



Meetings | UWA

- **Regular meetings:**
 - Jill Benn, Head Librarian
 - Jon Stubbs, Director of Student Services
 - Alec Cameron, DVC Education
 - University Executive (quarterly)
- **University Committee/Council Meetings:**
 - Senate Strategic Resources Committee
 - Student Consultative Committee
 - Academic Council
 - Education Committee
 - Review of Student Complaints and Appeals Working Party
- **Senate Advisory Committees:**
 - Facilities Development Committee
 - Planning and Resources Committee
- Meeting with **Alec Cameron** and **Chris Massey** to discuss UWA Sports/Guild relationship – sports clubs, service provision, etc.
- Meeting with **Alec Cameron** to discuss SSAF distribution for 2015
- ‘Study drugs’/Cognitive enhancers research project group meeting (**NDRI**)
- Discussion with **7:30 Report** on graduate unemployment

MEETINGS | Internal

- **Guild Committee Meetings:**
 - Welfare and Advocacy
 - Equity and Diversity
 - Strategic Resources
 - Executive Management
 - Student Services
- **Guild planning meetings:**
 - MyGuild implementation and communication
 - Student feedback on facilities
 - Annual report planning
 - Mid Year Budget Review
- **Guild Alumni:**
 - **Deidre Willmott** – Guild President ’84, CEO of Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Tour of Guild, Guild Council Meeting Room and discussions on her time with the Guild and potential partnerships with the Chamber.
 - **The Honourable Kim Beazley AC** - A Guild Council Morning Tea – UWA Centenary project completion event
 - **Emmanuel Hondros** – planning for Guild Alumni Project
- **Education Council** meeting
 - **Health Sciences Society** – start-up and admin support
- **‘Mid Year Planning Day**

- **Audit Tender Interviews:**
 - Deloitte
 - Grant Thornton
 - Moore Stephens
 - William Buck
- **Save Our Voice'** - campaign planning meeting
- **Intercollege Debating** - Judging

ADMINISTRATION | Annual report, Mid Year Planning Day, Mid Year Budget Review

The Annual Report is progressing well, with the aim to be completed by the September Guild Council meeting at the latest. We are currently collecting final reports from different areas of the Guild before moving into the Design phase. We will be releasing this report widely online and printing a small number of distribution physically. I hope to tie this in with our planned marketing campaign surrounding our achievements for the year, to complete the feedback loop with students.

While attendance from Office Bearers at the Mid-Year Planning Day was high, attendance from Ordinary Guild Councillors was very low. This was disappointing as the primary aim of the MYPD was to help to bring OGCs closer into the projects of the Guild, to let them give input on the OB and Executive projects, and to help the organisation move forward, with the hope of completing all of our goals for the year. While this aspect was disappointing, the half-day was a great opportunity for OBs to reflect upon what they had achieved for the year, map out what they would like to achieve for the remainder of their term, and look for advice and assistance not only on existing projects, but also on alternative ways to approach existing issues or problems. I hope that based on feedback from this year's Council, a Mid Year Planning Day for the 103rd Council is able to be organised earlier and helps to ensure that the Council gets the most out of their term and plans not only thoroughly but strategically.

The Mid Year Budget Review has been constructed and approved by SRC (for approval at this GC meeting) and I am pleased to see a number of savings found. Our overall position is positive but we are obviously considerably reliant on continued funding from the University, which raises recurring questions of sustainability. I am very pleased with our increasing Associate Membership revenue, but we need to look to establish mechanisms to solidify revenue into the future, and find new ways to make the Ref and the Bookshop increasingly financially viable and sustainable.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL | Cuts to European Studies, Gender Studies, Medieval and Early Modern Studies

I was very disappointed to see the Academic Council endorse a proposal from the Faculty of Arts to cut the European Studies, Gender Studies and Medieval and Early Modern Studies majors, despite increases in the number of students who have elected to have EURO/GEND/MEMS as their major this year, and dissent from the student, staff and community. I have attached the document that I sent to Academic Council for a more detailed explanation of the issues that I found with the proposal.

I believe that the campaign itself was successful in bringing the cuts into the attention of students, staff and the general public, and was successful in engaging students in on-campus activism. While the result was not what was desired, the decision faced increased scrutiny and the Academic Council was forced to take a far closer look at the proposal.

CATERING | Halal food

I will be meeting with the Muslim Students Association this week to increase the consultation with Muslim students around Halal food on campus. I hope that with increased consultation, collaboration and brainstorming as a group we can further progress with the various proposals for improving Halal food on campus, including if a food truck that we have found would be an appropriate interim measure.

EDUCATION | Common Lunch Hour

As indicated at previous meetings, I have been pushing for a crackdown on breaches to the University policy that protects 1 – 1:45 pm Tuesdays and Fridays as a common lunch hour period. This has resulted in all complaints made with me taken up directly by the Dean of Coursework Studies Grady Venville and subsequently followed up with all Faculties for correction or to seek approval.

This extra scrutiny has resulted in an issue being highlighted with Venues and Timetabling, where classes are being booked into CLH without approval, and no approval is being sought from either group. The Director of Student Services Jon Stubbs has taken this issue up with Timetabling to ensure that the idea of teaching taking priority over the CLH can be clarified, and the introduction of the new timetable allocation system should make it impossible to block out this time without approval. I have only approved a small number of classes during the break and have been informed by some Faculties that large efforts have been made to reduce clashes this Semester, which is a great sign.

FACILITIES AND PARKING |

After initial discussions with Gaye McMath (Chief Operating Officer) and Rowan (Head of Campus Management) about prioritising improvements to teaching spaces and bathroom facilities, I was pleased with the progress made at the recent Facilities Development Committee meeting.

Plans to upgrade a series of teaching spaces have been confirmed, including the seating in Willsmore and Tattersall Lecture Theatres. There is also a confirmed project to upgrade toilets on campus, which I flagged as one of the highest student priorities for Facilities and was pleased to see recognised (~\$500,000 funding). Toilet upgrades will focus on Reid Library and Guild Village, and I am keen for feedback on other pain-points on campus. The University is also conducting a review/audit of staff and student common spaces, to see if they are at an adequate standard across the board, and I have asked that a review of whether the space is appropriate to be included. I raised that Science students currently have a Science Union Office, but not a common space. As such, I hope that in this audit the issue of spaces not being provided within Faculties in some cases is highlighted.

The University is also progressing with further planning to improve end of trip facilities, bike and public transport accessibility of UWA, reduce demand for parking and reduce congestion around campus and to improve connectivity between UWA's campuses (eg. QEII). This is a project that the University would like broad student consultation on, and I will be updating Council accordingly as it progresses.

I have also provided feedback on various aspects of security and lighting that exist as issues for all students, but could be a deterrent to people catching public transport to and from UWA. These include the wait time for a security escort, lighting on campus and on major pathways to public

transport (and across campus), as well as Transperth issues like a lack of buses after ~9pm. The UWA At Night interactive map is also being used to inform Campus Management landscaping projects into the future, which is another example of where UWA Student Guild data collection and collation has led to increased student input on University projects and tangible changes and improvements.

GUILD ALUMNI PROJECT I

The Guild Alumni Project was successfully launched on August 13th with 'A Guild Council Morning Tea with The Honourable Kim Beazley AC' commemorating the completion of the UWA Centenary restoration projects repairing the Guild Council Meeting Room table and chairs. The event was a great success, with Kim Beazley discussing the history of the UWA Student Guild, its comparative success through various attempts to reduce its power and autonomy throughout political history, and spoke very fondly of his time on campus.

It was a huge honor to host Kim Beazley and to have him say that he was proud to see the Guild as it is now, and that he loved coming back to the place that made him who is he today. The event was attended by a number of past President and Office Bearers, and many who were unable to attend gave their apologies with notes that they would love to be involved in future. This bodes well for the future of the project and I hope we can establish a structure where this can be somewhat formalised moving forward.

