



INTRODUCTION

I hope exams went well! The winter break will be a period for the Guild to re-collect, re-strategise and re-plan the remaining six months of the year.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES | Guild

- **Administrative**

- Regular meetings with Tony Goodman.
- Meeting with Melissa Hetherington and Claire Duffy to discuss Volunteering's archiving.
- Tony's birthday celebration.
- Risk Workshop.

- **Corporate Services**

- Netsuite lesson with Nicola Morris.

- **Student Services**

- Campus Culture Report Meeting.
- Meeting with Leisure to discuss complaint.
- Meeting with Perth International to discuss complaint.
- Meeting with Relay to discuss complaint.
- Meeting to consider two Guild Volunteering regional trip camp applications.
- Created posters and stress-busting site for Library Stress-Busting Stations.

- **Catering & Tavern**

- Reid Café Concepts & Branding Meeting.
- Meeting with Vegan staff and student, and Jack Spagnuolo.
- Tavern furniture and light fittings meeting.
- Created map of microwaves and hot water for exam period: <http://www.uwastudentguild.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Facilities-Map.pdf>, and Opening Hours for cafes.

- **Student Portfolios**

- **Committees:**

- Executive Meeting (x 2).
- Governance – NUS KPI Meeting.
- Strategic Resources Committee Meeting – Room Usage Decision, now provided to Tenancy Committee.
- Corporate Services Committee Meeting.
- Governance Committee Meeting.
- Student Services Committee Meeting.
- Discipline Committee Meeting, to commence matter referred to the Discipline Committee by the Societies Council.
- Executive Management Committee Meeting.

- **Meetings:**

- Education Council Meeting.
- With Pelican.

- **Events:**
 - PROSH Cheque Presentation.
 - End of Semester Show.

PROJECTS | Guild

- **Tavern Refurbishment**

The Tavern refurbishment is underway – at the time of writing this report, we have painted the ceiling, chosen the bathroom tiles (charcoal and white) which are now being installed, chosen the lighting and have ordered the furniture. This project is on schedule to re-open at the start of semester two. There may be some delays with carpet and furniture, which we will navigate as we progress.

- **Guild Commercial Plan**

We continue to work on pricing and timelines for the Guild Commercial Plan as presented last month to Guild Council. This project is on track.

- **Hunting Ground / Review of Sexual Assault Reporting**

In collaboration with UWA's Health Promotions Unit, we are providing input on the sexual assault and harassment reporting procedures and information publications. These changes are due to be completed by the screening of the American university expose film 'Hunting Ground' which we will be showing as part of SCREW Week in semester two. We are working with the University to put together a panel to discuss reporting, procedures and support at UWA following the film. If you have an interest in this project, please contact myself and Laura.

- **Reid Café Agreement / Development**

We have finalised the designs for the Reid Café, and decided on the final name – "Quobba Gnarning". I am in the process of seeking naming approval from the Senate. Jack will provide an update on the menu generation and lease drafting.

- **Guild Council Record Keeping**

Melissa, the Guild Archivist, and I are working to create a central database of all Guild Council, committee, sub-council and other related documents – making them available for members of Guild Council and the public as necessary. We will also be looking at our other governance documents and publications. Stay tuned!

- **2017 Orientation Planning**

I have done some research and benchmarking against what other GO8 universities do for Orientation – the most significant difference is there is much better integration between the content delivery and the social aspects at other campuses. Moving into semester two I will be lobbying the University to review its Orientation processes with a goal of introducing a much more engaging plan that the Guild can play a larger role in. If you have a specific interest in this, please get in touch!

- **Mid-Year Review / Training**

Given we are now half way through the year, it is appropriate to review our activities, priorities, plans and governance structures to ensure the Guild is heading in the right direction. As part of this the Strategic Resources Committee will formally form the Audit & Risk Committee, I will be implementing some new formats of reporting on our strategic objectives and against our capital plans, and I will touch base with all members of the student team to refocus. The Strategic Resources Committee will also be completing the mid-year budget review and financial reforecast.

I would like to hold a two-day strategic planning and training session to re-cap on the sessions we completed at the start of our terms, provide some additional Governance and support training, and discuss our approach to Catering and the broader operations in a strategic discussion framework. The training and

broad strategy will be highly recommended, and the Catering strategy will be an opt-in session. Michael and I will be in touch to organize the dates of those sessions.

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES | University

- **University-wide**
 - Renewal Project meetings with Faculties / Schools Work stream and Central / Service Deliver Centre Work streams, with Faculty Societies and Guild Education Council.
 - Strategic Resources Committee Meeting (Senate).
 - Facilities Development Committee Meeting.
 - Planning & Resources Committee Meeting.
- **Education**
 - Academic Policies and Procedures Communication Group Meeting.
 - Regular meeting with Head Librarian.
 - Education Committee Meeting.
 - Regular meeting with Alec Cameron.
- **Student Life**
 - UWA Sports Unity Development Stakeholder Workshop, with representatives of Colleges, Inter-College Sports, Inter-Faculty Sports, Faculty Societies and Guild Council representative portfolios.
 - UWA Sports Advisory Board Meeting.
- **Operational**
 - Monthly meeting with Campus Management.
 - Campus Management UWA Wayfinding Strategy Workshop.
- **Convocation**
 - Convocation Council Meeting.
 - Bryant Stokes Matilda Award Decision Meeting.
- **Other**
 - Enterprise Architecture Design – BITS.
 - UWA Innovation Quarter Industry Engagement Sessions.
 - Meeting with Chloe Jackson and Michelle Scott, McCusker Centre for Citizenship.

ITEMS OF INTEREST / UPDATES TO GUILD COUNCIL

- **Renewal Proposal**

Representatives from almost all Faculty Societies and members of Education Council attended meetings with the Faculty & Schools Structure Work stream, and the Central Service & Service Delivery Centre Work stream. These two work streams were grateful to hear student feedback and ideas. Emma and I are happy to answer any questions about this (although discussions around Faculty and School structure must be in camera for now).

In terms of what happens next – the final proposals will be presented on 22 July to a staff forum. I will seek permission for members of Faculty Societies and Guild Council to also attend this forum, and I will keep an eye on the progress of the Renewal planning through the committees I sit on and advise you of any issues as they crop up.

If you have any more feedback / input please get in touch!

- **Universities Legislation Amendment Act Campaign**

I have spoken to the Vice Chancellor requesting in writing a promise that the Guild will not lose funding if the Act passes. The Vice Chancellor has made this commitment verbally, but has informed me he has received advice not to put it in writing. I will continue to push for this.

I have also spoken to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor about the mistake in section 8(g) which excludes Postgraduate Coursework students from being able to run or vote in Senate elections. They have written to the Minister for Education requesting a change, and have confirmed this directly with the Minister's Policy Adviser. I will follow whether this amendment is proposed.

Convocation Council have considered the bill and oppose it in its entirety.

I have spoken with the Guild Presidents from Curtin, ECU and Murdoch. We have collectively decided that this is our request:

1. The UWA Act be removed from the bill entirely as there is no rationale to make any changes at UWA; the remaining Acts be split to consider the Governance and SSAF aspects in Committee;
2. If this is not possible, all Acts be split to consider the Governance and SSAF aspects in Committee;
3. If this is not possible, a review be promised into the Governance and SSAF aspects that undergoes proper consultation with stakeholders and consideration of the impact of changes on students.

I have provided a briefing to The Hon Sue Ellery, Shadow Minister for Education (Labor) on the changes, and made the above requests. I have also written to all members of the upper and lower houses making the above request, as have the other Guild Presidents and the Warden of Convocation.

The second reading of the bill is due to occur the week commencing 20 June 2016, with voting to occur by the end of August. We continue to oppose the changes to the SSAF allocation and Governance sections and I will keep Guild Council updated on our progress.

- **Summer School / Academic Calendar Update**

We are finalising our recommendations on the Academic Calendar structure, being a preference for a greater Summer School offering which has been in principle endorsed by the Planning & Resources Committee. We have put out a survey that received over 400 responses, with 87.7% of respondents in favour of greater Summer School options. Peter is also preparing a recommendation specifically for postgraduate students.

- **Wifi Feedback Update**

The UWA IT Transformation Strategy is in its second round, which means we have the opportunity to submit our priorities for IT upgrades. We have updated the previous feedback form: <http://goo.gl/forms/3pkrZ4cWj9myZMXR2> and will be including all feedback since the last report was generated. Please share far and wide to make sure your faculties are represented in the results. I will be taking the feedback to BITS at the end of June.

