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GUILD PRESIDENT
GUILD COUNCIL REPORT
26/07/2017

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SUMMARY

This month consisted of the progression of a few key projects, a lot of interviewing, as well as attending the Education Conference hosted by the National Union of Students. The Conference provided me with a lot of great ideas, skills, contacts and insights that I hope to utilise over the coming semester and set in place for future years. Fortunately, for my readers, this report is a little shorter as I also took a week's break from my role and had Megan Lee, our glorious Vice-President acting as President.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
19/06/2017	CFO Interview	Interviewing and appointing of new Chief Finance Officer for the University.
19/06/2017	Senate Ordinary Meeting	Regular meeting.
20/06/2017	Education Council Meeting	Monthly meeting.
21/06/2017	Guild Strategic Resources Committee	Monthly meeting.
21/06/2017	Academic Board	Regular meeting.
22/06/2017	Sports & Student Life	To discuss Guild Governance changes and how UWA Sports will be affected.
22/06/2017	Director of Campus Management	Interviewing and appointing of Director of Campus Management.
23/06/2017	Tour with Simon Millman MLA	Tour of Guild Facilities with Minister.
26/06/2017	Guild Executive Management Committee	Monthly meeting.
26/06/2017	Nous Consultancy	To discuss student accommodation at UWA.
26/06/2017	Exam Schedule	To discuss how issues with the new exam schedule may be resolved.
26/06/2017	VACE Committee	Monthly meeting.
27/06/2017	Planning & Resources Committee	Regular meeting.
27/06/2017	Guild Governance Committee	Monthly meeting.
27/06/2017	Guild Website Standing Committee	To discuss plan and strategy for implementation of new website.
27/06/2017	Guild Engagement Manager Interview	Interviewing for vacant position.
27/06/2017	Guild Executive	Semester Two Planning meeting.
28/06/2017	Board of Discipline.	Hearing.
28/06/2017	Engineering	To discuss EZONE and communication of new projects.
29/06/2017	Guild Tour with Robert Webster	Tour of Guild facilities with new Executive Director of Corporate Services.
29/06/2017	Sports Advisory Council Meeting	Regular meeting.
30/06/2017	Board of Discipline	Hearing.
03/07/2017 – 07/07/2017	National Union of Students Education Conference	Annual Conference.
11/07/2017	Alumni	Guild's Involvement in Alumni Inclusion Project.
11/07/2017	Mid-Year Budget Review	Drafting of mid-year budget proposal.
11/07/2017	Guild Executive Meeting	Planning meeting.
11/07/2017	Vice-Chancellor	Quarterly meeting.

11/07/2017	Executive Director of Corporate Services	To discuss the Refectory Project and Respect Now Always campaign.
12/07/2017 – 17/07/2017	Leave	Tired.
18/07/2017	Guild Alumni Event	Planning and finalising of details.

PROJECT UPDATE

CFO and CIO Appointment

I have been given the opportunity this year to be a part of the selection panel for a number of high level appointments for the University, two of which include CIO and CFO.

Below, I have copied for you a message from the Executive Director of Corporate Services that provides a brief summary of their experience. In my conversations with them so far, I am extremely confident that they will provide a valuable contribution to the University and take great strides in improving the student experience.

“Jonathan Cowper has been appointed CFO and will join UWA on Monday 10 July. Jonathan is an experienced CFO having worked for leading FTSE 100 organisations in both the UK and Australia. Most recently he was Group Finance Director for AB Sugar, a world leading manufacturer based in the UK where he helped to reshape the business portfolio and drive performance improvement projects across the businesses.

A chartered management accountant and member of Australia’s CPA, Jonathan brings with him a wealth of commercial finance and change management experience which will be essential as UWA successfully navigates this time of change in the Australian higher education sector.

Warwick Calkin has been appointed CIO and will join us from resource company South32. He has worked in various IT roles for over 30 years throughout New Zealand, Australia, the Netherlands, Canada and Singapore.

Most recently Warwick has held leadership positions with South32 and BHP Billiton and Telstra. He also has experience from the utilities, banking and insurance and gaming sector and will join UWA on Monday 14 August.”