SAVE OUR VOICE I Campaign update

Curtin, ECU, Murdoch and UWA Student Guild are involved with a campaign called 'Save Our Voice' which is focused around protecting the student, alumni and elected-staff seats on University Senates/Councils. This campaign has been launched in preparation for the review of the University Acts that is taking place at a State Government level, that are considering removing these representatives off these bodies, or changing their mode of election. The loss of elected student representatives off the University's governing body would be enormous, and would result in the student voice being given no say in the most senior decision making processes of the University. I will keep Council updates as this campaign progresses, but I hope to see the Vice Chancellor make a public statement in support of the current levels of representation, as he has made these comments in the past.

SSAF DISTRIBUTION 2016 I

After attempting to move the SSAF distribution at the Monday 24th August Senate meeting with no student consultation, DVC Education Alec Cameron has agreed to the consultation process that is mandated in legislation/policy. I hope that the following months of consultation for the distribution of the SSAF income for 2016 will result in increased accountability and transparency for what the SSAF funds in UWA Sports and Student Services (both receive 30% of total SSAF currently, the same as the Guild) and a more thorough, student-centric consideration of how much SSAF is distributed to each party. I am currently not satisfied that the level of consultation in previous years has been sufficient and am pleased to see this change for this year.

STUDENT WELFARE I Study Drugs/Cognitive Enhancers (CEs) project

For the majority of this year I have been involved with the consultation and planning stages of a project that will be the first of its kind on student use of Cognitive Enhancers or 'Study Drugs'. This study will look to collect data on why students are using, if use is higher in different Faculties, what factors are attracting people to use these substances, etc. Through my involvement with the

project I have managed to incorporate various questions of particular relevance to student groups at UWA that will make the data more relevant for us, including things like take home exams, highly weighted assignments, folio week, all-nighters, etc. I will keep Council updated as the project moves into data collection stages, as it will rely upon students completing an anonymous survey about their use. It will be great if the project can collect a large amount of data from the wide range of Universities that are involved with the project, and I am pleased to see the survey focus on the pressures causing students to use these substances, rather than trying to scare people out of using them or shame people who do. Please let me know if you would like any further detail about the project or if this has sparked some interest with you.





CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RESCICION OF MAJORS IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS:

European Studies, Gender Studies, Medieval and Early Modern Studies.

Members of the staff and student body have expressed severe concerns over this proposal. The concerns of students and staff lie in the justifications provided by the Faculty - perceived low enrolments/interest and the causes of this, the proposed cost savings, suggestions that the decision will be reviewed in three years, the mainstreaming of the content, and the nature of the review that has led to the proposal, and the academic content itself not being valued.

LOW ENROLMENTS |

Perceived current low enrolments are cited as the reason for the majors being rescinded, as a way to measure interest in the student body. This does not take into account why the enrolments could be low for any reason other than disinterest, and claims to use this as a proxy for future interest or prospective student interest. The Studies majors have been rescinded and reinstated on and off over the past few years, and I am not confident that supposed low enrolment in these majors is the result of a lack of interest from the student body.

A lack of advertising of the majors and exclusion from the UWA prospectus in previous years would have obvious implications on the progressing cohort of students. The removal of these majors from the prospectus and marketing for the period they were rescinded previously has resulted in a cohort of students who were not offered the major upon entry.

I propose that there is a flow-on effect in the upper level major units in question. Students are more likely to study these units if they are enrolled in the major. It is no surprise that the first year broadening units have been popular, while the major specific/niche units that make up the core major have suffered, without a consistent flow of students and a cohort that could have selected that major upon entry.

The lack of certainty surrounding the future of the courses is also a deterrent for students. In my lifetime as a student I have seen European Studies rescinded, while I was studying it, subsequently excluded from the prospectus or not advertised, and then reinstated based on student interest. When there is a perception that the University does not value the course that will obviously also have flow on effects to interest.

PROPOSED COST SAVINGS |

The cuts to these majors have been justified by saying that they are not financially viable, or that the Faculty needs to find cost savings. Students understand that Faculties are in a tight place financially, but cannot see where any significant cost savings will be made.

In previous Committee meetings this proposal has been justified by saying that 'there is a cost associated with administering the major', but this potential cost saving has not been disclosed. Keeping this financial motivation in mind, the fact that there will be no staff changes occurring and a number of units will continue to be run under the English and History majors, there does not seem to be a large cost saving that can be attributed to this proposal's success. I fail to see a cost saving that is significant enough to warrant cancelling three courses, particularly when UWA is the only University in WA that runs them, they have very high student satisfaction, and they work towards the Education Futures vision of global citizenship and equity.

THE REVIEW OF THE STUDIES MAJORS |

If the content is considered worthwhile enough to maintain, repurpose, or even claim to 'mainstream', surely the majors themselves are of value to UWA and its students and staff. Surely the aim should be ensuring the continued existence of the majors, which would involve the advertisement and marketing of these opportunities, not a failure to advertise them to incoming students.

There is a sense that the Studies majors have been targeted. There is nothing that compares these majors to other majors within the Faculty, or within the School. There is a sense that these majors are not valued, or that if there were similarly low enrolments in a different major that was looked upon more favourably by the Faculty, that those majors would not be rescinded. This is not presented as an accusation, but is used to highlight the fact that any review of a set number of majors that finds all majors to have low enrolments and to have a cost associated with administration that could be reduced by not running those majors anymore, would be flagged as unsustainable unless the content was deemed of value to the Faculty. There is no aspect of the review that I can see, or that has been released publically, that compared the sustainability of these Studies majors with other majors outside of these 3, eg. Asian Studies, niche language programs, etc.

There was also a concerning lack of student consultation in the review process. No students were involved with the review itself, and students on Arts Teaching and Learning were able to give comment and advice on transition plans, ensuring students could complete their majors, but I do not feel they were given the opportunity to stop the recommendation being made to Curriculum Committee. Any proposal to cut these majors based on a lack of student interest should have looked at the interest in prospective terms, not in term of current enrolments in upper level units when these students did not have the majors advertised to them as first years or prospective students.

SUSTAINABILITY OF “THREE YEAR REVIEW” CYCLE |

The Dean of Arts has referenced a subsequent review of the rescission in three years' time as a reassurance that the majors could come back (<http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201507227799/july-2015/dean-arts-changes-major-offerings-arts>). Students feel this is exactly what happened last time the majors were rescinded, where they were brought back due student interest making the majors viable. I do not see this cycle of rescission and reintroduction to be efficient, and that any course should be treated on a three year three-year cycle, when all this does is create an unsustainable cycle of student enrolments as the students who never had the majors advertised to them move through the system.

With the mentality of 'three year reviews' the courses are doomed to fail. A mentality that has seen these majors rescinded due to low enrolments, and then re-introduced due to increased enrolments, only to be proposed for rescission because the students who never had the majors advertised to them are not taking the major-specific, niche upper level units.

I believe that if the content is deemed valuable by the Faculty, University and community that efforts should be made to ensure the majors can continue to exist. This will require a commitment to running the courses in the long term, not an implication that these courses are constantly at risk of being cut. While I have a much shorter involvement in the University than most members of Academic Council, I cannot think of another course set that has had similarly fluctuating support from Faculty, or has had to constantly reaffirm its worth to the Faculty to ensure its existence. There is an implication that other majors could have similarly low enrolments or be similarly 'financially unsustainable' but if their content is valued they would be maintained.

ACADEMIC VALUE OF COURSES |

There is a strong argument to be made about the inherent worth of these three majors. These are all interdisciplinary majors, providing students with unique skills they wouldn't get in other units. The ability to combine the expertise and knowledge from different areas together in one field of study is a skill which is extremely important for students, putting graduates from UWA at an advantage over those from other universities. As an institution which aims to produce graduates with a strong global perspective we should be putting value on liberal arts majors, expanding students' perspectives. All three Studies Departments have received acclaim for the quality of their teaching, with extremely knowledgeable and passionate staff, like the late Philippa Madden.

Students feel that cutting the Gender Studies major is devaluing the worth of women students on campus, and erasing the history of women's oppression. Given that women have been historically locked out of higher education it is vital that UWA recognises this through a dedicated major, and is currently the only University in WA to do so. The fact that the only Gender Studies unit which is being kept in totally under the proposed transition plan is 'Men and Masculinities in History' undermines the importance of teaching students about women's experiences, and providing an option for students who want to pursue that study. Given that Gender Studies used to be 'Women's Studies' this is seen as a further watering down of the

content.

