegates are also given the option to hand their votes to a table of other Independents to fill in as a block. This is especially useful when voting for positions like the National Executive as their outcome tends to represent the relative sizes of the factions and specific voting techniques may be required.

The following is the list of National Office Bearers and National Executive members for 2014:

National Office Bearers:

- President: Deanna Taylor (NLS)
- General Secretary: Isabelle Kingshott (Student Unity)
- Education Officer: Sarah Garnham (Socialist Alternative)
- Welfare Officer: Jack Gracie (Student Unity)
- Women's Officer: Georgia Keneally (NLS)
- Environment Officer: Damien Ridgewell (Socialist Alternative)
- Disabilities Officer: Joshua Rebolledo Bailey (NLS)
- Ethnocultural Officer: Daniel Nikoloski (Student Unity)
- International Officer: Johnny Zhang (Student Unity)
- ATSI Officer: Joshua Preece (Student Unity)
- Small & Regional Officer: Jack Boyd (Student Unity)
- Queer Officers (2): Naomi Farmer (Socialist Alternative) and Bec Thompson (National Independents)

National Executive:

1. Johanna Seekers (NLS)
2. Matthew Hall (Student Unity)
3. Jennifer Light (Student Unity)
4. Michael Beeszuidenhout (Student Unity)
5. Dean D'Angelo (Student Unity)
6. Tim Van Der Laan (Student Unity)
7. Rose Steele (NLS)
8. Sinead Colee (NLS)
9. Lia Lawrig (NLS)
10. Elizabeth O'Shea (National Independents)
11. Catherine Story (National Independents)
12. Declan Waddell (National Independents)

Policy:

The NUS National Conference policy booklet consists of policy chapters covering all of the areas represented by National Office Bearers. The policy chapters are listed below:

- Administration

- Unionism
- Education
- Welfare
- Women's
- Queer
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Students
- Disabilities
- International Students
- Ethno-Cultural Students
- Environment
- Small & Regional
- Miscellaneous
- By-Law Changes

The policy book is made up of motions submitted by delegates and members of National Executive/National Office Bearers (including State Presidents), that can be discussed at National Conference. If these policy motions are passed then they are binding on the corresponding national and state office bearers for the duration of their term. Thus, the policy motions discussed at the National Conference define the organisation's direction for the year ahead, and the ongoing projects of the organisation.

The full policy document outlines all policy available for discussion, but factional negotiations and business committee determine which policies will be discussed, meaning the policy book contains a large amount of policy that was never heard on conference floor. There is more policy than there is time to discuss it, so factions will negotiate to have policies that they want to prioritise heard on conference floor. Please see the attached list of policy motions passed at the National Conference and the corresponding National Conference policy booklet.

The generation of department specific policy is critical in not only directing the actions of the National Office Bearers for the duration of their term, but ensuring that there is a policy to which the office bearer is accountable. If a policy has been passed, National Executive can hold OBs to account when they fail to carry it out. The following summarises policy discussed at National Conference 2013.

Administration

The administration policy passed at National Conference concerns the internal operations of NUS, particularly with respect to accountability, financial procedures and governance. Most of the policies passed at 2013 NatCon were the work of 2014 General Secretary Isabelle Kingshott. They sought to improve audit and risk assessment, make the budget process more transparent and ensure an efficiently run, financially sustainable union. It is encouraging to see that the elected General Secretary for 2014 was active in pushing for an accountable union, and interactions with Isabelle since have shown that she is active in enacting this policy.

The next most significant contributor was Casey Briggs, an Independent delegate from the University of Adelaide, with whom we worked extensively in the lead up to conference. Casey's motions were largely aimed at improving the accountability of the budget process and making it easier (and less risky) for National Executive to provide oversight over the expenditure of resources by Office Bearers. Casey was a member of National Executive for both 2012 and 2013, and has been active in ensuring that National Executive are able to actively push for accountability within the national union.

