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Vice President Report | October 2016

October 26th, 2016

My report for this month is particularly brief. During October I took a step back and focused on my thesis, which was submitted on 16th October. Let me know if you'd like a copy.

MEETINGS |

- Handover planning with Jenny, Nevin (19/10)

COMMITTEES |

- Strategic Resources Committee (3/10)
- Parking Appeal Panel (5/10)

COMMITTEES | Corporate Services Committee

I am the member of Executive that is responsible for Corporate Services Committee, and its Chair. There has not been a meeting since our last council meeting, however ongoing projects are on track.

HANDOVER | Planning

Planning continues for the induction for the new council. Please continue to provide suggestions for training that you think would be worthwhile for incoming councillors.

UNIVERSITY | Parking & Security

- **Parking Appeals Committee**

The Guild Vice President is the only consistent member of the Parking Appeals Committee, of which there has only been 1 since our last Guild Council meeting. There was another scheduled, however was postponed due to the blackout.

DEPARTMENTS | MASA

As Vice President, it is my role to assist the Mature Age Student Association as a Guild Department.

- **Café Catch Up**

Our Café catch up went very well. There were approximately 40 attendees, which was greater than expected. We continue to build a cohort of consistent attendees. The team at Hackett were very accommodating, and the event went off without a hitch.

- **Wine and Cheese Night**

Our end of semester Wine and Cheese night is scheduled for Thursday November 26th, from 4-6pm in the Tavern. This will be a free event, and a good way to send off mature age students for the end of the year. Members of council are welcome to attend to meet some of the team.

DEPARTMENTS | Access

- **Welfare Week**

For Welfare Week, I ran a stall promoting the collective and spreading positive messages of good mental health. Attendees shared, on a whiteboard, what they did to look after their mental health. People often had difficulty thinking of habits, which made them aware that perhaps they were not taking active steps to take care of themselves.

For this report, and for anything, if you have any question, queries, comments or concerns please contact me at vp@guild.uwa.edu.au.

Charlie Viska
Vice President



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Guild Secretary Report | October 2016
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It hasn't been too long since the last meeting, this report is quite brief but here's my month.

Secretary Duties |

Secretarial duties I have carried out this month are:

- Compiling and circulating Guild Council and Committee Minutes, Agendas and Resolutions.
- Compiling Guild Council & Committee Material to be placed online.
- Working on Annual Reports with Maddie.
- Follow up of business from Minutes and meetings.

Guild Executive | Summary

The Guild Executive continue to approve Grants and Loans. We have also continued to work on our projects and are still functioning well as a team.

Student Services Committee | Summary

Meeting was held on October 18th. Key things to note are Guild Ball coming up on Friday the 28th, big Thanks to Megan Lee who's the event organiser and doing an amazing job! Looks like it's going to be really good. Lastly the End of Semester Fiesta is on the way and should be really good.

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 | October 2016

19 Oct, 2016

Dear Councillors,

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The process for determining the Refectory's future has also begun, and the Catering and Tavern committee will consider this at it's next meeting.

Finance

Overdrafts outstanding:

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2. Women in Business UWA: \$700

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The Women in Business overdraft was approved to float the cost of the startup event of this new club. The club did not get the full extent of grants anticipated, so the outstanding amount will need to be repaid gradually through the club's other activities.

In each case, it is likely that myself and the incoming Treasurer will need to work with the club to decide on a repayment plan for 2017.

Catering and Tavern

The Catering and Tavern Committee has met once since my last report.

Meeting of 12 October

- Approved a trial of cocktails on tap in the Tav.
- We're looking at getting Tav merchandise.
- Also looking at implementing a Tav membership/loyalty system.
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- Discussed the way forward for the Ref. A motion will be put to council to approve moving ahead with our strategy.



