



An interesting and insightful moment for me this month, was during my economics exam in UWA Sport & Recreation Centre. I was sitting near the front and saw a sign on one of the doors that read, 'NO ESCAPE'. I thought this was a great metaphor for my current state of mind. I hope everyone else's exams went well, too.

### **Meetings**

- Parking Appeals Board (22/5)
- EMC Meeting (21/5; 18/6)
- Guild Visit to Albany (22/5-24/5)
- Ally Program Discussion with Malcolm (25/5)
- Guild Council Corporate Governance Training (27/5)
- Guild Executive Meeting (28/5)
- Corporate Services Committee Meeting (29/5; 17/6)
- Accounting System Demonstrations (2/6)
- SRC Meeting (16/5)

### **Forum for students with a Disability or a Medical Condition**

The lack of an inclusive space and a form of representation for students living with a disability or a medical condition has long been an issue at UWA, but with the help of Liz Sullivan from UniAccess (the body that helps these students, mainly in an educational aid sense), Lizzy and I have developed a strategic plan for a private forum for students to gauge how sufficient Guild services are for their respective needs and to discuss their university experience in general. The fact that we have the resources to put together such a forum means that we can inevitably analyse this information and pass it on to a collective involving such students (most likely started by the students coming to the forum).

### **Corporate Services Committee**

- IT:
  - Internal websites for Catering (Eat + Drink), PSA and the Events Application system have been launched
  - 2 MyGuild modules have been delivered (Clubs and Events), with Loans, Training, Committees and Transcript modules to be delivered soon
  - Kelvin, in keeping with the Guild IT Strategic Plan, is creating a risk plan/recovery plan for computer systems
- Record Keeping:
  - New Guild Archivist has been appointed

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

MASA is holding its End of Semester Sundowner at the University Club on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. It's a wonderful way to round off the semester, and for the organising committee to introduce themselves to other mature age students on campus. 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.

### **Albany Student Feedback**

Katie McAllister (Albany Campus Rep) has been in contact with Albany students about a range of education and social issues at the Albany Campus, including lecture recording issues, a lack of communication with unit coordinators and a lack of resources. Katie, Tom Beyer and I will work to find solutions to some of these problems.

### **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](mailto:vp@guild.uwa.edu.au) or [lucy.moyle15@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:lucy.moyle15@guild.uwa.edu.au).

Lucy Moyle



### **Ed Council | Incidental Feeds and Charges**

A month later and I still haven't had a chance to meet with the Head of Marketing to discuss the issue of students being charged for software that they shouldn't have been. Scheduled to meet at the end of this month so stay tuned for updates.

### **Academic Board**

I attended the June Academic Board meeting. It was probably the most engrossing and informative afternoon I have had or will ever have in my life.

### **Exam Timetabling**

Things got messy with exam timetabling as myself and Lizzy had been advised previously that 3 consecutive exams was not allowed by the system, and we had advised students of that. However, after we had raised multiple instances of this being breached, we were subsequently informed that the information we'd been provided was not correct.

### **Exam Rules**

There was another issue in the exam period where a student started a petition after falsely believing that 100% exams were a direct breach of university policy. Whilst I am by in large opposed to 100% exams in most circumstances, and will push for them to be banned in the policy except in circumstances where reasonable, there is not presently anything in the policy banning them.

It is also worth noting that the school of Psychology will be phasing them out ASAP.

### **Ed Council | IT:**

The plan for the five key areas being upgraded is progressing nicely and should be done by the start of Semester 2. As is often the case, funding is holding back any substantive further developments although I'm working to determine areas of priority with high student usage to highlight with the BITS team.

Stephen Trefrey from BITS attended a WAMSS committee meeting with me to discuss a combination of the specific matter of wifi access in hospitals and wifi issues more generally. Stephen was very well received and commented afterwards that the feedback on which hospitals were priorities was particularly useful.

Stephen is meeting with the health department on 18<sup>th</sup> June to discuss these issues further.

### **Ed Council | Academic Question**

The academic question relating to class allocations had an enormous feedback which overwhelmingly favoured preferential class allocations over first in best dressed, which has been particularly useful in discussions with the university on the matter.

