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Guild Vice-President Report | July 2015

July 29th, 2015

What is wrapped in glad wrap and lives in a bell tower?

The lunch pack of Notre Dame.

Meetings

- Corporate Services Committee (12/6)
- EMC Meeting (18/6)
- MyGuild Demonstration (25/6)
- Parking Appeals Board (25/6; 17/7)
- International Student Council Planning Meeting (30/6)
- WHS Committee Meeting (13/7)
- Marketing/Sponsorship Meeting (15/7)
- SRC Meeting (21/7)

Marketing/Sponsorship

I met with Chelsea Hayes to discuss the creation of a Prospectus for UWA Albany Campus students. As Guild members with no café outlet on campus, Albany students can't reap the same benefits that students from Crawley campus, as well as other campuses with café outlets do, in the form of discounts. Katie McAllister and myself have been in contact with the Albany Guild Committee to find out what their students want (i.e. gym membership discounts, discounts at Kate's Place, the local coffee shop), and tailor the Prospectus to these needs.

We also discussed a marketing plan for the launch of 'representation@guild', which Kate has been helping me with design-wise. She says it would be beneficial to launch this with Guild Achievements.

International Student Council

The International Student Council is a body that has been in place in various capacities over the past few years, but this year, Sean and I have been working to formalise the processes for Semester 2 and beyond. ISC aims to bring together groups on campus that specifically represent international students to discuss issues on campus which affect international students, and aim to find solutions to various issues, as well as to help establish collaborative events across clubs and groups.

Sean has been exceptionally proactive in meeting with international student clubs, Faculty Societies and Colleges, with 16 interested groups confirmed so far, including ECOMS, WAMMS and Uni Hall. The members of the ISC committee, with myself as Chair, are Sean, the ISC Secretary Rebecca See and the ISS Liaison Officer, Tze Ann.

Corporate Services Committee

- IT:
 - WAPs installed in Cameron Hall during the holidays
- Record Keeping:
 - New Guild Archivist has been appointed

MASA (Mature Aged Students' Association)

We have also begun to develop various projects for individual OC members to take on, including a verbal and online survey developed by Kim, and a mature age students' 'Open Day', to introduce mature age students to their relevant faculty societies to aid in education and career-related issues.

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



Ed Council | Incidental Feeds and Charges

Worked with Leticia Clark to secure refunds being available for students in the Marketing Unit that I've mentioned in these reports previously.

Ed Council | IT:

The plan for the five key areas being upgraded should be completed by the time council sits. Wooh!

Stephen Trefrey met with the Health Dept and they are sympathetic to the issues being experienced by Med Students and will work on the main teaching hospitals. It is however not a priority for the health department as a whole in the context of everything else happening in the medical world.

Ed Council | Academic Question

Current question is "Is there anything that would improve your experience when watching lectures online?"

Ed Futures | Blackboard:

The switch over to Blackboard has happened and other than a delay by a few hours in certain units transitioning over, it appears to have been relatively smooth. We're working hard to advertise for students to contact the Guild ASAP if they are experiencing issues.

Student Consultative Committee:

July SCC:

Stephen Trefry updated on wifi access in teaching hospitals as per above.

The difficulties in printing page reversal are due to a fault in Adobe code and unfortunately cannot be fixed by the university.

Gilly Salmon continuing to investigate solutions to lecture capture ending before end of lecture.

I'll be sending Gilly Salmon a student "wishlist" for changes to echo. Changes include moving the UWA logo and a watched flag on lectures. Get in touch with me if you'd like to add to the list.

WIFI expansion delayed slightly but on track for the start of sem2.

Myself and Sean are meeting with Alec Cameron to discuss issues around the closure of the International Centre.

Grady Venville outlined the implementation of Socrates to measure teaching quality. Great step in improving teaching and learning at UWA!

Grady will be investigating measures that can be implemented to better advertise when units that run sporadically will be scheduled to operate.

Support from Alec for more info regarding lecture recordings in unit handbooks and outlines.

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.

We've been assessing various products and I'm pushing hard for the optimal student friendliness.

