



## Meetings | UWA

- Regular meetings
  - (x2) Jill Benn, Head Librarian – Reid Library refurbishment, Reid Café refurbishment/movement and plans
  - Dawn Freshwater, SDVC – Establishing regular meetings, Guild relations and Equity and Diversity.
  - Alec Cameron, DVC Education – Discussions of UWA Sports progress, Guild provision of support services to Guild clubs, the initiation of negotiations for the distribution of SSAF,
- Senate Advisory Committees:
  - Planning and Resources Committee x 2
  - Planning and Resources Committee Extraordinary Meeting
  - Strategic IT and IM Committee
  - Facilities Development Committee
- Convocation Ordinary Meeting – report delivered and speech given.
- Local Drug Action Group (LDAG) regular meeting
- SSAF SLA Meeting with Judy Skene and Lisa Cluett
- Committees:
  - Education Futures Strategy Group
  - Curriculum Committee
  - Education Committee
- Alumni Annual Fund Grants Committee Meeting
- Opening of the Barry J Marshall Science Library

## Meetings | Guild

- Guild Committee Meetings:
  - Catering and Tavern
  - Volunteering and Community Engagement (VACE)
  - Student Services
  - Strategic Resources
  - Executive Management
- Tenancy/Clubs:
  - Leisure – re: Club room and finances
  - AIESEC re: use of Club room and unauthorised use of Guild Council Room
- Students with Disabilities, Medical Conditions and Mental Health Issues: initial focus group
- Students for Refugees Forum
- HSS High Tea for Relay@UWA
- Being OUT in the Workplace – Chaired discussion on being ‘out’ in the workplace organised by the UWA Student Guild Queer Department, UWA Equity and Diversity, and UWA Careers.

## Meetings | External

- Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WA) – Meeting to discuss future collaborations, careers and industry relations
- NDRI – Study drugs progress meeting
- ANU Access and Inclusion Committee – discussion of what an accessible campus looks like

## **CATERING | Reid Café, food vans and Halal food**

As I will describe further in this report, the Reid Library Ground Floor refurbishment project will be expanded in budget, and will include the movement of the Reid Library Café to the Saw Promenade / Terrace corner of the Library. This will allow for the café to have an outward facing coffee window, and I am confident that it will increase traffic into the café. The introduction of a ground floor entrance will greatly improve access to the café, and the refurbishment of the space (paid for by the University) will make for a more modern, clean and open space. The changes to the space will include the expansion of the Terrace seating (next to the pond) to extend across the whole space (currently separated between staff and students) and better integrate the terrace space into the collaborative area, with the boundaries between the two blurring with overflow seating. In exchange for the University refurbishing the space, the Guild will continue to run the outlet for the foreseeable future, as long as compliance is met with a quality and standards of service agreement. I am confident that we can meet, and exceed, the expectations of the University, and as such am excited at the prospect of being part of a multi-million dollar upgrade to this space.

We have received information from DVC Education Alec Cameron that permission will need to be sought from the University Executive in order to set up food vans in areas 'outside of the Guild precinct'. As such, we are developing proposals to place two coffee carts on campus, including near Reid Library to service the surrounding area while the Reid Library Café is closed. We are also looking at introducing a food van on campus to service libraries late at night, and late night sport, which we think will be positive a positive development towards our shared strategic goal of a 'sticky campus', where campus culture is bustling late into the evening.

After a few months of conversations we have successfully secured an additional food van, 'Meast – Middle Eastern Street Food', which serves Halal certified meat products and no pork. This has been very positively received by the MSA and Muslim students, and I can personally vouch for the deliciousness of the products. Meast will be on campus on Mondays for the rest of semester, pending additional availability to take on additional days. We are also looking into whether the Reid Café could be accredited as a Halal café given there will be a brand new café facility, but this will depend on whether there is a kitchen on site, as currently the Hackett kitchen is used to service the Reid Café. We are also working closely with the MSA on communications to Muslim students surrounding Halal food (both current and future updates), and have progressively having our suppliers approved by MSA. This, combined with scheduled training for all catering staff with regards to Halal requirements through the Islamic Council of Western Australia (ICWA), represents a large step in the right direction with regards to catering options for Muslim students on campus.

## **CLUB AND TENANCY ISSUES | Leisure, AIESEC, WASSA.**

Issues with regards to Leisure's finances and club-room have been largely resolved, with Leisure cleaning their space and putting in place a number of provisions/procedures/standards for use and cleanliness. Tenancy Committee will be keeping track of their progress/club-room, and myself, Ashleigh and Chloe Jackson have been working with the club with regards to their finances. We have been working to ensure that unpaid invoices are addressed, that the club can sustainably finance their events, and that the club is well placed to continue to exist into the future. I am pleased with the progress made by the club and confident that, by working with the Guild, the club will not see similar issues in future.