Education

The Education policy section is arguably one of the most important as all students are affected by its campaigns and direction, and education is why we're all at University. This chapter will typically outline the key campaigns to oppose stances taken by state and federal governments as well as policies that stand against more specific student issues on a campus level, or call for state and/or federal governments to take a certain stance in support of students.

The main education campaign for 2014 is entitled "Abbott and Pyne: Get Your Hands Off Our Education". The campaign condemns the cuts to higher education that were initially introduced under Labor and carried out under the newly elected Liberal government. The campaign will involve a number of rallies and National Days of Action (NDA) to oppose the cuts in the public sphere, and Sarah Garnham as the elected National Education Officer has been active in coordinating these events nationwide. In organising the NDA, a strong engagement with WA activists and the State Branch has been seen, and discussions have been had to ensure that WA materials arrive on time.

Other motions that were carried at NatCon include policies opposing the privatisation of HECS, opposing the changes to start-up scholarships which would see them treated as a loan, an education quality survey which will include questions about class sizes, teaching quality and the availability of online resources, opposing the cuts to TAFE and the creation of a student activist's handbook which will outline common issues in higher education and ways that students can overcome these. All of these policies will directly impact on students and student representatives across the country, while the activists' handbook and quality survey will be particularly useful for UWA student representatives, allowing us to have greater support and access to information sharing with other activists and giving us important nation wide survey results that we can use to lobby for a better education at UWA.

Unionism

The Unionism policy section covered a range of ways to strengthen student organisations and the National Union itself, including more consistent financial contributions from members and alternate revenue streams. The mixed value of the Student Services and Amenities (SSAF) Legislation was acknowledged, in that it provides a more reliable source of funding for student services but had been implemented poorly by most university administrations. A couple of policies were successfully moved by UWA (Cam Barnes) to facilitate a greater focus on alternative sources of revenue to SSAF and innovative ways to reduce costs (such as payroll tax exemptions).

Women's

The Women's Policy area discussed emotive policy effecting women students on Australian campuses,

establishing campaigns as well as stances on women's issues. This year we saw 6 policies (5.13a, 5.29, 5.19, 5.8, 5.5, 5.18) passed en bloc to reaffirm the union's commitment to support Women students' right to access safe and legal abortion. Some of these policies, 5.5: Foetal Personhood Laws and 5.8: Opposing Zoe's Law, opposed the current attacks on Abortion rights in both New South Wales and in Victoria.

A number of policies referred to campaigns that the 2014 National Women's Officer is to carry out during their term. These policies included, 5.13b and 5.9 to establish a campaign on the Gender Pay Gap, 5.2 and 5.26 on Blue Stockings week (which included the investigation of a renaming of the week and the changing of some of the processes within the week to make the campaign more inclusive), 5.3 and 5.10 which referred to the Gillard Government's cut to Single Parent Payments, 5.23 and 5.24 campaigning for more affordable and better funded Childcare services and 5.26 on the Talk About It Survey previously run by the National Women Department. Policies 5.3 (Support for single mothers and their children) and 5.26 (Talk About It Survey) were moved by UWA students, Anita Creasey and Rebecca Doyle respectively.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

In the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students policy session, 3 crucial policies were passed. 7.3: Welcomes and Acknowledgements of Country was passed to ensure that NUS follows best practice models and respects the traditional owners of the land when a Welcome to Country is organised. 7.4 Saving the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme discussed the assurance of money being allocated to the Tutorial Assistance Scheme rather than the funding being used inappropriately. 7.6: Indigenous and Visible concerned the development of a discourse of pride and disambiguation around Indigenous identity.

Queer

The Queer policy session was the most emotional policy session of conference floor, with delegates hearing first hand accounts of Queer homelessness, suicide and misgendering. These first-hand accounts were incredibly heart-felt and showed just how necessary these policies and support services are.