We are the only university in WA to offer these majors, and they should be used as a selling point to prospective students. I am very concerned about how this decision will impact on the reputation of UWA as an institution which values education above all else, and encourages its students to pursue a wide field of study.

These majors are important in and of themselves. If the Faculty of Arts wants to raise the profile of these areas the way to do it is by showing to students that these areas are values and ensuring that the majors are well advertised to incoming students, rather than scattering the units throughout other courses.

CONCLUSION |

The students and staff involved believe that efforts should be put in place to support the Faculty to continue to run courses where the content is deemed to be of worth to the University. They also feel that the issues surrounding there being no staff in the Faculty left to teach (MEMS) has resulted from a consistent lack of replacement of staff, which shows in a sense the pre-empting of the major's rescission – if the major was ever going to be sustainable there should have been a sustainable plan for staffing the major, including replacing staff.

We call upon the Academic Council to reject this proposal and to not proceed with any rescissions to these majors without further student consultation, and an assessment of **prospective interest** in these courses.

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Guild Vice-President Report | August 2015

August 26th, 2015

Introduction

Meetings

- EMC (23/7; 20/8)
- OB Meeting (23/7; 6/8;
- MyGuild Launch Planning (23/7)
- Guild Council Transition Planning (28/7)
- Governance Committee Meeting (29/7; 26/8)
- University Executive Meeting (4/8)
- MASA Meeting (4/8; 18/4)
- Corporate Services Committee Meeting (5/8)
- External Auditor Interviews (11/8; 12/8)
- SOC Meeting (12/8)
- Guild Alumni Morning Tea (13/8)
- Mid-Year Planning Day (13/8)
- Convocation Awards Presentation (14/8)
- SRC (19/8)
- International Students' Council Meeting (19/8)
- Parking Information Meeting (25/8)
- ISB Data Presentation (26/8)

International Students' Council

The ISC held its first meeting on Wednesday 19th August, with approximately 25 people in attendance from about 15 clubs, faculty societies and colleges with a reasonable international student population. In my role as Chair of ISC, I ran the proceedings, with Sean and his committee answering the questions from council members. We discussed the work that the current ISS committee have done so far this year as well as running through ideas and objectives that we individually (as clubs) and collectively (as the ISC) wanted to achieve in the short term and long term. These included using the ISC as the best mechanism for delivering information relevant to courses/fees etc to international students, compiling scholarship information, establishing workshops for budgeting and exploring the organisation of pre-departure briefings like in Singapore. Sean also discussed the International Student Lifecycle, put together by the Student Services Committee. He ran through what priorities international students have, and encouraged clubs to bear these in mind when designing events intended to have heavy international student representation. Sean also ran through the role of CISA and his role as CISA Education Officer (focusing on graduate employment, accommodation and transport concessions). We had really positive feedback from clubs, who each brought to the table a range of ideas, which we hope to action on for the rest of the year. We plan to have three meetings a semester from now on.

MyGuild

I presented the newly launched MyGuild to clubs at the most recent SOC Meeting, running through what average students will be seeing when they login. The program was marketed as a means to make clubs more visible and strengthen the link between clubs and students, whilst also making Guild services like loans more easily accessible to students. I prefaced the demonstration with the fact that this was a 'soft launch', whereby clubs have to input information like photos

Guild Council Transition

I've been meeting regularly with Jenny Ophel to plan the transition from the 102nd to 103rd Guild Councils, and ensure that everything that a Guild Councillor needs to know is covered in the induction training. Currently, the areas that will be covered are IT, Finance/Budgeting, Staff Introductions, Events, Governance and Planning Sessions.

Corporate Services Committee

- IT:
 - Looking into updating to office365
 - MyGuild soft launch
- Administration:
 - Cleaning contract to go to tender
- Finance:
 - Mid-Year Budget Review to be approved at August Guild Council
 - Netsuite deployment in full swing – inventory, cleaning up of debtors & creditors and Chart of Accounts
 - POS system may need updating sooner than originally thought
 - External Auditors Interviews

MASA (Mature Aged Students' Association)

MASA is developing into a stronger Guild department, with more concrete strategic plans about how it will continue to thrive in the future. Over the holidays, the committee has been working on individual projects, like the compilation of survey results gained last semester. We are releasing the MASA newsletter this week, as well as moving forward with our social media strategy.

Parking Appeals

- The Guild VP is the student representative and only consistent member of the Parking Appeals Board
- Have attended 2 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 or lucy.moyle15@guild.uwa.edu.au.

Lucy Moyle



Introduction

August has been a highly administrative month for the Guild Executive and myself. We have been reviewing the actions and progress made in the first half of the year, in order to ensure we are improving our operations for the second half of the year, and achieving all of our goals.

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
- 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.
- Following up motions passed by council to ensure they are being completed.

Guild Committee Minutes

Alex Pond and the Creative & Publications team are still working on a Marketing Strategy to best promote the Guild Committee minutes on the website, in order to ensure they are highly visible to students, and to increase the accountability and transparency processes of Guild committees.

Guild Executive | Summary

The Guild Executive have approved a number of grants and loans this month, as well as running fortnightly OB meetings to ensure regular contact and communication between Office Bearers and the Executive team.

Guild Annual Report Submissions

Lizzy, Chloe and I met to come up with a framework for how we would like the annual report to be presented this year. This was sent out to Office Bearers and councillors during this month and I have received a majority of reports. Over the coming weeks, I will be reading, reviewing and editing these reports in consultation with student reps and the Guild Executive before the Creative & Publications team collate the full document and distribute the report later this year.

Mid-Year Planning Day

The Mid-Year Planning Day was conducted from 2pm-5pm on August 13th. Office Bearers and councillors were provided with an opportunity to present what they have achieved thus far this year, as well as their plans for the rest of the semester and how they will set out to achieve them. The Managing Director, Tony Goodman provided a review of the revised Mid-Year budget and asked councillors to review their budgets to see whether they were able to find savings or money they may not spend. This was a very useful exercise. I had planned to present the Student Lifecycle Report and gap analysis at this meeting, but given a number of councillors were not present, I thought it suitable to present it at a later date.

Lizzy, Emma and I were very disappointed and the very low councillor turnout at this meeting. The session was directed at councillors being provided with a forum to assess how well the Guild as a student run organization has been functioning, and this review was not sufficiently achieved, as very little councillors were present.

Emma has circulated an online form/survey to councillors after the meeting, so I am hoping this will provide us with some useful feedback to improve our operations during semester two of this year.

Strategic Resources Committee

The SRC Committee has been reviewing the Mid-Year Budget and will be presenting this document for approval at council this month.

Student Services Committee

Chloe and I are working on changing the dynamic of the committee so new initiatives begin at the committee stage, as opposed to the previous structure whereby initiatives and ideas start at a department level, and are then brought to the Student Services committee for advice and input.

Through this change, the committee will utilize the completed Student Lifecycle Report to drive discussion and ideas, identify gaps in providing services and assistance to students and suggest ways of providing new services and assistance.

Executive Management Committee

The EMC Committee have approved this month's set of Guild Committee minutes.

Conclusion

If you are unsure about how to achieve what you set out to for Semester two, or if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send me an email at secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au. I am here to provide assistance, support and encouragement to student reps.

Jesse Martino
Guild Secretary



Good morning/day/afternoon/evening! Since last council I have jetted to Hong Kong for a Humanitarian Affairs Conference, and travelled to Swanleigh for a Barbershop Chorus Retreat – oh how I enjoy travelling/flights/long car trips/eventual illnesses caught from other passengers... (The singing and friendships always make up for the travel dramas!) I hope everyone else has had an exciting month too!