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MEETINGS |

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

- University
 - Meeting with Grady Venville
 - Student Consultative Committee Meeting
 - Renewal Project Meeting
- Centre for Education Futures Student Advisory Group Meeting
 - Education Council Meeting
 - Student Services Committee
 - Faculty Society Awards Allocation Meeting
 - Tenancy Executive Meeting
 - Strategic Resources Committee Meeting
 - Meeting with Deni from HSS regarding their Constitution

FACULTY SOCIETIES | Education Students Association

I am so excited that I have a keen Education Student, Callum Neville, who is interesting in taking up the helm of the Education Students Association President. We are working with Faculty to get the structure of the FacSoc set up and we will be starting from absolute scratch as they have no bank account with the Guild or any Constitution. I invited Callum to attend this month's Education Council meeting which is a very exciting first step!

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Faculty Society Awards

At the time of writing this report I have not yet received all the applications for Best Faculty Society and Most Innovative Faculty Society, but I look forward to reading them and I am sure it will be a very difficult for the Committee to make! At Tuesday's Education Council meeting the Faculty Societies will also be voting for the Faculty Society's Choice Award, a prize-less 'warm and fuzzy' award to recognise a Faculty Society that has contributed considerably to the Education Council over the past year and has been great to work with.

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Funding Policy

After a lot of hard work by myself and Simon, the Education Council Treasurer, we presented the new Faculty Society Funding Policy to the Education Council for approval at this month's meeting. I can give a verbal update on how that went in person.

ENGAGEMENT | Website

I have updated the Education Council webpage, and fixed the issue with the link (under 'Representation') re-directing to the wrong page! There are now way more resources available for students which will make it easier to link students to one central portal where they can find the information they need. If anyone has any ideas on other things they would like to see online please let me know!

ENGAGEMENT | NUS Welfare Day of Action

Shout out to Lina who, with the help of Emily Law, Maddie, and Nevin, coordinated a fantastic Welfare Day of Action last Wednesday! This year was the first time the NUS has fun this event and the aim is to activate student activists across campus and get them talking about important welfare issues, like the unfair PaTH Program and mental health.



The NUS National Welfare Officer will be at this month's Guild Council meeting and can fill you in more on the activities of his Department this year!

CAMPAIGNS | SPOT & SURF

I've been working with the Guild Engagement team and Student Services to get a campaign together to ensure students understand SPOT and SURF and that they fill it out and make the most of the opportunity to give valuable feedback. Resources will be out soon!

CONTACT |

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



Events | Faith Week

After several emails, Facebook posts and personal messages – our committee sadly had to cancel Faith Week for 2016. As the director of Faith Week last year when I was secretary, I'm saddened to tell Council that this fantastic theme week didn't generate as much interest as it had in previous years. I suspect due to timing, and clubs running a greater number of their own events and regular meetings that this was just a commitment that they couldn't foresee themselves being able to commit to fully.

In its place, I have collaborated with Guild Volunteering to promote faith based volunteering opportunities to students, and have extended the opportunity to clubs to run any last minute stalls or events at the last Public Affairs Council meeting for the year.

Events | Student Poverty Awareness Campaign

The Student Poverty Awareness Campaign that we ran during Welfare Week this semester was a success! 23 students participated in the stall where they had to guess how many groceries they could buy for the price of a common, compulsory textbook at UWA. This was a great opportunity for us to raise awareness about the Social Justice Collaboration, the detrimental cuts to HEPP and the Guild Student Assist services such as the Food Pantry. One student accompanied me back to the office in order to pop by the pantry and pick up essentials that they required to make them through to their next paycheck in a week.

I am currently collating the online submissions from the #BreakTheBarrier portion of the campaign where we asked students to share their stories, frustrations and insights on student poverty and how it does indeed impact students in a multitude of ways.

Grants | Collaborative and Campus Culture Grants

As per feedback from the final PAC meeting, Ingrid the 2016 PAC Treasurer and I agreed to reopen the submissions for grant money. I have had several club presidents contact me regarding criteria for this grant which is exciting, considering we only received one application for \$250 worth from a pool of \$1000 available to clubs.

Awards | PAC Guild Ball Awards

The award recipients have been finalized and the certificates made. The applications this year were of an incredibly high standard, with a notable increase in attention to detail and presentation from previous years. It is heartwarming to hear about all the amazing initiatives, events and communities our clubs are creating around campus and even more so that they value recognition and commendation from the Guild for their hard work. If anyone is interested in reading these incredible applications after Guild Ball where they will be presented, feel free to contact me.