An issue arose recently with regards to the inappropriate use of the AIESEC clubroom, and the club's use of the Guild Council Meeting Room, involving breaches to their personal Tenancy agreement and significant lapses in judgment and misconduct with regards to unapproved use of the Guild Council Meeting Room for social activities. I have met with the club and have received an apology and plan to move forward from here, which involves changes to their arrangements for use and access of their space, and mandated participating in a Guild Volunteering initiative for all involved.

I have also been working with WASSA (Anthropology Society) with regards to their club room that they currently have in the Social Sciences building, that they are at risk of losing to the Faculty. I am working with the student representatives and staff to prepare a proposal to save the club room, and am concerned at what appears consistent with University reclamation and operation of student spaces.

## **EDUCATION I Review of Courses**

As part of the Review of Courses (NC2012), I will be participating in a review panel over a number of days in November, seeking to evaluate the work done by the Audit Group that was established this year. I would like to thank Tom Beyer for his work on this audit group, collating information with regards to current courses on offer at UWA, the transition to New Courses in 2012, the current state of education at UWA, etc.

The Review Panel are currently seeking student submissions with regards to this review, and if anyone would like to work on a submission personally, or from a Faculty Society/Guild perspective, please get in touch with myself and Tom. This is a great opportunity to provide your perspective on the student experience at UWA, transition arrangements that were put in place between Old Courses and New Courses, the current way that UWA approaches teaching and learning, and a number of other areas.

## **EDUCATION I Fee deregulation and Federal funding of Higher Education**

I was incredibly pleased to see that Simon Birmingham, the Minister for Education, has put the policy of deregulation of higher education fees on the back-burner until after the next election. This is a huge success for the student and staff movement, which has ensured that there is a spotlight on the effects of this policy on students and our Universities, and that this is a serious election issue. The movement against this proposal has come from a grass-roots level, and student organizations have played a key role in ensuring that the student of the future do not face skyrocketing University fees. This being said, I do not think that this is the end of the debate, and we should be ensuring that the importance of Universities, the social worth of education, and the principals of equitable access to affordable education are maintained.

I was also pleased to see the Chair of Universities Australia (UA) Barney Glover announce recently that UA would be pushing for increased funding and support of Universities and the Higher Ed sector, and would not be furthering their support for fee deregulation as a solution to this problem. I met with Barney at the UA Conference earlier this year and discussed with him student views and concerns on fee deregulation. I am very pleased to see that he has kept students in his mind and ensured that we are not sold-out in finding an answer to the current Higher Education funding problem.

## **REID LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT I Collaborative Zone Expansion**

The Reid Library Ground Floor was already approved to be refurbished in the near future, but has recently been approved for an approx. \$5 million increase in budget, which will allow the ground floor collaborative zone to expand to fill the full floor.

I will give an overview of the current plans for the space in our meeting.

## **SAFETY ON CAMPUS I ACUMA Awards**

I would like to note that the Guild received an award of 'Highly Commended' in the Student Services category of the National ACUMA Awards recently. This was for our suite of Safety on Campus initiatives, which have been incredibly well received both on campus and in a national context. I would like to recognize the role of Women's Officer Emma Boogaerdt in particular, and the Student Assist and Creative teams in producing these resources and initiatives, and the Welfare Department for their work on these projects. This is an important issue that the Guild can lead the way on and show UWA what we expect to see from a University with regards to safety on campus initiatives.

## **WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING I Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WA)**

I have been meeting with the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry with regards to improving links between UWA, the Chamber, and industry, specifically with regards to Work Integrated Learning (WIL). WIL is similar to service learning, but requires an academic advisor, assessment task(s) and working with peers as requirements for accreditation/compliance. The CCIWA have been running a pilot program in WA which was funded federally, which links students to business/industry. There is definitely scope for more WIL units

to be established at UWA, particularly given the broadening unit structure in place, and given student feedback on the UWA Careers Centre, the proposal that CCIWA were discussing sounds like it would be of great benefit to students. As such, I will be discussing further collaboration with Alec Cameron. If the University are not interested in proceeding, I firmly believe that there could be fantastic links between the Guild and CCIWA in working on this program, with particular reference to our current Volunteer Hub structure and model.





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## **Guild Vice-President Report | September 2015**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **Introduction**

This month, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith (as she is affectionately known), overtook Queen Victoria as the longest reigning monarch. Tony and I were going to have a pot of tea and scones to celebrate, but we didn't. Next time, I'm sure.

