



I hope everyone had a fruitful study break and has used April to catch up on their projects, after kicking off the month with PROSH. The past month has been great for getting projects in motion, as it was not as packed with committee/University meetings, although I took a few days leave over the Easter weekend.

## **Meetings |**

- **Guild (Internal):**
  - **Volunteering Hub – Albany trip planning**
  - **Leasing/Tenants meeting** – development of a Tenants procedure now at CSC
  - **Guild staff meeting**
  - **Student meeting to discuss Bjorn Lomborg and the proposed Australian Consensus Centre at UWA** – attended by Vice-Chancellor Paul Johnson who answered student questions.
  - **Staff Q&A with Paul Johnson to discuss Bjorn Lomborg** – organised by UWA Academic Staff Association
  - **Guild Committee Meetings:**
    - Corporate Services
    - Volunteering and Community Engagement
    - Student Services
    - Welfare and Advocacy
    - Equity and Diversity
    - Strategic Resources
    - Catering and Tavern
    - OB Team
    - Executive
- **UWA (Internal):**
  - **Sports Board**
  - **Student Consultative Committee Meeting x 2**
  - **Planning and Resources Committee Meeting**
  - **Media training with David Stacey and UWA Media team**
  - **Meeting with Sustainable Initiatives team**
  - **Meeting with Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor Dawn Freshwater** – establish regular meetings, discuss equity and diversity initiatives on campus, and issues I will bring up in our meeting.
  - **UWA Albany Centre Scholarships Presentation evening**
  - **UWA Senate Meeting and dinner**
  - **Annual Alumni Fund Grants Committee Meeting**
  - **Regular meeting with Grady Venville** – acting DVC Education while Alec Cameron is overseas
  - **Meeting with Alumni to discuss Young Alumni Network and volunteer recognition**
  - *Education Futures Strategy Group*
- **External:**
  - **Cognitive Enhancers research project meeting (National Drug Research Institute)**
- **Media –**
  - Media release “Bjorn Lomborg Has No Place at UWA” quoted widely online and in print
  - **Radio: RTR FM x 2, The Sound Environment – Radio Goolarri**
  - **Print: Comment given to The Guardian**
  - **ABC 7pm News**

## University Executive and Strategic Projects |

### AUSTRALIAN CONSENSUS CENTRE and BJORN LOMBORG |

After coming to light in the media, the Guild Executive called for the UWA VC Professor Paul Johnson to reject the \$4 million of Federal Government funding for the “Australian Consensus Centre” to be set up at the UWA Business School and to terminate any discussions to engage climate contrarian Bjørn Lomborg. I hope to reaffirm this interim Executive decision at this Guild Council meeting, and firmly believe that it was important to take this initial decision.

The reason why this stance was taken was due to Dr Lomborg’s internationally criticised track record and ‘research’ and the reputational damage internationally that his appointment will bring (and is already bringing). Many credible academics and scientists believe his ‘research’ actively downplays the effects of climate change and calls for inaction. We have received many complaints and concerns from UWA students, staff and the wider international community. Dr Lomborg doesn’t refute climate change itself, and assessing how to achieve development goals is important (the proposed aims of the Centre), but UWA having any ties to Lomborg and his methodology is problematic. Staff associations and Convocation have also been a similar influx of complaints.

I will provide a verbal update on the student and staff campaign at the meeting, and what occurred at the University’s Senate meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, if anyone would like this.

## Guild Divisions

### ALBANY STUDENTS

On April 17<sup>th</sup> I attended the UWA Albany Centre Scholarships and Awards Presentation Evening. I was able to use the opportunity to meet with the new Albany Student Committee President, Vice-President, student committee, a student from Smart Start (bridging program), and UWA Albany staff, including the Director. It was great to meet these students in representative roles, as well as other Albany students, to hear what they’ve been up to and what they want from the Guild. Many do not know what the Guild offers, and despite things improving a lot over the past two years, there is still so much more we can do. I will be working with Lucy Moyle, Kaity McAlister (Albany Rep) and the Albany Student Rep Committee over the course of the year to implement new suggestions that have arisen, better advertise our services to students, and try to foster a better exchange between Perth and Albany – where clubs and Faculty Societies look to engage with Albany.

I am also organising an Albany Engagement trip with Guild Council for May 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. This will involve activities with the Albany students (Friday night, Saturday) and a volunteering opportunity with the Albany Urban Downhill on Sunday. I encourage all Councillors to get involved as this will be a heap of fun!

### CATERING

- We are currently implementing feedback from the Guild Eat and Drink survey (prize winners have been notified). This has included no longer charging for hot water, plastic cutlery (was only being charged in Nedlands) and gluten free rolls in the sandwich bar in the Refectory.
- We are focusing on International food options and diversity, and are calling for feedback through a feedback box/questionnaire on our website that I have been advertising through Guild Weekly. This comes after feedback through a University International Student Survey that showed there were specific areas that International students felt catering at UWA (and on all campuses) could improve.
- Hackett Hall
  - o New menu is in the works and will be implemented in the near future, tied in with the launch of the new-look space
  - o Fresh paint and servery upgrade is being completed this week, with furniture to follow in the coming weeks.
  - o The refurbishment has included additional power points, based on student feedback and the use of this space as a study/hangout space.
- We are currently looking into coffee cart options and seeking Campus Management’s cooperation in doing so, after the Vice Chancellor himself recommended we look into coffee carts in specific high foot traffic areas.

## **COLLEGES**

Over the next week I will be organising a Colleges/Guild Strategic Meeting, where the 5 college Presidents (if they want to attend) and I can discuss high level University issues and student concerns, in the hope that a regular line to the Executive of the Guild can be established into the future. I also hope to discuss college engagement initiatives moving forward.