At the time of writing this report, we've had 108 responses and the main problem spots are:

- 20.4% - Lawns
 - Oak Lawn
 - Business School Lawn
 - Music School Lawn
 - Prescott Court
 - Sunken Gardens
 - James Oval
 - Tropical Grove
 - Reflection Pond area
- 16.7% - Libraries
 - BJM & resource room

- Reid Library
 - EDFAA: Study room 1
 - Med-Dent Library
- 13% - Study areas
 - Clough
- 6.5% - Lecture theatres
 - Law Lecture Room 1
 - Alexander LT
 - Ernst & Young LT
 - Woolnough LT
- 43.5% - Other
 - Music Common Room
 - Music Rehearsal Rooms: 2.01, 2.02, 2.03
 - Whole Music building: Eileen Joyce Studio, G07, G08
 - UWA Sports Gym
 - ECM building & CivMech building: G19, G21, G17
 - Business School: Seminar Rooms
 - Saw Promenade
 - Sanders building: Lab 2.09, 101A
 - Refectory
 - Podiatry Student Common Room
 - Zoology building
 - Anatomy building & Histology lab: G03
 - Arts Building
 - Science Carpark
 - Business School Carpark
 - Arts Union Common Room
 - Med Common Room
 - Business School Common Room
 - Soil Science Building
 - Sports Science building
 - Computer Sciences building
 - Ref Courtyard

- **Industry Engagement / Employability Update**

I am keen to see the University take more leadership in preparing students for employability and assisting students in finding placements required for course completion. Note we currently rank 3rd in Australia for graduate employability and 49th in the world. We have many courses that require placements in order to graduate including architecture, engineering, health sciences, some masters degrees, teaching and psychology. If there are others I would definitely like to know!

I attended a workshop run by the UWA Innovation Quarter looking how UWA engages with industry and better ways to help link students with employment and work opportunities. About 40 people from across the University, including 6 students attended. The feedback was that there is a lack of clarity and centrality to career and work placement support for students.

We started with a brainstorm of suggested improvements:

- From the Domestic Student perspective: Having organised networking events, industry coming into the University, providing interstate/international/regional placements and providing guaranteed industry opportunities.
- From the International Student perspective: Talking about careers earlier potentially in home language, have structured units and on-campus opportunities, sell the attributes of international students to local industry.

- From the UWA Staff perspective: Need a central structure that doesn't rely on individual lecturers, need better feedback from students about what does(n't) work and need to measure the number of placements. General desire for students to have these opportunities to learn.
- From the Faculty perspective: Need to provide consistent support across all faculties, have more networking events and work with the Career Centre. This will increase student satisfaction.
- From Industry's perspective: Want to speak with discipline experts to find the best students. Would like more credit-recognised internships.

At the end of the second session, we discussed some ideas for high impact / quick solutions. The main one was to create a central database of all opportunities for students (paid, unpaid, work integrated learning units, external internships, placements organized by the faculty, vac work/clerkships/graduate roles) that is comprised of all opportunities brought through faculties, student groups, the Career Centre, etc – that would be organized in an easy to navigate manner and be linked through Blackboard to become the place all students know they can find opportunities. I had to leave the workshop early, so I'm not sure what the final conclusion was – I'm interested to hear whether you support this kind of idea, or have other ideas for how we can increase visibility of opportunities.

We also discussed a need for the university to seek out opportunities with businesses, and assist students with finding those placements, although we didn't go into a lot of detail about this. I will continue to push this.

- **UWA Sports – Unity Development Stakeholder Workshop**

Thank you to the members of Guild Council who attended this workshop. It was a very high level strategic discussion, and I appreciate UWA Sports including us. Many attendees did have a lot more specific feedback they wanted to share about activities like inter-faculty sport and female use of the gym. I have already met with a Sport Rep for Arts, ECOMS, Science and UEC. If you have feedback, please let me know and you can either send it through or I can organize to meet with you. I'll then provide this feedback to the General Manager of Sports, Ian Fitzpatrick who is keen to hear our thoughts.

- **UWA Disability Access and Inclusion Plan**

The Guild have been invited to make a submission on UWA's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan. I intend to work with members of the Access Collective and any interested members of Guild Council and Education Council on a submission. We may also put out some questions to students via an online survey if appropriate as we work through the submission. Thanks to all of you who have indicated interest to help! We welcome anyone who still wants to get involved. Any questions, let me know.

- **Guild Submission on Minister Birmingham's Consultation Paper**

I will be making a submission on the Consultation Paper, 'Driving Innovation, Fairness and Excellence in Australian Higher Education': <https://docs.education.gov.au/documents/driving-innovation-fairness-and-excellence-australian-education>. I would appreciate if you can take the time to read the paper and provide me with your input, and how the proposals could affect students in your faculty. If you are interested in helping me writing the paper, please let me know! I will working on this during July, probably with assistance from the NUS Education Officer.

- **UWA Wayfinding Strategy**

We were invited by Campus Management to attend a Wayfinding workshop – thanks Megan, Jacky and Graham for attending with me and representing students from the Nedlands campus, international students and students with a disability or condition. The workshop covered general knowledge of the campus, the bits that are good and bad (ie. Lighting bad, lawns good) and us going through the different processes a visitor to campus might follow to find things, and where the gaps are. The focus was on directional signage in walkways and identification signage on buildings. At this stage we didn't go into directional signage within buildings, floor maps, etc. I am providing any further ideas that you come up with to Campus Management.

I believe a report will be generated, which I hope I can share with you, and we can keep having input.

- **Facilities Development Committee Central Teaching Facilities Recommendations**

Campus Management anticipate that over the summer break they will be able to complete the works requested to Law Lecture Theatre and the Physics teaching spaces. The other proposals (Music, ALVA, Science, Psychology) will be revisited if additional budget becomes available. I will let you know if I find out more information about this, so that you can start to tell students.

Also, Campus Management are investigating the Bike Share proposal made by some students from Zoology!

- **Study Drug Survey**

UWA are partnering with the other WA Universities to do a study into the drugs and stimulants students use to study. This includes everything from coffee and tea, through to modafinil and even ketamine. The goal of the study is to see the prevalence of students using different sorts of “drugs” and identify the causes of this, and whether we need to address any pedagogy, assessment structure and support systems to reduce the reliance on these “drugs”. I will bring back the results to Guild Council.

- **Ed Con / NOWSA**

During July I will be attending Ed Con (NUS Education Conference) and will be staying to attend the first two days of NOWSA (NUS Women’s Affairs Conference). The President of Curtin Guild and I will be running a workshop on the Universities Legislation Amendment Act Campaign we have been running and Emma will be running workshops on GO8 Universities, the Melbourne Model and Restructures, and NUS’s Governance and Constitutional changes. Other campus Presidents and Education Presidents will also present workshops. Emma and I will report back on anything we learn of interest to the Guild!

- **Orlando Shooting**

In response to the Orlando Shooting incident, the Guild Pride Department requested the Pride Flag be flown at half-mast in front of the university. This was denied, and so the Guild have flown the Pride Flag from our building instead. We will review whether we extend flying the flag on Tuesday 21 June 2016. There is a Vigil for Orlando being run by the Pride Department – we have invited students and staff, and the Vice Chancellor also intends to attend.

When these sorts of horrific events happen, it has a large impact on students and staff, and the LGBTQI community as a whole. I urge anyone affected by the incidents to reach out to your support networks, or Guild Student Assist.

Prior to the Vigil, I spoke with the Vice Chancellor about the current efforts to construct additional flagpoles. Since the Vigil, I have been in contact with the Staff LGBTQI network who have sent a letter of request to Kent Anderson, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Community & Engagement) for two additional flagpoles to be put up, so in the future we can respond to incidents. I have also suggested the development of a transparent policy that will direct students and staff to know what kinds of flags can and can’t be raised, and the duration. This request is being spearheaded by Dr Duc Dau from UWA Equity & Diversity.

- **Toilet Refurbishments**

The Facilities Development Committee have made a further submission to the Vice Chancellor about the toilet refurbishments and the central teaching facility refurbishments. In terms of toilets, the five identified for work are those in the Law courtyard, Social Sciences, Guild, ECM and Maths (in order). I am providing student input on the designs – including colours, layout, UAT / gender neutral toilets, and vending within the toilets. If you have feedback, please provide it to me ASAP so it can be considered in the designs.

- **Review of Venues Pricing**

UWA Venues and Theatres are undertaking a review of venues pricing models – Chloe Jackson is coordinating the Guild’s feedback. I have already stated that theatre costs are prohibitively high for clubs,

and we do not want to lose the venue booking discount for clubs. If you have further feedback, please liaise with Chloe.

