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Thomas Henderson | Guild President

Introduction | Welcome to 2014!

It's my pleasure to welcome back all Councillors for the first year of a new century of student representation. We have a very exciting time ahead with a total new look for the Guild and no doubt that the next six months will be a game-changer for our organisation. This is year we show the university how far we have developed over the past few years show how professional and capable we have become. Since 1 December, I have been working flat out to line up a strategy to achieve this.

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

Activities | Summary

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

- Negotiated with the outgoing president an improved funding arrangement with the Registrar's office.
- Attended my first Senate meeting
- Met with all Guild staff to touch base with those who I already had an established relationship and establish a working relationship with those that I have had less contact with.
- Participated in F&P budget process.
- Developing a Bookshop and Tavern review with TAG
- Conducted interviews for and selected Pelican Editors for 2014.
- Governance committee initiated review of Guild Media Rules and election regulations.
- Completed and signed a Joint Venture Agreement for the volunteering hub.
- Completed the 2014 Service Level Agreement
- Completed the 2014 OPP
- Began negotiations of the Guild Relationship agreement
- Reinitiated discussions with Subway and Boost
- Meeting with DVCE to discuss education issues
- Met with UEC President to discuss student feedback
- Met with Science Union President and Ed VP to discuss science education issues and SLETS
- Met with the Director of Information Services and senior staff
- Attended the first Education Council meeting
- Attended several meetings about orientation, including:
 - Meetings with Events to finalise a camps and pub crawls policy
 - Re-invigorated the Orientation schedule with both Memberships and EOWG
 - Meetings to develop plans for returners weeks
- Met with Student Assist & Finance staff to improve the administration of emergency loans
- Met with the Health Promotions Unit to discuss collaboration on sexual health initiatives for colleges and international students

- Met with Sustainable Development UWA about Parking, public transport and alternative forms of transport
- Met with some councillors to discuss their special projects / committees for the year
- Attended NUS National Conference and met individually with the incoming National President to discuss better engagement with UWA.
- Attended Staff Christmas Party

Internal | Budget 2013

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all members of F&P for their hard work on the Guild Budget for 2014.

Activities | PROSH

It is my pleasure to announce that the PROSH Directors for 2014 will be Richard Hill and Ruth Payne. The editor for 2014 is Sean McEwan. The appointment of PROSH editor and Directors this year was done differently this year taking into consideration that recommendations of the PROSH review conducted after the drama earlier in 2013. This year PROSH will take place on Wednesday 13 April and I encourage everyone to get involved!

Activities | Enrolments

We have been engaging with the Enrolments and Orientation Working Group since late last year and have approached these meetings trying to align ourselves with the outcomes of Student Services while allowing us to keep the Guild lair and access to new students for FacSocs. Also note that Guild stickers are now available from the Student Centre.

Activities | O-Day

O-Day planning is well and truly underway! All Guild departments and associated groups have been allocated stalls in one corner of James Oval. This year O-Day looks to break even and possibly even make a small profit.

Education | SLETS, EQS, University external relations

The University this year has not fared well with national external ratings systems and the DVCE has made this a priority within the Education Futures Project and the university in general. The need for the university to be competitive within their sector has forced some reconsideration of the way teaching is received by students. This is a massive opportunity for students from the general student population to be involved in what could be some significant changes to the way in which teaching is done at UWA.

The increased scrutiny on teaching will allow for the Guilds own SLETS survey to influence, with hard data, areas of which student wish to be improved. A report will be provided to the DVCE once the results have been analysed.

Internal | Volunteering , Service Learning

The Guild has just signed a JVA for the Volunteering Hub Manager position with the University and Volunteering WA. This will allow us to extend our volunteering hub to broaden its employment by adding a full time employee to continue the Volunteering programs while allowing Aiden to work more closely with the University and its implementation of service learning agenda.

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

Catering will be launching new coffee machines and a new variety of organic free trade coffee and catering will be launching new branding to tie in with the branding already implemented at the end of 2013.

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.

National | NUS Presidents' Summit

I will give a verbal report on my return.