The policies passed were 6.13: Queer Safety Survey, 6.2: I'm here to pee, not to be gendered, 6.3: Queer Homelessness, 6.14: The 2013 Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender – Implications for Student Records, policy, 6.1: Queer Scholarships, 6.5: Marriage Equality, 6.15: Working with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), 6.7 Queer Refugees, 6.19: Australian Universities Queer Support Rating, 6.20: IDAHOBIT: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Of these policies 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.19 and 6.20 were either moved or seconded by Bec Thompson, a fellow West Australian Independent we supported for one of the National Queer positions, who was successful in her election.

It is important to note that the legislation mentioned in 6.14 will be of interest for the UWA Student Guild's Equity and Diversity Committee in 2014, referring to the 2013 Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender, and its implications for student records.

Small and Regional

The Small and Regional policy chapter is usually never discussed or prioritised at NatCon by any of the major factions. The National Independents made a decision to prioritise this policy chapter and negotiate with other factions for it to be discussed on conference floor, ensuring that specific policy was passed for these campuses, and to make sure that policies were in place to hold the Small and Regional Campus Officer to account, a position that in the past has not been taken seriously by the Labor factions.

A policy was passed to establish a Small and Regional Campus network, linking up student representatives with their relevant NUS Officers, and promoting collaboration and conversation between student representatives from these campuses across the country. Small and regional campuses are often very isolated, and these student representatives often miss out on a lot of the support and benefits of being affiliated to NUS because of this.

Policy was also passed to improve the way that NUS engages with Small and Regional campuses with relation to National Days of Action. This has great relevance to WA campuses, in particular the UWA Albany campus, Murdoch's Rockingham campus and ECU's Bunbury campus. Students from these campuses are no less likely to be affected by the issues that NUS and other student unions are protesting against, so it is important that we make an effort to be inclusive of these students and to work with them in establishing collectives on their campuses and running campaigns with their students.

Policies were also passed to protect funding to small and regional campuses, and to ensure that support services offered by these organisations are maintained through the protection of the SSAF and support in lobbying for increased funding.

Welfare

National Conference considered and passed a number of policies designed to highlight issues that negatively impact student welfare. These policies varied greatly in their content, with policies designed to improve students' knowledge of their rights at work and in tenancy disputes, policies to increase student income support provided by the Government, and policies relating to the provision of Mental and Physical Health Services to student nation-wide. Policies relating to disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable groups of students were also passed at National Conference.

UWA NUS Delegates successfully passed policies relating to welfare support to tertiary students on research and practicum placements in remote and regional areas. The NUS also considered motions on issues that disproportionately impacted Western Australian Students, such as Public Transport availability and dealing with cost of living pressures on students.

Policies passed called for the age of independence (used to calculate Youth Allowance) to be lowered from the current age of 22 to 20 years old, for Youth Allowance to be increased to the Henderson Poverty line, for youth wages to be increased to the national award rate, and for NUS to develop a strategy for engaging with tertiary students on placements in remote and regional locations. Policy

passed also called for cheap, reliable and effective public transport and more specialised Mental Health early intervention programs and for education and awareness campaigns to be targeted to tertiary students.

UWA Policy

The following is a list of motions moved and/or seconded by UWA students that were included in the policy book. This is important in showing our active participation in the conference, and how we addressed UWA's specific situation and needs.

1. Administration - 1.27, 1.28
2. Unionism - 2.4, 2.5
3. Education - 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9
4. Welfare - 4.20
5. Women's - 5.4, 5.25
11. Environment - 11.13

Achievements

The main goals of the National Independents which we supported and achieved included:

- Ensuring that the best office-bearers were elected, including at least one strong independent candidate (*Bec Thompson from Murdoch University was elected National Queer Officer*)
- Ensuring a strong independent presence from Western Australia on NUS National Executive (Lizzy O'Shea was successfully elected onto National Executive)
- Passing innovative and independent minded policy into the National Platform (achieved- see the successful policy motions passed by independents)
- Working together more closely than in the past by allowing a leadership team to negotiate with factions and support independent delegates to successfully move policy
- We are confident that we succeeded in achieving these goals. For the first time, the national independents were able to ensure a Western Australian independent got elected into national office. The new leadership structure worked well, and UWA was strongly represented with the National Convenor and two members of the negotiating team from UWA. We worked well with other factions, including the new General Secretary Isabelle Kingshot. Most importantly, we passed lots of good policy which will inform a strong union which stands up for nearly a million students in 2014.