### **Ed Council | Late Assessments**

The late assessment form was working overtime during the lead up to exams and I've been working with fac socs and uni exec to try and rectify as many of these issues as possible.

### **Ed Futures | Blackboard:**

The first round of blackboard testing was well received and I was glad to see that it appears to be fully functional. A second session is planned but I have been unable to get the fac socs to come back with an appropriate time.

### **Student Consultative Committee:**

June SCC:

Discussed wifi matters that have been noted above.

Email has been sent to faculties that are breaching common lunch hour policy by Grady Venville.

Gilly Salmon to continue to investigate issues relating to lecture capture cutting out towards the end of a lecture and see if we can find a way around it.

Lisa Cluett discussed a number of organisational reshuffles in student services. Of particular concern are the closing of the international centre. It's important to note that no services are being removed but the loss of that brand will likely lead to issues in accessing services. Lisa will likely be attending the next Ed Council meeting to discuss these changes further with fac socs.

Jill Benn went through the results of the library student survey in 2015, which showed positive feedback across the board. It's worth noting that UWA received the highest scores across the GO8.

Factors to continue to be worked on include wifi access, increasing study space, online resources and improving oneseach functionality.

Lizzy presented findings from the most recent International Student Barometer and a number of the related issues were discussed.

### **Student Services | Timetabling**

Syllabus Plus review is progressing as always.

Student feedback session on other timetabling websites was successful, albeit a few more attendees would've been useful. Given UWA's issues in regards to student satisfaction the VC is regarding matters such as poor reviews of OLCR and timetabling as a priority, which is good news for us.

### **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.	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	Looking to occur in Sem 2.	Transport, Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Recycling in Cafes	Bins installed in Ref and Guild Café, Posters installed. 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 Nedlands Café outdoor area.	Biodiversity	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Election paper reduction	Paper reduction of 25% written into draft election regulation changes. Investigate 100% post-consumer recycled paper.	Procurement	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Bjorn Lomborg @ UWA	Lomborg denied place at UWA by VC. National Campaign ongoing.	Education	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Enviro Checklist	Editing phase underway for Students' Checklist. FacSoc's Checklist received by Ed Council successfully.	Communication & Engagement	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Bring 1 Get 1 Tree	Completed Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June. Successful campaign. Still awaiting data on KeepCup use during Campaign.	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):*

<b>Systemic Environmental Projects</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Finances</b>
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.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Social Media	Enviro Collective established 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb, average posts are approx 2 per day, 146 members. Facebook page: 834 Likes, highly active.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue= \$0 Expenses= \$0
Urban Orchard	Looking really great, harvest can commence in Sem 2. Awaiting installation of worm farm before Sem 2.	Engagement and Communication	Revenue = \$0 Expenses = \$0
Keep Cups with discounts	New order of 40 KeepCups received. Abbey and Antonio designated as KeepCup Stall co-ordinators for Semester 2.	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

Finances:

- Actual Spend = \$343.20
- Budgeted Spend = \$280
- Actual Events = 0
- Budgeted Events = 0
- Unusual Discrepancies: none
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\$343.20 spent on projects in April



## **ISS Director**

- Meetings:
  - ISS Committee meeting on the 25.05.2015
    - Chelsea and Chloe joined us to talk to the committee about food on campus and the International Student Lifecycle that Chloe has been working on.
  - Meeting with Chelsea to talk about marketing to international students on the services we provide (Student Assist etc).
  - Syllabus Plus Enterprise Upgrade: Stakeholder Reference Group

The UWA Guild will also be hosting a daylong international student leadership workshop entitled CISAtalk, which is organised by the Council of International Students Australia. This is part of their increased engagement with WA members and will include student leaders from UWA, Murdoch, Curtin, ECU and MASCA.

The theme of the workshop is “Everything a student leader needs to know about...” with speakers from the Australian Government department of Education, Study Perth, Allianz (OSHC), Quaestus Human Logistics and the WA Government.

It will be held in the Guild Council room on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June (Sunday) and is being sponsored by Study Perth and the UWA International Centre.

I will be setting up meetings with the ISS Executive to look through our budget and discuss initiatives and events for next semester.