Meetings:

- Open Day All-Staff Forum (28/07)
- Overdrafts / Club Banking Policy Meeting (29/07)
- Open Day Catch-Up (29/07)
- Tender Interview – Deloitte (11/07)
- Tender Interview – Grant Thornton (12/07)
- Tender Interview – Moore Stevens (12/07)
- Tender Interview – William Buck (12/07)
- Mid Year Budget (12/07)
- Mid Year Planning Day (13/07)
- Food Truck Rumble (17/07)
- Strategic Resources Committee (19/07)

Catering and Tavern Committee:

Due to a mix up on my part, we have not yet had the Catering and Tavern meeting for August, and have postponed it to the 26th of August. As it stands, the meeting time for the rest of Semester is up in the air, as the members of the committee have conflicting timetables.

However, despite the lack of a meeting, the George's Kebabs van is doing remarkably well on Oak Lawn, and seems to be quite popular! Further, I am working with the Events Team to plan a Food Truck Festival in the last week of Semester – in order to hold a competition for a new vendor for 2016.

The Tavern is also doing quite well, with students enjoying the new menu and atmosphere! I am hoping the new student nights will be a big hit on Wednesdays, and can't wait to hear feedback.

Finance:

There have been no new overdrafts for the month, however there are two that are potentially in the process.

Open Day Planning:

Open Day went quite well on the Sunday! We had the majority of clubs turn up, which was pleasing. The stage was popular and facilitated the showcasing of a number of our clubs and societies. I am optimistic that the relationship between the Guild and the University regarding Open Day has been strengthened, and that there will be a strong Guild presence again in 2016.

With sustainable regards,
Ashleigh





ISS | International Student Welcome

Myself, Charlie, Nevin and Patrice from Student Assist attended the ISS International Student welcome at uni hall. I had the chance to speak to students about Ed Council and who to speak to if they're having difficulties. Overall a great event, with the huge amount of nandos ordered being particularly impressive.

Ed Council | IT:

We're doing some more advertising of the wifi black spots form as focus is shifting away from the five areas recently upgraded.

Student Consultative Committee:

August SCC:

Grady Venville will work to advertise when units are expected to be run in course handbooks to deal with student frustrations around seldom offered units.

Issues around lectures being cut off early has had progress made and it is likely that in 2016 all lectures will record for 55 minutes, in contrast to the 45 minutes at present.

Information will be circulated to faculties to ensure policies around circulation of unit outlines one working day beforehand is adhered to. Earlier would be ideal, but when there are areas of the university where students aren't receiving them until well into semester, I believe this is an important step.

Lecture recording info should now be standard in unit handbooks.

Issues of student welfare and mental health issues, particularly in law, were discussed at length. It was resolved that there would be greater emphasis placed on providing sufficient mental health first aid training to staff who deal directly with students. The health promotion unit are also keen to advertise services better but congratulated the work of many student groups on campus.

I'll clarify the issue with interpreting the new appeals process with the Blackstone Ed-VP and follow up with Kabilan Krishnaswamy to clarify if policy is/isn't be adhered to in that faculty.

Discussed issues around lab equipment with Sean Ashton. In the case of equipment being a safety risk, this is regularly inspected but if any issues arise they should be brought up immediately. In the case of the process of dealing with old or somewhat shabby equipment, this largely comes down to budget requirements and there is no regular process for updating.

Issues of retrospective withdrawal from units (sometimes years later) was raised and there's definitely capacity for such a withdrawal if a student has suffered in the past but not taken the appropriate step of withdrawing from units.

Student Services | Timetabling

The main focus of the SPEU Steering Committee recently has been the immediate need to improve OLCR on top of the ongoing project to improve the broader timetabling process.

The University Executive is keen to have an updated OLCR by the start of Sem1 for 2016, and ambitious but achievable timeline.

The university has entered into negotiations with JDR Software, who own the license for Allocate+ preference allocator.

Review of Courses Audit

A large scale survey of student views on new courses is planned. I've made a number of contributions to the questions to take into account areas that I think are crucial to assess student responses for. I'm particularly interested in student feedback on broadening units, career prospects and extra-curricular capacities.

Assessment Review

The Assessment review is in the process of reviewing a draft policy. Below are some of the highlights of the policy, though I would note that this is just a taster and not everything involved, and it's only in the draft stage so don't go start telling everyone it'll absolutely be happening because things could change.

Notable facets of the draft policy include but are not limited to:

- Instilling the principle that assessment needs to be part of the learning process
- Linking assessment weighting to reflect hours expected to be put into an assignment
- Placing a maximum total mark weighting of any one assignment of no more than 70% (ie no more 100% exams)
- Placing a cap on the extent of a mark which can be purely for a group assessment (not to be mistaken for someone being individually assessed in the context of a group assignment).
- Ensuring students are provided with info such as assignment weightings, assignment marking criteria, word count and late submission penalties and info on how assessments relate to learning outcomes in unit outlines at the start of semester.
- Greater consistency in late penalties and word count rules between faculties and disciplines.
- Provisions for anonymous marking where feasible
- Rules around standardisation and moderation of marking to provide greater transparency to students
- Rules around barrier/hurdle/failed component assessments to ensure they're only used where necessary and not frivolously or subjectively applied.

Student Services | International Centre

Sean and I met with Alec Cameron and Lisa Cluett to discuss issues surrounding the changes to the provision of services for International Students at UWA. Sean knows far more about the topic than I, and this is covered in his report, so I'll leave it there.

EAN | Major Cuts Campaign

Emma Boogaardt and David Cann have been running a campaign against the plans to cut three majors in Arts with minimal student consultation and a lack of rationale provided. The campaign received much support from students, staff and the general public. Unfortunately the cuts passed through Academic Council though I understand that the campaign is hoping to bring it to Academic Board, the motion for which I have signed in support.

EAN | NDA

David Cann did a good job building the NDA on August 19th. We had approximately 30-40 people attend from UWA. Highlights include the famous "speed dealer sunnies" placards and trots going off on wild tangents in speeches.

EAN | Unhappy Birthday Event

David Cann organised a very successful "unhappy birthday Christopher Pyne" event on August 18th. The event served as a light hearted and low-barrier opportunity to engage students who may not wish to become involved in what is generally perceived to be high-barrier events such as rallies, and to this end was highly successful. Many ordinary students loved the fairy floss, animals to pet and party hats being incorporated into the campaign against fee-deregulation and used the opportunity to involve themselves in the campaign about an issue that they are concerned about without having to worry about scores of trots trying to sell them newspapers or shout at them. There was some attention on the facebook event from outspoken supporters of fee-dereg over the fact that David had the audacity to wish someone an unhappy birthday. I don't think that complaint passes the "pub test" as everyone I spoke to who didn't have a side in the debate seemed to think it was a storm in a teacup and nothing unreasonable on the part of David.

More notably, at the event whilst patting a kitten, a rare photograph of me smiling was taken.

Finances:

Total expenses:

\$190 for fairy floss machine
\$200 for bus to NDA rally



Introduction

This month has been focused on getting back in to the swing of University while planning our two-week Fringe Festival.

Finance | Budget

A total of \$8000 is budgeted for August, which is the bulk of our budget for Fringe Festival. By the end of the month, approximately \$3000 will have been spent, with the remained being paid after Fringe Festival.

Finance | PAC Collaborative Grants

A total of \$1500 budgeted for Club Grants. Of this, \$1250 has been award to clubs.

Fringe Festival | Events

We are in the final stages of planning for our Fringe Festival in Weeks 6 and 7. As of now, here is what we plan to do:

31st August Opening Night: We have decided to move to the Tavern Courtyard, as this will be a more suitable area and it is much easier to create a casual, chill environment. We have locked in local performer Riley Pearce to provide acoustic music, and we will feature a performance by Dance UWA and student artists on display. We hope to have a number of VIP attendees, and for it to be an opportunity to launch the Festival off to a good start.

2nd September Comedy in the Tavern: In collaboration with Bootleg Comedy, we will be running a 'Comedy Gong.' Chuckle's Comedy Gong gives comedians the challenge of being able to entertain the audience for 5 minutes to get a cash prize. If the audience doesn't like them, they can 'gong' them off stage. Hayden has agreed to run drinks specials for the night. We will also be having an open mic section of the evening where some student comedians can have their chance to shine.