### **Meetings**

- UniPark Meeting (25/8)
- Governance Meeting (26/8)
- Parking Appeals Board (27/8; 11/9; 25/9)
- Corporate Services Committee Meeting (27/8)
- UniAccess Student Forum (1/9)
- EMC Meeting (17/9)
- SRC Meeting (18/9)
- MASA Meeting (22/9)
- International Students' Council Planning Meeting (2/10)

### **Australia II Drive (the Pit)**

You may have heard a lot of disgruntled students on 'Confessions at UWA' etc about changes to parking rules in the Pit. Earlier this year, Tony and I met with various stakeholders in that area, including fire-fighters, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Perth Yacht Club etc, to discuss how the 'illegal and dangerous student parking' meant vehicles, like the emergency services, were unable to navigate through the area. As it stands, rangers and parking inspectors have no jurisdiction to put tickets on cars, as it is not their land, however at the meeting, Brett Fitzgerald, from DPaw, explained that they were waiting for the passage of legislation which would give them this jurisdiction, which would help to stop 'students' parking illegally. I was told at that meeting that regular communication with the Guild and UWA would occur about the progress of this legislation so that we can effectively communicate this to students, but this has still not occurred, despite my monthly emails to Brett. This month, I heard more stories of students who had been 'threatened' with wheel clamps if they did not pay a ticket, so I have been following this up with Brett and his staff. I was disappointed in the lack of thorough communication with me about changes, and also regret that students have had to deal with inappropriate behaviour from staff members, but I am ensuring that we get this information as soon as possible. If you have any information about what's happening that I need to know of, please let me know.

### **UniAccess Student Forum**

Lizzy and I have been in close contact with Liz Sullivan from UniAccess since the beginning of the year, with talks about creating a 'collective' for students with a disability or a medical condition on campus. UniAccess helps students with their education issues, but due to confidentiality reasons, they cannot refer students on to students with similar lived experiences, so the program involves no student representation or advocacy, nor a safe space. These chats culminated in a forum at the beginning of September with interested UniAccess students to discuss whether Guild and University services are sufficient for their needs, and lay the groundwork for the new 'Guild Access' department. We discussed services like gopher charging stations and the need for bigger lifts, with the intention that we would pass this collected information on to the formalised group so that they can begin their own advocacy process. I look forward to seeing how this develops!

### **Parking Information Session with UniPark**

I organised to meet with Garry Jones, Michelle Moore and Alex Libia from Campus Management/UniPark to ask them a few questions about parking and understand what their reasoning has been for parking cost and other issues. I think it's important that Guild Student Reps maintain this strong relationship to ensure that students are included in long-term parking planning discussions at the University. I enquired about the recent parking/transport survey, and was advised to discuss with a different member of staff, which I have followed up with. I also learned more about the parking bay cap, cost of building a new carpark, ratio of students with parking permits to yellow bays and ratio of staff red bays to student yellow bays, and why this is the case.

### **Corporate Services Committee**

As correct at most recent CSC Meeting.

- IT:
  - Looking into updating to office365 due to age of current Guild server

- Computer Science students creating Interactive Map on tablet outside Finance
- Administration:
  - Current cleaners provided Mutya with their updated cleaning schedule
- Finance:
  - Middle of deployment/design of Netsuite, to be live at end of September/middle of October

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

This week saw the send out of the first MASA Newsletter, which is a project I have been working on for a while, and is very exciting! This newsletter formalises a lot of the events that MASA runs, whilst also spreading the word about UWA and Perth-wide events that we believe would appeal to mature age students. If you see any events that would fall into this category, please let me know! The newsletter also advertises Guild and UWA services.

### **Parking Appeals**

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

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

Lucy Moyle



## **Introduction**

Despite Guild elections running concurrently alongside my Guild work for a large part of September, I have managed to achieve and complete a number of projects, as well as managing my monthly administrative tasks for Guild Council.

## **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 Annual Report 2015**

The Guild Annual Report for 2015 has been edited and finalized and will be presented at this month's council meeting for approval. A significant amount of time has gone in to chasing up councillors and Office Bearers in submitting their Annual Reports, which has unfortunately delayed the release date, however I am excited to see the report come into fruition.

## **Projects and Initiatives for Ordinary Guild Councillors**

I have circulated a list of projects and initiatives that councillors are able to get involved with if they would like to. This is because the role of councillor is very broad, and councillors have the opportunity to take on a number of special projects or interests during their term, but may not be able to find the projects they'd like to get involved with. I have included the list below:

- Ideas & Strategic Planning:
  - Strategic planning – gap analysis, gaps in existing services and initiatives to support students throughout their lifecycle
  - Planning – EOSS2 Planning Committee
  - Reviewing signage in the Guild Village to increase visibility of the key areas, student centre, guild admin etc.
  - Plan for integration into the faculties and colleges to let them know the benefits of the Guild and services we can provide
- Creative Design:
  - Creative support with design ideas
  - Blog posts/gathering content about things students are working on or might be interested in (anything for upcoming or ongoing initiatives to upcoming events/event summaries, what they've been working on this year of why students should get involved with a particular collective/department)
- Hands on:
  - Helping to identify activities/information etc. that would make good video content and perhaps story boarding it out. E.g. how to get a bus to UWA, a day in the life of a (college/international/post grad) student, secret spots on campus – LWAG/Sunken Garden/Tropical Grove
  - Helping to review website content and layout, is information easy to find, does this cover all the information you'd like about x, is it easy to understand, identifying where the language could be more student friendly, suggesting/writing new content