- **International Student Intake**

I attended a presentation by a group of Business School students who went on a trip to China to meet the students who will be articulating into our Business school courses. They raised a variety of ideas and suggestions for better domestic and international student integration, and international student service provision. I have spoken with the Vice Chancellor who is supportive of the Guild playing a major role in rolling this out, and will be developing a plan with committee members of the International Students Service to take to the Vice Chancellor.





INTRODUCTION

It has been a great first semester for the Albany Campus! The Executive has been focused on connecting students into the campus through engagement and marketing, as well as putting foundations in place for some exciting new events planned for semester two.

This report includes meetings and activities that have occurred in my second month as President-Elect.

MEETINGS | Guild

- **Student Life**
 - Meeting with Guild members to discuss promotion and event details for semester two.
 - Also discussed plans for improving student life and campus atmosphere for semester two.
- **Guild Executive**
 - Meeting with Guild Exec to discuss finances for the guild and structure of the guild for semester two.
 - Guild Exec meetings are held fortnightly.

MEETINGS | External

- Meeting with friends of UWA, to discuss their involvement in improving student opportunities at the Albany campus and community involvement.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

- **End of Semester Wind-up**
 - For our end of semester wind up the guild ran a free BBQ on campus for the students. It was a really great morning! We have a large number of exchange students on campus at the moment, so the wind-up was a great way to get them involved in campus life and get them connected. We are planning a more formal event for our end of year celebrations.
- **Facilities Development**
 - The Guild has been meeting regularly to put foundations in place to renovate the student common area at the Albany campus. We are aiming to modernise the space and increase student facilities to make the room more functional for campus events and encourage a more connected and social atmosphere on campus.

FINANCES

- We have proposed a new budget, however our original budget and spending for this semester up until the 25th of June is included in the table below.

Date	Description	Expenses (\$)	Income (\$)	Balance (\$)
	Starting Balance			\$3,000.00
May	IGA Bill	\$513.08		\$2,486.92
May	Yoga Bill	\$996		\$1,490.92
5/05/16	Yoga Bill Refund		\$996	\$2,486.92
16/06/16	Gas Bottle for BBQ	\$27		\$2,459.92

SUMMARY

In the short time that the Albany Guild has been elected, we have made some really important steps in improving student life and opportunities here at the campus. Considering that this is the first year the Albany campus has had any formal guild structure, my team has done an amazing job setting motions in place for semester two and working with what we had this semester to get the year off to a great start. We are excited for everything that semester two holds!

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Vice President Report | June 2016

June 23rd, 2016

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- Executive Meeting (8/6)
- Access Collective open meeting (3/5)
- Student Assist Recruitment Interviews (23/5, 27/5)
- Unipark Appeals Panel (1/6)
- MASA Organising Committee meeting (26/5)

COMMITTEES |

- Corporate Services Committee (3/6)
- Strategic Resources Committee (2/6)

COMMITTEES | Corporate Services Committee

I am the member of Executive that is responsible for Corporate Services Committee, and its Chair. Here is an update of Committee projects:

- **Computer investment program**

The Computer Investment Program has been approved by CSC and new units are to be purchased before June 30 (pending SRC approval at the time of writing). After thorough consultation, highlights for student reps include 3 Surface Pro 4 units (purchased immediately) and 6 fixed desktop computers.

- **POS**

Phase 1 of TASK implementation is underway, with a target deadline of July 1 for full implementation. There have been some delays with the installation of the POS server, however this is to be resolved shortly. A hefty part of the switch to TASK has been transferring stock items to the new system. Staff have been trained.

- **Servers and emails**

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- **Second-hand Bookshop**

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UNIVERSITY | Parking & Security

- **Parking Appeals Committee**

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DEPARTMENTS | MASA

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- **Planning**

During the break, we will have a look at what events we will be looking to run in Second Semester with the new committee members.

DEPARTMENTS | Access

- **Constitution**

Graham finished his first draft of the AC constitution. Cara and Hannah are now revising it and hopefully we will be able to present it to the group before the end of the holidays.

- **Planning for Semester 2**

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- **Seminar**

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- **Wayfinding Workshops**

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DEPARTMENTS | Albany

Please see Lauren's separate report.

DEPARTMENTS | Ethnocultural

Lina has reported that unfortunately the NUS Ethnocultural Officer Betty Belay was no longer available to come over to UWA this month as was anticipated. Further than this, nothing further to report from her previous report.

FINANCIALS | MASA

As of writing this report, there has been no expenditure. Spending late in June will be reported in my July report.

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Guild Secretary Report | May 2016 June 23rd 2016

Hello, hope June has been kind to you. This last month has been quite busy getting ready for exams so we all know where most of my focus has been.

Secretary Duties |

Secretarial duties I have carried out this month are:

- Compiling and circulating Guild Council and Committee Minutes, Agendas and Resolutions.
- Follow up of business from Minutes and meetings.
- Meeting up with Lucy to discuss a new agenda format for GC.
- Following up room proposals for SRC.

Guild Executive | Summary

The Guild Executive are still going strong approving grants and loans. We have also been discussing strategy and still tracking well with various projects and overdrafts.

Strategic Resources Committee | Summary

The Strategic Resources met on the 2nd of June, proposals for the use of Enviro Room and the room next to Pelican were looked at, and it was decided what the rooms would be used for. I did not make this meeting, but still got in contact with the clubs that sent through proposals to inform them of the outcome.

Student Services Committee | Summary

I would like to thank everyone who came and helped in any capacity for EOSS, your efforts were much appreciated.!!

Student Services meeting was held on the 8th of June. It's good to see a lot of things happening right now. At the meeting we discussed:

- EOSS1 review
- National Volunteers Week
- Way's to engage post grad students
- The 2 new Guild Websites.
- Midyear intake marketing strategy.
- Upcoming events and Guild ball

Conclusion |

If you have questions, ask me stuff at: secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au

Michael Kabondo
Guild Secretary



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Tom Burke, Treasurer | June 2016

21 June 2016 , 2016

Dear Councillors,

There is little to report since our last meeting due to exams. I'll take this opportunity to outline some of the things I'll be doing over the break.

Finance

A budget structure working group from SRC have met once and come up with a recommended structure for the 2017 budget. I will be developing a way for outgoing and incoming department heads to have input into the substantive budgeting process. This will facilitate a review of our activities when the 2017 budget proposal is drawn up later this year.

Catering and Tavern

The Catering and Tavern Committee has not convened since our last meeting. Our next meeting will be early next week

The winter period will be about close monitoring of the Tavern renovations, and implementing some changes following the catering surveys. It will also be an opportunity to develop a strategy around the openings of the Tavern and Reid Café.



I SURVIVED MY FIRST SEMESTER OF THE JD! EXCITING! WOW! HOORAY!

MEETINGS

Here is a summary of the meetings of the meetings worth noting that I have had over the past few weeks:

- University
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Academic Policies & Procedures Communications Group (sent Maddie in my place due to exams)
 - Meeting with Jamie O'Shea, UWA NTEU Branch President
 - Renewal Project: Faculties/Schools Work Streams
 - Renewal Project: Central/Service Delivery Centres Work Streams
 - L&T Innovation Awards Selection Group Meeting
- Education Council Meeting x2
- Other Guild
 - Governance Committee Meeting
 - Strategic Resources Meeting
 - Student Services (sent Hannah in my place due to exams)
 - Tenancy Executive Meeting

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Education Students Association

I'm still working with Alysia to get the Education Student Association started, although it has taken a bit of a pause with exams and pracs, we have had some valuable feedback from Education students about what they think the FacSoc should look like moving forward.

EDUCATION COUNCIL | ALVA Society Welfare Lunch

Megan and Cale did a fantastic job of organising this welfare event at the Nedlands campus, which I think the folio-fatigued Architecture students really appreciated. Shout out to Jesse Martino for coming along and helping me hand out Know Your Rights Guides and Student Assist information to the students while they enjoyed their free lunch!

PROJECTS | Resource Lists

Hannah has been working hard on getting these resource lists organised and can give a verbal update at the meeting if anyone's interested! If you know of any FacSoc or Faculty that loans or gives away anything free to students, please let her know ASAP.

PROJECTS | Faculty Society Funding Model

Simon and I have started working on creating the Faculty Society Funding Policy, as mentioned in earlier reports. There isn't much of an update to give at the time of writing this report, but we are hoping to have a draft out soon and to meet with each FacSoc to discuss it and ensure that the Policy is as fair as possible!

UNIVERSITY | Renewal Project

Maddie organised for Faculty Societies and other members of the Education Council to give their feedback on the Academic Structure and Service Delivery Centres to the head of those work streams as part of the Renewal Project. It was excellent to have such strong student representatives at the meeting, and hopefully our feedback will be taken

on board! We will have discussed this further at the time of the Guild Council meeting, at the June Education Council meeting, and I am happy to update on if we have made any progress since the writing of this report.