## **EVENTS**

A confidential briefing on a future Guild run event (June 2015) will be provided at the meeting, including progress currently being made in the event project group.

## **EXAMS**

An issue has been raised with me with regards to student being able to sit a make-up exam if they miss an exam due to misreading their timetable/arriving more than half an hour late etc. In the past the student would be able to sit another exam, but apparently students are being sent away now and given a fail. This is apparently not a change to policy, but a change in the reading of a 'procedure' due to a change in the staff member who runs exams. I am still trying to get information about this but will be keeping both Education Council and Guild Council up to date.

## **PROSH**

While I do not know the final total of donations for PROSH 2015, from a student and community engagement perspective the event has been a success. I was very impressed with the work of the Directors Matt and Dom in engaging so many clubs and societies in PROSH Olympics and in PROSH as a whole, through all aspects of planning and the event itself. The event on the day ran incredibly smoothly, with very few complaints being made about students and the paper itself.

Big thank you to Kate and Alex for all of their hard work in producing the actual paper and keeping the team together, Matt and Dom for all of their work throughout the period, Sean as Editor for once again producing a paper with just the right balance of political satire and toilet humour, and Maddie for being Queen Master Overload Head Marshall and ensuring that everyone was on their best behaviour.

I only received a small number of complaints, and in the review of PROSH for next year we will be ensuring that each individual participant is even more aware of the code of conduct and what is expected of them, as I had a few complaints about harassment that were unacceptable. I have been taking a hard line with this and we will be working to ensure that it is clearer than ever what level of behaviour is expected when handing out papers.

It was also great to see the media engage in promoting PROSH, and I hope that in following years we will be able to get similar coverage from Channel Nine or another network, as this was a great way of letting people know that PROSH was happening that morning.



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The highlight for me this month was receiving a complimentary Entertainment Book in my pigeonhole from the Entertainment Book Account Manager who wants to partner with the UWA Student Guild for a fundraising initiative. There are some really fun activities and foods in there that I look forward to testing out.

### **Meetings**

- Meeting with the University Executive with Lizzy and Tony (24/3)
- MASA (24/3)
- SOC Website Update (26/3)
- OB (2/4; 16/4)
- Corporate Services Committee (27/3; 24/4)
- Campus Reps (27/3)
- Parking Appeals Board (27/3; 10/4; 24/4)
- Guild Exec (2/4; 18/4; 23/4)
- SOC UniPrint Discussion (14/4)
- SS/Representation Brainstorm (15/4)
- SRC April (21/4)
- MASA AGM (23/4)

### **University Executive Strategy Meeting**

Lizzy, Tony and I had quite a positive meeting with the Uni Exec last month. Lizzy went through a power point which essentially outlined all aspects of the Guild: Guild structure (Council, committees, departments, subsidiary councils), catering, events, student lifecycle etc. The attendees had really positive reviews, particularly in regards to the student lifecycle report. We also discussed the integration and partnership of university services and Guild services, such as the partnerships between various Guild Council members and the UWA Alumni department.

### **Campus Representatives**

The first campus representatives meeting involved Cale Black (Nedlands) and Sean Matjeraie (Claremont) and myself. We discussed current issues at each campus such as, for Nedlands, disengagement from Crawley Campus activities and for Claremont, CELT/Taylors students are not Guild members, the schools are not represented by the Guild, students are usually only there for between 3 months – 1 year. Ideas were floated, especially in relation to Claremont campus, on how to engage non-Guild members, and to ensure they are well-represented.

### **Corporate Services Committee**

- Administration:
  - Nicola Norris from Finance has drafted a formalised Tenancy Policy (for businesses in Guild village). At time of writing, this policy has not been discussed with the CSC.
- IT:
  - Sushi Digital has sent through the MyGuild layout/design, which is clean and smart.
  - CSC endorsed the UWA Student Guild IT Strategic Plan
- Finance:

- Have been in discussion with CSC and Nevin about ways to tackle UniPrint not being able to see club finances and therefore approving every print job, even though this could leave a club in negative funds, which is not allowed unless they have an approved overdraft. This issue also applies to Venues. Various solutions have been suggested, and we are still in discussion.
- Looking at future of current accounting program

### **MASA (Mature Aged Students' Association)**

- MASA Annual Welcome Lunch was a great success, with over 30 people in attendance
- Have been discussing various aspects of the department with the MASA ladies (Tammy, Pat and Bree) in the lead up to the historic MASA AGM. I have found that the MASA Regulations were passed by the 100<sup>th</sup> Guild Council, which states that members of the committee must be elected during semester meetings.
- The MASA contact list has been gradually building, from sign-ups on O-Day as well as adding students who began at UWA through the Mature Age Entry Pathway

### **Parking Appeals**

- The Guild VP is the student representative and only consistent member of the Parking Appeals Board
- Have attended 3 meetings since last GC and have waived most legitimate fines

As always, if you have any questions, please send me an email at [vp@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:vp@guild.uwa.edu.au) or [lucy.moyle15@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:lucy.moyle15@guild.uwa.edu.au).

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## Education Council President Report | April 2015

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Ed Council | OCHWA Campus

Planning to go down to OCHWA campus on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to distribute guild/student stickers, talk to students about services offered by Guild etc. UDSS will also have a table next to the Guild one.

### Ed Council | Campus Culture:

Campus Culture workshop with fac socs was poorly attended to my frustration. It was however very highly reviewed by those in attendance who said they found the info new and really useful.

### Ed Council | Funding:

Baseline funding and SPG funding have been provided to the fac socs. To Blackstone's disappointment we didn't have room in the budget for a \$45 000 bear.

### Ed Council | IT:

The plan for the five key areas being upgraded is progressing nicely.

Meeting with Craig Nichol the day before council to get a more detailed update.

The issue of Med students having WIFI access in hospitals is progressing as the head of UWA IT met with the Health Department's CIO.