- Student Centre clean-up – ideas to increase utilisation
- Organising and managing Guild Micro Volunteering – Mondays (1-3pm)
- Helping to coordinate and attend Guild Volunteering events
- Creative: Crafter noon's for Guild Ball
- Events: Bump in/out crew for the Ball
- Events: EOSS2 bump in and out, crew on the day
- Photos at events or on Oak Lawn/in the Tavern during the day
- Helping with diary content (suggesting/reviewing/proof-reading) and activity pages
- Gathering information about other student rep/department achievements for promotion
- Make suggestions for informative brochures/flyers for distribution
- Contribute a tip or "what I wish I'd known in my first week/year at UWA" for our Fresher Guide
- Identify Guild achievements and activities that we could publicise more widely – e.g. articles for UWA Forward (staff newsletter) or profiles for UWA Students FB (especially for extra promo about upcoming events).

If you would like to get involved in any of these initiatives, please let me know.

### **Improvements to the OB Meeting**

Lizzy and I have reviewed the feedback provided by Office Bearers relating to the OB meeting each month, and I have come up with a number of strategies to improve these meetings for the remainder of the year and for future years, and would really like to hear your feedback!

- Making the meeting more of a strategy discussion of some topics that spread across all of the OB portfolios, but don't necessarily apply to a portfolio
  - Ways to engage meaningfully with colleges
  - Ways to improve/diversify your department or councils involvement with orientation
  - Involvement of campus representatives
  - Administrative involvement – a forum to discuss involvement with Guild events like EOSS, helpers for Fringe Festival, Guild Ball, Club Carnivals, coordinating stalls for Oak Lawns for representation@guild, NUS and Orientation events
- Engagement of underrepresented groups on campus and how you can involve and cater for these groups through your department/councils:
  - people with disabilities or medical conditions/mature age students/post-graduate students
- Providing OBs with a clearer indication of which Executive member they should go to for a specific issue – e.g. if you're having trouble achieving your policy objectives/finance/management

### **Guild Executive | Summary**

The Guild Executive has approved a number of grants this month. We have also received and discussed the feedback councillors and Office Bearers from the online survey sent out by Emma Boogaerdt after the Mid-Year Planning day, and are in the process of making a plan to utilize the feedback in a productive and constructive way.

### **Guild Committee Minutes on Website**

Guild Committee minutes from December 2014 are now available under the committee tab on the Guild website. This is the first time these minutes have been made available on our website, which will improve the accountability and transparency processes of the Guild, and encourage more students to apply for Guild Committee positions when application open in May of next year.

### **Student Services Committee**

The Student Services Committee meeting was pushed back to week 10 due to the study break, however the committee has managed to complete a number of initiatives via circular during the month, and will be meeting to discuss ideas this Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- The new Event Management Policy and Poster Policy require acceptance and approval by the committee before they can be implemented. Chloe Jackson and Kasey Hartung have been working very hard on finalizing these prior to this month's meeting, and they are now ready to be passed and implemented



- I have been coordinating student representative helpers for Oktoberfest, which falls this Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in the Tavern. The events team will require help with set up and pack down, handing out bottles of water in the Tavern and on oak lawn, as well as being on the door. If you are free and would like to get involved in helping out next Friday, please let me know.
- Myself, Kasey and Siobhan have been discussing preparations for EOSS2. I have also coordinated a student rep team to come up with ideas for this year, and we had a very successful meeting this month to discuss the theme, capacity, music and food/drink.

#### Guild Ball Preparations

- Tickets for Guild Ball were released last week and managed to sell out very quickly. A significant number of pre-sale tickets were available for clubs, Guild Council, faculty societies and a number of other campus organizations to purchase, and Kasey has made sure anyone who missed out on a pre-sale ticket has been catered for. A very limited number of general admission tickets were also released, and these managed to sell very quickly. The events team apologizes to anyone who missed out on a ticket, however there is always only a very limited amount of tickets to Guild Ball every year, as it is relatively small.

#### Conclusion

As always, if you would like to discuss anything in particular, or if you have any issues, queries or questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email at [secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au) I am here to provide assistance, support and encouragement to student reps.

Jesse Martino  
Guild Secretary





Hi everyone! Hope your study breaks have been full of sun, and laughter and great times (rather than like mine, which has been full of work, and being indoors and crying because of a sore throat). Being sick is the worst.

**Meetings:**

- Exec Management Meeting (20/08, 17/09)
- Strategic Resources Committee (18/09)
- Pelican Budget Meeting (15/09)
- RSD Budget Meeting (22/09)

**Catering and Tavern Committee:**

Unfortunately, the September meeting was postponed due to the two vacancies on C&T and the difficulties in finding a time that suits the remaining members!