Clubs | New Affiliations

At the last PAC Meeting for the year, 1 new club was affiliated, bringing the total number of PAC clubs affiliated in 2016 to 71.



As always, if you have any questions about this report or would like to contribute your ideas to the happenings in the world of PAC, feel free to email me at pac@guild.uwa.edu.au.

All the best,

Megan Lee

103rd Public Affairs Council President





INTRODUCTION

I have extremely happy to announce the SOC Committee next year will comprise of:

Michael Kabondo, (VP) Brendon Ng, (Sec) Davina Daudu, (Treasurer) Cameron Mitchell, and (OCMs) George Bowen Uy III, Daniel Matabishi and Charmaine Kwok. I have the utmost faith that they will do an incredible job in their roles and surpass this year in the impact they will have on clubs and campus culture.

In other news, October has been a mixed month with the final SOC meeting a highlight, but a lot of assignments and the beginnings of the handover process. As a result I will keep this report short.

ADMINISTRATION

The key aspects of club administration are as follows:

❖ **New Club Affiliations**

The Guild has 132 Active clubs and societies and 9 Lapsed & 2 New/Pending clubs.

Two clubs were successful in their affiliations at the October meeting:

Friends of Israel (FOI)

Taylor's Students Connect (TSC)

EVENTS

❖ **Final SOC Meeting**

The final SOC Meeting was on the 19th and was a surprisingly touching meeting. I am glad that attendance was on the higher side as it was nice to report back on the year to that many club reps. Overall it was a success despite the blackout which threatened to derail the day.

I have received a few thank you emails since the final meeting which have been very touching and I am very grateful to those clubs.

PROJECTS

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

❖ **Club discounts**

No change.

❖ **Decorations Lease and Hire System**

Has been rolled out, no uptake of yet. May need to rethink how we go about this.

❖ **Website**

Lianne is keeping at the website, fixing and changing and upgrading as she goes. Most recently we have released a SOC DOCs section where all forms policy's and guides are kept for an easy one-stop search.

❖ **Bookings Policy**

No change.

TENANCY

❖ **Tenancy Meetings/Works**

The Tenancy committee is now formalising the second business case to be completed as soon as possible. Painting in the top floor is about half way done and I



think has made a significant difference for the space, Marshall is doing a great job. Room allocations are also opening for all clubs, facsocs and Departments for the large reallocation in December.

FINANCE

❖ **Club Awards**

It was an especially tough year for the SOC committee to reach a decision in relation to Best Club, Best New Club and Most Inclusive Event. I am very excited to be announcing the winners at Guild Ball.

❖ **Semester Two Grants**

The second round of semester grants are due on the 4th of November and will enable us to gauge club activity for Semester Two. Please remind any clubs you know about this deadline. I have circulated meeting and treasurer training attendance for appeals as well.

❖ **Expenses**

I am on budget or under budget with all line items except for Stationary & Printing and Meeting Expenses.

Line Item	Expense	Amount Budgeted August	Amount Budgeted for 2016	Amount Spent DEC – OCT 2016
SOC Grants	\$300	\$428	89,000	\$56,300.00
Awards & Prizes	\$1500	\$1,500	1,500	\$1,500
Sundry Activities	\$0	\$583.33	5,999.96 (MYR)	\$3,219.11
Meeting Expenses	~\$200	0.00	2,450	\$2,203.30
Printing and Stationery	\$0*	\$33.33	399.96	\$456.62
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$2,544.33	-	\$0

*Expenses awaiting to be charged to account

I do realise this is a lot shorter a report than I usually write, so please feel free to ask me to expand on anything at Guild Council.



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Women's Department | October 2016

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Sexual Harassment and Assault Policy

On Sunday the 9th of October, the Channel 7 Sunday Night program featured a story on sexual violence at Australian universities. The negative experience of a past UWA student was included in the program. It was also revealed that UWA was one of only two universities to refuse the program's FOI request for its statistics on instances of sexual harassment and assault reported to it.

The program and the FOI refusal elicited much concern from students and the broader community about the way that sexual harassment and assault is being addressed by the university. There was feeling that the lack of transparency signified insufficient institutional handling of sexual violence.