WA State Branch

Each state and the ACT have a state branch to carry out national policy on a local level and ensure that all affiliated campuses are being involved in the NUS throughout the year, while allowing NUS to engage with campuses on a grassroots level. The state branches are made up of a state office bearer team with each position mirroring a national office bearer role. Each state branch president also has a vote on the

National Executive, giving a governing voice to the individual states.

The state office bearers are elected at the National Conference by optional preferential ballot of all delegates from that state and only students from that state may nominate. The 2014 State Branch as elected at the National Conference are:

- President: Rebecca Doyle (UWA)
- Gen Sec: Alex Bennet (UWA)
- Education: Emma Norton (UWA)
- Welfare: Max Riley (UWA)
- International: Sean Matjeraie (UWA)
- Ethnocultural: Vacant
- Women's: Anita Creasey (UWA)
- Queer: Ngaire Powell (ECU)
- ATSI: Azlan Martin (ECU)
- Small and Regional: Vacant
- Environment: Grace McDonald (Curtin)
- Disabilities: Siobhan O'Rourke (Curtin)

Sadly, since then Rebecca Doyle had to step down from her presidency due to other commitments. A by-election process has been conducted and Sarah Ross (Murdoch - National Independents) has been elected unopposed to the position of WA State branch President. It is great to see from the office bearers listed above that UWA is very well represented in the NUS West office bearing roles.

Alex Bennet on NUS West State Branch:

So far as the State General Secretary and Interim President, I have held two meetings of the NUS West Executive. This body consists of the State Office Bearers and campus liaisons from the affiliated WA campuses. At the meetings we have discussed general goal planning, state branch administration, the possibility of hosting EdCon in WA and planning for the March 26th NDA. I am in the process of meeting up with each of the State Office Bearers and setting them goals and providing them with ideas for the year ahead. In the past, it was fairly common practice for some State Office Bearers to do very little work and this is something I intend to change, in line with the recommendations from Lizzy O'Shea's NUS delegate report from last year.

The first National Day of Action is planned for the 26th of May. We are planning individual campus actions to inform students from each of the WA affiliate universities of the current state of the Higher Education sector. Each of the campus actions will funnel into a central rally in the CBD and this will take place at the Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts. This will allow us to use their amphitheatre and the screen to enrich the NDA. Speakers and bands are being looked into at the moment.

One of the policies passed at the National Conference was to run State Branch forums in May.

These forums will see a number of National Office Bearers presenting policy talks and allowing for many students to get involved with the NUS national body. This will also involve a rundown of the NUS Structural Audit.

Recommendations for NUS West (WA State Branch) in 2014:

- Continue to encourage UWA delegates to be involved in the key office bearer positions
- Through continued involvement in running the state branch, encourage the improvement of the operations of the state branch through the following ways:
 - Individual goal setting meetings with state branch office bearers.
- Move or support policy at the National Conference that allows state branches greater communication and involvement with the National Body, e.g. the state forums.

Recommendations for NUS National Conference in 2015

- That an agenda for policy discussion is established prior to National Conference sitting, in order to ensure maximum policy discussion and that all policy chapters are heard.
- That all delegates and observers have lanyards for identification in case of an emergency
- Improve the minuting process of the conference and give the volunteer Secretariats better quality training

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SECTION 1: CONDUCT AND ORGANISATION

Our initial assessment was that the Conference was very poorly organised. There were delays lasting multiple hours on every day of sitting, including between Conference opening and the first session commencing. No instruction whatsoever was supplied to individual delegates from the Secretariat, and official documentation was disseminated on an informal basis between delegates. We were also disappointed with the lack of communication between then-Guild President Cameron Barnes and the incoming NUS Delegates regarding details of the conference.