However, the August meeting went ahead a week later, albeit with a less than stellar attendance rate by the Student Reps. Majority of the current work being done in C&T is ironing out the remaining kinks in all of the current projects as the year comes to an end, and laying the ground work for projects for 2016. There are brainstorming plans in the process for the future of Nedlands Café and the Ref, along with the current layout of food vendors.

On a more exciting note, we have increased the amount of Vegan Pies being sold in all our outlets – which has had a great response!

Finally, the Tavern is now doing very well – the new menu has increased sales, with food sales overtaking that of drinks!

**Finance:**

No overdrafts for this month either! However, I have met with a number of Guild Departments about their budgets for this year, what they want for next year, and the difficulties they've had this year regarding their finances. I believe that a number of people would benefit from attending the OB Finance training at the start of the each term, and am working on making sure all of these people/positions are include on the attendee list!

Perhaps I will have a more exciting/content filled report next time...

Until next time!

\$ Ashleigh \$





### **Lecture Capture System Lecture Recording length:**

To clarify for anyone who is not sure after some mixed messaging recently, I can assure you that from January 2016, lecture recordings will be for 55 minutes. The relevant hardware and software upgrades have been taken care of, however a mid-semester switch is not a good move due to the fact that all the recording time info would have to be re-entered into the system, and the risk of error is high, which would have severe consequences.

### **Lecture Capture System | UWA Logo**

The UWA Logo which was formerly on all lecture videos has been removed. If anyone experiences any issues where it is still in place, let me know ASAP. If anyone has any further changes to Echo they would like to see, please advise me as I'm currently in discussions with Gilly Salmon regarding this matter.

### **Student Consultative Committee:**

September SCC:

Issues around inaccurate information in Unit Handbooks and units being run rarely are currently under review by Kent Anderson.

The HPU developed a discussion paper on Mental Health and Wellbeing which led to a passionate discussion. Students clearly stressed the need for the university to prioritise these steps, however also reiterated that the proposals in the paper were a strong first step but not the final destination or all that is required.

See below for info regarding fac soc module on LMS.

Grady Venville to follow up the logistics of having student readings for units available all semester where applicable, though note in some instances there are likely good reasons for reading availability to be limited.

Lisa Cluett to follow up the potential to order physical unit readers before semester to deal with issues around availability.

Issues around venue access for fac socs was discussed, triggered by an issue around a mock exam run by WAMSS.

Judy Skeen is looking into venues for the specific WAMSS example.

More generally, Alec Cameron has indicated that issues around academic programs and access to venues will be looked upon with good faith to minimise barriers for student organisations.

### **Ed Council | LMS Modules**

I'll be meeting with members of the Education Futures team to discuss the logistics around Faculty Societies, among other student groups, having the capacity for a module on the LMS. The exact logistics around this are tbc, as per the discussion at SCC. I'll keep everyone in the loop as things progress, though if you have strong thoughts on any aspect let me know.

### **Student Services | Timetabling**

OLCR is officially being replaced by the Class Allocation System (CAS), a system using the Allocate+ software that has been previously discussed. This is a great step for students, and CAS should be ready in December for returning students to enter their preferences. More significantly, this should make the enrolling process much simpler for new students, as OLCR had previously been a source of much anxiety and confusion.

I've been involved in the communications plan for this, and it will be officially announced on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Overall the system is looking fantastic, though I've been working to provide a lot of feedback to the project manager regarding current issues that need tweaking in the lead up to the rollout to minimise any difficulties in the transition.

## **Review of Courses Audit**

The data from the student survey is in and I'm in the process of analysing it with the audit team.

## **Assessment Review**

The Assessment review draft policy has gone to Education Committee and is scheduled to be discussed at Academic Council.

## **Guild Elections**

As most people would be aware, the recent election saw Emma Boogaert elected to replace me as the Education Council President for 2016. I offer her my congratulations and am sure she'll be fantastic!

## **Finances:**

N/A



## Introduction

Wow! What a month. After Fringe Festival and Guild elections, we are looking forward to the rest of the semester.

## Finance | Budget

A total of \$1000 was budgeted for September, in the category of Sundry Activities. In reality, approximately \$7000 was spent out of the \$8000 that carried over from the August budget. This was all for our Fringe Festival. We found that groups and companies were quite happy to provide us with discounted rates, which helped us to come under budget overall for Fringe Festival.

## Finance | PAC Collaborative Grants

Another round of PAC Collaborative Grants will be open at the end of the year. A number of clubs that did not apply at the mid-year mark have expressed an interest in applying for the grants (i.e. retrospectively for Semester 1 events).