Conclusion |

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

101st Guild Council

Vice President's Report - January

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The year so far has been quite busy for me, particularly balancing Guild responsibilities with full-time work in a different state. I'll be back in Perth from the 7th to the 16th of February, and then will be back in Perth permanently from the 22nd of February. In the meantime, I will respond to any queries via email, or can schedule a Hangout / Skype session.

Strategic Resources Committee

- SRC meetings in Dec to complete budget.
- SRC meeting in Jan.
- Attended via Hangout.

Corporate Services Committee

- CSC is planning to meet for the first time quite soon to establish goals for the year.
- Next report will include more info on those.

MASA

- Awaiting introduction to previous MASA committee via email.
- First task is to organise a committee member to attend a Mature Age Students welcome in early February.
- I will then look to organise 2014 committee selection / election.

Parking Appeals Board

- Gave apologies and invited another council member to attend the December meeting, however they were unfortunately indisposed on the day. Nothing to report and no January meeting.

IT Projects

- Planning and designing several projects since late last year.
- Guild website construction is well underway (I am completing this myself to save us money for other projects).
- We'll look to launch the new website before O-Week, if not earlier.
- Soc dashboard project is being outsourced and we are awaiting a proposal on that. This will now include an Events portal. Tony has put in some hard work to get us a good deal here. Design documents will be circulated when confirmed. Anyone with ideas for inclusions, please email me!
- I have done some research into potentially transferring our email systems to Google Apps to provide a better interface for student reps. Decisions and movement for this is pending other IT work. Notes here -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1293sBz8GxEPNbPctiMu9SdOmhj7srnaWeDh_4SJsyR8/edit?usp=sharing

- The above document also notes potential BYO laptop workspaces (as suggested by Tom).
- In line with the introduction of the basic “projects form”, I’ve looked at possible solutions for project-based communications, including allowing ordinary students to submit “tickets” for relevant requests. This is something that will be considered after the website and Soc/Events projects are completed. Email me if you have any comments. Notes here - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E-YydwXWW33tpU4yHnVXJUQ2HZXyEzXzUcy-7Qil9FQ/edit?usp=sharing>

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



Guild Council Report | Secretary

Sam Shipley

January 29th 2014

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So far in the position of Secretary, I have been working alongside many of the Guild staff and student reps.

I have helped people to set up their Guild email accounts, and I'm more than happy to be of help setting Guild accounts up on set up on computers, iPhones, tablets, etc., as it can be a bit tricky!

I emailed out information to the members of each committee, including a list of the members in the committee, the committee regulations and last year's handover reports from relevant committees.

I have also ensured that the new email lists have been set up and updated for each committee.

Alongside Alex and Kate, I have been working on the new letterhead designs and templates. I am told that these are very nearly finished and I will send out all of the templates once I have received them.

I have also been compiling the agendas and minutes for Guild Council meetings. I am waiting on receiving the recording of the December Guild Council meeting before I can finish off the minutes - I will then circulate the minutes for approval via circular motion. I have tried using Dropbox as a way to share the agenda, reports and motion attachments, as it is accessible on any device and because Outlook often has issues with a large number of attachments. I have also tried to alert everyone on Facebook, as well as via email, to ensure that all Councillors are in the loop. I hope that everyone is happy with this so far!

I have sat in on the interview panel for the position of Student Assist Officer, which will likely be decided by the end of next week. It's exciting to see many candidates with a lot of potential!

The first Student Services Committee will be held on January 28th, which is the day before Guild Council meeting. As a result, I don't have much to report now, but I will have a lot to say at the next meeting!

Similarly, regular Executive Management Committee meetings will resume when all members of the executive are back in Perth, as many of us have been away.

I'm always around the office, so if you need any support or help with any projects or otherwise, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Daniel Jo – Treasurer

January:

Catering and Tavern

There are several exciting changes already underway for Catering and Tavern, especially within the Refectory and Hacket Café. With Hacket Cafe, we are trying to convert it into a board game café to be completed by the first day of semester. We have already started investigating into buying numerous board games with the hope to turn Hacket into a more social area and drive traffic through the café. Increasing profitability.