### Ed Council | Anthropology

Meeting with Anthropology society to discuss how they can better represent their students on Ed issues.

### Ed Council | Academic Question

The question on the Guild website relating to support required for students in the transition from LMS to Blackboard has had a pretty low response so working to push it harder at students before we close it.

### Ed Council | Late Assessments

The late assessment return form has been a success as I'm being alerted to issues that relevant fac socs weren't aware of so very glad to expand the reach of academic support for students.

### Ed Council | HSS

We have two new students interested in filling in the hole of representation left by HSS. These students are considering merging into WAMSS due to the small cohort size of public health students and the amount of issues they share with WAMSS. Naturally this depends on the eagerness of WAMSS to take them in as a subsidiary and we're working to continue investigate the feasibility of this.

### Ed Futures | Blackboard:

A number of foreseeable issues re the transition from Moodle to Blackboard mid-year have been raised and we've had assurances that they'll all be addressed.

### Student Consultative Committee:

Items discussed in March SCC:

Availability of textbooks in libraries for large units – we've been working with fac socs to identify units that require more books and Jill Benn, the head librarian, has been very eager to support us in better catering to these students. We're also looking at areas where textbooks may be in the wrong library etc.

Jill's also organized workshops for students to learn about ebooks in response to this issue and I understand the workshops have been popular.

Surprise assessments – These are against university policy and Grady Venville is putting a halt to it in all units where it's occurring.

Student access to exams – Alec Cameron and Grady Venville are working to investigate giving students' access to past exams to aid in learning. This project is a work in progress but has in principle support.

Items discussed in April SCC:

Academic transcript costs – unfortunately we've been able to make little progress in this area. The actual cost of producing the transcript is high because of issues attached to the security/authenticity. We've investigated having a less secure print version that looks a little more legit than a screenshot but the cost involved in developing this software is not something the university feels it can currently afford.

Difficulties in enforcing Senate resolution on Prosh were discussed and we're looking to work on how the resolution is advertised leading into Prosh next year as many tutors/lecturers did not seem to understand the significance of Prosh and status quo about not holding class.

Discussed issues around not being able to attend the Spring Graduation ceremony if you finish your degree with a summer unit. This is based on the RSVP date required for the graduation ceremony to be organized from a logistical perspective, and doesn't delay the recognition bestowed upon the student or their ability to get a job etc.

Difficulties with printing page reversal are narrowed down to webprint when using an adobe document. IT are continuing to work on it.

#### **EAN | Upcoming NDA:**

There's an NDA planned for May 20<sup>th</sup> courtesy of the good folks at NUS.

David Cann as EAN Coordinator will be working to build this in the coming month.

#### **Student Services | Timetabling**

Syllabus Plus review is progressing nicely.

There'll be a chance for students to view the new software soon.

#### **University assessment policy review:**

First meeting of Review of Assessment Working Group is the morning of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>. I'll report anything of interest verbally during council.

#### **Finances:**

Bus to/from NDA: \$250

Total expenses: \$250



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)
Guild Sustainability Plan	First revision meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> April, second planned for 28 <sup>th</sup> to finalise in May. Revising KPI's and pillar structure, potentially add "Biodiversity" pillar.	All.	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Solar Panels	Price from builder for 38 kW solar panels on IOMR was way over estimated cost, and so Sustainable Initiatives have been looking into alternative contractors to install the panels. Prices from alternative contractors came to about half the cost quoted by the builder, so we will probably go ahead with choosing a contractor and retro-fitting the solar panels once the building is complete.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Divestment	Organisational problems with leadership, however, Fossil Free UWA did run a small campaign on the National Day of Action (22 <sup>nd</sup> April), with Carbon Bubbles on Oak Lawn with petition.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Sustainability Map and Enviro Website	Data available from Sustainable Initiatives and Guild for map. Design phase postponed.	Engagement and Communication, Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Womens' and Enviro Bike Collaboration	Met with woman bike repair expert from "Dismantle"; need to confirm availability, date and costs. Looking to occur in Sem 2.	Transport, Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling in Cafes	Bins installed in Ref and Guild Cafe. Posters designed, sourcing frames for installation. Science next expected location, then Reid and Hackett start of Sem 2.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Guild Recycling Plan	3-Point approach devised: Student Tenants, Commercial Tenants, and Catering. Currently investigating recycling system and "Cash for Cans" program for Student Tenants.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Masterplan	Tav garden redevelopment delayed but Enviro Department to make visual guide of plants to go in, including info to go on picket signs.	Procurement, Energy/Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Election paper reduction	Paper reduction of 25% written into draft election regulation changes. Investigate 100% post-consumer recycled paper.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Black Cockatoos	Great Cocky Council was sadly cancelled.	Engagement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bjorn Lomborg @ UWA	Press release submitted, helped organise student forum. Currently drafting open letter for professors/students.	Communication, Energy & Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Enviro Checklist	Jess and Amber to write on 23 <sup>rd</sup> April.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0

## Environmental Projects

*Initialisation success (either maintaining or improving):*

Systemic Environmental Projects	Status	Field	Finances
Envirofest	Very successful, still chasing up invoices to complete payments but the event engaged many students and staff alike, and ran smoothly.	Engagement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$3010
Environment Council	3 Clubs attended Envirofest. Clubs all up and running. AYCC to arrange movie night for Enviro Collective, and Enviro Council Drinks @ Tav to engage any students interested.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Social Media	Enviro Collective established 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, average posts are approx 2 per day, 39 new members, 106 total. Facebook page activity has also been high.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Urban Orchard	Thomas Wilkinson new Urban Orchard co-ordinator, handover complete. Gardening day planned for 29 <sup>th</sup> April: plants and equipment purchased.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$123.40
Keep Cups with discounts	Still seeking KeepCup stall co-ordinator.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Dine In Options	Needs new promotion/incentivisation. Discount for dine-in considered not feasible for Semester 1.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bicycle Repair Station	No changes, use continued.	Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Sustainability Audit Volunteering	Completed by SEN UWA volunteers. Sustainable Initiatives processing data.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling Point	Needs repair work and better promo.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Finances:

- Actual Spend = \$3133.40
- Budgeted Spend = \$1280
- Actual Events = 1
- Budgeted Events = 1
- Unusual Discrepancies: none
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\$3133.40 spent on projects in April



### **ISS Director**

- Due to the Resignation of the Liaison Officer, the position was quickly filled with the appointment of a current ISS Ordinary Committee Member (OCM), Tze Ann. As according to the ISS constitution, the appointment was made and approved by the ISS committee.
  - A meeting was held with Tze Ann, on the 22.04.2015 to immediately start contacting International Affiliates to create relationships and to talk about their involvement in the International Students Council (ISC)
- ISC, which is chaired by the Guild Vice-President, is currently in the works and will hopefully be restarted by semester 2, this year.
- I met with the International Student Advisor on the 15.04.2015 on ISS becoming much more involved in orientation, from the organisation to the actual implementation.
- A meeting has been arranged between myself and the International Centre Director to talk in more detail about the above issue, the change in how the International Centre will work and about the CISA conference.
- The ISS department will be nominating for 'Best International Student Association' Award as well as nominating *Multicultural Week* for the 'Best International Student Event' Award. The deadline to submit these is 24.04.2015.
- A marquee for use by ISS has been ordered at a cost of \$1716.00, half of which will be paid by MCW funds.

### **ISS Departments**

#### **Social:**

- The Rottneest event, which was extremely successful, actually made a small profit of \$100. The expected cost of the event was \$3900, however total costs came to \$3700, with our income from ticket sales (\$2300) and the International Centre donation (\$1500), which comes to \$3800.
  - The Event was such a success that tickets sold out within 10 minutes, and we will see whether we will have the funds to do a second trip in semester 2.
- Mid – Autumn Feast (MAF) is still at it's planning stages, however issues have come up with cost & Subiaco council permits that it may not be feasible to go ahead with it. An emergency

meeting with all clubs involved has been called for the 23.04.2015.

### **Welfare:**

- The Course help BBQ which will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, has begun promotion as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.
  - The event will concentrate on Business and Engineering 1<sup>st</sup> year core units, which is what many international students are studying.
  - If the event is successful, the event will be expanded to include more majors and degrees.
- The international Welcome @ the colleges is still in its planning stages. A layout has been designed to incorporate as much information into it as possible, as well as to be fun for the students involved.
  - The Colleges that ISS will be targeting are: Trinity, St Cats & University Hall.
  - Emails will be sent out to the heads of college by the 26.04.2015.

### **MCW Committee:**

- A Cheeseburger fundraiser was held on the 14.04.2015.
  - Just over \$360 was made from the event. With the cost price of each burger at \$1.60, selling it at \$3.50 on its own and \$5 with a drink.
  - Sponsorships received this month:
    - \$2000 (International Centre)
    - \$1000 (Business School)
    - \$1000 (Utopia)



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## PAC President Report | April 2015

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Introduction:

April has been a super busy month for the Public Affairs Council and the committee. Ranging from a number of club events, themed week, promotion opportunities and collaboration with separate groups on campus.

### Finance | Budget

The total amount budgeted to April is \$500 (designated for Themed Weeks). At the time of writing this report, a total of \$150 has been spent on Faith Week, however updated finances will be provided at council.

### Clubs | PAC Meeting

A successful PAC meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, where we elected our Social Justice Chair and covered upcoming events and opportunity for PAC clubs to get involved.

### Events | Poems on Oak

Our first event for the year occurred on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. A collaborative event with PAC club Trove, our event provided the opportunity for students and members of the community to come and share their poetic works. Relay@UWA sold cookies and Subway sandwiches to raise money and UWA student Yassaman Rahimi will be played subtle, acoustic tunes to warm up the evening.

### Events | The PAC Club Show-Off!

Held at the New Fortune theatre, it was great to see a diverse group of clubs getting involved and showing off some of their incredible talents. The winners of the event were Trove with runner-up Dance UWA. Other performances include Desi, WAMSO Cantori Choir, University Dramatic Society and UWASCA. The event was held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### Themed Weeks | Faith Week (Week 8)

Faith Week has been an incredibly successful week this month. We had a Faith Club Carnival on Oak Lawn, and Interfaith Panel Discussion which included perspectives from both student and community members. Additionally, we ran a collaborative event with the Women's Department – Women in Faith – where women were able to come and share their experiences with Faith. We also are planning on having a brand new Dine at Mine event where religious students can come and share their cultural and faith experiences. On Friday, we are having a free barbecue for ALVA students with a number of faith clubs promoting their clubs to those students.

### Collaboration | Social Justice Collaboration & Social Justice Week

Maya Shah has been elected Chair of the Social Justice Collaboration. Working alongside PAC VP Eloise Chenu, a wide variety of clubs (both social justice and non) have expressed a keen interest and have become involved with planning our events. Social Justice Week is set to run at the beginning of May (week 10) so will be included in next month's report.

### **PAC Club of the Week | Guild Weekly**

Our Guild Weekly segment PAC Club of the Week has continued consistently.

### **Student Musicians | Schedule**

Posters featuring a call out for student musicians to perform on campus have distributed. We have already received some expression of interest from performers who are keen to busk, and we are in the process of creating a schedule for them to do so.