In response, the Women's Department penned an open letter to the university on behalf of the women students of UWA, seeking explanation and statistics from the university. Posted to the Department's Facebook page, the letter has 581 likes, 121 shares and a post reach of 40,446 people at the time of writing this report. Evidently, it is a sentiment that resounded broadly.

On Tuesday the 11th, Maddie and I met with the Vice-Chancellor and Director of Student Life in relation to the Sunday Night Program and the university's FOI refusal. It was explained that UWA did not believe it could release the reporting figures in a meaningful way that would protect confidentiality and provide a meaningful reflection of student's experiences at UWA-despite the ability of other universities to do so. There was some commitment to change, most pressingly, the establishment of a centralised database so that students can be collected coherently in order to best protect students. In the current process, lack such a database, there is much slippage in the way information is collected, passed on and recorded.

At the meeting, the university invited contribution from the Guild in shaping reformed policy and process for reporting sexual harassment and assault. Having invited student feedback, Maddie, Hannah and I put together a document of recommendations for the university. While this opportunity to shape the university's response to reporting sexual violence is a positive step, it is very frustrating to feel that the Guild was only included to this extent following the negative media attention that UWA received. This is an issue that Women's Officers have been lobbying on since 2014, and that we have spent much energy on in my term. So while it is progress to have major input, it is disheartening for the University to only now be receptive to suggestions we had put forward for months in the lead up the Hunting Ground screening and new online reporting form.

Damsel Magazine Launch

The 2016 Damsel Magazine is rolling off the press.

We've printed 600 copies, the same as the previous year. The magazine will be delivered in the coming days, with an invoice. Printing was agreed at \$1,050+gst.

We will be launching the Magazine on Thursday the 27th of October in Hackett Café, 5-8pm and encourage Council to attend in support of the Department. The launch party will feature live music, complimentary food and drink, and display art from talented local women and non-binary folk.

Finances

The printing cost of Damsel magazine, and costs of the launch party will be included in the following month's report.

	October
Actual Spend	\$0.00
Budgeted Spend	\$1,155



WELFARE WEEK SEMESTER TWO

No one died. Successful events below:

Monday 10th October:

- Free breakfast – ChemnBio UWA
- Free Pilates – UWA Guild (Events)

Tuesday 11th October:

- Headspace Day
- De-Stress – PAW
- Charity Bake Sale & Busking – MSU
- Novelty Sports (Relay Fundraiser + BBQ) – Arts Union
- UWA Health Day – Health Promotion Students

Wednesday 12th October:

- Mental Health Panel Discussion – HPU & Access Collective
- Mental Health & Access Pledges – Access Collective
- Arts Therapy – Mathematics Union
- Free Massages – Welfare
- KeepCup & Succulent Stall – Enviro Department
- Poker + BBQ – UWA Poker Club
- De-Stress with ISS – ISS
- Free Yoga – Guild

Thursday 13th October:

- Free Health Checks – REACH
- Student Poverty Awareness Stunt – UWA Social Justice Collaboration (PAC)
- Pride Department Stall – UWA Pride Dept

Saturday 15th October:

- Mental Health Week Seminar – UWA School of Psychology

A big thanks to those who came down and helped.

GRANTS

NB: Maximum amounts to be allocated.

ChemnBio Breakfast	200
PAW Insurance Top Up	100
Massages	40
Access Collective Pledges	100
MSS Welfare Crafternoon	150
QEII Food Drop	200
Welfare National Day of Action	200
TOTAL	1040

Please direct all questions to welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au



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Environment Department | October 2016

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Hope you're all doing well and getting to know your successors! Shout out to the lovely Sean O'Leary—next year's looking good. Here's what Enviro's been up to over October:

Carbon Offsetting Budget

Put together a business case to get carbon offsetting simplified and expanded a bit, which I'll present to SRC on Monday! Hopefully that will mean we've got a really good long term carbon offsetting setup here at the Guild for our internal flights and for O-Day.

Clean Up WA Beaches

A few people didn't show up, which was a bit of a shame as we had quite a long wait list. Nonetheless it was a really great event, as all Guild Volunteering events tend to be! The spend on this one was already mentioned last month.