## **ISS Departments**

### **Social:**

- No update on events.
  - I will be conducting a review over the department events and personnel.

### **Welfare:**

- A Migration seminar that was to be held towards the end of the semester had to be postponed to next semester due to unavailability of migration agent on the proposed day.
- A review will also be conducted on the department and it's personnel during the break.

### **MCW Committee:**

- Have confirmed sponsorships worth up to \$9,500.00 and are still waiting for responses from grant applications.
- A MCW committee shirt design has been confirm and orders will be sent it by the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.





## Introduction

As expected, June has been a slow month for PAC, however a lot of behind the scenes work has gone on in planning for Fringe Festival, working with other departments and finalising finances.

## Finance | Budget

A total of \$0 is budgeted for June; however we actually have spent a total of \$205. \$132 of this are left-over expenses from Social Justice Week, while \$73 was spent on Welfare drops. Additional expenditure will be required throughout the rest of this month as we put down deposits and pay early costs for Fringe Festival events and venues.

## Finance | PAC Collaborative Grants

At the time of writing, only one club has applied for a PAC Collaborative Grant. As a committee, we have decided that we will extend the application date for another week.

## Fringe Festival | Planning

We have established a calendar for Fringe Festival. Fringe Festival is scheduled for Weeks 6 and 7, running over the entire time period. We have planned an ongoing Oak Lawn Fringe Zone with live musicians each day of the first week, as well as contributions from PAC clubs and FacSocs. The highlight events will include an Opening Night with VIPs, Comedy in the Tav, our Prom Dance themed 'Spring Fling', a Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery Instagram Night, and Music Festival and a short film Festival on Oak Lawn. We are extremely excited to bring this to campus, and will have a load more updates once more acts, installations and artists have been locked in.

A number of musicians and performing artists have been in touch expressing interest about performing on campus, so Fringe Festival will be a great opportunity for them to do so.

## Collaboration | Welfare Food Drop

During Folio Week, PAC and the Welfare Department collaborated to provide Pizza for ALVA students. It was extremely well received, and all of the 23 pizzas were eaten.

## Equity & Diversity Committee | Club Guidelines

Little progress has been made on the club Equity and Diversity Guidelines; however this will be my focus for the upcoming week. It has been decided that the Guidelines will include an explanatory Preamble relating to the necessity of such Guidelines and relevant groups on campus will be consulted for contributions to the content of the Guidelines. Our next E&D meeting has been postponed due to exams so I will be able to provide a copy for Council after our July E&D meeting.

## Equity & Diversity Committee | Club Training

Jenny Ophel, Lucy Moyle and I met with Malcolm Fialho from University HR Equity and Diversity to talk about better training for clubs and club committee members. The outcome of this meeting was that clubs will be given the opportunity to engage in a general 'Discovering Diversity' workshop which is suitable for larger groups of people (as opposed to more specific programmes such as Ally Training and Courageous Conversations about Race).

If you have any questions about any of the above, please get in touch with me at via e-mail at

[pac@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:pac@guild.uwa.edu.au) or by coming by the office during my consultation hours (Monday 2-3pm, Wednesday 10-11am).

Charlie Viska  
2015 PAC President



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**PSA Report | June 2015**

June 24, 2015

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

Hi

In June thus far, we had our annual Quiz night which was a roaring success entertaining more than 150 postgrads from across the university. We also managed to raise almost 1000\$ for PSA events for the rest of the year. We also had a Connect at the University Club but have transitioned now to the new arrangement of Connects at the Watersports Centre from the first week of July. Next week we will be holding our Wine and Cheese night which is being supplied by De Bortoli wines and has received significant interest in the student body.

After presenting on issues surrounding the Completion Scholarships to the Board of the Graduate Research School, we received positive signals from the members of the board and the Dean of the GRS that the Completion Scholarships will be continued into the end of 2015, pending a further review of it in the Scholarships Committee which will attempt to target it more precisely at students who are in need of the assistance. This is a positive sign and we will continue to put pressure on the university to deliver on this issue.