UNIVERSITY | Curriculum Committee

Nevin and I had quite an eventful Curriculum Committee meeting last week! The new Medical Sciences major, which will fall under the Bachelor of Science was passed, and once it receives approval from Academic Council, it will come into effect for 2017. This major will be the first undergraduate major to have a capped number of places - with students requiring to select a specific TISC Code in order to enter into it from high school. The idea is that this major will be taken up by many students who have direct pathways (the new term for assured pathway) into Medicine, Dentistry, or Podiatry. This will allow students to complete their MDs one year faster. I am happy to expand to Guild Council on the feedback I have had from WAMSS and UDSS about how they foresee this will affect future cohorts of theirs, if anyone is interested. In addition, the Direct Pathways places in the DMD and MD have increased from 50% to 70% of the cohort.

CURRENT ISSUES |

I have had a number of issues relating to Semester 1 brought to my attention and I'll summarise the most significant ones here:

- Alex, from the Blackstone Society, brought to my attention that some exam venues are not suitable and have been overcrowded with desks;
- Confusion over the University scaling policies (especially in Business);
- Back-to-back exams; and
- Seeking special consideration for exams, and when those deferred exams can be held.

CONTACT |

If you have any questions or want to get involved in EAN please email me at ed@guild.uwa.edu.au.



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Public Affairs Council | Guild Council Report

June 10th, 2016

Collaborations | Book-Con

Plans are underway for Book-Con which will be a three day long celebration of everything from classic literature to graphic novels. So far we have engaged UWA French Club, who will be having a French 'Books-on-Wheels' van down for the day, and the University Visual Arts Club who will be doing zine classes to make a UWA community zine, and also decorating our 'take-a-book, leave-a-book' library book shelf.

Book-Con is in Week 3 of Semester 2.

Collaborations | Faith Week

Faith Week is on again this year, we've yet to engage any clubs regarding faith week, but by the start of semester we hope to have a working group of faith club representatives to work together in planning the events for the week.

Faith Week will be Week 6 of Semester 2.

Campus Culture | Installations

New installations, and interactive artworks will be acquired and rolled out in time for semester two orientation. At the moment, I'm looking at purchasing some fun umbrellas to make a mobile canopy to put up around Guild Village as well as mobile chalkboard that will have different prompts at the top to inspire students to think about the world around them and how they would change it. Currently, Kasey and I are looking at getting the public piano costed to be ready also for the beginning for next semester.

Finances | Budget v Actuals

Financial Row	Budget Amount	Amount	% of Budget
Awards & Prizes	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
Grants	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Theme Week	\$12,600	\$16,159.39	128.25%
Theme Week Income	\$0.00	\$5267. 64	0.00%
Activities and Functions	\$500.04	\$150.40	30.08%
Printing & Stationary	\$200.04	\$134.12	67.05%
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$16,550.08	-\$11,176.27	67.53%

No clubs applied for grants for semester one – but I anticipate that to be different now that we've changed the deadline for PAC grants to be submitted by the end of week two of semester as opposed to the end of the semester.

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
If your department would like to get involved, or you have new thoughts regarding event ideas, feel free to email me at the address above or see me in the student rep office anytime on Wednesdays.

Megan Lee

2016 Public Affairs Council President



INTRODUCTION

It has been a relatively quiet month because of exams and assignments. Nevertheless, Lianne has settled in well to her position running both Treasurer Training and getting a good handle on Semester Grants. The later has been the most significant task achieved this past month with over 90 clubs applying for a combined expenditure of over \$200,000 which is a sign of the strength of our club culture. I hope that next month will be a very productive month and hope to report on the completion of many projects.

ADMINISTRATION

The key aspects of club administration are as follows:

❖ New Club Affiliations

Due to there being no Societies Council meeting in June there were no new club affiliations.

This means that the Guild has 128 Active clubs and societies and 18 Lapsed & 2 New/Pending clubs.

Currently I have received interest from the following clubs to go up for affiliation at the next SOC Meeting:

- Public Speaking Club
- Reframe
- Book Review Club

❖ Re-Affiliations/Lapsed Clubs

I have had no interest in restarting any lapsed club.

❖ Executive Registration Forms

There are currently 11 clubs with out up to date ERFs registered with the Guild.

❖ Constitutions

There are currently 20 clubs and 7 faculty societies without a registered constitution, although some of these are awaiting resubmission or being worked on with Sean.

❖ Incorporation

No change.

❖ Treasurer Training

Currently 114 clubs have completed Treasurer Training. More sessions will be held in semester two for new clubs.

❖ Student Leadership Training

Beth and Sean have taken the lead on this I hope to see some change to SLT provision next year.

❖ Club Debt

I have recommended to SRC the writing off of debt associated with disaffiliated clubs, in addition to some debt which should be reclaimed by recently Lapsed clubs.

EVENTS

❖ SOC Meetings

No SOC meetings will be held over the winter break.

Date	Event
1st August	Semester Two Begins
9th August	Club Carnival
17th August	SOC Meeting #5
14th September	SOC Meeting #6
19th October	SOC Meeting #7

❖ **Club Carnival (Second Semester)**

Beth is heading up the second semester Club Carnival and has begun planning with Events. Ideas and suggestions welcome! We have a few external vendors coming which should liven up the atmosphere even more than usual! Currently 20 clubs have registered for the event.

❖ **Networking Event**

Planning for this has been deferred until after exams.

❖ **First-Aid Training**

No change.

PROJECTS

These are the key projects either underway or listed as a priority:

❖ **Campus Quest**

Sarah has met with events and has taken lead on this. Expect more in my next report.

❖ **Club discounts**

No change to be reported. This will be addressed once exams have subsided.

❖ **Decorations Lease and Hire System**

Elly (SOC OCM) has kindly taken this project on, will report any changes accordingly.

❖ **Website**

No change to report

CLUB COLLABORATIVE ZONE

The CCZ is being used a lot during this study period, which whilst gratifying:

❖ **Swipe-Access**

The afterhour's swipe card access has been very popular with clubs, with around 100 club executives applying for access. The policy governing its use has been passed by Governance. If Councillors would like to see the policy I can send it around and it will be made available to all clubs online.

❖ **Signage**

The 15 sign-holders mentioned in my last report have arrived and I look forward to finalising the designs with Creative so they can go up soon. Any further suggestions on information required by people in the CCZ is welcome.

Whilst I am overall satisfied with the uptake by clubs of the CCZ I would still love more engagement and am always keen for ideas!

TENANCY

Tenancy committee is almost ready to decide on the capital expenditure as well as decide on the over 50 club applications we have received for storage. Will report verbally if we meet before the Council meeting.



Date
December – 13th
February – 20th
April – 23rd
July – 30 th
October – 1 st

FINANCE

❖ Semester Grants

The largest grant we provide is Semester grants, at time of writing these remain in appeals period for clubs to appeal their grant. As such I will provide a verbal update at Council. However, I can inform the Council that clubs claimed for over \$200,000 in expenses for this semester which reflects well on the vibrant campus culture we have.

❖ Sponsorship

Due to the under-application of Lion Nathan Grants last year SOC will be able to offer clubs almost \$9,000 worth of grants instead of the usual \$5,000. This is good news due to the increase applications we have had this year.

Line Item	Expense	Amount Budgeted JUN	Amount Budgeted for 2016	Amount Spent DEC – JUN 2016
SOC Grants	(\$35,000)	\$35,000.00	89,000	\$54,750
Awards & Prizes	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,500	-
Sundry Activities	\$0.00	\$583.33	6,999.96	\$906.53
Meeting Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	2,450	\$1881.32
Printing and Stationery	\$0.00*	\$33.33	399.96	\$216.41
TOTAL	\$35,000.00	\$35,616.66	-	\$57,754.26

*Expenses awaiting to be charged to account



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Women's Department | June 2016

June 23rd, 2016

Following Women's Week and with the winding down of semester, it's been a quieter month for the Department. However, I believe we finished off the Semester well.

EVENTS | WELFARE WEEK

The Women's Department and the Pride Department had a stall in the Ref Courtyard about sexuality, consent and safe sex as part of Welfare Week. Congratulations to Emily and the Welfare Department for a fantastic week, and many thanks for the opportunity to take part. The Women's Department also attended the ALVA Society's Welfare Day and enjoyed meeting students from the Nedlands campus.

