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# INTRODUCTION

# MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date | Meeting                       | Purpose  |
|------|-------------------------------|--|
| 26/7 | Pantomime Collaboration       | Met with the Vice President of<br>the Pantomime Society to see if<br>they were interested in<br>collaboration. We have come up<br>with different ways in which they<br>are able to engage with the<br>students on the oval. This will<br>ultimately attract more students<br>to the stalls that are set up as<br>well as promoting the<br>Pantomime society's next show. |
| 11/8 | Marriage Equality Campaign    | Set up a meeting for everyone<br>who was interested in doing a<br>campaign for marriage equality.<br>A group has been made to<br>coordinate actions.   |
| 15/8 | Equity and Diversity Meeting  | Updates.   |
| 9/8  | "Outspoken" Meeting           | Pride Magazine officially named<br>"Outspoken". General meeting<br>for updates and also art.   |
| 11/4 | Marketing                     | Meeting with marketing<br>regarding promotion of Pride<br>Week events as well as<br>Outspoken.   |
| 26/7 | UWA WAC Collaboration meeting | Meeting with WAC to potentially<br>collaborate on an event for Pride<br>Week. Result is the Pride Dept.<br>and UWA WAC Networking and<br>Sparkling Wine Tasting Night.   |
| 13/8 | Pride WA                      | Meeting to sort out Pride<br>Carnival involvement as well as<br>ad in the Pride Magazine.  |

# PROJECT UPDATE

# **Pride Week**

Pride Week preparations are done. All that's left to do is to actually execute it. All the companies are on board with their respective collaborations.

# **Pride Pages**

The final proof of the Pride Pages has been finished and sent for printing. We will receive the final copies by Friday.

# Perth Pride

We are currently collaborating with the UWA LGBTQIA+ Working Group to plan out UWA's involvement in Perth Pride this year. We want the event to be a bit bigger, even considering the involvement of students in producing ideas. We have received the theme for this year's Pride March: "Freedom".

# **UWA Marriage Equality Campaign**

Have made a group to coordinate campaign events throughout campus. All activities have been planned. We are currently at the second phase of the campaign.

**FINANCES** 

# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

The UWA LGBTQIA+ working group is looking for student volunteers to help set up the Pride March

Regards, Rigel Paciente and Tonia Curby *Pride Officers* pride@guild.uwa.edu.au



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### MEETINGS ATTENDED

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| 25/07/17 | Education Council Meeting                      | Monthly Meeting   |
| 26/07/17 | Guild Council Meeting                          | Monthly Meeting   |
| 26/07/17 | Server Project – Sub-council Consultation      | IT new server discussion  |
| 28/06/17 | Meeting with Nevin                             | Weekly Meeting with Guild President                                       |
| 09/08/17 | Curriculum Committee                           | Monthly meeting   |
| 15/08/17 | SPG Allocation Meeting                         | Education Committee going through and allocating SPG funding for FacSocs. |
| 17/08/17 | Student Choice Awards Meeting                  | Meeting with Education Council<br>Secretary and Guild Design Team         |
| 17/08/17 | Student Services Meeting                       | Monthly Meeting   |
| 17/08/17 | Racism in Academia Panel (Social Justice Week) | Panel member representing students.                                       |

#### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### Lecture Recordings Policy Update

The changes to the Lecture Recordings Policy we proposed were passed through Education Committee, taking out a clause which allows Staff to not record lectures, making recordings compulsory with certain exceptions to be approved by the Associate Dean of the Faculty. I am proud to say that we got it through Academic Council Circular, and as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of August this will officially be a revised university policy. We will be working with the marketing team to ensure that all students are made aware of this exciting change, and can get in touch with their unit coordinators in a much more direct way to address breaches of this policy.

#### **Student Resilience Project Update**

There will be a survey going out over the next few weeks regarding student wellbeing as part of the project that Tyson and I have been working on with the team from the School of Psychology. We will also be making a video involving members of the University Executive, staff and students to pitch the project to students that the university is finally prioritising mental health and taking action to ensure student wellbeing is put at the forefront within faculties.

#### **Student Choice Awards**

Nominations have now been processed and will be announced on the Guild Facebook page soon, with certificates being sent out to the winners and staff being notified of their awards.

#### **Special Consideration Update**

I have been in contact again with Di who is heading up the updates to special consideration applications. The form is now an editable PDF online, and we will begin work on bringing the whole process online soon.

Warm regards,

Lina El Rakhawy Education Council President ed@guild.uwa.edu.au



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# Finances

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date   | Meeting             | Purpose   |
|--------|---------------------|---|
| Aug 17 | Events              | Met with Liam to discuss plans for Enviro Week and run down of events. See below.   |
| Aug 18 | Catering/Commercial | <ul> <li>Met with Jack to discuss:</li> <li>Enviro Week discounts. For Enviro Week all guild outlets will offer a 50c discount on coffees purchased with a KeepCup. A free upsize on all meat-free offerings (paella, fried noodles, fried rice) will on offer as well.</li> <li>KeepCup pricing &amp; future discounts. Jack is currently looking into the possibility of permanently increasing the KeepCup discount as a further incentive for students to bring their own cup.</li> <li>Bike share program (see below).</li> <li>Biodegradable packaging. Jack is currently reviewing the success of biodegradable packaging used at Quobba Gnarning before considering its rollout across campus.</li> </ul> |
| Aug 18 | Engagement          | Met with Danielle and Lyn to discuss plans for Enviro<br>Week and the design of Waste Disposal Posters (see<br>below).  |
| Aug 22 | Volunteering        | Met with Zoe and Lana regarding volunteering during<br>Enviro Week and the Coffee Grounds project.  |

# **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Enviro Week**

Enviro Week will be held in week 5 (beginning 28<sup>th</sup> Aug). Here is the run down of events:

<u>All Week</u>

- KeepCup discount will be increased to 50c
- Free upsize from medium to large on our meat free offerings

#### Monday 28th

- Blind Taste Testing of vegan and non-vegan food

Tuesday 29th

- Matilda Bay Clean Up

#### Wednesday 30th

- Stalls from Frack Free Future & Conservation Council of WA
- Divestment campaign kickstart
- Film Night from Frack Free Future

#### Thursday 31st

- Coffee Cup Herb Planting & Keep Cup Stall

# Waste Disposal Posters & Sustainable Café Practices

Lyn is currently designing the waste disposal posters for the bin housings in our cafes and we aim to have them up over week 6 and 7. We will be launching a marketing campaign for sustainable café practices (KeepCups, dine in options, plastic straw usage) for how students can be more sustainable in the way they consume food and drink on campus.

#### **Coffee Grounds Volunteering Project**

We have tentatively selected our project director for the coffee grounds composting project. Previously this project was carried out through micro-volunteering on Mondays, however cafes were generating too many coffee grounds for them to store for a whole week. With this moving to a fully fledged project, more students can volunteer and record their hours, and are able to cover more café outlets over more days.

#### **Bike Share Program**

Another bike share company has approached the Guild to operate at UWA. After consultation with the university, they are currently reviewing their transport plan and are would need to consider a bike share program for inclusion in the transport plan.

Regards, Sean O'Leary Environment Officer environment@guild.uwa.edu.au



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# INTRODUCTION

ISS begins the semester with a couple of team meetings to discuss and review potential events for the semester. The Department has also collaborated with the Guild's Sports Department on a AFL Workshop, as well as collaborating with the PRIDE Department on a short write-up for a small section of our International Insider #3.

# MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date  | Meeting   | Purpose   |
|-------|---|---|
| 24/07 | International Student Expo  | Bring awareness to the international<br>freshers coming into UWA, Semester 2,<br>about the International Students   |
|       |   | Service (ISS) and it's relationship with the Guild and other departments.   |
| 17/08 | Chinese International Student – Academic<br>Misconduct and International Students' Rights | This student wanted to clarify certain<br>procedures and protocols with regards<br>to international students, which raises a<br>lot of interesting topics of discussion.            |
| 19/08 | Team Tolka  | Team Tolka wanted to use our<br>international community as a testing<br>field for their project. An "Uber-like"<br>app but hiring the services of a<br>translator.                  |
| 23/08 | Merdeka Month – Malaysian Students' Council of<br>Australia (MASCA)                       | MASCA approached ISS for their support in terms of publicity of their event – Merdeka Month.  |
| 25/08 | Student Experience Team Meeting   | Establish a relationship with the<br>Student Experience team from the<br>University and allow them to better<br>understand the experience of an<br>international student firsthand. |

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

- 1. **Open Day** 13/08
- 2. Club Carnival 15/08

\* For both events, ISS set-up a booth showcasing our Lighthouse magazine as well as other promotional materials (OHSC & StudySmarter pamphlets).

# Social

- Rottnest Trip 26/09/17, Fremantle to Rottnest and vice versa.
- Horseback-riding 29/09/17, Trail Riding (Neergabby) & Caladenia Mini Golf.

\* Ticket sales for both events will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Welfare

• Study pack – 11/09/17

# FINANCES

No expenditure for the month of August.

Regards, Darryl Loke 2017 International Students Service Director iss@guild.uwa.edu.au



# GUILD PRESIDENT GUILD COUNCIL REPORT 30/08/2017

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### **SUMMARY**

This month marked the beginning of Semester Two. It has been quite busy with a number of high level University positions being filled. We have provided tours not only for new members of University Management but also the incoming Chancellor and a State Minister. We also had the launch of the Guild Alumni Network where many previous Council members had the opportunity to network and learn about the Guild. Key projects seem to be nearing completion and new projects are in the works with the potential to be completed by the end of the term. The month has been wrapped up with a trip to Albany to meet the Guild down there and attain a better understanding of how to better support our Albany Department.

| Date     | Meeting                                      | Purpose                                |
|----------|--|--|
| 19/07/17 | Perth International Camp approval            | Approved.                              |
| 19/07/17 | Future Students                              | Quarterly meetings.                    |
| 19/07/17 | Events                                       | Guild Ball planning.                   |
| 20/07/17 | Emma Bright                                  | To review Code of Conduct & Code of    |
|          |  | ethics.                                |
| 20/07/17 | Referendum Committee                         | Regular meeting.                       |
| 20/07/17 | Taylor's College                             | Stall for students of Taylor's College |
| 20/07/17 | Student Services Committee                   | Monthly meeting.                       |
| 20/07/17 | Engagement Team                              | To discuss Tavern artwork.             |
| 24/07/17 | Management Team                              | Weekly meeting                         |
| 24/07/17 | MD & GP                                      | Diary 2018 planning.                   |
| 24/07/17 | Strategic Resources Committee                | Monthly meeting.                       |
| 24/07/17 | Sports Advisory Council                      | Regular meeting.                       |
| 25/07/17 | Guild Executive                              | Regular meeting.                       |
| 25/07/17 | Engagement Team                              | Annual Report planning.                |
| 25/07/17 | Audit & Risk Committee                       | Quarterly meeting.                     |
| 25/07/17 | Referendum Committee                         | Regular meeting.                       |
| 26/07/17 | Commencement Ceremony                        | To welcome incoming students.          |
| 26/07/17 | Staff Orientation                            | To welcome commencing staff.           |
| 26/07/17 | Andrew O'Brien                               | Lunch and Tour with new Director of    |
|          |  | Student Experience.                    |
| 26/07/17 | Guild Council                                | Monthly meeting.                       |
| 27/07/17 | Robert Webster                               | To discuss Refectory plans.            |
| 27/07/17 | University Media & Marketing                 | To discuss survey results.             |
| 27/07/17 | Guild Engagement                             | To plan for RNA results release.       |
| 27/07/17 | Discipline Committee                         | Hearing.                               |
| 27/07/17 | Student                                      | To investigate student complaint.      |
| 27/07/17 | Pelican                                      | To discuss developments within the     |
|          |  | University.                            |
| 28/07/17 | Universities Australia                       | Webinar.                               |
| 28/07/17 | Education Council President                  | Weekly meeting.                        |
| 28/07/17 | Postgraduate Students' Association President | To discuss RNA results.                |
| 28/07/17 | Leeds University Union                       | To share knowledge and tips of         |
|          |  | commercial on campus.                  |
| 31/07/17 | MD & GP                                      | Weekly meeting.                        |

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

| 31/07/17       | Executive Management Committee       | Monthly meeting.                              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 01/08/17       | Respect. Now. Always                 | Release of results.                           |
| 01/08/17       | Guild Alumni Team                    | Event planning.                               |
| 01/08/17       | ABC                                  | Interview                                     |
| 02/08/17       | Dance UWA                            | Dance space discussion.                       |
| 02/08/17       | Women's Department Campaign          | Sexual Assault & Harassment Sit-In.           |
| 02/08/17       | Academic Council                     | Regular meeting.                              |
| 02/08/17       | Cook Society                         | Reception.                                    |
| 03/08/17       | Hon. Robert French AC                | Lunch and tour with incoming                  |
|                |                                      | Chancellor.                                   |
| 03/08/17       | Cara MacNish                         | Discuss student complaint with Chair          |
|                |                                      | of Academic Board.                            |
| 03/08/17       | Graduations                          | Review and check.                             |
| 04/08/17       | Hot Brew Society                     | Discuss new joint initiative.                 |
| 04/08/17       | Education Council President          | Weekly meeting.                               |
| 04/08/17       | Hon. Dave Kelly                      | Lunch and Tour with Minister.                 |
| 04/08/17       | Catering & Tavern Committee          | Monthly meeting.                              |
| 07/08/17       | Education Committee                  | Regular meeting.                              |
| 07/08/17       | Examinations Team                    | To discuss results of Exam survey.            |
| 07/08/17       | Guild Alumni Team                    | Planning for Alumni event.                    |
| 07/08/17       | Student Life                         | Monthly meeting.                              |
| 07/08/17       | Senate Strategic Resources Committee | Regular meeting.                              |
| 07/08/17       | Guild Alumni Event                   | Launch of new network.                        |
| 08/08/17       | Referendum Committee                 | Regular meeting.                              |
| 08/08/17       | Guild Alumni Team                    | Debrief.                                      |
| 08/08/17       | NTEU Protest                         | Campaigning against cuts to higher education. |
| 08/08/17       | Vol Hub Manager & Engagement Manager | Welcome and update.                           |
| 08/08/17       | UniHall                              | To discuss student matter.                    |
| 08/08/17       | Mark Paynter                         | Generic skills proposal.                      |
| 09/08/17       | Guild Executive                      | Regular meeting.                              |
| 09/08/17       | Alex Sukhushina                      | To discuss student ambassador                 |
|                |                                      | program.                                      |
| 09/08/17       | VACE Committee                       | Regular meeting.                              |
| 09/08/17       | UWA Events                           | Planning for Open Day.                        |
| 09/08/17       | NUS President                        | Discuss upcoming projects and                 |
|                |                                      | campaigns.                                    |
| 10/09/17       | Andrew O'Brien                       | Initial meeting with Director of              |
|                |                                      | Student Experience.                           |
| 10/08/17       | Library                              | Regular meeting.                              |
| 10/08/17       | Trendwise                            | To discuss proposal.                          |
| 10/08/17       | Workplace Health & Safety Committee  | Regular meeting.                              |
| 10/08/17       | EZONE Design Panel                   | To review proposed plans for new              |
| ,,, _,         |                                      | EZONE.  |
| 10/08/17       | Public Affairs Council Committee     | Planning meeting.                             |
| 11/08/17       | Guild Volunteering                   | Deliberation of Volunteering Awards           |
| 11/08/17       | Queensland University of Technology  | To discuss The Partnership and                |
| · · ·, · · · / |                                      | Student Representation.                       |
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| 14/08/17               | MD & GP                                  | Weekly meeting.  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| 14/08/17               | Guild Events                             | Ball update.   |
| 14/08/17               | Campus Management                        | Regular meeting.   |
| 14/08/17               | International Student Services           | Planning and strategy development.   |
| 15/08/17               | Sonshine FM                              | Radio Interview about National<br>Volunteer Week                           |
| 15/08/17               | MD & GP                                  | Guild Strategic Plan Development   |
| 16/08/17               | Grady Venville                           | Discuss a number of items with acting<br>Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education. |
| 16/08/17               | Wayfinding Project Steering Group        | Regular meeting.   |
| 16/08/17               | Orientation Enhancement Working Group    | Regular meeting.   |
| 16/08/17               | Societies Council meeting                | Monthly meeting.   |
| 17/08/17               | Strategic Resources Committee            | Monthly meeting.   |
| 17/08/17               | Student Services Committee               | Monthly meeting.   |
| 17/08/17               | Volunteer Recognition and Awards Evening | To present Volunteer Awards along with Convocation.                        |
| 18/08/17               | Student                                  | To discuss student concern.  |
| 18/08/17               | PAC Social Justice Event                 | Refugees and Asylum Seekers Panel Discussion.                              |
| 18/08/17               | Sri Lankan Community Event               | Presentation.  |
| 21/08/17 -<br>23/08/17 | Albany Committee                         | Meet and Planning.   |