NUS | Education Conference

I attended the NUS Education Conference at UNSW along with Lizzy and Em. It was an informative week and I attended sessions on everything from alternative sources of revenue to promoting healthy living on campus. Of particular use was being able to meet with my counterparts from other campuses and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their various methods of representation. Discussions regarding the ongoing campaign against fee deregulation also featured heavily, though not heavily enough for some of our comrades on the far left. Particular highlights include appearing on national news after attending an unofficial pre-conference social event and the

abundance of cheap thai food in Sydney.

Ed Council | HSS

HSS have a new committee and are considering a rebrand as they feel “Health Student Society” does not reflect the courses of study that their membership is comprised of.

They have multiple events planned for this semester and I’ll be endeavoring to support them.

Review of Courses Audit

First meeting of the review of courses audit was unfortunately during my week at Education Conference. Having read the minutes it looks like it’ll be a productive and important group for improving teaching and learning.

Assessment Review

The Assessment review is progressing on as with previous months. I’m on all the sub-committees and advocating a better student experience with plenty of vigour!

EAN | Major Cuts Campaign

Emma Boogaerdt and David Cann are running a campaign against the plans to cut three majors in Arts with minimal student consultation and a lack of rationale provided. They have my full support and confidence.

EAN | NDA

There is an NDA planned by the good folks at NUS for August 19th as there are reports the fee deregulation bill will be reintroduced into the Senate around this time. David Cann has many plans to ensure this is successful.

Finances:

Total expenses: \$0



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)
Solar Panels	Feasibility study for Business School Solar Panels affirmative. Jess and Tony given it the go-ahead. Expected to start installation before end 2015	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Divestment	Jess to meet with Mutiya for advice on Guild Divestment. Fossil Free group highly mobilised, event planned for August, email to VC template circulated.	Energy and Climate Change	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Sustainability Map and Enviro Website	Design phase postponed.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Womens' and Enviro Bike Collaboration	Planning underway with Womens' Officer.	Transport, Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling in Cafes	Bins installed in Ref and Guild Café, Posters installed. Still awaiting replacement of lids so they are yellow. Hackett installation underway, then Reid and Science start of Sem 2.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Guild Recycling Plan	Bins ordered for CH and CW. Cleaner to empty bins. Commercial Tenants not yet approached. Mark investigating Catering composting. Amber currently investigating recycling system and "Cash for Cans" program for Student Tenants.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Tav Native Garden	Redevelopment delayed.	Biodiversity	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Nedlands	Native garden planning underway for outdoor area, Clara designated as project manager. Volunteer day scheduled for Thurs 6 th August.	Biodiversity	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Enviro Checklist	Editing phase underway for Students' Checklist. FacSoc's Checklist due to go onto website in Sem 2.	Communication & Engagement	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Bring 1 Get 1 Tree	Successful campaign: 434 KeepCups used. Final negotiations for tree planting underway.	Waste Mgmt, Engagement, Biodiversity.	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Palm-Oil Free Guild	Catering on board. Bonnie investigating current brands we stock and potential replacements.	Procurement	Revenue= \$0 Expense= \$0

Environmental Projects

Initialisation success (either maintaining or improving):

Systemic Environmental Projects	Status	Field	Finances
Sustainability Plan	Editing phase underway, due for completion before start of Semester 2.	All.	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Environment Council	Plan for Enviro Quiz Night collaboration underway: 3 rd September	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Social Media	Enviro Collective established 24 th Feb, average posts are approx 2 per day, 164 members. Facebook page: 842 likes.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Urban Orchard	Looking really great, harvest and stall on Wed 29 th . Worm farm installed.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Keep Cups with discounts	KeepCup stall to run during Club Carnival.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$343.20
Dine In Options	Investigating Discount for Dine-In to start Sem 2: alternative could be Frequent Dine-In Card. Lianne working on updating Dine-In posters etc.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bicycle Repair Station	No changes; use continued.	Transport	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling Point	Repair complete, moved to GSC. Promo ongoing.	Waste Management	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Election paper reduction	Paper reduction of 25% written into election regulation.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bjorn Lomborg @ UWA	Lomborg denied place at UWA by VC. National Campaign ongoing: Flinders University.	Education	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0