## Fringe Festival | Events

With Fringe Festival over for another year, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. Whilst not everything went to plan (e.g. having to postpone our Short Film Festival due to bad weather), I am extremely proud of the effort that the PAC Committee put in to the 2 (and a bit) weeks. Here is a quick summary of what occurred:

- 31<sup>st</sup> August Opening Afternoon: It was very casual and a very chill introduction to the Fringe Festival, and the relaxing ambience created by Riley Pearce's dulcet tones was highly appreciated by attendees.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September Comedy in the Tavern: The Tavern was completely packed out for this event, and I was personally extremely pleased with the line-up that Bootleg Comedy provided for us. Our MC 'Famous Sharron' did a fantastic job of keeping the audience engaged and was great fun. Hayden and the Tavern staff worked very hard to make sure the night was a success, and I am extremely thankful to them. Notably, keeping the food service open later (until 8pm) also went well.
- 4<sup>th</sup> September Spring Fling: I was extremely happy with the number of door sales that occurred (after lagging pre-purchasing of tickets) and am delighted to say the night went off without a hitch. The live band was good fun, and the generous free DJing from EMAS was much appreciated. Thanks to Rodney and the catering team for providing food for sale. I know patrons also enjoyed Dance UWA's 2 performances. I was pleased to see most if not all attendees dressed up, and have had some really positive feedback about the event. For a new event, I am happy with how things turned out.
- 7th September Instagram Night: Held at Art House, the student artwork on display was very impressive. This was the smallest event we held, which was understandable given our change of venue from LWAG to Love House. The Cultural Precinct was extremely supportive and allowed us to use the venue free of charge, and I hope this can be the beginning of a symbiotic relationship between the Public Affairs Council and the University.
- 17<sup>th</sup> September Short Film Festival: Despite being postponed for a week, the turn out was still good



and I think all of the film submissions were appreciated. Ranging from heavy drama to a crowd dancing to Darude's "Sandstorm", the material as extremely varied but all fantastic content. The weather, in the end, was extremely pleasant and I think Prescott Court should be investigated to be used for more events in the future. Beware of mosquitoes.

We had a number of interactive and display art installations that people appreciated. By far, the "Paint Me" Piano was a crowd favourite, and it was wonderful to see the piano completely covered in neon colours and textures. Due to a last minute cancellation, our live exhibition from a graffiti artist was not able to go ahead. However, I believe there was still plenty of art for students to get involved with.

We are currently in the process of reviewing Fringe Festival so that it may be improved on for next year.

#### **Pop-Up PAC | Musicians**

So far this semester we have had a number of musicians performing, including David Handojo, Ciara Murphy, Arshya Pankaj, Eliza Nguyen and Cameron Campbell. We hope to continue on from this until the end of the semester (and in to the future).

#### **Pop-Up PAC | Drama**

Following an expression of interest from UDS member Nick Morlet, we are proud to be supporting an independent performance piece that will be performed in the next few weeks at University Theatres. Watch this space for more details regarding this Pop-Up PAC theatre show.

#### **Clubs | Best PAC Club**

Applications for Best PAC Club are now live on the Guild website. Clubs are required to indicate how they have fulfilled a number of require criteria such as participation in Guild events, collaboration with other PAC Clubs, involvement with PAC initiatives and running inclusive and new events. The winner will be announced at Guild Ball.

#### **Training | ALLY Training**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, I will be attending ALLY training.

#### **Equity & Diversity Committee | Equity & Diversity Guidelines**

Due to the study break, we did not have an E&D meeting this month, and we will address any issues in October's 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](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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**Societies Council President | September 2015**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **INTRODUCTION**

Greetings my dear Guild-lovers. This month has been especially busy for me given that most (all) of my committee was either away or involved in elections so don't expect this report to be too long.

## **SOC MEETING**

Below is the agenda for the November SOC Meeting:

- 1.0 SOC WELCOME
- 2.0 PAC
- 3.0 EVENTS
- 4.0 NEW CLUB AFFILIATIONS
  - 4.1 Creative Writing & Poetry (CWAP)
  - 4.2 Students for Refugees UWA
  - 4.3 Love Foundation Perth
  - 4.4 UWA Sex Party
- 5.0 GUEST SPEAKER
- 6.0 DINNER
- 7.0 WORKSHOP SESSION
- 8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS
- 9.0 NEXT MEETING

All clubs except for the UWA Sex Party were affiliated at this meeting. This means that we currently have 120 affiliated clubs with 2 pending approval at the October SOC Meeting.

## **PRESIDENTS SUMMIT**

SOC held its last Presidents' Summit for the year in the Ref. Overall I found the event to be unsuccessful as clubs were disengaged, cold, bored and hungry. The event was under catered as more than the expected people turned up on the night. The ref wasn't ideal as the acoustics were horrible, the layout was unorganised and unprofessional and when it got later into the night it became quite cold. I will be putting together a post event brief for the 2016 SOC Committee consisting of extensive recommendations to host the best Presidents' Summit's next year.

## **NETWORKING EVENT**

SOC hosted its very first Networking Event on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at the Claremont. It seemed like the event was going to be a complete flop but to my surprise it wasn't too bad. Clubs came down to network each other and dance a little. After speaking to a few of the clubs a few commented on the fact that they found it quite helpful and thought it to be a good event. The main recommendations I would make for the 2016 SOC Committee is that it be held in the beginning of the year in the Tav for about 3 hours as oppose to the long 5 hours.