# **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### Code of Conduct Review

The University is currently doing a review of the Code of Conduct. This may include an overhaul of the wording itself and what the policy is called. The project lead has sought feedback from the Guild and relevant departments have since reviewed and sent away their feedback.

# **Director of Student Experience**

We now have a new position that has been filled by Andrew O'Brien, UWA's new Director of Student Experience. The Director of Student Experience will be working closely with the Guild and we feel very positive about the improvements to come. Andrew has spent 20 years at Monash (seven as Director Campus Life), and most recently two years at the University of Tasmania. As Director of Student Experience, Andrew will oversee a portfolio of services such as student wellbeing, careers, counselling and enrolment services.

# The Refectory Refurbishment

The plans for the new Refectory have finally been approved by the University. We are now in the procurement phase of the new tenancies which will occur over the next few months. Once the semester ends construction will begin and we will have a new Refectory from the beginning of Semester One, 2018. The new tenancies will be led by student input of course and will also be opened at the beginning of next year.

# Pasta e Insalata

The Guild recently introduced a new pasta and salad bar into the Refectory just for the Semester Two period. This outlet was introduced to fill the vacant tenancy as we awaited approval from the University to proceed with the refurbished Refectory.

The outlet has not received any negative reviews so far, only positive. The food is considered to be good quality, and affordable which is what Guild catering should be all about. The outlet may be considered for the new Refectory given it continues to be successful and in demand.

# Respect. Now. Always.

On 1 August, the results of the Respect. Now. Always. Campaign were released. All the results did provide the Guild and the University with a deeper understanding of the issue, it was not at all surprising. Students have been vocal for quite some time that there is an issue of sexual assault & harassment on campus which this survey highlights.

The media did critique the way the survey was conducted and the way the results are presented. However, this should not diminish the fact that serious action must be taken to end assault and harassment on and off campus.

Currently we have implemented the following services together with the University:

- Reforming the sexual assault policy (to cover more students and require UWA to take action even if the harassment or assault didn't occur on campus).
- Getting an additional counsellor in the UWA counselling centre.
- Introducing a phone service in the counselling centre, so you can speak to a counsellor immediately (without going through triage and a waiting period).
- 24/7 national hotline for student survivors of sexual assault (staffed by professional rape and domestic violence counsellors).

# Guild Alumni Network Launch

On 7 August, the Guild celebrated the launch of the Guild Alumni Network as well as the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to Dr Janet Holmes a Court and Dr Sue Boyd. The event was held in the Tavern and served to connect current and previous Guild Council members with each other as well as talk about what the Guild looks like today and some of our key challenges.

The event received positive comments from previous Council members and will be a regular fixture over the coming years.

# **Guild Tours**

Tony and I have been working hard to develop relations with key members of the UWA community as well as the State Government. This month we gave a tour of the Guild to our incoming Chancellor as well as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Both were a success and ended with assured support for the Guild and its goals over the coming years.

# **Exam Survey Results**

The results of the survey have come back and in short, most students prefer the old exam structure. Over this month, I have presented the results of the survey and argued why we should move back to the old structure. There seems to be some push back as Graduations and exam venues will come into further complications under this structure. However, I believe that these issues can be resolved and that the exam schedule should revert to its old form.

The survey did reveal that a small percentage prefer the new structure. The general comments around why it should revert is because:

- More exams were held in a shorter period.
- Less time to study in between exams.

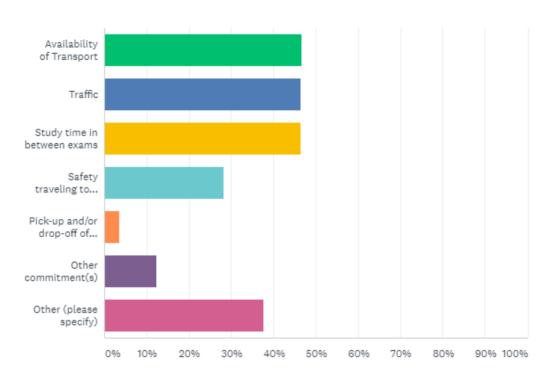
- Although there may have been less two-in-a-row exams, there were still two exams in one day.
- Less accessible with public transport schedules and for student parents.
- Greater degree of risk travelling from exam venue to home after evening exam slot.

See below for some key figures:

Q5: How satisfied were you with this semester's exam schedule format? (Exams beginning at 8.30am, 12.30pm, 4.30pm)

| EXTREMELY<br>DISSATISFIED | DISSATISFIED | SATISFIED | EXTREMELY SATISFIED |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 21.22%                    | 42.87%       | 27.67%    | 8.23%               |

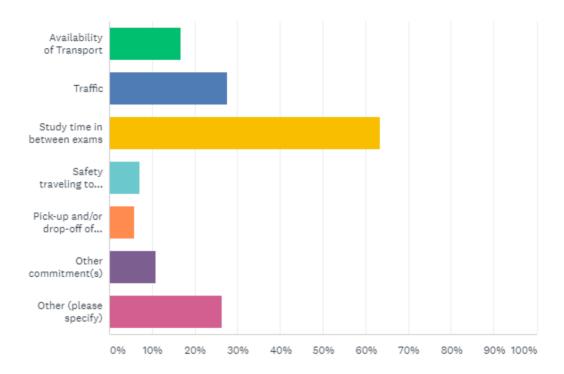
Q6: Why were you dissatisfied with this semester's format? (Exams beginning at 8.30am, 12.30pm, 4.30pm)?