Finances:

- Actual Spend = \$0
- Budgeted Spend = \$280
- Actual Events = 0
- Budgeted Events = 0
- Unusual Discrepancies: none

No money spent on projects in April



International Students' Service

- The CISA National Conference and AGM was held between the 6th to the 9th of July. The UWA Student Guild sent three delegates to the conference, all of whom are ISS executives:
 - Timothy AJ (treasurer)
 - Denis Yu (MCW Director)
 - Sean Matjeraie (ISS Director)
 - I was elected as the National Education Officer, and therefore appointed the WA CISA executive (the first from UWA).
- A meeting with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Alec Cameron was held on the 28th of July to discuss the disestablishment of the International Centre.
- An executive meeting was held on the 24th of July, to talk about upcoming meetings and events for semester 2, the following was proposed and has been approved by the committee on the 27th of July:

ISS meeting review

- Wednesday at 3:30 pm
- Dates
 - 27th July
 - 19th Aug
 - 2nd Sept
 - 30th Sept
 - 14th Oct

Events calendar

- International Welcome 3rd July
- West Coast Stadium Tour 12th Aug
 - Organize transport
- West Coast Game 23rd Aug
 - Food vouchers - \$10 per pax
- Migration Seminar 8th Sept
 - Tattersall
- ISS Goes to Rotto 2.0 29th Sept
 - 75 tickets

- MCW Spring Feast 5th Oct
- Employability Seminar 13th Oct

ISS will be looking at providing more of a mix of events, three of which are welfare based and two socially focused.

- Due to the resignation of both Deputy Directors (Social and Welfare and Education portfolios), two new Directors have been appointed. Kenneth Foo as Social Deputy Director and Shadrina Denaya as Welfare and Education Deputy Director.
- MCW stall registrations have officially opened to clubs and businesses. The MCW committee are working on schemes to incentivise buying from stalls run by UWA Guild Affiliated Clubs.
- Cha Time, who agreed to become a Diamond Sponsor for MCW has asked that their sponsorship be rescinded, MCW are now talking to Guild finance about whether this is possible.



Introduction

As would be expected for the holiday period, July has been a quiet month for us. The main focus has been the organisation of Fringe festival, as well as some administrative affairs and finance allocations.

Finance | Budget

We have approximately \$3000 budgeted for this month. As of the writing of this report, we have not been required to pay any of the required deposits or booking fees for Fringe festival. However towards the end of the month, these will be required more so and as such we will be expending a forecast \$2500. I will update council on the state of our budget as required at council.

Finance | PAC Collaborative Grants

Due to a lack of club applications for the grants, we have decided to extend the grant applications into another 'round' for the start of the semester. It is hoped that this will entice the clubs into actions. We have reviewed the application form and tried to make it a bit more 'user friendly'.

Fringe Festival | Planning

We have refined our choice of events that will be occurring during the Fringe Festival period of Weeks 6 and 7. I have had extensive meetings with the events team to organise the Fringe Festival Launch, Spring Fling 50s-themed party, Comedy in the Tav, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery Instagram Night and Short Film Festival.

A number of installations have been planned for the week, and extensive research has been done into some of the marketing for the festival. At the moment, we are looking at having a more targeted marketing strategy than we have used in previous years. This way, we hope to have appropriate audiences at each of our events and best optimise what we offer to the students.

Throughout the week, a number of musicians and performing artists will be given the opportunity to busk and show their talents in order to showcase some of the artistic creativity that we have on campus. A number of clubs and facsocs have also expressed an interest in hosting interactive stalls, performances and installations including Arts Union, ALVA, FABSOC, UWA Knitting Club as well as the Women's Department and the Enviro Department. I am excited for a number of collaborative efforts and hope to be able to bring some unlikely student groups together throughout the course of the 2 weeks.

Equity & Diversity Committee | Club Guidelines

Progress has been made on the Club Equity and Diversity Guidelines, and we have made the decision to approach it more as an interactive checklist with how-to tips. We have consulted the equivalent guides from other universities and hope to have the Guidelines completed by the next Equity and Diversity meeting.