- Robert Webster | Executive Director, Corporate Services

Academic Calendar Changes

Lina and I attended Academic Board in late June where the changes to the Academic Calendar were discussed. It seemed to be a hot topic for many of the academics and the main things worth noting is that everyone was fairly comfortable with the name change from Summer Sessions to Summer School and the beefing up of the Summer School program. However, there were many concerns around the shortening of the active teaching semester from 13 weeks to 12 weeks.

Lina and I raised the concerns from students and how the Faculty Societies unanimously voted against the reduction in active teaching weeks, which seemed to resonate with a few of the academics. Unfortunately, even though the final count was quite close, the change still passed and from Semester Two 2018, UWA will be implementing a 12 week semester.

We hope that the University takes on board our concerns and that these are adequately addressed before

the changes come into effect. I will be preparing a letter or report that will detail the concerns not only from the Guild but also the Faculty Societies that will be circulated to relevant University staff.

Guild Tours

Tony and I have been giving tours to a number of Ministers over this year and recently we had Simon Millman MLA, Member for Mount Lawley as well as the Executive Director of Corporate Services. Both tours went very well and positive relationships continue to be formed with relevant members within the University and State Government.

We also have a tour with our incoming Chancellor, Robert French and hope to show him how the Guild has progressed since he was last involved as Guild Treasurer.

Exam Schedule

At the end of the examination period, we released a survey via email that sought feedback on the new changes to the exam schedule announced by the University. Many issues that have been raised both at Council and through the Faculty Societies have been reiterated through the comments. The results quite clearly show a preference for the previous format of two slots per day, one at 9am and then 1pm, over two weeks. With 1200 responses over three weeks, I am quite confident that these results will strongly encourage a revision of the current format and I am hopeful for a change effective from Semester Two this year.

Education Conference

From the 3rd of July to the 7th of July, four members of the UWA Guild Council attended the Education Conference hosted by the National Union of Students (NUS) at the University of Queensland. The conference consisted of many plenary sessions and workshops that looked at things such as sexual assault on campus, managing clubs and societies, the higher education cuts, University relationships and partnership, how to run effective campaigns, engaging international students, developing access departments and a range of other very relevant topics.

Being able to speak to all the others Union's and Guild's around the country was of particular benefit to my role. I was able to not only benchmark the UWA Guild against other similar organisation but also take away with me an understanding of the complex issues facing many of the eastern-state student Unions. In my spare time, I had the opportunity to speak with the University of Queensland Union Management team about their operations and get an understanding of their key projects and challenges as well as a few ideas to steal.

I am hoping to get started on the groundwork for many of the new initiatives that I took away with me. At this stage, it is not feasible to see these initiatives come into fruition within my term as Semester Two is expected to be quite busy with the roll out of many projects. I was also able to develop a lot of contacts from other Universities to further assist me in the development of these ideas as well as providing me with advice in tackling a few local issues.

I found the conference to be very well organised. Everything was run to the allocated time and the workshops were especially beneficial, as it gave everyone an opportunity to share what's happening on their campus and discussion of the many ways to implement various initiatives.

(Note: The UWA Student Guild is regarded by the other student Unions as the top facilitator of an amazing campus culture and student experience.)

Respect Now Always Campaign

In February 2016, Australian Universities launched an initiative to prevent and address sexual assault and harassment across the sector. Students were asked to participate in the first-ever national prevalence survey on university student experiences of sexual assault and harassment. Universities Australia, NUS and the NTEU spearheaded this campaign and sought to:

- Raise awareness of sexual assault and sexual harassment and lift the visibility of support services for students;
- Obtain data to guide further improvement in university policies and services; and
- Assist universities in sharing global best practice resources across the sector.

Early August, a report is expected to be publicly released that will detail the results of the survey conducted over last year. However, over 2017, the Megan Lee (Vice-President), Hannah Matthews (Women's Officer) and Tyson McEwan (Welfare Officer) have proactively worked very closely with University Management to improve our policies and procedures, as well as introducing new services and campaigns to address what is quite a serious issue within almost every institution and organisation.