Q8: How satisfied would you be with the following exam schedule format (i.e. UWA's previous format)? Exams beginning at 9am, 1pm.

| EXTREMELY<br>DISSATISFIED | DISSATISFIED | SATISFIED | EXTREMELY SATISFIED |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1.59%                     | 12.54%       | 59.19%    | 26.68%              |

Q9: Why would you be dissatisfied with the alternative format? (Exams beginning at 9am, 1pm).



# Q13: How strongly do you agree with the following statement? *"I prefer my exams to be spread out as much as possible."*

| STRONGLY<br>DISAGREE | DISAGREE | AGREE  | STRONGLY AGREE | N/A   |
|----------------------|----------|--------|----------------|-------|
| 1.70%                | 15.13%   | 43.69% | 36.71%         | 2.78% |

Q14: Thinking about the overall exam period, what impact did the change to three exam sessions a day have on your overall exam experience?

| SIGNIFICANT<br>NEGATIVE IMPACT | MODERATE<br>NEGATIVE IMPACT | NO IMPACT | MODERATE<br>POSITIVE IMPACT | SIGNIFICANT<br>POSITIVE<br>IMPACT |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 13.32%                         | 42.03%                      | 28.71%    | 12.60%                      | 3.33%                             |

# **Generic Skills Recognition**

I recently discussed with the University a project to recognise generic skills that aren't recognised in the classroom. This would include mainly skills learnt whilst being on a club or society but also skills that are learnt within units. The aim is to increase the employability prospects for UWA graduates by having these generic skills formally recognised on a student's Academic Transcript. Employers will not only see units completed and our GPA, but also the clubs we have been a part of and some of the skills we have learnt whilst enrolled in particular units.

The list of generic skills is currently being compiled by the University and will be presented back to the Guild for further input. They will also be investigating further how club positions can be recognised on our Academic Transcript.

# Albany

Owen (PSA President), Jack (Chair of Guild Council) and I all went down to Albany for 2 nights to meet with the Albany Committee. During this trip, we learnt how the Albany Committee operates and how it interacts with the University. The Albany Committee consists of 7 students who mostly organise social events for Albany students. Most of the student support services are run by the University and given the small population of students and good staff, it works quite well. The committee doesn't seem to have any representative function, although this doesn't seem to be an issue at all.

The main takeaways for us is that the committee needs more assistance in handover and training. They are also looking to purchase a new pool table, a gaming console, and table tennis for the Dungeon (Common Room).

# NUS Student Wellbeing Survey

NUS, with the support of headspace: National Youth Mental Health Foundation, conducted a National Tertiary Student Wellbeing Survey in the second half of 2016 to provide a snapshot of the key stressors and factors affecting the wellbeing of Australia's tertiary students. The survey investigated how the academic, financial and mental health experiences of university and TAFE students impact their time at university.

# **KEY FINDINGS**

# FOR YOUNG ADULTS

- 67% rated their mental health as "fair" or "poor" compared with 39% who rated their physical health as "fair" or "poor".
- 65% reported high or very high psychological distress.
- Only 1.6% reported that no symptoms of mental health problems impacted their study in the past year.
- 27% had accessed on-campus counselling services, and of that 24% rated their experience as negative.
- 28% had accessed on-campus medical services, and 13% rated their experience as negative.

# FOR MATURE ADULTS

- 59% rated their mental health as "fair" or "poor" compared with 41% who rated their physical health as "fair" or "poor".
- 53% reported high or very high psychological distress.
- Only 3.4% reported that no symptoms of mental health problems impacted their study in the past year.
- 32% had accessed on-campus counselling services, and 20% rated their experience as

# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Launch of Guild Alumni Network
- New Guild-run Pasta e Insalata
- Approval of Refurbished Refectory
- Worked with the Future Students Department to introduce a new central phone number for UWA for absolutely any enquiry.
- Extended opening hours for both Library and cafes over examination period.
- Secured student co-leads on the University's Refreshed Education Strategy.
- Introduced a cross-campus discount for Guild members.
- Guild installed and benefitting from Solar Panels installed over at Business School.
- Raised over \$50 000 for PROSH.
- Introduced Utopia to the Refectory.
- Introduced a Course Questionnaire for future students to assist in choosing the right degree for them.
- Became a member of the interviewing panels for Director of Student Experience, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Chief Information Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Director of Campus Management.
- Pushed for more recognition of significant cultural events through UWA Social Media.
- Overhauled menus at Guild Catering outlets.
- Established a GO8 Student Advocacy Group.
- Ran the most successful ODAY to date.
- Delivered the best schedule of events for Orientation Week.
- Secured approval of an all ages and alcohol-included ODAY Festival.
- Added a link to donate blood on the home page of UWA's Student Connect.
- Rolled out the Service Learning Unit for Guild Officer Bearers.
- Secured 50% SSAF for the Guild.



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### **SUMMARY**

This report covers the period from the 17<sup>th</sup> of July to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. This period included the Semester 2 orientation cycle, which took up a considerable amount of time in the week before semester and the first week back. While some of these orientation events were not as strong as hoped, most were a useful way to engage with students, and my impression is that students appreciated the face-to-face contact at these orientation events.

This period also saw the Research-Led Teaching project, which I am co-chairing with David Norman (acting for the VC), commence properly, with the appointment of a Project Officer and the collection of good examples of research-led teaching.

In this period the PSA also submitted an expression of interest to the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations to have UWA host their annual conference here. I have described this in more detail below.

| Date | Meeting                               | Purpose                                  |  |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 17/7 | Meeting with UWA Tavern Manager       | Discussion on the future of Connect      |  |
| 17/7 | HDR Scholarships Committee            | Regular meeting on Scholarships for      |  |
|      |                                       | research students                        |  |
| 18/7 | Final PSA Improv Workshop             | PSA Event                                |  |
| 19/7 | Future Students                       | Discussion on recruitment for UWA        |  |
| 19/7 | Research-Led Teaching Meeting         | Meeting to develop the RLT project as    |  |
|      |                                       | part of the refreshed education strategy |  |
| 20/7 | Guild Referendum Committee            | Select Committee on the NUS              |  |
|      |                                       | Referendum                               |  |
| 21/7 | SAgE Meeting                          | Meeting on SAgE orientation program      |  |
| 24/7 | Guild SRC                             | Regular Meeting on Guild resources       |  |
| 24/7 | Campus Tour                           | Worked at the Guild's Stall for the      |  |
|      |                                       | Postgrad Campus tour                     |  |
| 24/7 | Postgraduate Commencement Ceremony    | Spoke to Postgrads about the PSA         |  |
| 24/7 | Postgraduate Orientation Meet & Greet | Social function for new postgrads        |  |
| 25/7 | UWA Planning and Resources Committee  | UWA Committee and resources and          |  |
|      |                                       | strategic direction                      |  |
| 25/7 | Meeting with Chelsea                  | PSA Social Media for August              |  |
| 25/7 | Meeting with PSA Events Officer       | Event Planning for August                |  |
| 25/7 | Education Council                     | Regular meeting of faculty societies and |  |
|      |                                       | other relevant groups                    |  |
| 27/7 | Guild Discipline Committee            | Confidential                             |  |
| 27/7 | Engineering Postgraduate Orientation  | Meeting with new postgrads               |  |
| 27/7 | Research-Led Teaching Meeting         | Weekly progress meeting                  |  |
| 28/7 | Science Postgraduate Orientation      | Spoke about the PSA                      |  |
| 28/7 | Science PG Morning tea                | Meeting new students                     |  |
| 28/7 | Respect Now Always Meeting            | Meeting with Hannah and Nevin to         |  |
|      |                                       | discuss PSA response to the AHRC         |  |
|      |                                       | report into sexual assault/harassment    |  |
|      |                                       | on campus                                |  |
| 31/7 | Guild Executive Management Committee  | Regular meeting on Guild management      |  |
|      |                                       | issues                                   |  |
| 2/8  | Academic Council                      | Regular meeting on important academic    |  |
|      |                                       | issues                                   |  |
| 2/8  | FABLE Postgraduate Welcome            | Spoke about the PSA to new students      |  |