Finally, at the meeting of Academic Board yesterday, I put forward a series of issues facing HDR students, particularly surrounding English language competency for new students, workplace harassment and bullying for continuing students and post PhD pathways for completing students. I received good feedback from the members and Chair of the Board in that these issues are significant and deserve attention in the upcoming review of the research training conducted at UWA which will be in parallel with a new Commonwealth review into the RTS and research training in general. There is indication that a working party will be set up to examine these issues and guide the university's planning on these questions in the future and I intend to make a strong case for student representation on those working parties.

Thank you

Vikraman Selvaraja





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## **Queer Department Report | June 2015**

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

This month in the Queer Department we have been preparing to send one of our officer's and two of our delegates to the Queer Collaborations conference, which will be held next month in Canberra. We are hoping that this will be a good learning experience for everyone going and that the knowledge gained and connections formed will be an asset to the whole Department when they return.

We have also attended a meeting earlier in the month with the UWA senior equity and diversity officer and members of the Ally Network to discuss how UWA can be better in regards to LGBT+ inclusion and facilities on campus. This was very informative and we hope to be further engaged in the events being run by the staff LGBT+ network and the equity and diversity staff.

Through networking at this meeting we were able to form some connections and we are currently collaborating with UWA careers to run another 'being LGBT in the workplace' seminar during our pride week.

Our main focus for the rest of this month is to start planning for pride week in September.

This report is correct as of June 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, please contact us if you have any queries.





## Introduction

Although a significant amount of my time this month has been consumed by exam preparation and coursework, I have been involved in a number of projects and initiatives from both an internal/operational perspective, as well as from a student focused perspective.

## 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.
- Chaired our fortnightly OB meeting and facilitated discussion relating to sub-council and departments collaborating with each other
- Following up motions passed by council to ensure they are being completed

## Guild Executive | Summary

The Guild executives have approved a number of grants and loans over this month.

## Strategic Resources Committee |

The committee have reviewed and approved the new Accounting Systems Software pending approval from council at this month's meeting.

## Student Services Committee | Summary

EOSS Review and Feedback

- EOSS for Semester 1 was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> with the theme of 'Wizard of EOSS'
- The event was extremely successful and incredibly well received. I'd like to extend a massive thank you to all the student representatives on the EOSS Planning Committee and the Student Services Committee, as well as Freyja, Siobhan and Chloe for their hard work
- Pop-up mulled wine bar and an EMAS DJ set in the Tavern, as well as a large variety of food and drink specials which were very well received by students from the feedback I have received.
- Aero bungee trampoline and pop-up hot chocolate and donut bar on oak lawn which attracted a wide range of students who perhaps were just on campus handing in an assignment for that day
- EOSS provided a large boost to the Guild's social media presence – with many new followers on Facebook and Instagram as a result of students sharing the event with their wider networks

## Major Projects and Administrative Items

- The Guild Student Lifecycle Report is being amended to include a more comprehensive analysis of the lifecycle of a postgraduate student, before it is approved and presented to council
- The Guild Volunteering Strategy has been completed and approved
- Due to exams, the June Students Services meeting will be shifted to next month, after reports for the upcoming Guild council meeting are due. However, I will endeavor to update council on any important initiatives that come up between these times.

## Executive Management Committee | Summary

The committee is working towards a way in which to collate the 'sets' of minutes from all Guild committees into a block to be accepted by council, so that they can subsequently be uploaded to the Guild website

**Extra Projects**

The initial planning/preparations have been underway for Guild Ball this year. I would like to make this event bigger and better than last year. If you have any ideas, requests or suggestions, or would like to get involved in any capacity, please do not hesitate to contact me, I would really appreciate your help!

**Conclusion**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email at [secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) or come by the student rep office. I am here for support, encouragement and assistance.



## INTRODUCTION

Hi all! Unfortunately this time I will not be able to burden you with a long and comprehensive report, as I haven't had time to focus on SOC too much over the past month. I've been doing this uni thing you see and it occurred to me that I will one day need to graduate so I thought I better study.

## REFORM

We've been working on updating a lot of the old documents currently available via the Clubs' Website. This includes the New Club Application Guide, the club constitution template, a Secretary Handbook, and a Treasurer Guide.