We have made considerable improvements in this space and hope to continue this work in partnership with University Management.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 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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VICE PRESIDENT
GUILD COUNCIL REPORT
19/07/2017

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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
21/06/2017	Strategic Resources Committee	Strategic planning and review of the Guild's operations.
22/06/2017	Semester 2 Planning and Handover Meeting / Audrey Tascon	To review the events and operations of the 2016 semester 2 PAC portfolio and aid in the planning of the 2017 semester 2 PAC portfolio.
26/06/2017	Executive Management Committee Meeting	
29/06/2017	Nous Group Consultancy Meeting	Review of the orientation experience at UWA.
27/06/2017	Website Standing Committee	Initial discussions around the new website functionality and user experience.
27/06/2017	Server Project	Initial consultation.
27/06/2017	Guild Executive Meeting	Project update.
29/06/2017	Parking Appeal Panel Meeting	Review parking appeals.
29/06/2017	Prospective Student Presentation	Presentation to year 10 high school students about the student experience.
30/06/2017	Corporate Services Meeting	Project update.
30/06/2017	Project Officer Interviews / Enhanced and Integrated Orientation Project	Interviews for a new research officer.
11/07/2017	Guild Executive Meeting	Project update.
11/07/2017	POPP Site Walk Through	Site walk through of the new ping pong table location.
11/07/2017	Guild Ball Planning	Deciding the theme of Guild Ball.
12/07/2017	EOWG Meeting	Orientation update.
12/07/2017	Enhance Orientation Project	Decision on scope and prioritisation of student concerns and interests during orientation.
13/07/2017	Leadership Conference Selection Panel	To select students to go on a university sponsored leadership conference.
14/07/2017	Library Meeting	Regular meeting with the UWA Libraries to discuss updates and changes.
14/07/2017	MASA Committee Member EOI / Ian	To discuss the MASA committee and projects.
14/07/2017	Enhance and Integrated Orientation Project	One-on-one consultation with the new project officer.
14/07/2017	MASA Committee Member EOI / Charu	To discuss the MASA committee and projects.
17/07/2017	Guild Ball Site Tour	Site visit to Winthrop Hall and visit to the university prop collection.
18/07/2017	Safety on Campus Committee Meeting	Discussion further action items in lead up to the RNA release on August 1 st .

PROJECT UPDATE

Enhanced & Integrated Orientation

The new research officer has been hired. She is a recent UWA Graduate with an honours degree in psychology. She is currently undertaking research into our orientation framework in relation to the framework in place at other universities. I will be compiling data that the Guild has collected over the years regarding orientation and student satisfaction to pass onto the project officer to aid the project. A focus I will be taking is ensuring that representation and visibility of autonomous collectives and specialised services at the University take a bigger role in the orientation process.

Safety on Campus Committee

Whilst Hannah was away, we had our most recent safety on campus meeting which was very fruitful and I'd like to thank the University for their cooperation and dedication to changing their process and the culture on campus to make it a safer place for everyone.

Hannah has successfully worked with the university's policy team to create an interim policy with a clear scope that encompasses many forms of sexual assault or harassment as something the university will not tolerate. This policy has been successfully expanded to include incidents that may not necessarily happen on campus but occur at affiliated events or proceedings to the university or the Guild.

Furthermore, in our most recent meeting the university has committed to several action items which Hannah, Tyson and myself are extremely pleased about. Through our consultation and lobbying, the university have committed to seeking out a year-long contract with Lifeline to set up 24/7 help line for UWA students, committed to a new counselling staff member to do immediate phone crisis care during office hours, investigating a tender with SARC to alleviate pressure on the counselling system for sexual assault and harassment counselling and a new sexual assault and harassment website that explains the process of making a complaint or exploring other avenues for students or staff seeking assistance.

Hannah and myself have also been in contact with the NUS Women's Officer to discuss rolling out the national campaign at UWA to end sexual assault on campus as well as fine tuning some campus specific demands to tie into this campaign. The campaign is set to be launched the same time the Respect. Now. Always. Data will be released. We have had tremendous support from other women's officers around the country to share resources about trauma-informed reporting policies and suitable data collection methods.

The University have committed to create a long-term commitment matrix to track progress on ending sexual assault on campus.

Mature Age Students' Association

I have met with a student who is interested in taking on the role of chair of MASA and another who is interested in a casual committee position to run some confidence building and uni hacks events for mature age students as they have at previous institutions of study. I look forward to working with the Governance committee in the regulations review to restructure MASA make it more flexible to the needs and lifestyles of mature age students.

POPP Ping Pong Table

The new site has been approved and a member from POPP came down to look at the site. We will need to invest in some additional support for the table at the new location for which we will be considering quotations for. POPP have sent through a quote for the table, and once a quote for the concrete slab addition has been obtained I will seek funding approval from SRC.