#### **MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED**

| 2/8  | Convocation Council                            | Regular meeting with the UWA Alumni    |
|------|--|--|
|      |  | Association; Convocation               |
| 3/8  | Meeting with the Chair of Academic Board       | Update on student issues               |
| 4/8  | Research-Led Teaching Meeting                  | Weekly progress meeting                |
| 4/8  | Mentoring Project Meeting                      | Meeting with Project Officer on the    |
|      |  | inclusion on Postgrads in the program  |
| 6/8  | Scitech  | PSA Event                              |
| 7/8  | Education Committee                            | Regular University Meeting on          |
|      |  | Educational Matters                    |
| 7/8  | Meeting with the Associate Director of the GRS | Meeting on Student Issues              |
| 7/8  | Guild Alumni Launch                            | Guild Event                            |
| 8/8  | Referendum Committee                           | Select Committee on the NUS            |
|      |  | Referendum                             |
| 8/8  | Board of the Graduate Research School          | Regular meeting of the governing board |
|      |  | of the Graduate Research School        |
| 9/8  | Meeting with David Sadler, the incoming DVCE   | Meeting regarding the Research-Led     |
|      |  | Teaching project                       |
| 10/8 | Guild/Library Meeting                          | Tour of the renovated Law Library      |
| 10/8 | Research-Led Teaching Meeting                  | Weekly progress meeting                |
| 10/8 | Connect  | PSA Event                              |
| 16/8 | Meeting with new Media Officer                 | Postscript                             |
| 17/8 | Strategic Resources Committee                  | Meeting on resources and funding for   |
|      |  | the Guild                              |
| 17/8 | Research-Led Teaching Meeting                  | Weekly progress meeting                |
| 18/8 | Convocation Awards                             | Presenting awards on behalf of the PSA |

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Events**

*Connect*: Connect this month drew a large crowd despite the slight change of date. This can partially be put down to it being the first one of the semester (which is usually larger), but also shows the growing demand for events like this that encourage students to get out of their office and socialise in a relaxed setting.

*Scitech*: Our Scitech Family Evening was a big success, selling out in around 4 hours. On the night we had approximately 190 postgrads and their families attend. The feedback I have received has been overwhelmingly positive, including a number of students who have said that this was the first PSA event they have ever attended. *Hidden Secrets Tour*: This was scheduled for this month, however due to bad weather it was cancelled. We are in the process of trying to secure another date for this to be re-run.

*Future Events:* We currently have 4 events planned for the month of September, Connect, Postgrad Café, a Women in Research Breakfast and a Research in the Tav event.

#### Elections

We have filled the position of Media Officer, just in time to help work on Postscript. We are still looking for a suitable candidate for the Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Research Representative position on our committee. In the mean-time, our Treasurer Shane is attending the relevant meetings on behalf of the PSA. If you know someone suitable please let me know.

#### Scholarship Conditions for people with Disabilities/Chronic Illnesses

I have been working on altering the scholarship conditions managed through the GRS to better support students with chronic illnesses or disabilities. I have proposed two potential changes that have so far been met with a positive response which would extend the scholarship length of those who need it. The first proposal was to allow for students registered with UniAccess to apply for the standard 6 month scholarship extension without having to prove research-related delays (normally a requirement). Instead, their registration with UniAccess would qualify them for that extension. The 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal was to introduce a category of scholarship that had an extended period for those registered with UniAccess, equal to the extension currently given for acute illness or injury. In this case

students would still also be able to access the 6 month extension, but would have to show research-related delays. While this is in the early phase, I am hopeful that the initial positive response will progress into action.

### **Completion Scholarships**

I am continuing to follow this up with the GRS. While I have been told by the VC and the Dean of the DRS that they are coming, as of writing, I have not received any information about how many scholarships will be available and when students will be able to apply for them.

# Postscript

With a new Media Officer to take the lead on this project we are progressing towards a strong Postscript for 2017. We have received a small number of submissions, as well as quite a few inquiries about potential submissions – though we could use many more. If you have any work or art that you'd like to contribute, or know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with me.

### **Research-Led Teaching Project**

This project is continuing and is in the consultation phase, as we try to develop a workable model of research-led teaching. We are consulting with academics, professional staff, students and alumni (through Convocation) to try and develop the best model for UWA. Any input on good examples of research-led teaching would be appreciated.

#### Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations Annual Council Meeting & Equity Conference

With the support of the Guild Executive and the Vice-Chancellor, the PSA has put in a bid for UWA to host the 2017 CAPA ACM & Equity Conference. If chosen, this would represent the first time that any Western Australian University has hosted a CAPA conference (though we did receive the CAPA "Roadshow" on a number of occasions).

We have been informed by CAPA that our bid was successful, and thus we will be hosting this conference, for the first time ever. I will have more to say on this in future reports.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Won the rights to host the CAPA ACM & Equity Conference
- Secured University support for a bid for CAPA to host their national conference at UWA
- Sold out our Scitech Family Evening in 4 hours
- Ran a series of Improvisation classes for Postgrads
- Held a successful Quiz Night
- Broke own record for largest Connect Ever
- Held a successful Wine & Cheese Night
- Ran first successful online election for a casual vacancy
- Established Postgrad Cafe
- Held largest Connect ever
- Represented UWA at Universities Australia
- Opened PSA Common Room
- Redesigned the PSA Newsletter, rebranded to "The Post"
- Established ties between the PSA and Postgraduate Organisations in NSW, QLD, VIC, TAS, ACT & WA
- Represented UWA at the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations

# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- If you have any thoughts on what makes for good research-led teaching, or know of any good examples, please let myself or Project Officer Duc Dau (<u>duc.dau@uwa.edu.au</u>) know.
- If you have any ideas for content in this year's edition of Postscript, I'd love to hear them!

Regards, Owen Myles *PSA President* psa@guild.uwa.edu.au



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### **SUMMARY**

- Planned extensively for remaining semester 2 intercollege events
- Running events for College row

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

| Date         | Meeting                    | Purpose                          |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [30/07/2017] | College Presidents Meeting | Discuss the restructuring of RSD |
| [3/08/2017]  | RSD Meeting                | Weekly Meeting                   |
| [10/08/2017] | RSD Meeting                | Weekly Meeting                   |

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

Promotion of Guild Health Services to University Colleges Timeline; Advertise UWA health services to Colleges as soon as possible Project Partners; Guild Council

Project Objectives; Increase the reach of UWA health services to College Residences. This will in turn improve the quality of life for those who are unaware of the services available to them.

### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

• Ran a Tav show to promote Intercollege Culture

#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

• Health services project

Regards, Hunter Stretch *RSD Vice President* 21953553@student.uwa.edu.au



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#### INTRODUCTION

It's been a while! I hope your Semester 2 is going well. There has been so many things happening in the life of SOC and I hope you're excited to read all about it.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Administration is a key component of SOC and this semester has involved a lot of it from myself and my executive.

#### New Club Affiliations & New Club Support

Following the 10 New Clubs we had affiliated last semester, we've had a total of 5 NEW Clubs affiliated at the August SOC Meeting. Bringing the total to 15 New Clubs this year. These clubs are:

- Electrical and Electronic Engineers of Western Australia
- UWA Institute of Engineering and Technology on Campus
- Underwater Science and Engineering Link
- UWA MBA Social Club
- UWA Palestinian Cultural Society

I am also working with a few new clubs that are working for affiliation in the September Meeting.

#### Club Carnival Semester 2

This Semester Club Carnival was held a week later due to predicted weather for the original date. This Club Carnival was a huge success with more people attending it than did last Semester! Thanks to Davina and everyone on the Events Team who helped put this together. A huge thank you to Science Union for lending us their tent and also the clubs for coming out and showing us why clubs are important on campus.

#### SPGs Semester 2

SPGs have been complete and I will be providing a summary of this in my next report once we finalise them.

#### Re-Affiliations

No new re-affiliations have occurred this semester.

#### Semester 1 GRANTS

Semester 1 Grants are Finally Complete. We received 86 applications and a total of \$164,103.92 claimed by clubs but only had \$36K to distribute this semester. We anticipate more applications in semester 2!

#### Emails

Emails are a large part of SOCLife. We have continued to receive many emails from clubs. We mostly got the most traffic around Grants, SOC Events and Meeting Periods.

#### SOC Reps

An initiative SOC is continuing this year is designated SOC Reps for clubs to be able to help them on an individual level since we have many clubs on campus we thought it would be a good way also to assist Club Execs. This is seeming to work well as we get to work with clubs on an individual level.

#### SOC Meeting #5: EVENTS WORKSHOP

The 5<sup>th</sup> SOC Meeting was a success. At this meeting, we focused on discussing events and ways to provide an event debrief for the next committee. We also had 5 clubs go for affiliation and successfully pass. We are in the process of planning the September SOC Meeting.

### Constitutions [VP]

Brendon has stayed on top of constitution updates this semester.

### **EVENTS**

#### SOC Meetings and Important Dates Below are the Key SOC Dates

**Event** Date 15<sup>th</sup> February SOC Meeting #1 24<sup>th</sup> February O-Day 7<sup>th</sup> March **Club Carnival** 15<sup>th</sup> March SOC Meeting #2 12<sup>th</sup> April SOC Meeting #3 24<sup>th</sup> May SOC Meeting #4 8<sup>th</sup> August **Club Carnival** 13<sup>th</sup> September SOC Meeting #6 1<sup>st</sup> October SOC Award Applications Due 18<sup>th</sup> October SOC Meeting #7

#### MEETINGS ATTENDED

As I have been away this month, Brendon has been attending to my duties.

| Date     | Meeting                  | Purpose             |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 20-07-17 | Student Services         |                     |
| 24-07-15 | Corporate Services       |                     |
| 1-08-17  | SOC Committee Meeting    | Semester 2 Planning |
| 17-08-17 | Student Services Meeting |                     |
|          |                          |                     |

# PROJECT17 UPDATE SEMSTER 1

#### **Presidents Projects**

#### Completed

- Create SOC important dates ical link for Clubs.
- Created Project 17 Tasks
- Presidents/VP Training material with Brendon.
- Presidents/VP Training
- Updating SOC Website Page
- **o** Introduce Club Consultation Stand for ODAY and Club Carnivals
- 0
- In Progress
  - o Marketing and Branding Current Guild Services to Clubs on the website, emails and meetings
  - o Improve CCZ Signage and Introduce Room Reset Guides
  - SOC Handover Guide

# **Vice President Projects**

#### Completed

- o Club Directory
  - Completed Charmaine and Daniel
- o ERFs Updated
- o Get Cameron Hall Clubs to Open Club Rooms During O-WEEK
- o Constitutions updated
- o Presidents/VP Training
- Put Printed Handbooks in the CCZ
- $\circ \quad \text{Clubs Profile and Category List}$
- $\circ \quad \text{Signage for Tenancy} \quad$

#### In Progress

• Club Incorporation Guide

## **Treasurer Projects**

- Completed
  - Treasurer Training Dates
  - **o** Update Treasurer Handbook
  - SPGs and ODAY Grants
  - o Selling Merchandise/Tickets in Second-hand bookshop

#### In Progress

- o Treasurer Training
- o SLT Online
- Not Started

#### **Secretary Projects**

- Completed
  - $\circ \quad \text{Clubs update information on my Guild} \\$
  - o Email admin
  - Created One Drive
  - **o** Club Carnival 1 Organisation
  - Club Carnival 2
  - Campus Quest
  - Develop Secretary Training
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Looking at changing and improving SLT  $\;$
  - **o** Purchasing Marques for clubs
- In Progress
  - Ensure website is Updated
  - $\circ$  Visible online booking system for CCZ, Cameron Hall Loft, May Tannock/ Sue Boyd Rooms

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# OCM Projects

- Completed
  - Club Directory
  - o Guide to Cameron Hall
  - In Progress
    - Fresher engagement training
    - o Updating Training Guides
    - Searchable club exec FAQ's (Going to be included in SOC Guide)

# **FINANCES**

Budget v Actuals or Project Budget Breakdown. Insert YTD Budget v. Actuals table, and/or description of expenditure.

| DESCRIPTION             | BUDGET |            | TOT | AL EXPENSES | DI  | FFERENCE  |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|
| CLUB START-UP GRANT     | \$     | 4,000.00   | \$  | 3,000.00    | \$  | 1,000.00  |
| CLUB AWARDS             | \$     | 2,300.00   | \$  | -           | \$  | 2,300.00  |
| O DAY GRANT             | \$     | 15,000.00  | \$  | 15,008.00   | -\$ | 8.00      |
| SPG                     | \$     | 8,000.00   | \$  | 7,850.00    | \$  | 150.00    |
| SEMESTER GRANT          | \$     | 72,000.00  | \$  | 33,888.64   | \$  | 38,111.36 |
| SUNDRY                  | \$     | 6,000.00   | \$  | 1,155.53    | \$  | 4,844.47  |
| LION NATHAN             | \$     | 5,000.00   | \$  | 1,335.00    | \$  | 3,665.00  |
| MEETING                 | \$     | 2,500.00   | \$  | 277.20      | \$  | 2,222.80  |
| PRINTING AND STATIONARY | \$     | 450.00     | \$  | 42.00       | \$  | 408.00    |
| TOTAL                   | \$     | 120,250.00 | \$  | 62,181.82   | \$  | 56,733.18 |

# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Ask me questions if you have anything email me <u>soc-president@guild.uwa.edu.au</u>

Regards, Michael.



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# SUMMARY

Sports committee is currently working on Interfaculty sport providing assistance to Pia and the UWA Sport Team.