Coffee Grounds Composting

This one's underway and now we're starting to think about how to let people know we're doing it with Madeleine! Promo will probably happen in early-2017.

Frank Green Cups

At time of writing these are in-transit, but they should be in Reid café by the time of this council! Get in quick and get yours!

Friends of the Grounds

Their spring plant sale is happening on the 27-8th, and we're helping with a few volunteers as well as managing their Facebook presence. Over 1000 people have said they're attending, and over 3000 are interested, so it should be pretty good! We've also had two propagation days, both with a few student attendees, so that's good—it looks to be steadily growing.

Guild Village Garden

We've got a busy bee for Thursday 20th, which hopefully will go well! We'll harvest and do weeding and all of that. I've opted to move the Gardens portfolio under Guild Volunteering, as caring for the gardens makes more sense for them to manage. New gardens and so on will still be under the care of the Environment Department, but the day-to-day work of watering and weeding will now be Guild Volunteering role.

Handover

Well underway. Sean's the best! We've met with a whole bunch of folks including campus management people, Friends of the Grounds people, grounds staff and the staff of the Guild. We've got a few more things teed up, but all-in-all this is looking pretty good.

KeepCups

Jack Spagnuolo's done our order for the year, which is great!
We've also done some sales as per below.
Revenue: \$120.00

More Gardens

Some students are keen on doing another community garden near the Animal Biology buildings on campus. I've met with them and got them started, as well as meeting with relevant stakeholders in Grounds and at Friends of the Grounds. We'll likely have another community garden by mid-2017!

Welfare Week Succulent Stall

We ran one of these for Welfare week; it went well though engagement was a little less than usual, for whatever reason. These have really become a staple of Enviro's events portfolio—people really seem to like them, which is awesome.

Spend: \$75.51

Revenue: \$33.00

Net: -\$42.51

Total Spend: \$75.51

Total Revenue: \$153.00

Net Total: +\$77.49

That's all from me!

Kind regards,
Dennis

Overview

The International Students Service department has held several events over the past 2 months, with our highly anticipated Rottnest trip selling out yet again. The welfare committee held some well attended events as well, including a migration seminar and a sundowner.

MCW

MCW was a huge success, with this year's Springfeast attracting over 50 stalls and 5000 Attendees. The MCW team would like to extend their gratitude to members of Guild Council for their help advice and participation in multicultural week.

Events

- Day trip to tour Swan valley
 - Cancelled collaboration with SSS and Alavant tours
 - Now: cancelled collaboration with AUG due to lack of time and assignment deadlines coming up
- No more events for the rest of the year

2017 Plans

- Plan more social events ahead of time
 - Small (eg. BBQ's, free drinks at Oak lawn) as well as big events (eg. Rottnest, Swan valley tour) throughout the year
- Tim and Sanket have been taught how to plan and host events
- Need more organization – can't keep planning events and then cancelling

Welfare

The welfare team conducted a highly successful migration seminar which attracted over 70 students, many postgraduate international students – a segment of the student population that we had not previously engaged well with.

In addition, the department held a Sun Downer session to catch up with international students in the spirit of welfare week.

Finance

In September/October, ISS spent \$687.34 on Rottnest 2, \$33.76 on Welfare Week, \$160.30 on the Migration

seminar and \$100.80 on the ISS Sun Downer.





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[WASAC] Department | 26th October 2016
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Overview

At the busy end of Semester 2 WASAC are gearing up for the AGM held next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity for all our members to reflect on what has been an amazing 2016 with WASAC being able to kick many goals in 2016. The 2016 committee has built a foundation for future WASAC committees to continue to build and develop more Indigenous leaders in the UWA community and beyond. Elections begin in straight after the AGM so it will be an exciting to see who is elected in 2017 as there are many nominees. In the last two weeks of the Semester WASAC as planned an end of year windup to reward for their efforts. We will also celebrate the implementation of the Indigenous Graduation Sashes being worn for the first time in UWA history.