### **Equity & Diversity Committee | Meetings**

We have had two E&D committee meetings. Our projects that we are working on at the moment include developing effective E&D training modules for Guild staff, Councillors and OBs. We are also developing E&D guidelines for clubs, working with the Events team.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please get in touch with me at via e-mail at [pac@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:pac@guild.uwa.edu.au) or by coming by the office during my consultation hours (Monday 2-3pm, Wednesday 10-11am).

Charlie Viska  
2015 PAC President



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## PSA President Report | April 2015

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **Vikraman Selvaraja** **President of the Postgraduate Students Association**

Hi

In March and April we had some successful events such as the Improv public speaking workshop and the first Winter Connect at the University Club. It was very successful and both events reached capacity very quickly. We also began organising a fortnightly board games night which so far has been quite well attended. I also met with the University Sustainability Team and we had a productive discussion on what we can achieve together in the next few months. I also participated in organising action against the appointment of Bjorn Lomborg as an Adjunct with the University's new Consensus Centre. This will be an ongoing issue that we explore within the university governance structures. Additionally, we will begin organising for the new mentoring program and planning on developing new procedures on supervisory relationships within the university together with the Graduate Research School.

Financially, we spent 900\$ in March on events. We are now preparing for the events in May which include the Quiz Night, our largest event for the year and we have interesting set of events coming up in the second half of the year planned.

Thank you

Vikraman Selvaraja





## Overview

This past month the UWA student guild's Queer Department has run several successful social events, participated in the guild affiliated charity event PROSH, and facilitated a games afternoon with UniGames in Cameron Hall. There have been movie nights and cards nights as well, our interim Queer Officer Ellen Cohen was officially voted in as a full-term officer by the collective, and the rules were voted in during a Queer Collective general meeting.

## General Meeting

Following the official appointment of Ellen Cohen as full-term Queer Officer, the rules previously passed by the Guild and governance were voted upon. Both the motion to elect Ellen Cohen as a full-time officer and to pass the rules was confirmed with a unanimous vote. The rules are now available on the "UWA Queer Dept & Supporters" FaceBook page as well as in the previous months report.

## Events

During the months of March and April we have had several successful events. These include participating in PROSH, with Ruby Blakeway and Ellen Cohen as marshals. PROSH was a success, and students were all accounted for and kept an eye on throughout the night before and the day of PROSH, and sent home to bed after the day's events.

The games evening in cohesion with UniGames in Cameron Hall was also very successful – people were asked to bring a plate of food and games were played until it was time to pack up. We had a very positive response from everyone involved.

There was a film and pizza night run by a temporarily deputized member of the Queer Collective, which was also a success, and was overall a very calm and quiet event.

Ellen Cohen also hosted a Cards Against Humanity night at her house, which went well, and a BBQ was had.

## Finance

\$45.96 was spent on drinks for the Queer Department to sell. This is the only Queer Department purchase for April thus far.

## Conclusion

This report is correct as of April 22nd, feel free to contact us if there are any questions or concerns.





## **Introduction |**

This last month has been a very productive one as we have continued to roll out a number of projects and services that will directly benefit students. I have been touching base with a number of departments to gauge how they are going with their events, listening to their concerns and providing support and assistance where possible.

## **Secretary Duties |**

The secretarial duties I have carried out this month included:

- Compiling Minutes and Agendas from Guild Council Meetings and Guild Committee Meetings
- Following up on business from Minutes, meetings and the general activities of the Guild
- Touching base with all Guild committee chairs to establish how they are going, what progress is being made, and whether they require any assistance.
- Ensuring consistent and regular meeting times with the Guild Executive and Office Bearers to ensure collaboration and accountability between sub-councils and the executive, and to ensure all office bearers are meeting their policy objectives.
- I have also been working closely with the new Executive Assistant, Chloe Keller, in various administrative capacities.

## **Guild Executive | Summary**

Guild executive have approved some grants and loans to students. We have also compiled a list of all the projects and services the Guild has achieved and provided since December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, so if anyone would like a copy of that document, please send me an email.

## **Strategic Resources Committee |**

The Strategic Resources Committee met on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April to discuss a number of capital expenditure projects that are being introduced by the Guild, such as the compliance upgrade and refurbishment of Hackett and Nedlands Café, the refurbishment of the Tavern, and the status of Subway and Boost on campus. We also discussed the Guild Management Accounts, which will be presented at council.

## **Student Services Committee | Summary**

- The committee is in the initial stages of planning the End of Semester Show for Semester 1. We are at the stage of deciding upon a theme and I have organized a n EOSS 1 Planning Committee which will be meeting prior to this meeting to discuss how we will plan this event in conjunction with the events team. We discussed the success of Prosh, and are in the initial stages of planning a debrief and 2016 planning session.
- The committee reviewed some recommendations from the Student Assist office concerning the new procedure for emergency loans, and made some necessary changes.
- The committee also welcomed two new committee members, Andrew Huxtable and Beth Whitewood, as well as our new Events Officer, Freyja Van Oyen.

## **Welfare & Advocacy Committee | Summary**

The committee will be launching the Mental Health Mind map, which aims to increase the visibility and accessibility of mental health services on campus, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May (in order to coincide with Welfare Week). This is a really exciting and important initiative that will really improve the welfare of students suffering from mental illness on campus.

## **Guild Ordinary Committee Member Positions | Summary**

I have liaised with committee chairs in order to set up a strong and direct line of communication between the committee and new committee members.

## **Albany Engagement Project | Summary**

A number of councillors will be heading down to Albany on the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> to engage with their students and student representative committee, as well as participate in a volunteering opportunity. If you would like to be a part of this project, please get in contact a member of the Guild Executive ASAP.

## **Conclusion**

We have completed a large amount of projects this month and have been providing some excellent services to students. It is a very busy and exciting time at the Guild, and I cannot wait for all the hard work we have been doing to become apparent to not only those involved in the Guild, but to the wider university community. As always, I'm here for support and encouragement.. If you have any questions or would like to get involve in any of the projects I've listed above, please do not hesitate to send me an email at [secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) or come by the student rep office.