With the Refectory, we are undergoing negotiations with Redspoon with the aim to introduce frozen yoghurt by the first day of semester. This will be in the coffee area next to Sushimaster and this will hopefully increase the revenue of the Ref by providing a type of food that can be consumed not during the main hours for lunch. Further, we are also looking to introduce burritos next to the Kebab stand by the first day of semester and are investigating into which company to source burritos from.

There are also reviews of the food vans being conducted, with the hope to introduce an extra van in front of Reid Library pending University approval. There are additional longer term plans to improve the food and dietary requirements in the cafes across campus.

With regards to the tavern, unfortunately not many plans have been put in place as of yet, although there have been several exciting new ideas which have been brought forward and discussed. We will need to talk with the Tavern manager when he returns from leave to discuss the feasibility of those ideas. Further, the tavern refurbishments are going as planned and look fantastic, with a new bar area.

EBA

Still in negotiations in drafting a new EBA with the University.

Budget

The process is ongoing – as was stated in the budget report, focus needs to be on financial sustainability of each Guild department. If you would like a discussion on how this can be done, I am more than happy to meet with you and we can brainstorm some ideas.



GUILD COUNCIL REPORT | Education Council President

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CAMPAIGNS | Know Your Rights

The Ed Council Committee will be producing a "Know Your Rights" booklet. This will hopefully make students aware of what their basic rights are with regards to University policy, particularly on day-to-day things like unit outlines, assessment weightings and return times. Making this information accessible and easier to understand will empower more students to take a stand when they are treated poorly or see a policy breached.

CAMPAIGNS | Teach For Students

I will be kicking off our Teach For Students campaign with the release of the SLETS results (both overarching and Faculty specific findings). I am unsure how long analysing the results will take – both myself and Tom are having to teach ourselves how to use the system and I would like to do thorough statistical analysis on the data. The initial findings look interesting and I am happy to discuss these.

When Tom and I met with Alec Cameron and Jon Stubbs earlier this month to discuss the year ahead it was indicated that one of Alec's major goals for the year is working on improving teaching quality at UWA (UWA ranked very low nationally for teaching quality in recent surveys). I will be meeting with Alec regularly over the course of the year to push for students' preferred teaching practices (indicated in SLETS) at higher levels within the University, while also working with Faculty Societies on Faculty specific findings.

I plan to meet with CATL (Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning) and discuss running a "Teach for Students" workshop with the Guild to make staff aware of students' preferred teaching methods and encourage them to teach in ways that students respond well to. We will also be approaching CATL about a Guild/Facsocs LMS module, as they are apparently reluctant to upload Faculty specific modules.

COLLEGES | Education Advocacy

We are increasing our engagement with Colleges by offering to run a 45 minute Education Advocacy Training with College Leaders and RAs in their training weeks, to ensure that they have the necessary advocacy skills and information to deal with students who often come to them with education issues. A few colleges are also interested in having Facsocs and the Guild come to their market days/orientation events and put information in their welcome packs, which is great for increasing College engagement and representation for these students.

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Administration

I have set up an Education Council Calendar for Facsocs to use – the intent of this being to ensure that events don't clash and to let Facsocs assess what else is on during that week that might affect attendance at their event. A lot of events have



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already been added and any UWA Student can view this (hint hint, please have a look). Ideally this would be merged with a SOC and Events calendar in future.

(http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=student.uwa.edu.au_kt74r0dcd358053kc4ocb86q5o%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia/Perth)

There is also now an Ed Council Google Drive to ensure full access to meeting materials and necessary documents. Proxies will have better access to documents, and we reduce our reliance on the Facebook Group.