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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PSA President Report | July 2015

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Vikraman Selvaraja
President of the Postgraduate Students Association

Hi

In July, we held the PSA Connect at the Watersports Complex which was a very successful evening. Turnout, despite bad weather and it being mid-winter break was very good and our new commercial arrangement with Gage Roads Brewing for beer supply proved to be very popular and recognised by the attendees as a positive as we are supporting a local business instead of a multinational brewer.

In mid-July we organised a NAIDOC Week event targeted at international postgraduate students. 10 students from Brazil, Iran, China, India, Pakistan, Canada and Malaysia participated in this event where we introduced them to Noongar Whadjuk culture and bush tucker at the Piney Lakes reserve. The event was guided by an indigenous elder and the participants felt like they learnt something new and important about the indigenous heritage of WA. They were then taken on a tour of Fremantle and the early European contact and colonisation of WA guided by a Fremantle historian and archaeologist.

The Completion Scholarship program has been restructured and is now targeted at students who have not received a scholarship before they apply for a Completion Scholarship. It is also refined to be based on need. I look forward to further funding rounds for this scholarship in 2015 and 2016.

Finally, the review of HDR programs has begun and we are continuing to participate in understanding how future PhD's at UWA may be structured.

Thank you

Vikraman Selvaraja





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Queer Department Report | July 2015

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This month in the Queer Department has mostly involved planning for the next semester, particularly focusing on pride week in September and general events that we have each week. We also sent a delegation to the Queer Collaborations conference in Canberra with good results.

Over the last few weeks we have begun planning for pride week in September. We have several events ideas that we are narrowing down and we are also currently working in collaboration with Diane McLaren from careers and Rob Blandford from alumni relations to bring about a being LGBT+ in the workplace panel evening. Thus far this is going quite well, though we are still looking for potential panellists among alumni and other interested parties in the professional sector.

Events planning for semester two in general is going well, and we are focusing on trying to bring more variety into our events and attracting more people to the department.

The annual Queer Collaborations conference was held in Canberra this year and was overall a successful and rewarding experience for our delegates, who were able to attend several educational workshops and ran three well attended workshops of their own on sex and science, dysphoria and transition and communication for change. Our delegates were very active participants in conference floor proceedings, moving several motions, chairing meetings and holding secretarial duties. One of our delegates is also now designing a bathroom sticker campaign to raise awareness of the issues faced particularly by trans people in relation to using bathrooms. We are hoping that in the coming weeks our delegates will be able to share some of the knowledge and experiences that they had with the rest of the department.

Budget:

Budgeted \$650 for Queer Collaborations

Spent \$650 for Queer Collaborations and received a Guild grant to send delegates to the conference.

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





Introduction

As expected, July has been a relatively quiet month. However, most of my energy has been directed into preparing for a number of two events and initiatives, as well as taking on a number of extra administrative tasks.

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

Additionally, Lizzy and I have worked to ensure the back log of Guild Committee minutes are circulated and approved by Guild Council as per the Guild Regulations, in order for them to be uploaded onto the Guild website. This process will be carried out each month from this month onwards.

Guild Executive | Summary

The Guild Executive has approved a number of grants and loans this month.

Strategic Resources Committee | Summary

The committee discussed the commencement of the Mid-Year Budget Review, which will be carried out over the next couples of weeks. The review will need to be circulated and approved by Guild Council after this process. The Guild Executive has asked all councils and departments to read over and evaluate their budgets, to decide whether any re-allocation is necessary.

Student Services Committee | Summary

Semester Two Projects

- Guild Ball – the committee have begun the initial preparation and planning stage for Guild Ball. A separate planning committee has been established and will be meeting on a fortnightly basis.
- Student Lifecycle Report – the development of the report has been a slow process. However, I am excited to see both the domestic and international student lifecycles finished, and the postgraduate and Indigenous student lifecycle underway. I hope to have this initiative completed and circulated to Guild council prior to the end of our terms.