Generally speaking, we were extremely dissatisfied with the entrenched atmosphere amongst delegates that it was a common practice for factional leaders to withdraw their members from the Conference floor so as to prevent debate going ahead. This contributes – alongside other features, such as an atmosphere of acceptance that members of the Business Committee may eat the paper on which a motion or amendment is submitted so as to permanently prevent it from being considered by the Conference – to a sickeningly disorganised process, one designed to subvert the ability of all delegates to participate to a full extent.

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SECTION 2: POLICY AND DEBATE

We acknowledge that many policies brought up at Conference focused on improving the accountability, financial sustainability, and operating efficiency of the NUS administration. We commend efforts made by those proposing such motions to improve the organisation. However, we would say that it speaks to the nature of the organisation and the attitudes of those who celebrate its work, that almost all such motions were not debated, and those that were received viciously strident opposition from certain factions. That said, we accept that such successful motions as that requiring NUS to undergo a full audit signify a step in the right direction for the organisation.

We felt that a great deal of time that could have been allocated to further discussion of policy matters pertaining to improving the organisation was instead allocated to debating policies that occurred for sheer political grandstanding. We would say that a significantly larger portion of debate time was spent attacking members of the Government *ad hominem* than was spent debating issues actually pertaining to students. Conference was oft full of voices exclaiming wild and ridiculous accusations and suppositions about Commonwealth Government policy, so much so that virtually no time at all was spent debating issues relating to students.

We did, however, commend the Student Unity faction for proposing a motion that would result in the NUS' full support for the removal of parallel import restrictions on textbooks. This matter has been debated at great length in the UWA Student Guild

Council, the last such debate resulting in a motion by the 100th Council “*That the UWA Student Guild calls on the Australian Government to abolish parallel import restrictions on textbooks, and calls on the National Union of Students to support this action, to benefit students*”, which passed unanimously bar one abstention.

It is because the UWA Student Guild has a publicly stated policy position on this matter that we reacted with shock and disappointment when UWA delegates Alex Bennet and Lizzy O’Shea divided against a precise ballot that would allow the Unity motion to pass at Conference. We would call on these delegates to immediately issue a statement outlining why they failed to meet their remit as representatives of the Guild and its interests, published to all students. We find it perturbing that Guild Councillors and NUS Delegates from UWA continue to support artificially expensive textbooks for political reasons.

We were content with our participation in the policy debate. Not being members of any of the larger factions, we were unable to gain access to a speaker’s chair at any point during Conference, however we supported all motions that we identified as showing significant benefit for students, and voted against all motions that we felt ran contrarily to students’ interests. We did not participate in the debate of – and indeed we condemn the occurrence – motions that did not pertain to students, but instead provided certain faction members the opportunity for political grandstanding or furthering their own individual goals within political parties or the union movement.

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SECTION 3: SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As many would be aware, the 2013 National Conference was plagued by incidences of violent behaviour. On the second sitting day, members of the Socialist Alternative and National Labor Students – amongst others – participated in a rally in a commercial courtyard located a short distance from the Conference room. When Conference went to resume, members of these factions, in particular from the former, blockaded the entry to the Conference room to prevent any further delegates from registering and resuming debate.

As a result, some delegates – including several first-year female students – were trapped between the closed doors and the blockade of Socialist Alternative members. In the ensuing scuffle to break the blockade and allow these delegates to get free, at least one female delegate was deliberately assaulted by both male and female assailants.

Accordingly, security staff members instructed all delegates – particularly females – from factions bearing significant ideological differences to the Socialist Alternative to remain in their accommodation buildings. Security staff instructed female delegates to wear emergency whistles at all times, and Conference did not resume until several hours later. A police report was filed but the victim could not identify her assailants so no further proceedings took place.