EVENTS | COLLABORATION

The Women's Department had the pleasure of being part of UEC's first equity event for the the year, the Women in ECM Morning Tea. The event was a really valuable opportunity for women in the ECM field to connect with one another and the range of clubs, networks and support available to them. It was marvellous to see non-women students supporting their peers and recognising their experiences. Congratulations to UEC and their equity portfolio for a marvellous morning. Many thanks to them for including the Women's Department, we look forward to further engaging with the society and students in ECM.

NOWSA

Our delegation to NOWSA in has been registered and is looking forward to the conference. I have no doubt it will be a very worthwhile and informative experience and look forward to reporting as such. Conference costs and subsidies to attending students from the Women's Department budget will be finalised in the following weeks and therefore included in next month's report.

FINANCES

	June
Actual Spend	\$42.00
Budgeted Spend	\$70.00



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Environment Department | June 2016

June 23rd, 2016

Hi all,

Halfway already! Scary – and exciting. Here's what's been happening with Enviro this month:

Botany Annexe Community Garden

We have a second community garden on campus now! This is definitely the most exciting Enviro news of the month; the wonderful Botany student & staff community have come together and they couldn't be more excited about it. It looks great! We funded half; the other half is coming from Friends of the Grounds.

Spend: \$1330.94

De-Stress Giveaway

We had a stall alongside PAW/Welfare's De-Stress event where we gave away teacup succulents. People love teacup succulents—thanks to PAC for letting us steal that idea (twice).

Spend: \$79.70

De-Stress Planting Day

If people remember last year's "Bring 1 Get 1 Tree" campaign from EarthCarers, (KeepCup use=tree), which we were a part of, this was the other half of it: planting the trees! Sadly almost no students came, but we planted everything anyway as City of Subiaco had their volunteers there.

Guild Village Clean Up

I clearly don't understand student engagement because I thought the planting would be popular and no one would want to pick up rubbish; I was wrong. We did this small event with Volunteering. For some reason loads of people came and it was a huge success.

Spend: \$12.90

Interhealth GHSC [WAMSS]

We got invited to do a stall at the GHSC. It was great! We sold some KeepCups and had some good chats with medical folks.

Revenue: \$50.00

KeepCup Sales

By the time you read this I'm hoping an email will have been sent out inviting clubs/facsocs to buy KeepCups as part of a big Guild order. They'll get their own branding and it ends up cheaper for everyone. We also did a regular stall as part of Welfare week, but we didn't sell any KeepCups.

Spend: \$5.40

KeepCup Giveaway

We gave away 5 KeepCups to Code Green as a door prize for their op-shop themed party, and another 9 to FABSOC for their sustainable fashion fair. We're currently waiting on the return of the FABSOC ones.

World Ocean's Day

We did a volunteer clean-up at City Beach for World Ocean's Day. It was very successful, and a very nice way to spend a morning. We'll create a few regular clean-up events, as they're well received by students.

Spend: \$30.50

Total Spend: \$1459.44

Total Revenue: \$50.00

Net Total Spend: \$1409.44

That's all from me folks! Keep safe, and enjoy the holidays.

Kind regards,

Dennis

Overview

The international student services department has undertaken a few large projects for semester 2 of 2016 and has been spending the month planning for them. A meeting with the Vice Chancellor was held and was attended with the Vice president of CISA to talk about the key issues faced by International Students. A meeting with the CISA Vice President as well as the presidents of CSSA, SSS, MCS and ASU to discuss the CISA conference as well as the role of CISA in the WA system was held. In addition, there were several meetings held with stakeholders of the Articulation Programme to determine what the department can do to facilitate the transition of Articulation Students into UWA.

The International Student Services Committee has also decided to affiliate with CISA but not as a premium member as UWA has been in previous years.

Lighthouse

The Lighthouse Magazine has turned into a fully online platform, securing a website, and has begun to upload articles as well as previous issues of lighthouse onto the platform. The articles will be shared through the ISS facebook page periodically.

MCW

MCW held its full committee meeting in June with a good turnout. Semester 2 events held by the MCW committee were discussed and timelines were set to prepare for the rush of events. Springfeast is still lacking some crucial sponsors due to the slow economy. MCW also sent 2 committee members for First Aid Training.

Events

The events team worked with Unihall on the International Food Festival which was a large success. The semester 2 Rottneest trip has also been planned out. The annual West Coast Eagles trip and tour might not be able to go ahead as there is a limited amount of games that West Coast Eagles have available for UWA. The events department is also looking at the viability of a subsidised international student ball or dinner in semester 2.

Welfare

The welfare team is looking to recruit new members as well as planning the semester 2 welfare events which will consist of a welcome event on college row, a migration seminar, a employability workshop and a collaboration with TED X. Most of the events will be finalized over the winter break.

Finance

The department has spent \$170 on training this month.





1. Overview

The Pride Officers had their third official meeting on the 20th June, to discuss Pride Week, Queer Collaborations, our newsletter, and room maintenance. In the wake of the tragedy in Orlando, we held a vigil, and the subsequent backlash over the Vice Chancellor's refusal to raise the flag has prompted discussions between the LGBT+ working group, the Pride Department and the Guild President about appropriate action to take so a situation like this does not arise again.

2. Finance

	Budgeted Amount (\$)	Spent Amount (\$)
Marketing and Promotions	200.00	237.22
<i>Wristbands</i>	200.00	237.22**
Vigil	27.00	--
<i>Candles</i>	7.00	7.00*
<i>Lighters</i>	10.00	6.00*
<i>Plastic Cups</i>	10.00	--* ***
Total	227.00	--

* Not yet reimbursed.

** The website gave their prices in American Dollars, rather than Australian Dollars, and this is the reasons that we went over budget here.

*** Not sure of amount.

3. Orlando Vigil

On the 12th June, a gunman opened fire in the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. 49 people were killed and 53 people were injured in the biggest hate crime, and biggest mass shooting, in the history of the United States. The Pride Department held a candlelight vigil on the 16th June, to stand in solidarity with the victims of the shooting and their families, and the wider LGBT+ community. We surrounded a Pride Flag with candles, and Fraser gave a short speech and read out the names of the people who had died. There was a significant turnout, with estimates of at least sixty people; some brought their own candles but most used the candles that we provided. After the minute silence, in a completely unplanned gesture, people began to place their candles around the Pride Flag, adding to the ones that we had originally placed. Thank you to everyone who could make it, and to those who couldn't, but were honouring the victims and families in their own ways.

4. Pride Flag

4.1. Vice Chancellor

In the wake of the Orlando tragedy, on Monday the 13th June, the Pride Department and Pelican Magazine sent separate emails to the Vice Chancellor to request that UWA fly the Pride Flag at half mast, in honour of the victims of the shooting and their families, and to stand in solidarity with the LGBT+ community. At first, Pelican received a reply to their email, while the Department did not. We eventually received a reply on Thursday the 16th June. The Vice Chancellor refused to fly the flag, citing that the University, and most other public institutions across the country, will limit actions in responses to tragedies only if tragedies occur in Australia, or which involve Australian citizens. However, in a meeting with the Guild President, the Vice Chancellor informed Maddie that there were regulations that the University, as a public institution, was subject to, and that was another reason that the Pride Flag could not be flown.

4.2. UWA Student Guild

Since the Vice Chancellor refused our request, the Pride Department and the Guild President raised the Pride Flag, and lowered it to half mast, together on Tuesday the 14th June. The response to this was overwhelmingly positive, with many people commending The Department and the Guild for their commitment to honour the victims and those affected by the Orlando shootings. We would like to thank the Guild and the Guild President for being such an amazing support during this time.

4.3. Pelican Magazine

Upon the refusal of the Vice Chancellor to fly the Pride Flag, Pelican published an article condemning the Vice Chancellor's decision and the reasoning behind it, along with encouraging readers to email the Vice Chancellor expressing their disappointment in the decision. The Pride Department endorsed this message, and syndicated the content on our Facebook page and in our Facebook group. At the time the article was published (Monday the 13th June), neither we nor Pelican had been informed about the regulations surrounding flying flags. On Tuesday the 14th of June, once Guild began flying the Pride Flag at half mast and we became aware of the flag regulations, Pelican published a second article about the actions of Guild and the Pride Department, and the regulations that the University is under. We syndicated this content in our networks as well. We would like to thank Pelican for being such an amazing support during this time.

4.4. The West Australian

By Wednesday the 15th June, news of the Vice Chancellor's refusal to fly the Pride Flag at half mast had leaked to the media, and *The West Australian* published an article online titled *UWA refuses flag tribute to Orlando victims*. The article contained details of the requests put forth by the Pride Department and Pelican and the Vice Chancellor's subsequent refusal, the reasons he gave, the Guild erecting its own Pride Flag, and the actions being taken by other universities to show support for Orlando. Later that morning, the paper phoned the Guild to speak with the Pride Department, however we were unable to take the call. We did not receive any follow up calls or emails. Had we received a follow up, we would not have spoken to the paper unless the Guild President delegated speaking rights to us. On Thursday the 16th June, an abridged version of the web article was syndicated in the print edition of *The West Australian*.