4th September Spring Fling: this 1950s party will have everybody hopping, bopping and rock'n'rolling in a redecorated Ref, that will have the feel of a retro diner! Drinks will be for sale and managed by Hayden through the Tavern's resources, and Rodney has kindly offered to organise food that will be for sale for the event. The event will have a mix of both live band music and EMAS DJs performing.

7th September Art Night: This will be an exhibition night of our student artists at the Masonic Hall venue. We hope to cast the spotlight on a number of ALVA students as well as people who are just interested in showing off their work.

10th September Short Film Festival: Set on the pristine Prescott Court, this evening will be a relaxed cap-off of what will have been an action-packed week. We are still taking submissions for short films, which at this stage has been a bit slow, but hopefully will pick up towards the end of the week.

Fringe Festival | Musicians

We plan to feature a number of musicians, both student and community members, performing daily on Oak Lawn, Guild Village, and the Tavern. One of my goals for this year was to really boost the profile of musicians on campus, and I believe that the Fringe Festival will be a good opportunity to do so. We have engaged a number of MSS members to do this, and are supporting UWA student bands.



Fringe Festival | Activities

We also have a number of planned activities for Fringe Festival. Local artist Jerome Davenport will be making an appearance, and creating a piece for the Fringe Festival. Additionally, we are looking at running an interactive Bey Dance Workshop to encourage students to bask in the dance glory that is Beyonce.

On the first Tuesday of the Festival, we will also feature club and department exhibits and stalls. Some highlights will include UWASCA, Arts Union, Enviro Department, FABSOC and more (watch this space!). We will have interactive art, as well as performances by students.

Fringe Festival | Installations

A number of art installations will be undertaken as part of the Fringe Festival. We believe that art is an important part of the Fringe story, and as such it will be a priority. Without giving too much away, the committee will be hard at work at Bunnings to obtain materials for the construction of some of our installations.

Themed Weeks in the Tavern | Red Party

With Red Party being next week, we are currently trying to work with Tavern Manager Hayden Greenham as well as WAMSS Red Party Coordinator to turn the Tav a little bit red.

Equity & Diversity Committee | Equity & Diversity Guidelines

The first draft of the guidelines have been completed and will be presented for approval by the E&D committee at next months meeting. We are working alongside the events team to ensure they are implemented into the event approval process.

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 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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Societies' Council President Report | August 2015

August, 26th, 2015

INTRODUCTON

It's been a busy month.

CLUB CARNIVAL

77 clubs had registered for Club Carnival; however we managed to get 83 clubs on the day! Based on the feedback from Club Carnival Sem 1, SOC also decided to have a free BBQ for clubs, which was well-received by all the club committees.

Everything went smoothly and I found it to be very successful, considering that the event was completely packed!

EQUIPMENT HIRE FORM

Events have put together an Equipment Hire List. This list will include all the equipment available to hire and also show the deposit amounts for each item. If a club wishes to hire an item, they will be required to fill out a form and hand it into Events. The deposit will be refunded given that the item is returned in the same condition and within the agreed timeframe.

A GUIDE TO SOC

The Guide to SOC has been written and designed! It is currently being reviewed by various people to ensure that all the information is correct and relevant.

Existing material online will be rewritten to work alongside the 'ultimate guide'.

It's so beautiful it makes me wanna cry.

SOC NETWORKING

Date has been set as 30th of September – a Wednesday night, at the Claremont Hotel. The link to claim the free tickets will be sent out to club executives; however anyone from the club is allowed to attend.

In September, clubs should have a good idea of who will be taking over or they may have even already elected the new committee. This is why the networking event has been set so late in the year, as the purpose of the event is for the committee of 2016 to meet other clubs and network with each other.

Guild Council will also be invited ☺.

SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

SOC received a total of 24 applications for semester 2 with 7 clubs being awarded the grant. All of the funding available for this grant has been awarded for this year.

SOC MEETING

We had our longest SOC Meeting lasting 1hr and 19minutes. Below is a copy of the Agenda:

1.0 SOC WELCOME

2.0 SOC ELECTIONS

2.1 1 x Ordinary Committee Member

3.0 WELFARE WEEK

4.0 MCW

5.0 CLUBS' DASHBOARD

6.0 MYGUILD

7.0 UNIPRINT

8.0 EXECUTIVE REGISTRATION FORM

9.0 EQUIPMENT HIRE FORM

10.0 WEBSITE

11.0 SOCIAL EVENT

12.0 CONSTITUTION

13.0 A GUIDE TO SOC

14.0 TREASURER HELP

15.0 GRANTS AND AWARDS

16.0 DISAFFILIATIONS

- 16.1 Young Union Movement of WA (YUMWA)
- 16.2 Hellenic University Students' Society (HUSS)
- 16.3 UWA Wushu
- 16.4 Refugee Rights Action Network (RRAN)
- 16.5 Circuit Sunday Association
- 16.6 Solid Gold
- 16.7 UWA Waterslide Club
- 16.8 UWA Discussion Boards (UWAdb)
- 16.9 One Degree UWA
- 16.10 Cinema Politica Perth (CPP)
- 16.11 Social Work Students Association (SWSA)
- 16.12 UWA Society for Gender Equality

17.0 NEW CLUB AFFILIATIONS

- 17.1 UWA Card Society
- 17.2 UWA ClasSoc

18.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

19.0 NEXT MEETING

- 19.1 16TH September 2015 – Presidents' Summit. Please send apologies to Jack Looby

Lianne Leung has unfortunately left the committee to do exchange in Germany (sad times). We now have Sahil Panag who has replaced her and will be helping out with the various projects I aim to have completed by the end of this year!

MYGUILD/GUILD TRANSCRIPT

Lucy introduced MyGuild to all of the clubs at the August meeting and mainly showed them around the events and clubs area of the new website. How people can sign up to clubs, view upcoming events, see club profiles etc.

We also introduced the Guild Transcript! The Guild Transcript officially lists all the committees that a person may have participated in and all the training he/she has completed. This is available for download in a tab on MyGuild.

CLUBS' DASHBOARD

I showed clubs how to use the new Clubs' Dashboard at the recent SOC Meeting and we should have clubs starting to update their club profiles, so that when MyGuild officially launches each club has a nice description and logo. If clubs are struggling to update their information, they have been notified that they can go into GSC and the staff will be more than happy to help.

UNIPRINT

As of the 1st of August, the new procedure has been in effect. There were a few problems in the first few days but it seems to be going well now!

FINANCE

Line Item	Description	Amount Budgeted for 2015	Amount Spent AUG 2015
General Expenses	Flatbed Trolleys & Marquees	\$460	\$336

Special Projects Grant	Special Projects Grant	\$2 500	\$2 500
Meetings	BBQ (SOC Meeting & Club Carnival)	2400	\$586
Activities	Club Carnival Trestle Tables	\$6000	\$1100
		TOTAL	\$4 522

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Women's Affairs Officer Report | August 2015

August 26th, 2015

EDUCATION | Gender Studies Major

After an exhausting three weeks of campaigning, the decision to cut the Gender Studies, European Studies, and Medieval & Early Modern Studies was passed through Academic Council. The 'UWA has Major issues' campaign petition has hit over 700 signatures (wow), we managed to get hundreds of emails sent through to the members of Academic Council, and organized a successful read-in outside the Dean of Arts' office. It was disappointing to see that, despite the public support and media attention we received the Academic still chose to rescind the majors. Now the team is working on getting the signatures required to push the decision down to Academic Board – stay tuned for more!

EVENTS | Blue Stockings Week

We had a really successful Bluestocking Week celebration this year! We held a 'knit-in' in collaboration with the NTEU UWA Branch on Tuesday, and on Wednesday Laura organized a 'Women of Colour' in Higher Education' discussion featuring Kirshna Sen, Dean of Arts, and Professor Samina Yasmeen, which was fantastic! We followed that up with free fairy-floss and hand painting a banner on Oak Lawn.