## **UWA IQ**

I met with The UWA Innovation Hub where we discussed opening up their office in the city to clubs. They have various meetings rooms and hot desks which they are keen for clubs to hire out for 5hrs each month. We are still in the process of figuring out the hire process and whatnot.



They are also keen to provide clubs with training in strategic planning and enterprise thinking. I am really excited about these workshops that could potentially be held next year. By having these workshops clubs should be able to host better catered events and adapt to the culture shift at UWA. We should be able to expect better quality events and a 'stickier campus'!

### **SOC AND VOLUNTEERING**

Over the past couple of weeks it has been made clear that there is a lack of distinction between SOC and Volunteering. Many organisations are partnering with Volunteering to receive support and Guild benefits without become a formal entity. These organisations fail to realise the benefits of affiliating to The Guild and are putting themselves at risk. I am working with Volunteering to create a document that clearly outlines what each department provides and what it means to partner with Volunteering or affiliate to The Guild.

### **BBQ**

It has come to our attention that the current BBQ Hire system is not perfect at all and the way in which clubs book out the BBQ needs to be restructured. I am working with the Events Department who is also liaising with Catering to work out a system that is more secure yet still easy and reasonable for clubs.

### **Nevin Jayawardena**

Societies Council President

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Firstly, I would just like to express how excited I am that Laura Mwiragua has been elected as the Women's Affairs Officer for 2016. Without Laura's support and hard work this year the Women's Department wouldn't have been able to achieve half as much as it has. She is someone who always commits 100% without any expectation of praise or recognition and has done an amazing job establishing the Women of Colour Collective. There is no one else I would trust the future of the Women's Department with and I wish her all the best.

### **EDUCATION | Gender Studies Major**

Unfortunately this section of my report brings disappointing news. At the very end of the Academic Board meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> the vote to consider the rescission of Gender Studies, European Studies, and Medieval & Modern Studies a 'special matter' for the Board's consideration failed 23-15. It is disappointing to see a body, which is meant to act as a check on Faculty decisions, be no more than a rubber stamp. The idea that Gender Studies is no longer relevant or worth promoting is absolutely ridiculous and I cannot be more ashamed of the decision, which is sending a damaging message to current and prospective students at UWA. The silver lining is that out of the three majors which were on the chopping block we had some traction arguing for Gender Studies to be saved due to difference in the staffing issues around it. Hopefully we can try and galvanize this and push for the re-introduction of this major and greater integration into other areas. Thank you to the 'UWA has Major issues' team for their tireless work over the past few months, especially JiEun Flaherty, Katherine O'Brien and, of course, Lizzy O'Shea.

### **EVENTS | No Lights, No Lads**

We held our first 'No Lights, No Lads' dance session on August 27<sup>th</sup> which was a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many women feel comfortable exercising and expressing themselves and the night ended with a room full of happy, sweaty faces. Many thanks to Cailin Molinari and Laura Mwiragua for their help in organizing the event.

### **EVENTS | SCREW Day**

SCREW Day is coming up on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>. So far we have almost all the speakers and workshops confirmed, ranging from sex workers to organisers of Slutwalk Perth to volunteers from YEAH! The educational events will be held in a marquee on Oak Lawn between 10am – 2pm, and the Tavern will be 'sex themed' throughout the day to promote awareness about sexual health, consent, and respect. The FB event can be found at [bit.ly/screwday15](https://bit.ly/screwday15)

### **EVENTS | UN Women x UWA Alumni Discussion**

I have met with representatives of UN Women to run an event, in collaboration with UWA Alumni, to coincide with the arrival of Wambui Bahati, world-renowned comedian and domestic violence campaigner, in Perth. The event is proposed for mid-November so keep your eyes out for more details.

### **EVENTS | Amnesty UWA Movie Night**

I have been speaking with the President of Amnesty UWA about organizing a movie night to raise awareness about an issue that affects women, particularly in the developing world. Stay tuned for more details.

### **INITIATIVES | Sanitary Item Collection**

Grace Cooper came to me earlier in the year with the suggestion of taking donations for homeless people who cannot afford to purchase sanitary items, so the two of us have organized, in collaboration with Share the Dignity, for a donation bin to be placed outside the Guild Student Centre for the rest of Semester Two so students can donate extra pads and tampons to people in need. It would be great to see all members of Council contribute!

## **PUBLICATIONS | Damsel Magazine**

Damsel Magazine has been chugging along magnificently! This year we have expanded the length of the magazine and are introducing more colour pages, which is a fantastic opportunity to showcase more of the magnificent art created by women at UWA. The magazine will be printed in the next week or so, with the Launch planned to be in the Tavern on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October so block out your calendar for that night!