(https://drive.google.com/a/student.uwa.edu.au/folderview?id=0B2ikqn6EeRCsbnP_Cd3FvblhBVmM&usp=drive_web)

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Orientation, Enrolments and Camps

Planning for O'Day is well underway with most Faculty Societies booking O'Day stalls as well as planning to attend Enrolments on Oak Lawn on the 29th, 30th and 31st of January, and communication between Facsocs and the Guild has been great. I will be running an Ed Stall at O'Day with materials including a first year handbook (being made by Ed Committee) and EAN signups for email updates on Education forums, campaigns and updates on education issues locally and nationally. WAMSS and Science Union have had EMPs approved to run camps – WAMSS running an 18+ retreat with alcohol and Science Union running an all ages no alcohol weekend event for incoming students.

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Rules

The revision of the Ed Council Rules passed unanimously through Ed Council on January 7th, which once passed through Guild Council will bring the Rules up to date with the Guild Regulations. If passed as they currently stand, PSA VPs (Coursework and Research) and the Director of the RSD will be additional Standing Invitees, which is a great step forward for Ed Council. Major changes to the rules are outlined in the supporting documentation for the motion.

FINANCE | January

I am meeting with Vishal to reassess some allocations in my budget – factoring in the reduced amount of necessary printing, potential cost recovery and campaigns.

Actual Spend	\$26.48 Turkish bread, dip and corn-chips for Ed Council Meeting. Saved money by baking brownies at home and drinking Max Riley's Coke Zero.
Budgeted Spend	Total Cost of Activities: \$300 Total Operating Expenses: \$77
New Items	N/A
Unusual Discrepancies	N/A

Public Affairs Council Report

Prepared by: Honny Palayukan, Jan 2014

Indroduction:

It's been a productive start to the year for PAC. We've tackled the early planning stages of our major events for the year, and have developed ideas for new events that focused on creating a more diverse range of activities, drawing a focus on inclusive, all ages/alcohol free events for all students to enjoy (in particular, new and underage students). One of our major goals of the year is to explore some alternative means of revenue, which we've outlined in the finance section below.

Activities | Summary

- Met with the PAC committee to discuss plans and outline goals for 2014. We wanted to ensure that new starting students would have the opportunity to participate in various all-ages events.
- Outlined our major reoccurring events in the calendar such as Social Justice Week, Faith Week and Fringe Festival.
- Developed a new series of events which we've called, 'Summer Nights Festival'. They will be a weekly installment of artistic activities such as an outdoor movie screening, a Slam Poetry performance night (featuring a guest Slam Poet), and a music performance night (featuring local bands and students from UWA). We will work in collaboration with the RSD to potentially host the movie screening at one of the colleges to encourage college students to engage with the Guild and its' services.
- We've partnered with Chloe and the events team to finalise dates to ensure no major clashes with other guild related events.
- Our whole committee now have functioning PAC email accounts.

Finances | Summary

- To date, we have not expensed any money from our allocated amount.
- We have spent some time allocating a proposed budget for each event. We have allocated a safety amount if we surpass proposed allocations.
- The PAC committee have spent some time investigating on sponsorship groups and community grants that could be used towards funding Fringe Festival. We have engaged with bodies that encourage the participation of the community towards the arts and cultural activities. We plan on presenting business cases to the following bodies: City of Subiaco (local council), City of Nedlands (local council), CANWA, Department of Culture and Arts (government body), Lottery West, Healthway (Australia). Based on the showcase of local arts and talents, and the involvement of the community, we believe that there is great potential in expanding our folio and reaching out to external bodies to become more self sufficient in raising revenue for our events.
- We aim to apply for grants ranging from \$1000-\$5000.
- We estimate to spend \$3,200.00 on semester 1 activities, leaving \$3000 from our PAC budget for Fringe Festival (before grant money has been considered).

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Overview

Laura left me with a raft of projects and ideas, and my past two months have consisted of a lot of planning and commencement. While I have been overseas, I have been working consistently by email, but I'm very excited to be able to sink my teeth into the projects SOC has planned.

2013 Semester Two Grants

Grants were finalised and distributed in December.

Dashboard | Kaila (SOC Vice President)

Kaila has been working very hard on the SOC Dashboard and its continuing overhaul. She has devised priorities and updated documents. We ran into a road-block when considering how we would be best to proceed with implementation. Based on recommendations from Tony, Cameron Fitzgerald and Kaila we have chosen to outsource the production. The project will now become a Guild project rather than a SOC-specific project – covering SOC, PAC, Ed, Departments and the Volunteering Hub. Kaila will continue to work with Cameron Fitzgerald and Tony to realise the project. Anyone interested in helping or contributing should speak to them.