EVENTS | No Lights, No Lads

On Thursday the 27th August we are holding a 'No Lights, No Lads' dance session, which is a safe space to bust a move, express yourself and shake off the stresses of life. The aim of the event is to provide a space for women to have fun and exercise autonomously! Check out bit.ly/nolightsnolads for more info!

EVENTS | SCREW Day

We have started planning Sex Consent Representation Education Wellbeing (SCREW) Day with the Health Promotion Unit. The current plan is to have a tent on Oak Lawn all day with workshops and talks running on topics like consent, sex work, queer-inclusive sex education throughout the day, and then other activities and fun will be happening nearby. We have been approaching different organizations around Perth to get involved, and by the time of the meeting there should be a Facebook event up so invite all your friends!

INITIATIVES | UWA By Night

We ran our first 'UWA By Night' nighttime walk session in Week 2 and had a great turnout of domestic and international students. The walk was a success and the students said they all appreciated the tips we provided about walking around campus at night, and thought the 'UWA At Night' map was a useful resource. After the walk we held a self-defense class, run by police officer involved in the LEU, which was a big success. We plan to continue running the initiative later in the semester to ensure it reaches as many students as possible.

CAMPAIGNS | Stop Taxing My Period

In collaboration with GetUp! I helped to organize the 'Stop Taxing My Period' rally outside WA State Parliament House to encourage Treasurer Nahan to support axing the tax on sanitary products at the CFFR meeting at the end of August. It was great to see a diverse and passionate group of people come down and march in opposition to this archaic and discriminatory application of GST. We are still waiting to hear what the verdict will be about the tax so keep your eyes peeled when reading the paper for any news!



CAMPAIGNS | Talk About It

The National Union of Students is running the 'Talk About It' survey again in 2015. The survey aims to gather information about the experiences of women university students in Australia. It will look at accommodation, safety, services, sexual assault, harassment and economic difficulties that women enrolled in tertiary education institutions face. For more information go to http://www.nus.org.au/talk_about_it2015.

PUBLICATIONS | Damsel Magazine

We have successfully held our three Creative Sessions for Damsel Magazine, and it's now up to the Editorial Team and myself to go through the submissions and create the magazine! Submissions close on Friday 28th August – if you are keen to get involved email damsel@guild.uwa.edu.au.

COLLECTIVES | Women's Collective

Our Women's Collective meetings have kicked off again for Semester Two! I am keen to see more members of the Collective running small events independently and to encourage people to run workshops and skill sharing sessions. The Queer Women's Collective and Women of Colour Collective have been running well under the guidance of Lizzie and Laura respectively.

COLLECTIVES | Women of Colour Collective

The Women of Colour Collective collaborated with the Women's Department for Bluestocking Week to present a "Women of Colour in Higher Education" discussion. Outstanding UWA academics, Professor Krishna Sen, Dean of Arts, and Professor Samina Yasmeen AM, shared their experiences and insights through the discussion. – Laura

FINANCES | August

	AMOUNT BUDGETTED 2015	AMOUNT SPENT AUGUST	AMOUNT SPENT YTD	DESCRIPTION JUNE
Campaigns/Functions	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$706.19	
Communication	Nil	\$129.50	\$129.50	- \$130 A-Frame
Consumables	\$500.00	\$58.90	\$58.90	Damsel Creative Session #2 - \$58.90 Pizza
Stationary	Nil	\$0.70	\$8.15	- \$0.70 Copy Charges
Workshops/Events	\$2000.00	\$0.00	\$283.25	
Publications	\$1600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$36.18	
General Expenses	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$10.55	
TOTAL	\$5000.00	\$189.10	\$1232.72	

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If you have any questions, or are keen to get involved in the activities of the Women's Department, please don't hesitate to email me at womens@guild.uwa.edu.au.



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Introduction

Hello, Hi, Namaste. How do you do?

Finances

Event	Cost
Pilates (3 weeks)	\$240
Free Breakfast	\$80

Yoga and Pilates

I am very happy that free yoga and pilates have increasing attendance week over week. For anyone playing at home Yoga runs every Wed 4-5pm at Oak Lawn and Pilates is on Tues of week 2 (4-5pm Oak Lawn).

Meditation sessions

Starting from this semester, Guild Volunteering and the Welfare dept have collaborated starting regular mediation sessions which run every Wed at 1pm in the Japanese Tatami room (Social Sciences).

Self Defense and Jogging Sessions

The Womens and Welfare Dept will be collaborating again this semester to run free Jogging sessions (for everyone and women only sessions fortnightly). We are looking into running them again but either on Mon or Thurs at 4pm. We are also applied for the Alumni Annual fund grant to run self defence classes later on in semester 2.

Mind Map

The Mental Health Mind map has had some changes but as soon as that is updates, it will be sent off to printing. The map will be placed in the Guild Student Centre, G-news, Off campuses (ALVA etc), Student Assist.

Free Breakfast

There is a free breakfast on Tues 25th Aug at 9am, Ref Courtyard. Come down, grab a thing and help out!

Conclusion

Hope you enjoyed reading my report and if you didn't I am sorry. Email me at welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au

Much welfare,
Rida from pl8spotting



INTRODUCTION

The Month of August has been quite an active one for ISS, with a few events and initiatives having taken place.

EVENTS

- ISS Goes to College Row (Aug 3rd)
 - The event was held in Univerity Hall, and all international students staying in all colleges were invited.
 - An estimated 120 people came.
- ISS Goes to the Eagles
 - The 25 tickets for the event sold out in one day
 - Tour toke place on the 11th of August
 - Game took place on the 23rd of August

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Migration Seminar
 - A migration agent from Modern Migration Australia will be coming to UWA to give advice to students in terms of their current visa, and potential future visa requirements.
- ISS Goes to Rottnest 2.0
 - Due to the success of the event in the first semester, we have decided to do another rotnnest trip, making another 25 tickets available for students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' COUNCIL (ISC)

The International Students' Council met for the first time this year after a bit of a rethink about it's potential usefulness to clubs and colleges.

We decided that it was important that Faculty Societies should also be part of the council so they can represent International students within their faculties to the best of their abilities.

Almost all current members were present at the meeting, and were constantly engaging and asking questions. The following topics were discussed:

- The International Students' Service and the council
- The International Student lifecycle
- The Council of International Students Australia (CISA)
- What can be done to attract more international students to events





Marketing Campaign

There is a marketing campaign that is currently ongoing called "#FINDSEANUWA". The main aim for this campaign is to increase the reach of the ISS social media channels to make sure that we can get to our target market (international students 😊)

Multicultural Week

- Bake Sale for Red Cross
 - During common lunch hour
- Bread Run
 - Collecting Donations of clothing, food, money etc for the homeless.
- Soc Meeting presentation
 - Was made by Cosmos and Sam and led to an increase of sign ups
- Meeting with Alex, Kate & Chelsea
 - To talk about the Lighthouse magazine which will be focused on MCW this year
- A meeting with Kasey and Siobhan
 - To discuss the logistics and events for MCW.
 - Every thing is on time and going well.

FINANCE

EVENTS	Amount Budgeted	Amount Spent Feb 2015
ISS Goes to College Row	\$2000	\$1,820 (\$700)*
ISS Goes to the Eagles	\$1500	\$1,387.50 (\$500)**
	TOTAL	\$2,007.50

*Income from StudyPerth Sponsorship of event

**Income from ticket sales (\$20 per pax)

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Queer Department Report | August 2015

August 19th, 2015

This month the Queer Department has been extremely busy running events for the new semester and planning Pride Week, which is a month from now.

To start off semester two we organised a free picnic in the department room, attracting a lot of old and new faces. Since then we have had outings to dinner in the city, movie nights, and various other events. We also participated in the Club Carnival, which was quite successful.

For Pride Week we have continued to collaborate with Diane McLaren and Rob Blandford to set up our 'Being Out in the Workplace' event, the event page for which went up on Tuesday. We're finalising the panellists and are looking forward to what will hopefully be a successful event. We have started our planning for the rest of the week as well and need to start bringing it and our ideas to fruition.