Executive Management Committee Meeting | Summary

Mid-Year Policy Review & Planning Day

- Lizzy and I are planning a day in which the Guild Executive will review the policy platforms of all Guild departments, committees and councils, to ensure they are achieving their objectives and to provide assistance and support for semester two initiatives.

Annual Report

- All student representatives, committees, departments and councils must make submissions to the Guild Annual Report – a compliance check that will be sent to the university. I will be helping Lizzy facilitate the collection of submissions to ensure the Guild does not miss the deadline.

Conclusion

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to send me an email at secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au or come by the student rep office in the Guild building. I am always here for support and encouragement.



INTRODUCTION

I was sick for 10 days.

WEBSITE

Sam Shenton has created a new map for the Clubs Website (which is basically a mess at the moment). I should be able to properly breathe after this website is fixed as clubs shouldn't have to email me as often. Creative is in charge of the website content now.

GUIDES & TEMPLATES

SOC has spent a lot of time this month updating material on the current Clubs Website. This includes the treasurer handbook, the getting started guide, poster training, top treasurer tips, basically the whole lot as well as adding new templates and guides.

The events budget template has been uploaded within each grant form, which means that clubs should all be sending a budget that SOC understands as well as the club (I feel as though some clubs have no idea what they're doing when we ask them to send us a spreadsheet of their budget).

The lovely Ashleigh Kotula has also made SOC a yearly budget template, which once properly reviewed and tweaked will become available to clubs. This master spreadsheet will basically keep track of all finances for each club for the whole year as oppose to each event. There are already template worksheets for generic events such as quiz night, movie night, event in licensed venue, event in unlicensed venue etc. Additional training will be required to properly use this amazing tool!

SPONSORSHIP

With the help of Chelsea Hayes, we have drafted up a letter and pictures that we plan on sending out to potential sponsors. Currently we are in the process of gathering a list of potential businesses to approach and tailoring the letter for each business.

If all goes well, we plan to introduce 3 new event grants:

1. Creative Event Grant
2. Education-focused Grant
3. Charity-focused Grant

We obviously need to work on the name of these grants. However, since we are also offering naming rights it may just be named after the business.

EVENTS

Three event registration forms have been sent out to clubs. These include Club Carnival, UWA Open Day and Aspire UWA.

Club Carnival seems to be going well so far with a total of 75 sign-ups. I expect a few more late sign-ups and also people not showing up on the day. The event will be very similar to semester one's Club Carnival, but we will also have a free BBQ for clubs as well as a few extra food vans for everybody! An invitation has also been extended to Guild Departments FACSOCs and a few external businesses in order to fill up the space and also build a little extra buzz.

For UWA Open Day we have about 32 sign-ups for a stall. We are mainly looking for clubs that will perform on the stage provided and show-off the amazing club culture at UWA. It seems as though we are relying on 3 clubs to do

this at the moment, so we desperately need more interest and keenness there (Siobhan is working on it).

Not many clubs have signed up for Aspire UWA (only 2). Aspire is bringing a few rural year 11 students down and will be showing them around campus. They've asked if at least 4 clubs can get involved and run some kind of activity for the students. Yet to see if I can find 4 clubs that can properly commit to this.

The SOC Networking Event has been moved to week three considering the first 2 weeks are pretty full on.

That's it, see you next month!

Nevin Jayawardena
soc-president@guild.uwa.edu.au



Hello all! I must say that writing this report was made quite a bit more difficult by the fact that I couldn't exit the Header and Footer section until Charlie took pity on me and taught me how! For future reference, click the tab and press the red exit button and voila! I hope none of you make the same mistakes that I did.

Meetings:

- Club Budget Template Meeting (02/07)
- Tailored Event/Function Packages Meeting (02/07)
- Catering and Tavern Meeting (16/07)

Catering and Tavern Committee:

Catering and Tavern Meetings have been progressing well, and despite a smaller attendance rate at our last meeting due to the semester break, the developments that have been made are astounding.