SOC Meetings

We have set the dates for this year's SOC meetings and are introducing new training sessions to enhance club knowledge and provide them with extra support. Treasurer training will be happening at the March meeting – Daniel Jo and SOC Treasurer Rowan Ashwin will work together on a handbook that has a larger focus on club finance retention (getting back the money they spent, seeking sponsorship, etc). We will also have Secretary Training, and two President's Summits – it is going to be an exciting year! Each member of the SOC Committee will run a different training session and the slides will be uploaded to the Clubs Resource Page afterwards. I hope this will see our clubs running more successful events that are also compliant with University and Guild requirements.

Event	Date (2014)	Topics
February SOC Meeting	12 th February	O-Day, Returners Week, Compliance Training: "How to O-Day", Event Management, Guild Event Timeline
O-Day	21 st February	
Returner's Week	24 th February	
Orientation Day Reimbursement Grants Due	28 th February	
March SOC Meeting	12 th March 2014	Treasurer Training (Rowan) Training: Posters & Marketing +

		Maximising Social Media + Websites
Orientation Event Support Grants Accepted until	14 th March	
April SOC Meeting	16 th April	President's Summit – Managing a Committee, Leadership (Maddie & Kaila) Training: Inter-club Collaboration
May SOC Meeting	14 th May	Secretary Training (Sam) Training: Equity & Diversity
Semester 1 Grant Applications Due	30 th May	
August Meeting	13 th August	Clubs to request topic
September Meeting	10 th September	Clubs to request topic
October Meeting	15 th September	President's Summit – Handover (Kaila) + SOC Committee Elections
Semester 2 Grant Applications Due	31 st October	

SOC Committee Meetings

We held our first committee meeting in December and did our strategic planning for the year and some administration. We will be having fortnightly meetings throughout the year, and each member of the SOC Committee will have specific projects to work on. It is a fantastic committee with a lot of experience, so I hope to make the best of their expertise!

O-Day

January has seen the build-up to O-Day, including the O-Day Stall Bookings. Thank you to the members of SOC Committee and Guild Council who helped me contact all the Guild-affiliated clubs to inform them of the deadline. I hope all clubs will be very happy with their placements. In February we will be helping clubs planning their events, reorganising the Golden Ticket Competition and making sure everything is ready for the big day.

Start of Year Club Enquiries

I have received a lot of start of year club enquiries – mainly based on their Office Bearer and Finance Forms – I will be looking at streamlining this process with the Dashboard overhaul. I have also had enquiries about websites, constitutions, events and training. I have already received 5 expressions of interest to affiliate new clubs.

SOC Policy

SOC Secretary Sam is looking at the SOC Rules and streamlining the SOC policy to one place.

Inclusive Events

We are creating an Inclusive Events Handbook to be released early February to encourage clubs to apply for Orientation Event Support Grants and think about

running fun non-alcohol focused events. This ties in with our aim to move the focus from alcoholic events. Additionally, we had record sign-ups for the January Clubs Leadership Training session. It is fantastic to see clubs showing the initiative to run responsible events.

Tenancy Committee

Storage Space Allocations have been finalised. There are still some works to be done to three of the cupboards, and some clubs have been placed temporarily in the meantime. I have yet to conduct my Tenancy Committee handover with Alex Bennet – it will be done in February.

Finance

I was delighted that council supported an increase to the SOC budget. No finances were spent by SOC in January. I will be allocating budget very soon.

February Planning

The projects to be conducted by SOC in February include:

- Successful O-Day
- Planning for SOC Meetings and training sessions
- Publication of Inclusive Event Handbook
- Look at ways to enhance club promotional opportunities
- Plan for Semester One Club Carnival
- Allocate Orientation Event Support Grants and O-Day Grants
- Revise SOC Policy and forms
- Implement Dashboard recommendations
- And a raft of other projects!