## **COLLECTIVES | Women's Collective**

Women's Collective meetings have been running fantastically so far this semester! It has been awesome to see a bunch of new faces at the meetings and we have had many new women take on organizational roles and express interest in running their own events which is great to see.

## **FINANCES | September**

No funds spent in September – costs of SCREW Day and Damsel will fall into the October budget.

## **CONTACT |**

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](mailto:womens@guild.uwa.edu.au)





## Introduction

Hello, Hi, Namaste. How do you do?

## Finances

Event	Cost
Pilates (3 weeks)	\$240
Yoga	\$300

## Yoga and Pilates

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

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).

## Welfare Week

Welfare week is week 12 with four themed days: Mon (food day), Tues (de-stress day), Wed (chill day with chill out zone launch) and Thurs (Mental/health day). If you would like to be involved with any of these days pls hit me up.

## 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.

## Conclusion

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

Much welfare,  
Rida from pl8spotting





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## ISS Director Report | September 2015

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### ISS Director

#### Meetings:

SSS (Hafiz and Raychard)  
Acting Director of Student Services (Judy Skene)  
AISEC President (Louise Kim)  
CSSA President (Yingjie)  
Chloe Jackson  
CISWA (Dr Kevin McKenna)  
Orientation (with Jo Elliot & Narelle Palmer)  
Lighthouse Magazine (Kate & Chelsea)  
Student Consultative Council

### Social

#### Rottnest 2.0 (September 29<sup>th</sup>):

The event was extremely successful, all 75 tickets selling out within 15 minutes. A few people got injured on the trip.

### Welfare

#### Migration Seminar (September 8<sup>th</sup>):

Talk was done by Modern Migration Australia, the contacts for Student Assist. Successful event with over 30 attending and engaging.

### MCW

Multicultural Week starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. The events will be an Instagram “capture the world” night, opening ceremony, a game show night, and SpringFeast.

SpringFeast looks to be quite large this year, with about 60 food stalls and the committee expecting 5000 people. Maps will be given out on the day.

### FINANCE

Events	Description	Amount Budgeted	Amount Spent
Rottnest 2.0	Day Trip	\$3000	\$2255
Migration Seminar	Seminar	\$800	\$50
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2305</b>

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## Queer Department Report | September 2015

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The past month in the Queer Department has been one of our biggest this year. Pride week was from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of September and we had six very well attended events, ranging from a screening of the movie 'Pride', a careers panel, sex education on Oak Lawn, 'Coming Out with Cake' and social events at the UWA Tav and in the city. Our biggest success was probably the 'Being Out in the Workplace' panel that we organised in collaboration with the university's Careers, Alumni Relations and Equity and Diversity sectors. We have had feedback that people found it a valuable experience and are hoping to build on our relations with Out for Australia (who presented that night) to help them broadcast their industry LGBT+ mentoring program at UWA.

As Guild elections have been on there was a lot of speculation about how the voting would go, but as an apolitical space we have tried to remain neutral. We congratulate all the new Office Bearers on their new roles and wish them all the best for the coming year.

Coming up in the next month we have our own Queer Department elections and general meeting, which look to be well attended and we have three candidates up for the role of Queer Officer. We will be beginning the process of handover after this and hope that the newly elected Officer's will be able to get the same training as the rest of the new Guild Council.

Before the end of our terms we are also hoping to create an LGBT+ information booklet that can be found online and disseminated around the campus in areas such as student services and the medical centre. This will hopefully contain information about the department and general information about resources for mental health, crisis help, social networking, etc. around the Perth area. We are also hoping to create a map much like the Women's Department's to show people how to get to the Queer Department room, as people have a lot of difficulty finding us.



## Finance

- Pride week budgeted: \$600
- Pride week actual: \$455.81

If you have any queries or concerns please contact us at [queer@guild.uwa.edu.au](mailto:queer@guild.uwa.edu.au)







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**PSA President | September 2015**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

Hi

In September, the PSA organised the Connect at the Watersports Complex as usual and it was very successful. As PSA President, I also participated in the scoring of the 3 Minute Thesis competition and it was very competitive but I am certain the winner will do the university proud at the national competition.

Additionally, in September we organised the annual Student Talks in Research one day mini-conference for postgraduate students to practice their presentation skills and accrue valuable points towards their PSA conference travel grant applications. This event was well attended and we had 15 oral presentations and 4 posters presented. The winners took home some prize money and valuable practice ahead of the summer conference season.

The PSA would like to congratulate Maddie Mulholland and her STAR team on a successful election to next year's Guild Council and we look forward to working closely with her to deliver on the priorities of postgraduate students.

I can also report that the PSA is being consulted on the appointment of a new dean for the Graduate Research School and we look forward to the new dean working closely with us in the restructuring of PhD programs in the next year.

Finally, we began the recruitment process for nominations to the next year's PSA committee. Nominations close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and we will elect a new team for the PSA executive on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at our Annual General Meeting.

Thank you

Vikraman Selvaraja