4.5. Campus Morning Mail

On Thursday the 16th June, *Campus Morning Mail* published a short segment detailing and condemning the Vice Chancellor's refusal to fly the Pride Flag at half mast. It also contained details on how Flinders University lit one of their buildings in rainbow colours, and encouraged UWA to do the same. Congratulations to Pelican on getting a shout out in *Campus Morning Mail* though!

4.6. LGBTI Working Group

On Thursday the 16th June, we attended a meeting with the LGBTI working group. We discussed our personal feelings about, and reactions to, the shooting. We also discussed how we would proceed following the drama with the Pride Flag, so that a situation like that never arises again. At the close of the meeting, Duc Dau of the UWA Equity and Diversity Committee developed three recommendations for the UWA Chancellery, which have been discussed and approved via circular. These recommendations are as follows:

1. "We ask you to be more vocal in your support for LGBTI staff and students, and indeed, for other minority groups at the university, whether they be CALD or people with a disability, given that we have a CALD Working Group and Disability Working Group that, like us, also report to the Inclusion and Diversity Committee."
2. "We ask that you consult with the LGBTI Working Group and Pride Department when an emergency or crisis situation is likely to affect LGBTI staff and students."
3. "The LGBTI Working Group, Pride Department and UWA Student Guild request that you erect two further flagpoles, adding up to a total of five flagpoles, which would maintain the current symmetry of the three flagpole design."

Any questions about these recommendations should be directed toward myself (Reece), or Duc Dau (duc.dau@uwa.edu.au).

5. Pride Week

5.1. Strategic Planning

5.1.1. Vision

Our vision is to run a fun, highly visible and inclusive Pride Week that engages students outside of the usual scope of the Department.

5.1.2. Goals

We have a number of goals for Pride Week, however major ones include raising the profile of the Pride Department by raising our visibility on campus, running a fun week with lots of interactive events, and attracting new people to the Department who have not been engaging for various reasons.

5.2. Events

Pride Week is scheduled for Week 4 of Semester 2. The events in last weeks report have been finalised and confirmed as the official roster for Pride Week, and the Officers have delegated who will be responsible for each event, and made a checklist of things to do in preparation for each event. All communication for events will go through the specified Officer. We are still looking for volunteers to help run each event, so please let us know if you are interested in helping out!

Date	Event	Officer	Checklist
Monday 22 nd	Movie Night	Fraser	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a movie• Buy screening rights• Book lecture theatre• Buy snacks and drinks

Tuesday 23 rd	Oak Lawn Festival (Science Union)	Both	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Science Union Welfare VP to discuss tie-dye collaboration • Purchase tie-dye materials (shirts, dyes, rubber bands, bags) • Rent tables from GSC • Rent giant games from GSC • Purchase rainbow volleyball and net • Make “What’s Your Gay Agenda” blackboard
Wednesday 24 th	Out in the Workplace Panel Discussion	Reece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find panellists • Get catering • Contact UWA Equity and Diversity Committee • Book lecture theatre
Thursday 25 th	Coming Out with Cake	Reece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find vegan cake (Reece to bake) • Buy plates and cutlery • Book room in the Club Collaborative Zone
Friday 26 th	End of Pride Week Party (MSS and a party club)	Both	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Music Students’ Society to discuss the specifics • Find a party club to collaborate with

5.2.1. Leisure

Due to the potential risks, and the advice we have received from key stakeholders, we have decided not to collaborate with Leisure on the End of Pride Week Party.

5.3. Lead-up

To advertise for Pride Week, we have decided to do quite a large lead up. A full list of events will be printed on posters and put up around Guild Village and the rest of the campus. We are setting up a Google form to allow people to submit their ‘Pride Messages’, which we will print off on posters and hang up in Guild Village. We have been made aware of a number of leftover pallets, which we may paint in rainbow colours and use for decorations, and to hang the Pride Messages off. We will get a Pride Week banner printed, one that can be used to advertise for Pride Weeks in subsequent years. We will also decorate Guild Village with posters about LGBT+ history, including the history of Pride Week at UWA and history of the Pride Department, and LGBT+ trivia. We will also purchase a new flag. Responsibility for advertising has been delegated to Laura Clappinson (Deputy Pride Officer).

6. Newsletter

We are hoping to have our first edition of the Newsletter ready in time for publication and distribution in Week 1 of Semester 2. We will also run a special Pride Week edition of the newsletter in order to help people keep track of the events.

7. Queer Collaborations

The current Queer Collaborations delegation consists of Reece Gherardi, Fraser Windsor, Laura

Clappinson, and another student.

8. Open Day

The Pride Department will be present at Open Day, running a stall similar to the one that we ran on O-Day. We still need to meet to discuss the specifics of the stall.

22 June 2016

Dear Professor Johnson,

I am writing as Co-Chair on behalf of the LGBTI Working Group, which provides expert and strategic advice on LGBTI matters and policy at UWA. The Working Group reports to the University's Inclusion and Diversity Committee, chaired by Professor Freshwater. Its membership comprises staff and students (including a Guild Pride Officer). We oversee UWA's annual submission to the Australian Workplace Equality Index, the definitive benchmark of LGBTI workplace inclusion. As you will know, UWA was recently named a top five employer for LGBTI inclusion. This result is testament to the achievements of both staff and students in making the campus a safer and more welcoming place for LGBTI members of the UWA community. LGBTI advocates on campus have come far in terms of addressing LGBTI matters; nonetheless, there are goals to which the University and the LGBTI Working Group continue to aspire.

The purpose of this letter is to reinvigorate the conversation about how the goals of the University as an institution and the needs of its LGBTI stakeholders (staff, students, alumni) might be met to the benefit of all involved. Members of the LGBTI Working Group are proud to work and study at UWA, and we believe that the core values of the University match our own. This alignment of values is important to us because we spend many of our waking and most productive hours here.

Given the expertise of the LGBTI Working Group and its connections with the UWA community, we request that the Vice-Chancellery consult and work closely with the Working Group, along with the Pride Department, when an event, whether it be within or outside the University, could potentially impact on UWA's LGBTI stakeholders. By working together, we will succeed in addressing and minimising the damaging impact the events could have on the University's LGBTI community and the University's reputation.

The crisis that has prompted us to renew this conversation is of course the Orlando shootings. I would like to address how the shootings have affected many members of the LGBTI community at UWA; why such events, because they affect LGBTI staff and students as well straight allies, need to be addressed; and provide recommendations on how the Vice-Chancellery, the LGBTI Working Group, and Pride Department might work together in future to address the needs of its stakeholders.

UWA is a globally connected institution. The international nature of the university is one of the many reasons that make working and studying here rewarding. It goes without saying that a number of our international staff and students are LGBTI, with some originating from one of the 77 countries where same-sex intimacy is outlawed. Staff and students are connected to a digital world, and therefore international events affect us immediately and deeply. For LGBTI staff and students, the internet has allowed us to connect with others to create an online LGBTI community. As a result, we celebrate LGBTI progress together and, inevitably, feel the pain of tragedy together. The connection that LGBTI people have is unique and made possible not only through a shared identity as LGBTI, but also – and this is no less important – through a collective history of persecution, prejudice, and discrimination for simply being who we are. This shared experience brings LGBTI people closer together as a community.

These factors are reasons why the hate crime in Orlando has had such a profound emotional impact on LGBTI people around the world and at UWA. Thousands have participated in commemorations worldwide. Institutions and government offices showed their support for the LGBTI community by lighting up buildings with rainbow colours, unfurling rainbow flags, or flying flags at half-mast. Certainly, the emotional reaction that I and many LGBTI colleagues and students have had has been unprecedented, lasting well into the week of the tragedy.

I first heard of the tragedy on social media from a straight American lecturer at UWA who later attended the Thursday vigil. A Canadian-educated LGBTI postdoc at UWA described feeling lost and angry as he wandered the streets aimlessly on the day the news broke. A UK-born professional staff member at UWA compared his reaction to the shooting to being back at university in the 1990s, but instead of having a car-load of people yelling out “faggot” to him, it felt to him as if 50 cars full of people were yelling out “faggot” at once. A UWA student described experiencing a strong lack of focus during exam time, given that it felt as if the victims were his brothers and sisters. I myself would periodically burst into tears in my office over the course of several days. In general, we at UWA have talked about being upset, depressed, angry, and confused over the attack in Orlando.