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

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Women's Report January 2014

Women's Collective

This month the Women's Collective met for the first time, with various Women's students from UWA and other WA campuses attending. We discussed forward planning for 2014 and the campaigns that the Women's Collective would like to carry out. I have since started a Facebook Group to be in contact with Women students throughout the summer break. It is encouraging to see so many Women students want to be involved in collective organizing.

The first attack on Women's students and Gender studies has already occurred this year with the proposed Male Studies course at the University of South Australia. I was proud to form a response with the Women's collective in regards to this.

In an attempt to make the Women's Department appeal to a wider audience, the Women's Collective as established 'Feminist Music Friday's.' Where a song by a women's artist is played on the Facebook page.

ODay Preparations

Preparations are under way for ODay 2014. In 2013, Sophie made a large amount of show bags, which will be recycled this year. The show bags will include a Women's Department 'First Year Survival Guide' which I am currently collating. The guide will cover simple explanations of what the UWA Student Guild and what the Women's Department is. It will also explain the range of services available on campus, including: baby changing facilities, security, Student Assist, access to the Medical Centre and Counseling services. It will be available in a pocket sized pamphlet as well as an online version.

UWA is also lucky enough to have the NUS National Women's Officer Georgia Kennelly attending UWA ODay.

International Women's Day (IWD)

In 2014 International Women's Day falls on a weekend, which makes campus organizing around the event difficult. The Department plans to commemorate the day by holding IWD on Tuesday 11 of February. We will be marking the day with a 'Bra hanging tree' that the Department and Lizzy OShea carried out last year as part of Women's week and will be having a lecture series in the evening looking at the 'Past, Present and Future' of Women's liberation.

Network of Women's Students Australia (NOWSA) Organising

Members of the UWA Women's Department have been regularly attending meetings for NOWSA 2014, which will be held by ECU.

Finance

The Women's Department has not spent any of it's allocated budget in January.



Max Riley - WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

January 2014

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Actions since last meeting

- Drafted Welfare Department Rules under Guild Regulations
- Organised Tai Chi activity with Taoist Tai Chi Australia
 - 5 Weeks during semester one, potential to be extended to 10 weeks depending on interest
- Finalised **Welfare Week** Date as **Week 11** of Semester 1 (Monday 12th – 16th of May)
 - 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.
- Tentatively booked Exam De-Stress Day for **Tuesday the 3rd of June**
- Had correspondence with last year's Yoga instructor regarding renewing the program for this year.
- Had Talks with the Women's Department regarding Self-Defence program.
- Met with the Health Promotion Unit and the Local Drug Action Group yesterday to talk about activities for the upcoming year.
- Started writing the Student Survival Guide
 - Will be likely working on a joint project with the Education Council Executive, the Women's Department, and any other interested parties. Will aim to be put online before O-Week. Format will include some hardcopies.
- Started drafting the Welfare Department Social Media engagement strategy.
- Been introduced to the faculty society equity reps for Arts Union and Science Union, as well as SPAMH run by WAMSS.
- Had correspondence with Rebecca Waddington of REACH. They have offered to hold a number of health related free stalls for students on Friday the 14th of March. This nicely corresponds with Link Week run by the University.
- Completed the handover from Cameron Fitzgerald and finalised the Welfare Department Budget.

Finances

- No expenditure for December or January prior to submission.
- Have received a quoted price of \$220 for a 5-Week Tai Chi program. Very competitive rate.

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 Student Welfare Guide, obtaining financing for the Mental Health Grant program, building relationships with the HPU and LDAG, Contacting the remaining FACSOCS about Welfare involvement, organising the Free Breakfast program and implementing study equipment hire before semester starts.