We have also considered following the example of the Welfare and Women's departments in making a brochure detailing comprehensive information for LGBT+ students on campus as well as a map to the Queer Department and other helpful places on campus that can be available in various places around UWA as well as online. This is still in the works and we need to flesh out the idea some more.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have more events, including fan-fic discussion, more movies and a games night.

Budget:

Food and Drinks projected: \$200

Food and Drinks actual: \$52 at the time of writing

If you have any questions or queries please contact us at queer@guild.uwa.edu.au



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PSA President | August 2015

August 26th, 2015

Vikraman Selvaraja
President of the Postgraduate Students Association

Hi

In August, the PSA President has been travelling for his PhD to deliver some results in conferences. As such events and activities have been managed by his able committee. Connect was once again held in the Watersports Complex to positive reviews. We have also finished organising the SciTech family event and over 200 tickets have been reserved by members of the University community. It will be held on the 29th of August.

An accelerated timetable has been set on the review of PhD's and Genevieve Simpson has provided significant input into how PhD's may be structured in the future particularly from the perspective of transferable skillsets which may be acquired by the PhD student. I am also preparing input for the review with regard to funding and financing PhD's and the nature of the relationship between some PhD students and their supervisor and their institution.

I look forward to giving you a more thorough update in the September meeting of Guild Council.

Thank you

Vikraman Selvaraja



RSD CONSTITUTION

1. NAME AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 The name of the Department shall be RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT

1.2 For the purposes of this Constitution;

- (a) 'the Department' or 'RSD' shall henceforth mean the 'Residential Students' Department'.
- (b) 'Committee' shall henceforth mean the 'Inter-College Committee'.
- (c) 'Members' shall henceforth mean the Members of the RSD.
- (d) 'the Colleges' shall henceforth mean:
 - University Hall;
 - St. Catherine's College;
 - St. George's College;
 - St. Thomas More College;
 - Trinity
- (e) the 'Heads of College' shall henceforth mean the Masters, Principals, Wardens and Heads of the Colleges.
- (f) 'the Clubs' shall mean:
 - University Hall Residents' Club;
 - St Catherine's College House Committee;
 - St George's College Club;
 - St. Thomas More College Student Club Inc.;
 - Trinity Residents' Club Inc.
- (g) the 'Guild' shall henceforth mean the 'UWA Student Guild'.
- h) 'UWA' shall henceforth mean the 'University of Western Australia'.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the RSD are as follows;

- (a) Represent and advocate for residential students at UWA;
- (b) Organise and run events for residential students at UWA;
- (c) Support residential associations in achieving their aims;
- (d) Conduct, contribute to and facilitate cultural, social, community, intellectual and sporting events for residential students;
- (e) Encourage leadership development among residents of the Colleges;
- (f) Promote positive inter-collegiate interactions between the Colleges;
- (g) Encourage and assist residential students to engage with the UWA community;

(h) Encourage and assist residential students to engage with the wider community beyond the University; and

(i) Ensure access to Guild services for residential students.

2.2 The property and income of the Department shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Department and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith and in the promotion of those objectives.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership shall be automatically conferred to current students living at a residential college at UWA.

4. MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT

4.1 The Department shall hold its Annual General Meeting within two weeks after all college clubs have held their committee elections each academic year, at which the Executive Committee Members (as per 7.1) for the following year shall be elected.

4.2 The Committee may at any time call a Special Meeting of the Department. The Secretary shall forthwith call a Special Meeting upon receiving a written requisition from at least 10 members of the Department, and such a meeting shall be held no later than ten days immediately following receipt of such a requisition.

4.3 If the Secretary fails to call the meeting within that time, any of the signatories of the requisition may do so. Any business set out in the requisition shall have priority over all the other business.

4.4 For any meeting of the Department to proceed, at least one member from each college must be present.

5. PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELECTIONS

5.1 The Secretary shall cause written notice of any election of Executive committee members (as per 7.1) to be announced through the Department social media page.

5.2 All elections of the Department shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Standing Rules and Orders of the Guild Council. As such, any member eligible to vote in the election may proxy their vote to another member of their college in the event that they are unable to attend themselves.

5.3 The Returning Officer for an election shall be the outgoing President, or in the case that the outgoing President is nominating for another Executive position in the election or unable or unwilling to act as Returning Officer, a member of the outgoing Executive who is not nominating for a position in the election shall be the Returning Officer.

6. NOMINATIONS

6.1 Before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall call for nominations for the Executive Office Bearers of the Department as defined in 7.1.

6.2 Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary no later than 24 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may be withdrawn by the person nominated at any point prior to the vote for the position.

6.3 Included in the same notice in 6.1 shall be details of the Annual General Meeting.

6.4 The Secretary and committee shall ensure that each college's residents receive this notice in a timely manner.

7. EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 The Executive and Office Bearers of the Department shall be elected by the outgoing and ingoing Committee at the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of (i) which shall be elected in the manner outlined in 7.8, and shall consist of, in order of election:

- (a) The President (Executive)
- (b) The Vice President (Executive)
- (c) The Secretary (Executive)
- (d) The Treasurer (Executive)
- (e) The Promotion and Publication Officer (Office Bearer)
- (f) The Social Officer (Office Bearer)
- (g) The Cultural Officer (Office Bearer)
- (h) The Sponsorship Officer (Office Bearer)
- (i) The Inter-College Sports President (Office Bearer)
- (j) The Immediate Past President

7.2 Only members who will continue to be students at UWA for the duration of the next academic year may nominate for an Executive or Office Bearer position; furthermore, only members who have previously held a position on their college club committee or the committee of the Department may nominate for an Executive position. Additionally, only members who will continue to be residential students for the duration of the next academic year may nominate for President.

7.3 Election shall be conducted by optional preferential ballot for each office in the order shown above.

7.4 A Candidate defeated for one office may stand for any office lower on the list that they have nominated for prior in the manner set out in 6.2.

7.5 In the event that a college does not have a member elected to the Executive, the college shall nominate one of their members on the committee to act as their representative to the Executive to be informed of any decisions made by the Executive at a meeting of the Executive.

7.6 No Executive or Office Bearer can hold more than one Executive or Office Bearer position simultaneously; however an individual may hold an Executive or Office Bearer position in addition to an ordinary committee position.

7.7 The Committee in meeting may dismiss an Elected Executive or Office Bearer where, in the opinion of two thirds of the members of the Committee present and voting, and with the agreement of a majority of the Executive of their college's club, that Elected individual has:

- (a) Consistently failed adequately to discharge the duties of that position; or
- (b) Been absent from three consecutive Committee Meetings without providing a reasonable explanation; and
- (c) Been given at least seven days' notice of that Committee Meeting; and
- (d) Been accorded the opportunity to be present and to speak at that Committee Meeting.

7.8 The Inter-College Sports President shall be elected by the inter-college sports committee in whatever manner that they see fit.

7.9 The Immediate Past President shall not hold a vote at any committee meeting, unless they hold an ordinary committee position as well.

8. THE COMMITTEE

8.1 The Committee of the Department shall consist of:

- (a) The Executive and Office Bearers;
- (b) The Ordinary Committee who shall consist of:
 - (i) 5 x Inter-college representatives, one from each college, elected by their own colleges during the college elections at the end of the preceding academic year.
 - (ii) 5 x Fresher Representatives, one from each college, elected by their own colleges during the elections at the beginning of the academic year.
 - (iii) 5 x Executive Representatives, one from each college, nominated from the executive of their own college's clubs elected during the college elections at the end of the preceding academic year.

8.2 The Committee shall be responsible for communication between the RSD and the college clubs, for assisting in the organisation, promotion and running of RSD events, and for representing their colleges during meetings of the RSD.

8.3 During ordinary meetings of the committee, all committee members shall have a vote which they may exercise when voting on ordinary agenda items or decisions regarding the day-to-day running of the Department; however, in decisions regarding changes to the Constitution or Policy of the Department, or for filling of vacancies as described in 10.1, or where three or more members of the committee deem it necessary and appropriate, there shall only be five votes cast, one per college, with the vote of the college decided by majority vote of the members of that college present at the meeting.