An Instagram account themed around campus food and dubbed 'Guild/Campus Eats' is in the works, and has become the personal project for one of the committee members. However, the most exciting developments are those regarding the Tavern! Hayden has brought new life into the Tavern and I'm looking forward to seeing the reaction of students when they return back to classes. Some of the bigger developments include:

- A new food and drinks menu
- Extended trading hours for said menu
- Daily specials
- An increase in the variety of drinks available, including the introduction of craft beers and top shelf spirits
- Later opening hours

I encourage all councillors to go and check it out and to give Hayden and myself all your feedback! Hopefully the majority of new-beginning kinks will be ironed out before opening, but as this is relatively fast paced – please bear with us if there are any minor hiccups!

There are also plans to create a functions package for the Tavern for 2016, which is currently in the development stage – more updates to come in my next report!

Finance:

I have been working with Nevin to create new budget templates for clubs to use for commonly run events. Hopefully we will be able to roll these out to SOC and PAC clubs at the start of the semester.

After discovering that the Club Banking policy held by Finance was very out-dated, I took it upon myself to overhaul the overdraft process and put a proper application procedure in place. Multiple people have had input into the process, and I believe the final application and agreement forms are almost ready for use.

Open Day Planning:

Open Day is almost upon us and should be quite different for the Guild this year with increased involvement. I'm looking forward to it!



With financially sustainable love,
Ashleigh



Introduction

Most of July has been spent on planning initiatives for semester 2.

Finances

Event	Cost
Yoga and Pilates posters	\$45

Welfare Week

Welfare Week for semester two is **Semester 2 – Week 43 – Monday 19/10/2015 through to Thursday 22/10/2015**. Pls put this date in your calendars and let me know if you have any ideas etc.

- Reach clinics have confirmed that they will be coming in for free health checks during the week
- Fac Soc Collaboration is underway

Yoga and Pilates

Yoga and Pilates will commence in week 2 of semester 2. Yoga will run every Wed 4-5pm at Oak Lawn and Pilates classes will start on Tues of week 2 (4-5pm Oak Lawn).

Meditation sessions

I have in contact with Guild Volunteering and we are starting regular mediation sessions in semester 2. To kick start the program we are holding a public talk with Ajahn Brahm, a renowned meditation teacher on 30th July 1-2pm in Law lect room 1. The meditation sessions will run every wed at 1pm starting from week 2.

Self Defense and Jogging Sessions

The Womens and Womens Dept will be collaborating again this semester to runn free Jogging sessions (for everyone and women only sessions fortnightly). We are also looking to running free self defence classes later on in semester 2.

Conclusion

ktnxbye.

If you have any ideas/any questions pls don't hesitate to email me at welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au

Much love Rida xoxo



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Women's Affairs Officer | July 2015

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I have been told that I need to do a nice little introduction to my report – so hello everyone! I hope you had a lovely break. Main update from the Women's Department is that the patriarchy still exists (unfortunately) so I'm still doing what I can to fight it during Semester Two. Good times.

CONFERENCES | NOWSA Conference

I was lucky enough to attend the Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference, hosted by the Tasmania University Union, during the break. We were lucky enough to have keynote speeches from a number of amazing women and I attended a variety of workshops, touching on topics like the politics of 'passing' and the representation of Muslim women in feminism. The conference was also a fantastic opportunity to meet with some Women's Officers from other campuses and it was awesome being able to share ideas and experiences with them. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of travelling to Hobart, there was a very small contingent from UWA, but I am looking forward to sharing the knowledge I gained with the rest of the Women's Collective.

CONFERENCES | NUS Education Conference

NUS Education Conference, hosted at UNSW, was an interesting experience. Most of the workshops, seminars, plenaries and panel discussions I attended were beneficial in terms of broadening my understanding of the education issues facing university students, discussing different modes of activism, and learning about other student unions. It was also a valuable opportunity to hear from the NUS Office Bearers, and I was pleased to be able to question the NUS Women's Officer on her activities so far this year.