GUILD COUNCIL | REPORT | JANUARY 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 (January)
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 = \$ Expenses = \$
Cruelty Free Eggs (set up for 2014 approval)	Catering has costed this as ~\$900 expense to the Guild p.a. Waiting on UWAPAW to get back to catering with an update regarding which certification is best for animal welfare.	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	Preparing to arrange candy dispensers to reduce the amount of waste created by single serve wrapped lollies given out at enrolments.	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.	Engagement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Environmental Projects – Initialisation success – either maintaining or improving:

Systemic Environmental Projects	Status	Field	Finances
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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
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 = \$0
Dine In Options	Implemented – doing well even during holidays	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bicycle Repair Station	Implemented, regular checking for maintenance issues.	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 = \$0
- Budgeted Spend = \$200
- Actual Events = 0
- Budgeted Events = 0
- New Items: Possible loan/grant to smaller enviro clubs (2-4) to support O-Day stalls.
- Unusual Discrepancies: None
- Project Breakdown next to each project

No money spent on projects in January



ISS Director's Report

January 2014

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to brief the 101st Guild Council on the progress of several initiatives and activities of the International Students Service. My apologies for not being able to attend the January Council Meeting as I am still in Singapore.

Overview

The month of January has been mostly quiet for ISS as all the directors have returned home to their respective nations. We have however begun preliminary planning of events for Semester 1 as well as started preparations for Orientation Semester 1.

Happenings

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

The Lighthouse Magazine

The Lighthouse Magazine is the main publication of the ISS department and will be completing its transition to an online only publication in 2014. It is in its final stages of editing and is on track to be uploaded onto ISSUU by International Welcome 2014 (12 February 2014).

For all incoming International students who arrive for International Welcome 2014, a small card will be given to them, one side would have the cover of the Semester 1 Edition of Lighthouse and the flip side would contain information about the Guild, ISS and links to ISSUU and our Facebook pages. While we aim to save cost and be environmentally friendly, we must also acknowledge the advantages of presenting a physical copy to incoming students. Hence we settled on providing a postcard like representation of Lighthouse.

Budgeted Cost: \$500

Actual Cost: We are currently increasing the number of cards being printed from 1000 to 1500, so the price isn't confirmed yet. However the tentative cost of printing 1000 cards is **\$102** inc GST.

Social Media Presence

The 2013 Committee created the official Facebook page of ISS and we inherited it from them, our plan is to drastically increase our presence on Facebook by promoting the ISS Facebook page whenever possible. We have already updated the profile image of the page to be consistent with the new Guild branding and are working on a new updated cover image. Please get your friends and yourselves to like it and support us! More likes = more awesomeness.

Budgeted Cost: None

Actual Cost: None

Website

The 2013 Committee also established the official webpage of the ISS. We are exploring the possibilities of updating the layout and design of the website as well as updating the information on the page. We expect no cost to be incurred for this.

Budgeted Cost: None

Actual Cost: None

International Pre-Departure Briefing Singapore

As the Director of ISS, I was invited to speak as part of a panel during the Pre-Departure Briefing held by the International Center in Singapore. In attendance was the Director International Center, Mr Kelly Smith, International Student Advisor, Ms Sally Tan, Associate Professor Sze Kee Koh, Business School and Ms Jo Hocking, Student Services. Also a representative from the Singapore Student Society and a Muslim Representative was present for the panel discussion.

Questions were raised by concerned parents and freshies on life in Perth as well as campus life. Many of these questions were easily dealt with by the Panel but highlighted several potential issues such as a lack of information of student advocacy (by the Guild) as well as more in depth information on life in UWA. Much of the information given by the briefing was very "corporate" like and many students and parents were more interested in students perspective on many issues.

I wonder if the Guild can get more involved on this pre-departure briefings. It is something I will bring up with the International Center and Guild President. I feel it would be to our advantage (Guild) if our presence was established earlier and stronger with parents and incoming students from Singapore.

O-Day Festival

ISS will be running a combined stall with MCW for O-Day Festival. We are still currently planning out what exactly we will be doing for O-Day. Tentatively the idea includes giving out Icey-pops on account of Summer conditions. More updates will follow if required.

Budgeted Cost: \$500-600
Actual Cost: TBD.

Closing Comments/Conclusion

January is mostly a quiet month with most of the background work being done over the Internet. Things should definitely pick up in February! All information here is correct as of 20 January 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries or comments. I will see you all when I return.