Indigenous Graduation Sashes

I am very pride to announce on the 19th of November will be the first ever UWA Graduation Ceremony where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will be given the opportunity to wear an Indigenous designed sash representing their culture, community and people. This has been a humbling experience to work with the School of Indigenous Studies and the University in implementing changes to the graduation ceremonies. Adding to inclusion of the sashes, a Welcome to Country will be performed and all students will be receiving Aboriginal designed Message Sticks to take home and keep. I would like to acknowledge all parties involved in delivering this historic milestone in UWA history.

Renaming Marnda Week

It has been 3 years since the first Marnda week was held at UWA however this year will be the last as a renaming process is commencing. The reason behind the renaming is a misinterpretation of the meaning within other Noongar language groups. I can ensure you the new name will continue the momentum of past Marnda weeks and further aim to bring all students and staff to learn about the rich and vibrant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture we have at UWA.

WASAC Windup

On the last day of Semester the 4th of November WASAC will host their end of year Windup. This event will also be an opportunity for the official announcement of the 2017 WASAC Committee. Students and staff will be able to reflect upon 2016 and celebrate the personal and collective achievements this year.

WASAC AGM

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th of October at Shenton House 1pm. There will be a few minor changes to WASAC but the agenda is looking pretty straightforward from here. I will be able to provide more details in the November report to list the approved changes.



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Events

Cocktail party – Cocktail party was a big success held at Canton Bar this year. We anticipated a turnout of 70 students and ended up with 93 in ticket sales. This is the premier event of the year for the PSA and attracts a different collection of postgraduates than what we get at other social events. A big thankyou to Canton Bar which was an excellent location, great food, and even produced a specialty PSA cocktail for the evening.

Education issues

Federal Changes to the RTS, APA and IPRS funding – After a decade of lobbying CAPA (Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations) was able to report to me that the changes suggested in the WATT and ACOLA reviews into research training will be implemented on January 1st 2017. These changes allow more flexibility in how universities are able to fund research training. A summary of the changes are outlined:

- Universities will be able to provide an APA between the current levels (at UWA with the top-up that is being phased out that is currently \$29,000 P/A) to ~\$41,000 P/A which will allow for universities to compete for high quality postgraduate students.
- Universities will be able to extend the period that an APA is provided up to 4 years now compared to the current 3-3.5 years (the current PhD time for domestic students at UWA is ~ 4.6 years).
- Universities will now be able to provide part-time scholarships at no penalty allowing more flexibility for some people studying.
- The weighting for funding for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander student completions is now double for that off domestic students which is expected to encourage more support from universities to getting in these students and supporting them to completion.

We will be working along with the Graduate Research School on their new policy in regards to this funding and hoping that they at least extend funding to 4 years for PhD students (dependent on regular updated reports from students).

Invitation to the council of Australian academic chairs – A very useful and insightful panel. Much of the discussion was on how to engage students in governance and policy discussions and what support and training can be provided to students to ensure that they get the most out of having students on different levels of governance. I advocated strongly for the inclusion of students at the first stages of policy development rather than provide them with an agenda a week in advance and expect a comprehensive student voice on the matter. If a policy idea goes to students early it is not only the student representatives that are able to provide a voice but they are also able to engage with students on matters. It was also suggested that at the beginning of any position on governance

at a university there be a formal and informal welcome for the students as well as a guide on how students can present their own ideas and projects during this time which is often not considered.

Invitation to Deans and Directors of graduate research – This will occur next week at UWA and will focus on international students as well as changes to the funding in research training and scholarships that were mentioned above.

Committee business

Scholarship applications– We received 30 applications for the conference awards and field work/data collection awards. Many were of very high quality and it became difficult to choose the winners this time around and emphasis was placed on students that were self-funding a lot of their travel or data collection. Overall we gave out 3 data collection awards and 8 conference travel awards.

Review of rules and elections regulations – Our rule and regulation changes past through guild council and governance committee and will be voted on at the PSA AGM on October 27th.

PostScript – Postscript has been published and will be released at the AGM on October 27th and copies were also provided to the UWA Senate to showcase some of the work our students are doing and conferences that they are attending.

PSA Elections – We have already elected a number of positions for the 2017 PSA committee. The nominations have been incredible and we will be having elections for the contested positions of PSA President and PSA Vice-president (research) at the AGM on October 27th. We will also be opening floor for nominations for the positions of Engineering, Computing and Maths representative, Equity Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, and Events Officer. We have had a number of students express interest in these positions leading up to the AGM.