# **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

# **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Interfaculty Sport** *Interfaculty sport for 2018 is beginning to be planned and feedback is being correlated.*

# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Formed a Committee
- Interfaculty Sport Semester 1
- Women's AFL
- ISS AFL Workshop

# DISCUSSION TOPICS

N/A

Regards, Jacob Colangelo Sports Representative sport@guild.uwa.edu.au



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# SUMMARY

This month has had a large focus on the collegiate system and bringing in MOP donuts onto Campus.

# MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date         | Meeting                                 | Purpose                                  |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| [20/07/2017] | Meeting to Review Tavern Artwork        | Proposal of the Tavern Artwork           |  |
| [24/07/2017] | Corporate Services Committee Meeting    | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [24/07/2017] | Strategic Services Committee Meeting    | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [25/07/2017] | Meeting with Chris Massey               | Further Discussion of the college        |  |
|              |   | system                                   |  |
| [25/07/2017] | Audit & Risk Committee                  | Regular Meeting                          |  |
| [26/07/2017] | Interview for Business Officer          | Interviewed potential candidate for the  |  |
|              |   | Business officer position                |  |
| [26/07/2017] | Review with Interview with Chris Massey |  |  |
| [31/07/2017] | Executive Management Meeting            | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [4/08/2017]  | Catering and Tavern Meeting             | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [7/08/2017]  | Meeting with Giovanni                   | Meeting to discuss the potential idea of |  |
|              |   | have MOP Donuts on campus                |  |
| [9/08/2017]  | Vace Meeting Catch-up                   | Very brief meeting to discuss plans for  |  |
|              |   | this semester                            |  |
| [14/08/2017] | Meeting with Vlad @ Monash              | Discussion of Monash's collegiate        |  |
|              |   | system                                   |  |
| [14/08/2017] | Meeting with Chris Massey               | Catch up to review the meeting with      |  |
|              |   | Vlad                                     |  |
| [15/08/2017] | Meeting with James Connolly @ ANU       | Meeting with the equivalent Guild        |  |
|              |   | President of ANU                         |  |
| [17/08/2017] | Strategic Resources Meeting             | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [17/08/2017] | Student Service Meeting                 | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [28/08/2017] | Executive Management Meeting            | Monthly Meeting                          |  |
| [29/08/2017] | Meeting with Giovanni Pezzano           | Meeting owner of MOP Donuts              |  |
| [30/08/2017] | Meeting with Steve Hollow               | Meeting in Leederville with Steve who    |  |
|              |   | is the national general manager of MOP   |  |
|              |   | Donuts.                                  |  |

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **MOP Donuts**

I have had several meetings with the owner of MOP donuts and the National General Manager to discuss the potential of bringing them on to campus. We are looking at creating a pop-up store as a test trial and then if successful, bringing them in permanently.

#### Website Document

Luke Andrews and I will start having individual interviews with the stakeholders.

#### **Renting Suits for Free!**

Document has been finished and will go with Tyson (our amazing welfare officer!) to go buy them and get them set up in the Second-Hand Bookshop.

#### **Collegiate System**

This is what I have focused most of my time on this past month – we have set a goal of having this up and running by next year so we are under a tight pump!

Here is what has been done in the last month:

- <u>Business Officer</u>: We have Interviewed several potential candidates for the Role of Business Officer. After a discussion with Chris Massey we decided to hire Hannah to work full time on the project she has already started and is doing a fantastic Job.
- <u>Review of Other Collegiate Programs:</u> Whilst in Melbourne I visited Monash University who have a relatively similar system to the one we hope to provide. I had a meeting with Vlad who is the head of Student Life who was very kind in sharing their system. I then went to ANU in Canberra and met with James Connolly he is the equivalent of the Guild President of ANU

# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Phase 1 of Collegiate System Complete
- Pasta Insalata
- Hired Business Officer
- 2017 Mid-Year Budget Done.
- Completed Website Document.
- \$5 Study Menu.
- Menu Review and Changed.
- Successfully reviewed and approved 4 club overdrafts.
- Presentation / Document for Tavern Design.
- Food Vans Semester One.
- 2017 Budget Created.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. What external outlets would like to see in the refectory?

Regards, ALEXANDRA O'BRIEN Treasurer treasurer@guild.uwa.edu.au



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### **INTRODUCTION**

The main event for this month was the National Student Volunteer Week and our first-ever Volunteer Awards and Recognition Evening.

I am so proud of all the nominees for the Volunteer Awards and really hope that this event will continue to be held in the future as it is so important to recognise the hard work of students and their contribution to UWA's vibrant student culture as well as the wider community. Introducing the Volunteer Awards has been one of my main goals as VACE Chair this year and I look forward to the Awards becoming one of the key events of the UWA calendar.

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date        | Meeting                            | Purpose  |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 9 Aug 2017  | Volunteering OB Meeting with Laney | Discuss the progress and updates on drafting the |
|             |                                    | Volunteering OB role                             |
| 9 Aug 2017  | VACE Meeting                       | Meeting of the VACE Committee                    |
| 11 Aug 2017 | Award Nominations Deliberation     | Discuss Volunteer Award applications and choose  |
|             | Meeting                            | shortlisted nominees and category winners        |
| 14 Aug 2017 | NSVW Meeting                       | Allocate roles for Volunteer Awards event        |

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **National Student Volunteer Week**

National Student Volunteer Week kicked off with Inter-university Tree Planting Day on 12 August at Lake Claremont.

The following events were then scheduled to take place throughout the week:

Monday: Micro Volunteering (GV) 1pm

<u>Tuesday</u>: Roundtable Event (UWA Senate Room) 11.30am – 2pm The Roundtable Event allowed volunteering-focused clubs and societies to officially come together and share their wealth of experience with one another.

Wednesday: Science and Careers Fair (Oak Lawn) 11am-3pm

Thursday: Volunteer Awards and Recognition Evening! (Cullity Gallery, ALVA) 6-8pm

Friday: Darling Range Wildlife Trip

#### **Volunteer Awards**

Our inaugural Volunteer Awards and Recognition Evening was a success with a great turn-out and many positive comments from attendees. Milly Sawettamorn won Volunteer of the Year, Hannah Morgaine won Volunteer Manager of the Year and Students for Refugees won Volunteer Organisation of the Year for their Swim for Refugees program. Prize winners received \$100 to be donated to a volunteer-involving organisation of their choice. Hannah Morgaine will be further awarded the Convocation prize by Convocation and the Volunteer of the Year will receive Guild Ball tickets from Nevin, where their contribution to UWA's campus culture would be recognised once again.

## **FINANCES**

N/A

# DISCUSSION TOPICS

Contact me at <u>vace-chair@guild.uwa.edu.au</u> if you have any questions.

Regards, SOFIA KOUZNETSOVA VACE Chair vace-chair@guild.uwa.edu.au.



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### **SUMMARY**

This month has been primarily focused around Semester 2 Orientation for the collectives and departments that I assist as well as working on the Enhanced and Integrated Orientation Project and the Safety on Campus Committee.