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Queer Department

January Report

Overview

Following the officer election at the end of second semester 2013, the Queer Department has begun planning and organising events for O-day, the first 3 weeks of semester, and finding a cooling solution for the room.

Meeting

On January 9th a meeting was held in the Queer Department room open to all students, and advertised on our facebook group. O-day events, general events during the semester, buying more condoms and dental dams for the room, and room improvements were discussed. We decided on what events to run for O-day and during the first weeks of semester, and to purchase a fan for the room.

O-Day

The Queer Department has booked a stall for O-day and will be a part of Guild Land. We will be giving out information on what the Queer Department does, our upcoming events, maps for finding the room, as well as free publications such as Out in Perth. A laptop will be on hand to sign people up for our mailing list and facebook group on the spot. Cans of Pepsi, bottled water, and pride badges will be on sale, and an application to the city of Subiaco for a temporary food stall has been completed. We will be playing music, have a number of posters and flags, and have spray bottles of water, to attract students to our stall.

Condoms and Dental Dams

In the interests of promoting safe sex the Queer Department keeps a supply of condoms, dental dams, and lubricant free to all students. By the end of last year we had run out, so 140 latex condoms, 100 latex dental dams, and 100 mini sachets of water based lubricant were ordered, which have already been delivered. As always they are being kept in the bookcase in the room, by the door, away from direct sunlight.

Cooling Solution

With no air-conditioning or fans in the Queer Department room, it can become extremely uncomfortable in the summer. We decided to purchase a pedestal fan to combat this, which has been bought from Bunnings and assembled in the room.

Semester Events

In the interest of being more organised and to give students more notice of events, we have planned and decided the dates of the first 3 weeks of semester events. These are the usual events we run, consisting of picnics, movie nights, buff club (fun fitness session), discussion nights, and games nights.

Thursday 27 February, 12pm- Welcome back picnic

Tuesday 4 March, 6pm- Movie night

Thursday 6th March, 6pm- Discussion night

Tuesday 11th March, 1pm- Common lunch hour lunch
Wednesday 12th March, 6pm- Games nights
Tuesday 18th March, 5pm- Buff club, followed by a movie
Thursday 20th March, 6pm- Discussion night

Finance

O- Day Budget- \$350

O-Day Actual- \$ Unknown. We are yet to get an estimate or an invoice from the Guild for the cost of our O-Day stall. Extra costs separate from the stall hire is \$52.

February 2014 Budget- \$185

Actual

- Communication \$15
- Condoms and Dams \$118
- Fan \$10
- Welcome back picnic \$30
- Total= \$143

Conclusion

Information is correct as of 21st January 2014. If there are questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us.

GUILD COUNCIL | SPORTS REPORT | JANUARY 2014

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Things that have been happening in the holidays sporting wise:

- **Meeting with David Rogers and events** for organisation of Guild v Staff Twenty 20 match – Hendo to bowl first and pick his first eleven from UWA students to represent the Guild.
- **Updating of Sporting Documents** such as the Sports Rep Guide and Inter-Faculty code of conduct. Updates are necessary to bring documents in to line with the vision of Inter-faculty sports that Dylan Harvey and I share.
- **Faculty Sports Reps:** Attended the first Ed council meeting to obtain a list of all faculty sport reps for 2014 – list of contact details is now complete except for ALVA reps, female PEASA rep and male Arts Union rep.
- **Confirmation of 2014 Inter-Faculty Calender** – Calender has been finalised and will be circulated to faculty sport reps. Bookings for events have been made for the entire year.
- **Offered to help** the Sports Association with the dedicated “Sports Day” during O-Week.
- **Deciding a meeting date** for the first Inter-Faculty committee meeting; at the time of writing this report a date and time has yet to be picked.
- **Created the Inter-Faculty Committee** Facebook page to help maintain communication and organisation with faculty sport reps.
- **Planning Posters and Handouts** for O-week, O-day and all of 2014 to advertise and promote Inter-Faculty Sports as a free, social and fun initiative for all UWA students.