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So here we are, scraggly yet strong, sailing in to land at journey's end. Due to over-stressed exam-ridden contributors, bouts of sickness and power outages, our Naked Edition will unfortunately be quite late to explode across campus. However, it is suitably smutty. We trust you will enjoy it.

New 2017 Editors

Interviews are next week! *Who will usurp us?* To be revealed soon.

New Visions

After a long chinwag with Tony in the Tav, we're currently putting together a proposal for a new model/structure for Pelican "moving forward" into the new year. In this plan shall be no mention of cutting print, or underpaying editors.

Pelican Prom

Is tomorrow! We still haven't worked out what we're wearing. We went full creative with marketing and promo though – making lil' coaster/coupons to drop in the Tav in the lead-up to the event.

Section Editors

ARTS: Samuel J. Cox – who we discovered last week has *not liked our Facebook page* ?

BOOKS: Bryce Newton – who allowed me to write a parody review of a fake erotic novel for the Naked Edition. Thanks Bryce.

FILM: Pema Monaghan – who allowed me to write a fake oral history of the sequel to 'Boogie Nights, Boner Nights (directed by David Cronenberg). Thanks Pema.

LIFESTYLE: Tom Rossiter – whose writing has improved leagues this year, who has been an invaluable source of support, and who constantly makes me very proud.

POLITICS: Brad Griffin – who has been supreme when it comes to organising a 'rotating cover band' for Pelican prom. I can't wait.

MUSIC: Harry Manson – who used the last PR-Less regular to write a very beautiful homage to John Fahey.

WEB: Ruth Thomas – who is an absolute powerhouse with web and video content nowadays .

We love them all, and could not have done this without them.

Finances

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

Signing off

It's been grand guys. We are thankful for a lot of things, but mostly for allowing *Pelican* to leave early from guild meetings.

P.S. If you know any jobs going around for writers, give us a heads-up, hey? Anywhere in the world is fine, really.

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1. Overview

It has been a fairly quiet month for the Department as we move into the end of Semester. We had our elections and elected two new Pride Officers, and have held two events since the close of last meeting. Unfortunately, we were not able to be present at Welfare Week this Semester. We have also confirmed our booking to march in the Pride Parade, and are moving ahead with the preparations.

2. Finance

	Budgeted Amount (\$)	Spent Amount (\$)
Food and Drink	15.00	12.96
<i>Food</i>	15.00	12.96
Pride Parade	300.00	250.00
<i>Party Bus</i>	300.00	250.00
Total	315.00	262.96

3. Pride Department Elections

The Pride Department Elections were held at 17:00 on Tuesday 12th October. Once quorum had been reached, the three nominees gave two-minute maximum speeches, and voters were given the chance to ask questions of the nominees. A private optional preferential ballot was then taken to determine the vote. The elected Pride Officers for 2017 are Rigel Paciente and Tonia Curby, who begin their terms on 1st December 2016. Samuel Shenton acted as the Returning Officer.

4. Events

4.1. Crafternoon

This was a really nice event. We knitted and crocheted for a bit, and did some other various arts and crafts. We also played a couple of games, and had a relatively high turnout for an event this late in Semester.

4.2. End of Year Picnic (Panic)

At the very beginning of Semester 1, we held a picnic in Matilda Bay to welcome everyone to the new year and for everyone to bond. We thought it would be a good idea to hold a final picnic at the end of the year for everyone to say goodbye until next year. It was a very nice day for it, with clear skies and warm temperatures, and we went to Matilda Bay, ate food, played games and chatted. It was the last official Pride Department event for the Semester, all that we have left now are the End of Semester Show Tav meet-up and the Pride Parade.

5. Pride Parade

The Pride Department and UWA Equity and Diversity are confirmed to be marching in the Pride Parade

together. Prior to the Parade, we will be having a Pre-Parade Party in the Tav, hosted by the Pride Department. Party busses have been hired to then transport everyone to Northbridge for the Parade. We have decided to go with a UWA theme, which we have received approval for.