# **MEETINGS ATTENDED**

| Date       | Meeting   | Purpose                                  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|
| 19/07/2017 | Appeals Panel Meeting                             | Review parking fines.                    |  |
| 20/07/2017 | Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics Review Meeting | Meeting with UWA Policy team to          |  |
|            |   | review the specified documents.          |  |
| 20/07/2017 | Meeting to Review Tavern Artwork                  |  |  |
| 24/07/2017 | Corporate Services Committee Meeting              |  |  |
| 24/07/2017 | Strategic Resources Committee Meeting             |  |  |
| 25/07/2017 | Audit and Risk Committee Meeting                  |  |  |
| 25/07/2017 | Mature Age Student Welcome and Orientation        | Semester 2 intake.                       |  |
| 26/07/2017 | Academic Calendar                                 | Review the academic calendar.            |  |
| 27/07/2017 | 27/07/2017 Discipline Hearing                     |  |  |
| 28/07/2017 | Safety on Campus Meeting                          |  |  |
| 31/07/2017 | Executive Management Committee                    |  |  |
| 1/08/2017  | Enhanced and Integrated Orientation Sub Committee | Review of university interfaces          |  |
| 2/08/2017  | Break the Silence. End Sexual Violence. Sit In    |  |  |
| 9/08/2017  | Appeals Panel Meeting                             |  |  |
| 9/08/2017  | Consultation with NUS President                   | Review sexual assault campus action.     |  |
|            |   | Discuss marriage equality campaign.      |  |
| 10/08/2017 | Perth USAsia Presentation                         | Discuss my experiences on exchange.      |  |
| 16/08/2017 | Monthly Enhanced and Integrated Orientation       |  |  |
|            | Meeting   |  |  |
| 17/08/2017 | Strategic Resources Committee                     |  |  |
| 18/08/2017 | MASA Special General Meeting                      | Elect new chairs.                        |  |
| 21/08/2017 | Marketing Competitions                            | Guild marketing.                         |  |
| 22/08/2017 | Enrol to Vote Campaign                            | Helped out, handed out free fairy floss. |  |

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Enhanced & Integrated Orientation**

The committee has developed an interim new process map for incoming new students. New landing pages, as well as integrating all the UWA sites into one student portal will make the user experience easier for students. The front facing systems will look streamlined and uniform, creating the facade of a catch-all system.

The committee has also reached out to the Access Department to ensure that the new enhanced and integrated orientation programs are accessible and are clearly disseminating information about essential services on campus such as UniAccess, Student Services and Student Assist.

#### Safety on Campus Committee

The sit in was very well attended and Hannah and I received really positive feedback from the event. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and showing their support. It would have been great to see more members of council at this event to show solidarity with survivors and write their messages of encouragement but I am sure that everyone will continue to support this campaign and the efforts of Hannah and the women's department on this important issue.

The Guild was featured in a number of media releases and opportunities regarding this issue. Our Guild has had one of the most effective relationships with their university on this issue which is a positive response that Hannah and I are pleased about.

The committee will be reconvening soon to look over the long term implementation plan and review lighting on campus. I have reached out to Jacob to get a similar survey or response from UWA Sports participants on their perceived safety on campus after social sport in the evenings.

### Mature Age Students' Association

A new MASA chair has been elected, we are now going through the handover process and passing over logins and access to the MASA accounts to kick of the rest of semester.

#### **Access Department**

Access has become a department of the Guild! This is brilliant news, and this year's chairs have been working really hard at not only building the department but also collaborating with other departments and clubs. I'd like to send out my most heart felt appreciation to the Access Department for their support in the Break the Silence. End Sexual Violence. Sit in. It was greatly appreciated to see such a huge department presence there from Access.

The Department have run a number of 'Access Peer Chats'. Those include anxiety and depression peer chats and survivors of abuse peer chats. They have collaborated with the Public Affairs Council during Social Justice Week to do a slam poetry night called 'Speak Your mind'. They have also collaborated with UniGames to do a board game night. It is excellent to see the department fully committing to being a part of the UWA community this semester.

# ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Successfully negotiated with the university to commit to a year-long contract with Lifeline, hire another counsellor and investigate a partnership with SARC to support students who may be revictimized by the soon to be release Respect. Now. Always data.
- Secured new members for the MASA Committee.
- Successfully carried out my short-term stint as Guild President.
- Successfully picked another banger Guild Ball theme for the third year in a row.
- Secured a potential tender for the new Guild Shop software.
- Got a new club printer that prints in colour, and approved expenditure for 'tap-and-pay' software for clubs.
- Successfully advocated for a new students portal and landing page for orientation that is an improved version of unistart.
- Ran a sit in against sexual violence on campus.

# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

None at this time.

Regards, Megan Lee 104<sup>th</sup> Vice President vp@guild.uwa.edu.au



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### INTRODUCTION

After a busy start to the term the Welfare Department has settled back into the rhythm. This semester we have a few exciting projects and initiatives which are still under development but are on schedule to meet their deadline. The latest one running at the moment is the Food Drive for the Food Pantry which is in collaboration with the Society Council and their clubs. We are looking forward to semester 2 and to continue the good work so far. MEETINGS ATTENDED

| Date       | Meeting                    | Purpose                                  |  |
|------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 16/08/2017 | Guild Engagement           | Development of Cook Book and outline     |  |
|            |                            | key components to make it happen         |  |
| 16/08/2017 | SOC meeting                | Promoting the Food Drive and outlining   |  |
|            |                            | the competition details                  |  |
| 18/08/2017 | Welfare Department         | General department meeting               |  |
| 18/08/2017 | Student Resilience Project | Finalising student survey in preparation |  |
|            |                            | of the launch of the SRP                 |  |

# **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Cook Book update**

After a comprehensive meeting with the Guild Engagement team we have outlined the key components in making sure the cook book it successful. From this we have developed an opportunity for UWA students and staff to contribute to the cook book by taking part in our social media competition. This competition is in collaboration with Oz Harvest and their initiative 'pledge a plate' which aims to reduce food waste by creating heathy meals from leftovers. After the competition is closed 2 recipes will be chosen to feature in the cook book.

#### **Food Drive**

In week 4 the Welfare Department has teamed up with the Society Council to seek items for the food pantry. This time round we have 4 drop off locations to make it easier for student's to drop off items. I call it the 'spine' being Business School, Guild Student Centre, Hackett Café and University Hall. In my next report I'll have an update on how the clubs and societies went in the food drive.

#### **Suit Borrowing Initiative**

Over the break Guild Treasure Alex O'Brien proposed a new initiative which supports students, in particular, male students in getting access to a suit. As it is ball season at University with many events happening over the semester it would be important to help students out with an outfit. This initiative is still in the process of being organised but hopefully it will be up and running before the study break.

No expenses this month.

DISCUSSION TOPICS Nothing at this point in time.

Regards, Tyson McEwan 2017 Welfare Officer Welfare@guild.uwa.edu.au



# WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT GUILD COUNCIL REPORT 30/08/2017

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# **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### Lighting on Campus

Data has been presented & will be discussed at next safety on campus meeting with university.

#### **Sexual Assault & Harassment Policy**

New policy has been released, an additional counsellor made available and additional reporting options introduced.

#### **Sexual Health on Campus**

Posters have gone up and we will be doing a stall with HPU on Tuesday to promote sexual health and consent.

#### Damsel

I have selected the editorial team and they are starting work.

#### Women's Mentoring

Have received a substantial number of applications and the launch event is in a couple of weeks.

#### Ask for Angela

Posters are up and I have created an events pack to be used by clubs for events.

#### Self-Defence

Classes have started and are going well.

#### SCREW week

Is this coming week and we're running a movie night, enrol to vote stall and social/educational lunch.

# FINANCES

| Line Item | Description                     | Spend |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|           | Deposit for mentoring breakfast | \$200 |
|           | venue                           |       |
|           | TOTAL                           |       |

If you have any questions feel free to email me!

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