EDUCATION | Gender Studies Major

As was flagged in my June report, the Faculty of Arts is currently planning on cutting the Gender Studies Major, along with European Studies and Medieval and Early Modern Studies. There are a number of reasons why I oppose this decision, including the lack of student consultation involved, failure of the Faculty to try and promote the units, and the lack of clarity as to their justification. The decision goes to Academic Council on August 5th and I have been working with Tom, Education Council President, and David Cann, EAN Coordinator, to run a campaign on this issue and try and get this recommendation overturned. I'm sure more information will come up in other reports and in motions, but it would be much appreciated if everyone could share the campaign with their networks:

Petition - communityrun.org/petitions/uwa-has-major-issues

Facebook Event - bit.ly/uwamajorissues

Facebook Page - fb.com/UWAMajorIssues

EVENTS | Blue Stockings Week

I have been working with the NTEU UWA Branch to organize some activities for this year's Blue Stockings Week, to be held from August 10th – 14th (Week 3). The theme this year is 'Storylines' so we will be holding an autonomous crafternoon session in the NTEU Branch Office, with hot chocolate, and will be knitting blankets for women's crisis care. We will also be promoting the walk on country being run at Curtin by a female Aboriginal Elder local to that area. The Women's Department will be having festivities on Oak Lawn during the week, including sharing the stories of women in tertiary education.

EVENTS | SCREW Day

This year we are planning to turn last year's 'Sex Week' into a one-day event, called Sex Consent Representation Education Wellbeing (SCREW) Day. 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. Stay tuned for more info and block out Tuesday, Week 7 in your calendars!

INITIATIVES | UWA By Night

Chloe, Student Assist, and myself have been working on creating a nighttime walk around UWA as an exercise in teaching students, especially women students, about how to best be safe while on campus at night. The walk includes pointing out the help points, explaining which paths are best to take at night, and passing down handy safety tips that many people don't know. We will be running the first tour at 6pm on Thursday in Week 1 and it is free to students. There will be tea provided afterwards, and in later sessions we will be running a self-defense class immediately after the walk to give the participants even more practical ways to stay safe and feel safe on campus at night. We have done walk throughs with members of Student Services and UWA Security which has been beneficial in getting the Guild more informed about what they are doing, and also giving them the student perspective on issues like lighting and security.

As part of this project we have also created, with the help of Alex Pond, an interactive campus map which shows all the different help points, dark areas at night, and gives relevant information and tips about student safety. Check it out here - uwastudentguild.com/uwa-safe-walks-map

INITIATIVES | Safety on Campus Survey

I am currently still working on creating a UWA-specific survey about safety on campus from students, and have asked Faculty Societies to let me know if they have any specific information they want included for students who have indicated that they are in their Faculty. I am looking to do the same with colleges and hopefully will have worked with some of them by the time this meeting comes around. My hope is that by making the survey as practical and UWA-centric as possible we will be able to get the most traction from the university on these issues.

INITIATIVES | Jogging Group and Self-Defense

The Women's Department and Welfare Department will be collaborating again this semester on running the Jogging Group, including continuing the autonomous women's sessions. We are investigating the possibility of running nighttime sessions as many women feel unsafe running alone at night. We will also be collaborating on running free self-defense classes for students later on in semester – stay tuned for more info!

CAMPAIGNS | Stop Taxing My Period

I have been appointed as the WA Representative for the 'Stop Taxing My Period' campaign, which has been all over the news recently. We are currently working on organizing a stunt/rally for mid-August when the petition is going to be delivered to each state treasurer, just before the Council on Federal Financial Relations meeting, where the decision on the tax will be made. I am planning to use the Women's Department stall at Club Carnival as an opportunity to promote the campaign and the actions.

PUBLICATIONS | Damsel Magazine

Damsel Magazine is back on for 2015! I am excited to announce that I have appointed the following wonderful women as Editors – Chloe Durand, Megan Ansell, Georgia Oman, and Melody Taba. We have had our first Editors meeting and are starting to plan out this year's magazine. We will be having our Creative Sessions in Weeks 2, 3, and 4, both during the day and at night. Keep an eye out on the Women's Department Facebook page for the events!

COLLECTIVES | Women's Collective

In Semester Two our weekly Women's Collective meetings will be held at 10am on Wednesday. After speaking to other Women's Officers at NOWSA

FINANCES | July

The Women's Department has had no expenses so far in July as it's been the holidays.

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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