Jesse Martino  
Guild Secretary



## INTRODUCTION

Hi

## LIBRARY COMPUTER PROMOTION

The form to have a club wallpaper displayed on the Library computers is now online, thanks to Alex Pond and Kelvin Lee. Alex will be putting together the wallpaper, with the information and graphics provided by the club.

## SOC MEETING

The SOC meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and ran quite smoothly. We had 89 clubs present at the meeting

Below is a copy of the agenda:

- 1.0 SOC WELCOME
- 2.0 EVENTS
- 3.0 GOOGLE WORKSHOP
- 4.0 NEW CLUB DASHBOARD
- 5.0 ONLINE TICKETING
- 6.0 SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT
- 7.0 UWA ALUMNI
- 8.0 NETWORKING EVENT
- 9.0 STORAGE SPACE
- 10.0 NEW SOC CLUB AFFILIATIONS
  - 10.1 UWA Motorsports (UWAM)
  - 10.2 Hispanic University Group (HUG)
- 11.0 NEW PAC CLUB AFFILIATIONS
  - 11.1 Hispanic University Group (HUG)
  - 11.2 Imagine UWA
- 12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

We had two successful new clubs affiliated to SOC – UWA Motorsports and the Hispanic University Group.

I also conducted a very quick survey that was printed on the back of the SOC Agenda. I asked:

- Do you find these SOC/PAC meetings useful?
- What could we do to improve the meetings?
- What could we do to improve support to clubs in general?

## THE GOOD

- Surprisingly, most of the clubs found the meetings valuable!
- I had a few clubs that found the meetings perfect and nothing had to be changed
- Clubs have been finding SOC very supportive

## CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

- More dot-points on the slides



- Start on time. To fix this, I will from now on advertise a sign-in time which is when clubs should aim to get to the venue by.

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- One club mentioned that content presented at SOC Meetings could just be sent out in an email. I will next time put more thought into content and presentation style.
- I talk for too long at meetings and often go on tangents. I need some kind of electric shock that will be triggered by someone in the SOC Committee to ensure that I do not get off topic (I'm kidding, but I will have to control myself more).
- I should "keep being fab" and "stay healthy"

### **ONLINE TICKETING**

I recently spoke to some guy from iWannaTicket.com and he has agreed to provide Guild-Affiliated clubs with a discount for those who use their site!

iWannaTicket will charge \$1.00+2.1% of the ticket price. TryBooking is the commonly used service, but I think most would agree iWannaTicket is 10x better!

A few of the great things about this website, is that users can customise their event webpage, view sales reports and apply booking codes to scan tickets upon entry.

### **GOOGLE WORKSHOP**

Google will again be conducting a workshop this year, to teach clubs how to effectively use Gmail, Sites, Drive, Calendar, Forms, Docs, Sheets and Slides. The session will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of April from 6PM to 7:30PM.

### **NEW CLUB DASHBOARD**

The new club dashboard is basically done! It will replace the old and hideous VVV system.

The new dashboard will include the following:

- Decoration lease/hire system (to come later once released)
- Online club sign-Up's
- Individual club profile's
- Club history
- Online membership database
- Online working mailing list
- All the forms for a new committee all in one place
- There will also be a link to the new Event's Website

UniPrint is also creating a new online printing service that will cater more to clubs. Once this is completed there will also be a link to UniPrint on the Club Dashboard.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS**

The form for this grant is now available online. The budget section of the online form is not working properly at this stage and so until Sushi fixes this, club's will be required to submit an excel copy of their budget via email.

Due date for the first round of submissions is 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

This is the next big project that I will be focusing on and be spending most of my time on for the next week or two.

Chelsea Kneale (SOC OCM) met with Chelsea Hayes just before she left for her holiday to discuss SOC

Sponsorship and put together a plan of attack. This Project will involve finding companies to sponsor SOC with funding each year for new grants and/or new SOC awards. We will also be putting together a “How to Sponsorship” guide to help clubs find sponsors!

#### **UWA ALUMNI**

I met with Josh from UWA Alumni and we discussed how clubs can make use of the services that UWA Alumni offers. With a lot of the events becoming more education and career focused, I thought it might be beneficial for clubs to get in contact with UWA Alumni whenever they need speakers for their events.

Josh has also agreed to CC me in any correspondence with clubs

#### **STORAGE SPACE**

Kieran Natalwala and Sam Shenton will be conducting a storage allocation in a few a few weeks, once the deadline for application submissions has passed.

Deadline for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

#### **TREASURER TRAINING**

A few clubs were not able to make any of the treasurer training sessions – mainly because the sessions were held at the same time, same day every week. Olivia will be meeting up with any clubs that wish to receive the training and go through the content 1v1.

It's important to next time consider having the sessions on different days and different times each week, so that those who have work or some other regular commitment are still able to make the group session.

#### **MAILING LIST**

The mailing list is still causing me troubles -.- If anyone would like to be added to the SOC Mailing List and see what I'm sending out to clubs send me an email and I'll have you added to the list!

#### **FINANCE**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Budgeted for 2015</b>	<b>Amount Spent Feb 2015</b>
Club Start-Up Grants	SLAYA, UWA Motorsports, Hispanic University group	\$0	\$450.00
Orientation Grant	O'Day Grants	\$15 000	\$14 990.30
Sundry Activities	SOC Meeting BBQ	\$1000	\$280.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15 320.30</b>

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

faithfully and all that,

**Nevin Jayawardena**

2015 Societies Council President

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Good morning/afternoon/evening everyone,

This year is going much faster than I thought it would! Its crazy to think we already more than halfway through Semester 1! My inbox has never been fuller, nor my Facebook calendar, and the keyboard of my laptop is starting to wear through due to excessive use! Enough about me, let's talk about food and money.