9. DURATION OF OFFICE

9.1 The Executive, Office Bearers and the Ordinary Committee members shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.

10. VACANCIES

10.1 If an Executive Office Bearer resigns or ceases to hold office for any reason the vacancy shall be filled through a by-election for the position, with the exception of President, in which case the committee may elect to promote the Vice President to the position of President, after which the vacancy of Vice President shall be filled as above.

11. MEETINGS

11.1 The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the President shall determine and the Secretary shall organise.

11.2 The Secretary shall cause all members of the Committee to receive six days' notice before the date fixed for the meeting together with an agenda of the business to be discussed.

11.3 The Secretary shall forthwith call an Emergency Meeting of the Committee upon receiving a request from at least two committee members thereof, and such a Special Meeting shall be held not later than three days immediately following receipt of requisition.

11.4 If the Secretary fails to call the meeting within that time, any one of the members signing the requisition may do so. Any business set out in the requisition shall have priority over all other business.

11.5 Meetings shall proceed in the manner set out in the standing orders of the UWA Student Guild.

12. QUORUM AND PROCEDURE OF COMMITTEE

12.1 The quorum of the Committee shall be of at least one representative of each college being in attendance.

12.2 All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Standing Rules and Orders of the Guild Council.

12.3 Members of committee can hold more than one proxy vote from the other committee members of their college.

13. POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE

13.1 Subject to this Constitution, the Executive shall be responsible to the Department in General Meeting for giving effect to the Objectives of the Department as set out in Article 2 and elsewhere in this Constitution and for carrying on its everyday business, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, have the power to:

i) Acquire and dispose of property; dispose of monies; open banking accounts; borrow or raise money or incur debts or liabilities on behalf of or in the name of the Department; and enter into contracts, subject to the approval of the committee as conferred through the

passing of a motion in a meeting of the committee, except in circumstances where this is not possible and the matter is of significant and sufficient urgency, to be accounted for at the immediate following committee meeting.

ii) Make decisions and delegate responsibilities for the orderly and proper management of the affairs of the Department, subject to the approval of the committee as conferred through the passing of a motion in a meeting of the committee, except in circumstances where this is not possible and the matter is of significant and sufficient urgency, to be accounted for at the immediate following committee meeting, ensuring that no regulation is inconsistent or repugnant with this Constitution.

14. CHAIR

14.1 The President shall have the right to take the Chair at any meeting of the Department or of the Committee.

14.2 If the President is absent or does not wish to exercise their right at any meeting, that right shall develop upon the Vice President.

14.3 In the event of absence of both the President and the Vice President, or in event of them both not wishing to exercise their right, that meeting shall elect its own Chair.

15. PRESIDENT

15.1 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in this Constitution or in any By-Laws or Regulations made hereunder, it shall be the duty of the President to:

(a) Coordinate and supervise the work of the Executive Office Bearers, subject to the authority of the Department in General Meeting.

(b) See that all Office-Bearers are conversant with the Constitution and their respective Duties and Responsibilities

15.2 The Guild Department Officer shall be the President of the RSD. The Department Officer holds speaking rights at the monthly Guild meetings, in which they, or a proxy (from the RSD Executive), must attend.

16. VICE PRESIDENT

16.1 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in the Constitution or in any By-Laws or Regulations made hereunder, it shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President wherever possible.

17. SECRETARY

17.1 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in the Constitution or in any By-Laws or Regulations made hereunder, it shall be the duty of the Secretary:

(a) To record all proceedings of the Department and the Committee and have the minutes of each meeting available at the following meeting for discussion and acceptance:

(b) To notify the Secretary of the Guild within fourteen days from the making therefore of any alterations to this Constitution.

18. TREASURER

18.1 In addition to any provisions set out elsewhere in the Constitution or in any By-Laws or Regulations made hereunder, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer:

- (a) Keep proper books of account dealing with the property and finances of the Department and to furnish the Committee with such accounts and information relating to the finances and property of the Department as the Committee from time to time require.
- (b) Arrange and be responsible for handling of the petty cash and to render an account to each Committee member of all petty cash.
- (c) Prepare a financial statement showing all receipts and payments during their term of office, for presentation with auditors report to the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Produce and deliver all necessary books, vouchers and other documents to the persons appointed by the Guild Finance Committee for the purpose of conducting an audit, in so far as such persons may be so required.

19. PROMOTION AND PUBLICATION OFFICER

19.1 The role of the Promotion and Publication Officer shall be to oversee the social media presence of the Department, and to ensure the promotion of the Department and its events at the various colleges.

20. SOCIAL OFFICER

20.1 It shall be the duty of the Social Officer to co-ordinate the organisation, delegation of roles in the planning of and running of all social events of the Department, as determined at the first meeting of the newly formed committee at the beginning of their term.

21. CULTURAL OFFICER

21.1 It shall be the duty of the Cultural Officer to co-ordinate the organisation, delegation of roles in the planning of and running of all cultural events of the Department, as determined at the first meeting of the newly formed committee at the beginning of their term.

22. SPONSORSHIP OFFICER

22.1 It shall be the duty of the Sponsorship Officer to co-ordinate and lead all efforts by the Department to secure sponsorship from external parties to ensure the financial sustainability of the Department.

23. INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS PRESIDENT

23.1 It shall be the duty of the Inter-College Sports President to oversee the organisation and running of all inter-college sporting events throughout the year.

24. ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

24.1 It shall be the duty of any Ordinary Committee Member to assist the Executive and Office Bearers in organising and running events of the Department, and otherwise assisting in the day to day function of the Department.

25. FRESHER REPRESENTATIVE

25.1 It shall be the duty of any Fresher Representative to assist the Committee in organising and running events of the Department, ensuring that the interests of and engagement with first-year students are known to and achieved by the Department, and otherwise assisting in the day to day function of the Department.

26. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

26.1 The Immediate Past President shall be the person who was the President of the RSD in the academic year prior to the current President.

27. DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWAL OF MONIES

27.1 All monies due and payable to the Department shall be received by the Treasurer who shall lodge them without undue delay in the Central Banking of Guild Council for the credit of the Department.

27.2 Any two members of the Executive may jointly sign cheques and forms of authority for the payment of funds of the Department.

27.3 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, no persons shall deposit or withdraw any monies into any account that Guild Council has closed by resolution.

28. PAYMENTS

28.1 No payments shall be made on behalf or in the name of the Department unless it has been authorised by the Executive Office Bearers, in accordance with Article 2.2

29. MAJOR OBLIGATIONS TO THE GUILD

29.1 The Department shall comply with the Regulation of the Guild and all other provisions enrolled upon the Guild Statutes book.

29.2 All Office Bearers and committee members shall be jointly and severally responsible for such compliance, and shall be deemed liable in the event of noncompliance therewith.

30. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

30.1 The Committee may by unanimous vote request any member to resign from the Department, and in the event shall cause written notification of such request to be served upon the member concerned.

30.2 Should such a request prove ineffectual after fourteen days of written notification, the Committee may serve written notice of intended expulsion of the member concerned and should they not have resigned seven days after, the Committee may by unanimous vote

expel him or her from the Department; but such expulsion shall be subject to review at the next General Meeting with the member present and to be heard.

31. AVAILABILITY OF CONSTITUTION

31.1 The Committee shall make the Constitution available on request to any member of the Department.

32. INTERPRETATION

32.1 Subject to any provisions enrolled upon the Guild Statutes book and to any resolution passed by Guild Council, the Executive shall have the power to interpret the meaning of any of the provisions contained in the Constitution, but the determining decision in case of doubt shall rest with the Department in General Meeting.

33. AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

33.1 Any two Members of the Department may not less than three days before the day appointed for the next Committee Meeting submit to the Secretary a notice of motion signed by them proposing an alteration to this Constitution.

33.2 The motion may then be considered by the Department at its next meeting and amendments that are relevant to the subject matter thereof may be moved without notice.

33.3 The motion of any amendment thereto shall not be deemed adopted unless it receives equal to or greater than a four-fifths majority of the members present and voting.

33.4 The motion as adopted with any amendments shall come into force upon receiving the approval of Guild Council.