We have attempted to make sense of the depth of our distress over the Orlando shooting. We have asked why this hate crime has upset us more than any other recent act against the LGBTI community. Hate crimes occur against LGBTI people on a daily basis. Mass shootings have happened before. So, why have we felt this event so profoundly and personally? A conclusion that most of us have reached is that, first, the crime was targeted (i.e. against LGBTI people) and, second, it happened in a gay club, a safe public space where LGBTI people can “let down their guard.” The attack felt personal because it targeted people from our community and because it took away our only safe public space. There is a double mourning that accompanies this realisation.

The monumental and unprecedented double nature of the attack – as the worst mass public shooting in modern US history and at a gay club – was understood by the media who reported it widely. Our attempts to understand the attack, as well as our emotional reaction to it, have led several of us to reach another, more troubling, conclusion. Orlando, as no other LGBTI-related event in recent history, has acted as fuel for an extraordinary ferocity of hatred against LGBTI people; it is clear that the worse the crime is against LGBTI people, the greater the hatred it generates against us. This hatred has been voiced by an unsettling number of people, including religious leaders. Not only have LGBTI people at UWA had to contend with the deaths of almost 50 members of the LGBTI community (several of them university students), we have been reminded that, in 2016, some people still believe we are unworthy of life and would wish us harm, simply because we are LGBTI.

Recommendations

We appreciate your continued support for LGBTI staff and students. We know that you support efforts to make UWA an inclusive campus, and indeed you have shown this by example and leadership regarding the Muslim prayer room incident last December. Your decisive, swift, and positive actions were widely applauded. Likewise, we thank you for your presence at the Thursday vigil for the victims of Orlando.

The main question we seek to address is: how can we ensure that LGBTI staff and students are made more aware of your support for them? We put forward the following three recommendations:

- 1) **The LGBTI Working Group and Pride Department ask that you to be more vocal in your support for LGBTI staff and students at significant times.**

The vast majority of staff and students would welcome your stated support for LGBTI staff and students, particularly in times of crisis. LGBTI staff and students were heartened by the support of fellow colleagues and students last week. For instance, on 14 June the Student Guild declared public support on their Facebook page for a safe and inclusive campus and for the LGBTI community.

Even so, it would have special meaning for LGBTI stakeholders and our allies if you spoke out publicly against homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia, and reiterated UWA's position as a welcoming place for LGBTI people. Your reassurances would be especially powerful when widely reported hate crimes are committed against the LGBTI community because such crimes are likely to have an emotional impact on LGBTI staff and students.

Your message of support would also be meaningful on annual LGBTI commemoration days or events such as the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (on 27 May); the Student Guild's Pride Week (in August); or WA PrideFest, the state's leading LGBTI arts and community festival, which UWA sponsors (November). The LGBTI Working Group and Pride Department are happy to provide you with information for your use in correspondence with staff and students to commemorate these special days and events.

2) We ask that you consult with the LGBTI Working Group and Pride Department when an emergency or crisis situation is likely to affect LGBTI staff and students.

We understand that you are required to make difficult decisions on a daily basis. We ask that when events and subsequent UWA decisions are likely to affect LGBTI stakeholders that you consult us in your decision-making around these issues. The responsibility can therefore be shared and the needs of LGBTI staff and students addressed swiftly.

3) The LGBTI Working Group, Pride Department, and Guild President request that you erect two extra flagpoles, one on either side of the existing flagpoles.

We hope that the new flagpoles could be erected by mid-August 2016 to ensure the rainbow flag can be flown during Pride Week. The LGBTI Working Group is assisting Professor Kent Anderson with a UWA flag policy, but we feel that the erection of two extra flagpoles provides a quicker and more permanent solution that allows the University to avoid the controversies it has previously faced.

Professor Johnson, I have outlined our three recommendations to make your support more visible to LGBTI staff and students. In the grand scheme of things, these are small gestures. Yet we believe that public gestures of support would have a positive impact and be welcomed by the overwhelming number of staff and students who likewise adhere to the values that UWA upholds.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dr Duc Dau
On behalf of the LGBTI Working Group



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[WASAC] Department | June 2016

May 15th , 2016

Overview

The WASAC department has been reviewing semester 1 on how the committee was able to deliver activities and new opportunities for our members. Apart of that process we looked into our communication sources and how we can reach our audience in different ways without relying on social media sources. In addition, we have been working on events and projects for semester 2 already hoping to carry over the momentum from semester 1. Happy study and I hope everyone has a good break.

Shire of Carnarvon

On the 25th of May 2016 the Shire of Carnarvon voted against in flying the Aboriginal flag during NAIDOC week held in Carnarvon that following week. This decision was announced on National Sorry Day 26th of May which definitely felt like a big kick in the gut for all Indigenous communities. Having 20 student from Carnarvon which are studying at UWA, Maddie and I wrote a letter on behalf of WASAC and the Guild condemning their decision and urged them to reconsider their decision. This letter was supported by all students and were very happy on the response from WASAC and the Guild. However, there has been no response from the Shire or Mayor at this stage.

End of Semester BBQ

Last week WASAC held a BBQ at Matilda Bay to celebrate everyone's achievements during semester 1. This also allowed students to take a break from their studies for exams which worked to destress students. It was a great way to recap the semester and reflect on the past but we continue to look forward to improve in all areas.

Bicycles for Humanity

We attended the Bicycles for Humanity workshop to volunteer our time to fix and repair bikes for the program. This Bicycles for Humanity are a Prosh Charity and they were awarded \$4000 dollars after Prosh day. This moey will be used in securing resources and helping the program get into a better position in the future. The partnership between WASAC and Bicycles for Humanity continues to grow which we are very grateful for.

No cost



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June Report,

Events

Improv Night.

This was a night where we had Catherine Seed from a local improve group come in to work with students on basic improvisation and communication techniques. We had approximately 20 people involved all of which considered it a huge success. The group also seemed very keen to have a second Improv night focused on research communication and perfecting the elevator pitch in second semester which we shall try to do.

Given our successes in events this year so far and the calls for similar events we are going to be review what we had planned for second semester and doing a few changes to the line-up but it all sounds fantastically great at the moment.

STiR.

The Students talks in research is undergoing a massive overhaul for the research week in September that will involve video based talks in an aid to engage more industry participation. Watch this space.

Meetings attended

Board of Graduate Research Studies

Arts Faculty Postgrad Discipline Reps

Met with the Arts faculty discipline reps on the 22nd of June they are particularly concerned with research student morale that is being affected by faculty morale .I was able to assure them that some of the issues regarding the renewal project are not as concerning as rumours often make them seem. There is a question of the usefulness of the work spaces in the library which I will be bringing to the library and also reviewing the functionality of these spaces.

Education Committee meeting

Enhancing the Student Experience through Innovation workshop

Faculties work stream & Service Delivery Centre work stream workshops

I attended these renewal project work streams with other student representatives from ed council and guild council.

Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations SCM

The CAPA SCM occurred at the end of May where the main topics of discussion were a review of the committee structure, the upcoming federal election, the campaign for CAPA this year. The review of the committee structure will continue until the AGM as there were a few changes that were

questionable based on some issues that occur in similar bodies. However the general opinion of the room was that some ideas merited further investigation.

Overall CAPA continues to be an effective national student representative body in many areas but in particular as a postgraduate lobby group on both a state and federal level.

Research Student Candidature Concerns

A vast number of students have contacted me and my faculty representatives regarding a “reminder email” to students about work hour restrictions that are part of those on an APA or IPRS scholarship. Many students seem concerned that it appeared they were being targeted when they were not. This is something I will be meeting with the GRS about and will be able to answer questions during council on this matter.

There is also a review of the examination structure of HDR students. This will most likely involve the form of a thesis defence as well as a thesis examination. I will be working with the GRS to ensure that any examination changes have student input however given that a thesis defence is the international trend I consider such changes to be a positive.

Renewal Project

Now that the Academic Staff renewal phase is coming to head I am working with the GRS to ensure that all students that are losing supervisors are catered for. I am happy to note that in many cases staffs that are gaining an appointment elsewhere are continuing to support their UWA students to completion and in some cases extra contract have been provided so that staff can effectively supervise students to completion. This is still not an ideal situation and there is still a possibility of students being orphaned without our knowledge. At this point I still do not know what staff was made redundant and as far as I know neither does the GRS so we still have to keep our ears to the ground.

The NTEU have assured me that when advising staff they also consider their postgraduate students and when possible informing those students of what is happening. Between the PSA, the NTEU and the GRS we have a wide net trying to catch students that will be orphaned but is still an ongoing concern.