**Meetings:**

- Tavern Manager Interviews (23/03)
- Hackett Menu Meeting (23/03), (14/04)
- Parking Appeals Meeting (26/03)
- Hackett Café Planning Meeting (27/03)
- Hackett Café Furniture Meeting (31/03)
- OB Meeting (02/04), (16/04)
- Exec Meeting (02/04), (16/04)
- Prospective Coffee Vendor Meeting (13/04)
- Open Day Planning Meeting (14/04)
- Hackett Menu Meeting (14/04)
- Strategic Resources Committee Meeting (21/04)

**Catering and Tavern Committee:**

Our new Catering and Tavern Committee Members are here! Our first meeting is being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April (the day after this report is due, but before the meeting – so expect to hear some updates on Wednesday about things we will have discussed) and it should hopefully have a great turn out, with Izzy, Laura and Julian helping us achieve quorum.

Some developments from the previous month regarding C&T include:

- Hot Water is FREE in all our outlets.
- Gluten Free Bread is now also FREE at the Ref Sandwich Bar.
- Discussions with two different Coffee Vans over potential locations to set up on Campus/ALVA Campus.
- New drinks and cakes in the Ref Coffee Stop which are proving to be quite popular.

There are also plans for marketing strategies to promote both the Tavern and Hackett Café post refurbishments in the hopes of increasing both traffic and visibility of services/products on offer. These will become a major focus towards the end of the month, and early May. Further, some members of the Catering and Tavern committee are looking into the possibility of creating a 'student' night in the Tav, one night a week to increase traffic and make the Tav the place to go on a certain night of the week.

Guild Weekly is currently being used to collect feedback and ideas fir Eat & Drink improvements, in regards to international offerings, general feedback, and ways to better cater for dietary requirements.

**Hackett Cafe:**

Everything is underway in Hackett Café! Orders have been placed, construction work planned, and the final designs look great. A new menu is also on the way in, and it's something I'm very excited about. This café on campus needs to be self-sustainable, and have a product offering that is found nowhere else on campus – and I believe that Rodney, Irene and I have come up with new ideas to help make this a reality. Hopefully, come Semester 2, more clubs will be wanting to use Hackett as an event venue, which would be grand.

**Finance:**

The SOC Team is currently working on recovering club debts from lapsed clubs, and I am assisting in the process. It is a long process trying to get this money back, but we are making progress!

New guidelines are also being put into place for small clubs that are overdrawn and who are requesting an overdraft – but don't believe they will be able to get back to a positive balance before the end of their term.

**Open Day Planning:**

Freyja and I are attending the Open Day Planning meetings on behalf of the Guild. We are trying to push for a greater amount of clubs able to attend the day, as well as the use of Faculty Societies by each Faculty, so that there are no understaffing issues. Slowly but surely the planning is coming along, and hopefully Oak Lawn will be featured as a major part of the Open Day Tour, with the Guild having a strong presence there.

**Misc. Business:**

You can now get a mug of cappuccino with whipped cream and free cake in the Ref for only \$2.90! It's great – go check it out!

With financially sustainable love,  
Ashleigh



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**WASAC Officer | April 2015**

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

## **EVENTS | Shentons' Got Talent**

After many years of failed planning, WASAC finally put on a Shenton's Got Talent event held at University Hall on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. Our Vice-Chairperson Joey Bin Omar brought this event forward. Its sole purpose was to showcase the many hidden talents that each of our students has. Various performances such as singers, freestyle rappers, stand-up comedians and a unique "solve the Rubik's cube whilst playing the didgeridoo". The event ran to budget and proved itself successful and will definitely be a key event on the WASAC calendar next year.

## **EVENT PLANNING | National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG)**

NITESG planning is falling behind schedule. This year the games are held in July, which has put a lot of pressure on the committee to secure the funding to send a team of 16 people to Newcastle. Currently, we are a week away from finalizing teams with numerous amounts of trainings having occurred already. Funding is yet to be locked in due to the prospectus being delayed. If you have any suggestions for sources of funding, please let myself or Brendon DeGois know. ([brendon.degois@uwa.edu.au](mailto:brendon.degois@uwa.edu.au))

## **EVENT PLANNING | Marnda Week 2015**

Marnda week planning is going to schedule. The committee is currently finalizing EMP's for the guild events team. We have secured a didgeridoo workshop, face painting, a cultural dance and food tastings. There will be a welcome to country. If anyone would like to lend a hand, please contact myself.

## **INITIATIVES | Indigenous Men's Group**

Various WASAC committee members identified that young indigenous men at university don't have a "safe place" to share any issues that are affecting them. Due to large amount of Indigenous students originating from outside of Noongar country, WASAC found it appropriate to set up events that will enable these young men to talk about their culture and share stories through song and discussion. We are planning to host an event within the coming week.

## **CONTACT | Torey Rickerby**

If you have any questions, or are keen to get involved with WASAC, please don't hesitate to email me at [wasac@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:wasac@guild.uwa.edu.au)





It's been a busy month for the department. Please find details of activities in this report:

- **Finances**

Event	Cost
Yoga (7 sessions)	\$525
Pilates (5 sessions)	\$400
Breakfast (semester 1+2)	\$181.91

**Pilates** : free Pilates sessions commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> April after a week long of study break and these sessions (Every Tues 4-5pm at Oak Lawn) have been growing in size every week and everyone seems to be loving it. There are about 50 people in every session.

**Yoga**: Yoga sessions resumed from the 13<sup>th</sup> April after study break and these sessions (Every wed 4-5pm at Oak Lawn) have also been doing great in terms of participation.