## SEMESTER GRANTS

We spent hours looking at semester grants and we almost have the final numbers. SOC is meeting up on the week of Guild Council to finalise the numbers and allocate the grants to all the clubs that applied.

This year we had 79 clubs apply for the Semester Grant and will be allocating \$32500 to the clubs that applied.

## FINANCE

Line Item	Description	Amount Budgeted for 2015	Amount Spent Feb 2015
Semester Grants	Semester Grant	\$32 500	\$32 500 (TBC)
Special Projects Grant	Special Projects Grant	\$2 500	\$2 500
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35 000</b>



Good evening everyone!

**Meetings:**

- Executive Meeting (21/05)
- Catering and Tavern Meeting (04/06)
- Coffee Carts On Campus Strategy Meeting (25/05)
- Open Day Planning Meeting (26/05)
- Finance Management Meeting (Leis.) (28/05)
- Tavern Manager Interviews (02/06), (04/06)

**Catering and Tavern Committee:**

What a fabulous turn out we had at the last Catering and Tavern Meeting! I was extremely pleased to have almost all of the students able to make it, and what a productive meeting it was! We passed a total of 6 motions regarding:

- Hackett Café becoming primarily dine in
- A rewards card being established for
  - Dine in or keep cup coffees (free coffee after 10)
  - Dine in card for meals (reward to be determined by Catering)
- Increase in sushi options
- Audio systems in outlets by Events
- Extension of Refectory opening hours (including Coffee Stop) for first month of Semester 2
- Food Vendor selection process by C&T

Some other updates include:

- The seafood salad in the Ref is going to be looked into regarding whether it should continue as an offered product or not (depending on popularity)
- Nedlands has finished its refurbishment
- Reid Café is doing great in terms of \$\$ however, after much looking into it has been concluded that it is not viable or possible to cook/serve hot chips in this location
- However, noodle cups are now available at Reid!

We also have a new Tavern Manager, Hayden Greenham. I was really impressed with all his ideas when he was interviewed and I'm super excited to sit down and plan out ideas to get the Tavern improved for Semester 2!

**Finance:**

As with last month, we are still trying to work with Leisure to assist them in managing their finances. The process is ongoing and is highlighting potential issues that we may need to cover further in future treasurer trainings, or create new policies around overdrafts and their approval process.

**Open Day Planning:**

Planning for Open Day is still going, with Nevin and I looking into which clubs wish to be involved, and which Guild Departments.

**Misc. Business:**

EOSS was fantastic! It was a super fun day, and I believe we gave out around 300 donuts and 400 hot chocolates! Major points to Cale for his amazing hot chocolate recipe!

Accountably yours,  
Ashleigh





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## Welfare Officer's Report | June 2015

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

May has been a quite month due to exams.

- Finances**

Event	Cost
Folio week dinner (collab with PAC)	\$72.50

PAC and Welfare Dept did food drops at ALVA during Folio week. We received really positive feedback from students and hope to do this again for semester two. I am also working with Cale on trying to engage ALVA students and provide services to them as part of Welfare week for semester 2.

**W&A Committee:** The W&A committee is currently in Phase 2 of the Mental Health mind map of all free support services available to students on campus. This will hopefully involve interactive hyperlinks and drop down google maps of the internal services of campus.

### 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.

### Mental Health Grant Applications

FacSocs Mental Health Grant Applications have been approved and the grant amount will be transferred into FacSoc's account soon.

If you have any ideas/any questions pls email me at [welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au)

Much love Rida xoxo





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

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **EDUCATION | Gender Studies Major**