We strongly condemn the use of violence by these persons for the purpose of intimidation and harm. At the same time, however, we are aware that the use of violence by certain faction members is a reasonably regular occurrence at NUS

conferences. We condemn the atmosphere in which violence against students is accepted, and would call on the organising committees of all future conferences to take more serious steps in avoiding such occurrences.

Besides the use of direct violence, we also identified a number of cases in which intimidation, bullying tactics, and discriminatory remarks were targeted towards certain groups by members of certain other factions. We were both on the receiving end of such remarks on multiple occasions during Conference. It speaks to the key issue that renders NUS totally incapable of being a legitimate voice on education policy in Australia, namely that the only opinions internally accepted by the NUS administration are those from the left wing of politics, particularly those that emphasise socialist economic policies (such as free tertiary education) and a strong commitment to union solidarity.

We strongly condemn the environment generated at the NUS National Conference, one in which discrimination on the grounds of political ideology is accepted as a legitimate means of intimidating delegates and having their voices silenced. The UWA Student Guild has a documented commitment to the freedom of political expression, and we hope that the Guild's representatives in future commit to forming circumstances in which opinions can be voiced freely at Conference, without fear of reprisal.

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SECTION 4: 2014 OFFICE BEARERS

We are both very pleased with our decision not to sit with a faction that binds its members to voting one way or another when it comes to electing office bearers, both at the state branch and National Executive levels. Indeed, we recall from the UWA Student Guild Policy Book the following: *"That the Guild Council recommend to UWA's NUS delegates, on a state and national level, to sit as independents at National Conference, voting in line with UWA's needs and priorities as elected representatives of UWA students, and not aligning with a binding faction."*

We were not surprised by the situation in which the NLS candidate won the National Presidency unopposed, and the Student Unity candidate won the National General Secretaryship unopposed, this being the occurrence at every NUS National Conference for some time. Hopefully this makes clear to students that it is simply not possible to have your policy position become that of NUS unless you are a member of the Australian Labor Party willing to engage in its internal factions.

We freely admit that we did not submit ballot papers for a number of contested positions. Firstly, this is our democratic right as electors, and is not open to scrutiny by others. Secondly, in every case we did so because it was abundantly clear that our ballots would not make any real difference to the outcome. For example, the National Small and Regional Campuses Officer position was contested, but when we saw the Unity candidate walking by with well over 70% of the ballots in his hand, we decided it was not necessary to submit our own ballots.

We are, however, displeased with both the National Education Officer and WA Education Officer positions going to members of the Socialist Alternative, and would

call on WA members of the National Independents faction to explain their reasoning in supporting SA members for both roles. Both individuals in question, at times during debate, voiced the opinions that it was not necessary to have the NUS audited, that protest was the only legitimate form of advocacy and that mediatory consultative approaches were illegitimate, and many other deeply illogical and vastly concerning ideas. We fear for the educational wellbeing of Western Australian students in particular, who are condemned to 12 months of being represented by members of an organisation such as the Socialist Alternative.

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SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That the UWA Student Guild immediately undergoes steps to disaffiliate from, or withdraw payment for affiliation fees from, the National Union of Students; including withdrawing all financial support for delegates to any NUS conferences or activities.* Essentially, as a significant financial contributor to NUS' operating revenue, we believe that UWA's withdrawal is the best way to communicate to the NUS administration that we are greatly displeased with their inefficiency, tendency to accommodate violent protests, and vast lack of accountability.
2. *That Council directs the Governance Committee to draft a series of Key Performance Indicators pertaining to the NUS National Conference in the year X; and that if these KPIs are not met, that the Guild withdraws all financial support from the NUS and from delegates to NUS conferences in the year X+1.* This will provide a clear line drawn in the sand to guide debate over NUS in the future. Under the status quo, the sentiment from certain members of Council is that regardless of how inefficient, poorly reputed, violent, wasteful, corrupt or disorganised NUS is, that we should still continue to support them financially. We believe that there should be clear criteria tied to the NUS that, if they are not met, would result in saving UWA students' money from being wasted.

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