**Free Breakfast**: The Welfare Department is holding a free breakfast on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 8-9am at the Ref Courtyard. The event will be run with the help of volunteers organised by Guild Volunteering and the Guild Events team. The free breakfast program will be made fortnightly.

**Jogging classes**: Jogging sessions in collaboration with the Womens Dept have kicked off month. Sessions run every Mondays 7.30-8 followed by free breakfast. Womens only sessions run Thurs mornings every fortnightly also followed by free breakfast.

**W&A Committee**: The W&A committee is currently in the process of designing a mind map of all free support services available to students on campus. This will hopefully be launched by welfare week (week 12)

**Welfare Week**: Planning and prep is underway for Welfare Week in week 12. FacSocs/Clubs and External Organisations have been in contact with the department to collaborate during welfare week. Here is the breakdown for the week:

Mon: Food day

Tues: Destress Day

Wed: Health day

Thurs: Mental Health Day

If you have any ideas/any questions or would just like to say hello pls email me at [welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au)

Much love Rida xoxo



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**Women's Affairs Officer | April 2015**

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

## **EVENTS | Women in Faith Panel Discussion**

During Faith Week, in collaboration with the Public Affairs Council, we ran the Women in Faith Panel Discussion, which involved a range of women students from different faiths and backgrounds. The aim of the event was to encourage increased cultural understanding, discuss the role/perception of women in different belief systems, and share experiences where there has been tension between gender and religious identity. I was unable to attend the event itself due to work, and would like to thank Charlie and Meg from PAC for helping organize and run the event.

## **EVENTS | NOWSA Conference**

The Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference for 2015 is being held in Hobart at the University of Tasmania during the winter break, from June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>. The conference provides an opportunity for women identifying students to engage with personal, political, social, and cultural issues that affect women. I will be attending the conference, hopefully with some other UWA students. As flights to Hobart are quite expensive I am currently investigating potential funding opens to assist interested students. Registration is currently open at <http://tiny.cc/NOWSA2015registration>. For more information about NOWSA, including expressions of interest in attending, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## **INITIATIVES | Jogging Group**

In collaboration with the Welfare Department we are running weekly open jogging sessions, and bi-weekly sessions for women only, in the morning. Student volunteers are running these sessions and free breakfast is provided after the jog for participants. The aim behind this initiative is for students to have a casual, fun, and encouraging environment to exercise in. The rationale behind the women-only session is that many women feel unsafe or uncomfortable running in a mixed group, and it is important to foster an inclusive and supportive environment for women to exercise in. Overall we have been receiving positive feedback from participants and hopefully the initiative will continue for the rest of the semester.

## **CAMPAIGNS | Gender Pay Gap**

This year's campaign against the gender pay gap will be running during Week 11 of the semester. The plan is to run a poster campaign to raise awareness on the issue, have a stall during common lunch hour with interactive activities to visually and physically explain the impact of the pay gap on students, and have a movie night as a fun way to end the campaign. I am investigating the possibility of some form of lecture that can provide practical advice to women on how to break down the pay gap. I plan to work with other groups, such as WASAC and the Queer Department, to ensure that the campaign is intersectional.

## **CAMPAIGNS | Safety on Campus**

The issue of safety is one that comes up every year, but due to a lack of hard data specific to UWA it has been difficult to tackle. I am currently investigating the possibility of running a UWA-specific survey regarding safety on campus, either in conjunction with NUS Women's 'Talk About It' survey, or separate to it. There has been interest from several faculties and colleges in running a survey, and I am interesting in gaining more information on any specific areas/times on campus where women are feeling unsafe. The goal is to use the data collected in campaigns, and also to lobby the university and other groups to put a greater focus on safety, including improving the lighting and better advertising campus security services.

## COLLECTIVES | Women's Collective

The Women's Collective meetings have been going really well this semester. We have introduced having a discussion 'theme' every week and have covered topics from allies to women in TV/movies, which has provided for some interesting discussion and made the meetings more engaging. Mixing up the meeting times during the semester has also been beneficial in allowing a greater number of women to attend, and we have had increasing numbers come to the meetings which is fantastic!

## COLLECTIVES | Women of Colour Collective

The UWA Women of Colour Collective had its first meeting in week seven. It was a well-attended gathering over morning tea in the Women's Room. The collective will meet weekly from week nine onwards. Events or campaigns for the rest of the year have not been confirmed, however the collective is discussing screening a film in a lecture theatre before the end of semester. – **Laura Mwiragua**

## COLLECTIVES | Queer Women Collective

The Queer Women's Collective is still going strong with lots of support from the Queer Department and other members who have offered to help from the inside. We will be having a meeting around the time when this report will be presented to council. On account of me being very unwell the past month, things have been a little slow but still with immense support from the inside and the eagerness of members. A challenge I am currently facing is having the Queer Women's Collective turn in to a mirror of the Queer Departments "Lesbian Department" issue. Most of the active members are gay and there is little representation of trans women. Some trans women have found attending to be an issue on account of the lack of representation present and due to personal issues I will not mention here. I am currently working on a plan to make the Queer Women's Collective more trans friendly. I will report back on my progress in the next report. I would like to mention lastly that I love the challenge of running a collective and I look forward to more rewarding experiences within the collective to come this year. – **Lizzie Long**

## FINANCES | April

	AMOUNT BUDGETTED 2015	AMOUNT SPENT APRIL	AMOUNT SPENT YTD	DESCRIPTION APRIL
Campaigns	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$322.18	
Consumables	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Workshops/Events	\$2000.00	\$458.20	\$741.45	<b>O-Day Stall</b> - \$298.20 stall hire <b>Room Hire</b> - \$160.00 Sue Boyd Room
Publications	\$1600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$101.56	
General Expenses	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>	<b>\$458.20</b>	<b>\$1165.19</b>	

## CONTACT |

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