It has recently come to our attention that there has been a proposal to cut the Gender Studies Major, along with European Studies and Medieval and Early Modern Studies by 2017. In the process so far there has been limited student consultation to gain feedback on the units and major or look at potential new strategies to address the School's concerns. The main reasoning given for this recommendation is that running the units are too costly. However, they propose to continue running the popular units, which would arguably not significantly save costs. "High salary costs" are also cited as a financial impact of these units, yet the proposal states that there would be no change to the staff complement so it is unclear what the substantive financial difference would be by cutting this major. This also completely fails to take into account any intellectual or academic merit to this major and ignores the fact that most Gender Studies units have very high SURF scores. If there is any issue with low enrollment in the major I would argue that this is largely due to its absence from course material for a few years before it was re-instated as a major in 2013 and the poor promotion of the course and units by UWA. I believe it's very poor to continually chop and change a major as it provides no certainty for students, both incoming and current, or university staff. I also find it bizarre that out of the three Level 2 and 3 core units 'Sex, Bodies and Spaces' is being substituted into Anthropology and 'Feminist Thought' is getting cut while 'Men and Masculinities in History' is remaining. Besides the intellectual benefits of the major I think Gender Studies also has an important role to play in addressing the gender inequalities present in society and providing an avenue for women's struggles and experiences to be taught and explored.

I have been in discussion with Lizzy and other members of the Women's Collective as to how to address the proposal and to come up with a new strategy to campaign against the cut of the Gender Studies major, particularly using the 'Save Gender Studies at UWA' Facebook page which was utilized in 2013 when this issue last arose.

## **INITIATIVE | Safety on Campus Survey + Map**

There is currently a lack of knowledge about the locations of security help points around campus, which are lit at night, and where campus security patrols. In order to better disseminate this information I have been working with Student Assist to develop the concept of a "safety map" which shows the locations of the help points and which areas are lit at night, as UWA does not have any of this information on any maps, either on campus or online.

A number of concerns about student safety and assault have been raised so far this year, and in order to gain more concrete information about the specific issues students are facing I will be doing a survey into student safety on campus into Semester Two, particularly targeted at women students. I have been communicating with Faculty Societies and colleges to try and tailor the survey questions to the individual learning and living experiences of the respondents. Hopefully this data can be used this year, and into the future, to raise awareness about safety issues and can be used to lobby for better policies on issues like assault.

## **EVENTS | Nighttime Campus Tour + Self Defense**

I have been working with Chloe Jackson, Student Assist, and the Liquor Enforcement Unit to develop a nighttime campus tour, which can be given to students and will equip them with information about how to be safe on campus at night. The plan is to incorporate self-defense techniques into this tour, in a way that is reactive to different circumstances that could arise. We are working with Student Services to try and incorporate it into the Orientation program so this information is passed on to all incoming students, which will also raise the profile of the Women's Department.

## PUBLICATIONS | Damsel Magazine

After the amazing success of the new and improved Damsel last year I am excited to get started on the 2015 edition. I have started the process of finding new editors, and if anyone knows of any women students who have an interest in writing, publishing, and art please let me know.

## ENGAGEMENT | Website, Blog + Newsletter

I have started working with the Design team to re-vamp the Women's Department webpage on the Guild website, including creating a blog which members of the Women's Collective can use to share ideas, interesting articles and creative works with the broader community. I have also been working on creating a Women's Department newsletter that can be sent out to students, regardless of gender, who are interested in the activities of the Department. This makes it easier to stay in touch with students who engage with us at stalls and will provide an additional form of communication to compliment Facebook. Hopefully by improving the online presence of the Women's Department over the next semester it will help with disseminating information about events and services.

## COLLECTIVES | Women's Collective

None of the collectives have met during the past few weeks due to exams, but we are planning to have a mid-year planning meeting and social during the winter break to organize our upcoming events and provide an additional opportunity for members of the Collective to network and socialize with each other in a casual setting.

## SEMESTER TWO |

The rough dates for the major Women's Department events in Semester Two are as follows:

- Week 3 – Bluestockings Week
- Week 7 – Sex Day
- Week 11 – Damsel Launch
- Study Break – Reclaim the Night (Fremantle)

## FINANCES | June

	AMOUNT BUDGETED 2015	AMOUNT SPENT JUNE	AMOUNT SPENT YTD	DESCRIPTION JUNE
Campaigns/Functions	\$350.00	+\$74.19	\$706.19	<b>Gender Pay Gap</b> - \$32.90 <i>printing</i> + \$107.09 <i>bake sale</i>
Consumables	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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	\$1.95	\$1.95	- \$1.95 <i>printing</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>	<b>\$72.25</b>	<b>\$1027.57</b>	

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