China Visit

I will be joining Postgraduate Leaders from across Australia for a student leadership tour in China from the 4th – 17th of July. This will include visiting Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou and is funded by the University of Victoria and The Confucius Centre. During this trip we will be meeting with universities groups, student committees and industry/innovations centre heads to help create ties between Australian Universities and China. As the only attendee from a Western Australian University this will be a great opportunity to create some of the relationships needed for UWA. As preparation I will be meeting with the Pro-vice chancellor (international) Iain Whatt for advice and areas that would be beneficial to focus on for UWA. Part of this trip requires me to give a report to my university student body and I would be more than happy to do so at the guild council meeting in July.



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Pelican Feedback Survey Responses

Pelican last month launched online a feedback survey, giving our readership the opportunity to give comment on how they think the current editorship is traveling – what aspects they are liking, what areas they think we can improve in. The survey was launched on June 2, and has been made accessible to students on our Facebook page, website and through email. We have also submitted a request for it to feature in Guild Weekly.

So far, we've received a moderate number of responses, with a few clear trends. In terms of content type, our readers have expressed a wish to see more satirical articles, creative submissions, as well as campus news coverage. Our responders have indicated that out of the seven sections, their interests are most reflected in politics and film.

We've also got the go-ahead to increase our posting activity in the Writers' Group and our video content initiatives. 68% of responders have said they would like to attend an 'Occult Ritual' as a desirable event. Failing this, office and tav parties are good too.

In terms of style, the responses have been (inevitably) a little more across the board. Informative articles are in as much a demand as humour-based articles. Quite a few survey-takers have requested easier-to-read content, with fewer 'pretentious references'.

In terms of representation: "The Young Liberals are shamefully underrepresented in Pelican culture, I find this a scurrilous, reprehensible, even knave-like oversight. You sicken me" – wrote a certain scurrilous section editor, who shall here go unnamed. Their slander aside, we have been told we can do better in reaching out to science students, mature age students and introverts. To our dismay, our reputation of being 'elite and insular' persists somewhat.

We are taking all feedback in our stride, and hope to stride in new, nobler, better directions because of it. At the end of the day though, we must resign ourselves to the fact we can't please everyone.

Upping our Game in Campus-based Reporting

In response to the survey, Pelican is making a concerted effort to increase its coverage of campus events and become more active and involved in campus culture. Following the huge upspike in reach and engagement after sharing articles on LGBT+ student experiences at UWA, the introduction of CCTV in the Tav, and the Vice-Chancellor's decision not to fly the Pride Flag, the benefits of this kind of reporting have been made clear. In continuing this focus, we hope to maintain high standards of integrity, fairness and quality. We feel pressed to acknowledge that at times this may have slipped. Contrite though we may be over some decisions, we're the determined type, and will work to ever better ourselves and the paper. To cut the equivocation: Kate has some regrets over her tone and approach relating to the 'VC Pride Flag' article. Live, self-flagellate, learn.

Also, by the way, yes: you may noww consider us now manifest spies and eavesdroppers at Guild Meetings.

A Bit of Bragging

One of our articles achieved syndication with *New Matilda*! We also got a mention by Stephen Matchett in *Campus Morning Mail*. Proud feelings.

Pelican E-newsletter

We've launched an e-newsletter recently, which will pop in our subscribers' inboxes every fortnight. It'll just be links to popular web articles they might have missed on the feed and information on upcoming events. The workload mounts. Why do we do this to ourselves?

Section Editors

ARTS: Sam Cox – whose interviewing skills are on an ever-upward trend

BOOKS: Bryce Newton – who has a hugely impressive, hugely melancholic short story to be published in the fifth edition

FILM: Jaymes Durante –who has just been published in *Sight and Sound*! He is too good for us

LIFESTYLE: Tom Rossiter – who managed to prevent me (Kate) from beating myself to a pulp after a few very stressful mid-June days of article-posting, shit-stirring, and comment-reading

POLITICS: Brad Griffin – who has kept his promise to write fortnightly coverage on the Australian campaign trail

MUSIC: Harry Manson – who has finally got a review of Drake's *Views*!

WEB: Ruth Thomas – who has to suffer in formatting Sam Cox's endless supply of arts reviews

Finances

Whether or not Kate keeps losing her receipts, we have so far remained within budget. We are right now working on transferring budget lines and unlocking Alumni Grant funds to invest in a Printer/Scanner for our office, and to install Premiere Pro on our computer so that our new video projects can be worked on by all involved (software is only installed on computers in the MMC, which can only be accessed by those enrolled in multimedia units).

Please find the most recent version of Pelican budget spending attached.

Conclusion

Thanks for taking the time to read what increasingly resembles a personal diary. Hit us up anytime at pelican@guild.uwa.edu.au

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Guild of Undergraduates
Budget vs. Actual with YTD
May 2016

Options: Activity Only

FINANCIAL ROW	MTD ACTUAL (MAY 2016)	MTD BUDGET (MAY 2016)	ACTUAL YTD (JAN 2016 - MAY 2016)	BUDGET YTD (JAN 2016 - MAY 2016)	FY BUDGET (JAN 2016 - ADJUST 2016)
Gross Profit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Expenses					
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
305001 - Artwork	\$2,406.29	\$1,000.00	\$7,218.87	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00
305076 - Sundry Activities	\$382.38	\$0.00	\$382.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
305083 - Advertising & Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.77	\$0.00	\$0.00
305108 - Cleaning Contract	\$70.24	\$208.33	\$646.24	\$1,041.65	\$2,499.96
305111 - Communication Expenses	\$20.00	\$20.83	\$100.00	\$104.15	\$249.96
305114 - Computer Expenses	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$600.00
305117 - Conferences	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$942.46	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
305147 - General Expenses	\$0.00	\$83.33	\$178.98	\$416.65	\$999.96
305177 - Postage	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$39.00	\$50.00	\$120.00
305180 - Printing & Stationery	\$60.44	\$0.00	\$2,520.91	\$3,000.00	\$11,000.00
Total - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$2,939.35	\$1,372.49	\$12,086.61	\$11,862.45	\$27,069.88
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE					
304001 - Salaries & Wages - Permanent Staff	\$1,899.34	\$1,877.75	\$9,324.08	\$9,388.75	\$22,533.00
304007 - Payroll tax	\$95.11	\$113.08	\$551.15	\$565.40	\$1,356.96
304010 - Superannuation	\$164.04	\$178.42	\$959.63	\$892.10	\$2,141.04
304013 - Workers Compensation Insurance	\$25.04	\$27.25	\$168.54	\$136.25	\$327.00
Total - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE	\$2,183.53	\$2,196.50	\$11,003.40	\$10,982.50	\$26,358.00
Total - Expenses	\$5,122.88	\$3,568.99	\$23,090.01	\$22,844.95	\$53,427.88
Operating Profit	-\$5,122.88	-\$3,568.99	-\$23,090.01	-\$22,844.95	-\$53,427.88
Other Income					
ADVERTISING INCOME - ADVERTISING INCOME					
103001 - Advertising Income	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,250.00	\$7,600.00	\$15,000.00
Total - ADVERTISING INCOME - ADVERTISING INCOME	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,250.00	\$7,600.00	\$15,000.00
Total - Other Income	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$12,250.00	\$7,600.00	\$15,000.00
Net Profit/(Loss)	-\$3,872.88	-\$2,068.99	-\$10,840.01	-\$15,244.95	-\$38,427.88



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PROSH | June 2016
22nd June, 2016

Overview

We had a lovely Cheque Presentation evening on Wednesday 1st June, where \$31,500 was given out to our charities. Unfortunately not many Guild staff were available, however we were able to thank the significant volunteers that contributed to PROSH this year, and here from the charities about what difference these donations will make.

Finances:

\$652.50 – Cheque presentation expenses (food, drinks, gifts etc.)



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Relay For Life UWA | June 2016

May 25th , 2016

Overview

'Relay, Set, Go!' occurred on Tuesday 31st May, with a pancake BBQ in the morning, and games on Oak Lawn in the afternoon. The event was successful in getting clubs and Fac-socs to start thinking about forming their Relay teams and fundraising, as we had another approx. 5 teams register that week. UEC took out the prize, winning \$150 towards their fundraising total.

Our Fundraising portfolio is continuing to find new fundraising initiatives, and we have committed to volunteering at both the WA Swan River Run and Western Mud Rush to receive donations to Relay. These should total in excess of \$700.

Our sponsorship portfolio began the approval process to contact potential sponsors, and we aim to have made initial contact with each corporate and local business that has been approved by the Cancer Council WA by mid July.

Finances

There were no expenses for June.