Acting Guild President

I was fortunate enough to be made Acting Guild President whilst Nevin was on leave this month. I had a fantastic time working hard with the staff and student reps over the few days and have provided Nevin with an update on my tenure. Highlights included being on the selection panel which saw our very own Zee Ibrahim be one of the students selected to go to a leadership conference in Canberra and getting to approve the Guild Diary layout.

Education Conference

In addition to my role as Guild Vice President, I am a National Executive member of the National Union of Students and attended the 2017 NUS Education Conference which was hosted by the University of Queensland Union in Brisbane. This was a fantastic experience to represent UWA students and learn some valuable skills to bring back to our Guild Council and the projects I am working on.

I attended many workshops and plenaries which I will detail in this report. I also had the opportunity to represent the UWA Student Guild on the Sexual Assault on Campus panel and plenary discussion. It was an amazing opportunity to showcase how well the Guild performs in terms of combatting rape culture on campus and ensuring all affiliated events are run safely and are inclusive. Many campuses were inspired and amazed to learn about our Student Leadership Training modules particularly the sessions on sexual assault and managing alcohol at events as well as our Event Management Plan system. Many campuses do not have such basic compliance measures in place and as a result have no clear strategy for combatting sexual assault events, no way of ensuring events are fun and safe and no training for students to appropriately deal with incidents that do unfortunately occur at events.

On day one I attended the Welcome to Country plenary and the VSU 10 Years on plenary. I attended quite a few workshops including: the education campaign overview workshop which was a good way to discuss with the national officer on ways to improve the campaign in WA, a workshop on restructures and renewals and ways to engage students on staff matters that impact their learning experience, a workshop on unpacking male privilege in student politics and how we all need to work towards better representation and respect for women in leadership, a workshop on building clubs on campus which other student representatives discussed how they use our campus culture as a goal or benchmark at their campuses, a workshop on minimising harm for survivors by implementing trauma informed sexual assault frameworks, a workshop on intersectional and accessible activism to discuss ways to make student activism inclusive for students from marginalised backgrounds such as students with disability, organising campus action plans to tackle sexual assault on campus, workshop on improving and developing student partnership agreements with universities, and a workshop on the budget recap and what it means for students, just to name a few. This was an incredible skill sharing opportunity for the UWA students present and an amazing opportunity to talk about all the fantastic things the Guild has implemented over the years to make our campus safer, develop stronger relationships and respect with the university and ways to foster campus culture.

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 revictimised by the soon to be released 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.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

None at this time.

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EDUCATION COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Guild Council Report
July 2017

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MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
20/06/17	Education Council Meeting	Monthly Meeting
21/06/17	Grady Venville (acting DVCE/Dean of Coursework Studies)	Monthly Meeting
21/06/17	Academic Board	Regular Meeting. See below for academic calendar decision made.
28/06/17	Ezone & Engineering at UWA – meeting with Executive and Associate Deans of Faculty of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences	Discussed the new Ezone building being created, provided student feedback on the teaching and learning spaces. To be completed by end of 2019
28/06/17	Arts Union Education Rep meeting	Discussed Arts education issues
29/06/17	Mentoring Project Governance Group	Monthly meeting
29/06/17	FABLE Teaching & Learning Committee	Monthly meeting
03/06/17	Education Futures Strategy Group (proxy)	Quarterly meeting. See below for update on lecture recording policy changes.
03/07/17 – 07/07/17	NUS Education Conference – Brisbane	See below.
17/07/17 – 22/07/17	Network of Women Students Australia (NOWSA) Conference – Canberra	Networked and discussed various issues faced by women-identifying students across the country, including the national sexual assault on campus campaign.

PROJECT UPDATE

Proposed changes to Academic Calendar

Following on from last month's update, at the last Academic Board meeting, Nevin and I took to the staff the arguments why students are unhappy with the change from 13 to 12 week semesters. While we managed to convince some, unfortunately the decision was still voted through by a small margin. However, we now have a solid platform for voicing our concerns and will be working on submitting student feedback on the changes in order to ensure they go through as smoothly as possible by the time they are rolled out in semester 2 next year.

Exam Schedule Survey

We are currently collating the results of the exam schedule survey and liaising with the university administration to make sure the changes students want are put through by next semester's exam period.

Lecture Recordings Policy

I sent Jack as my proxy to the Education Futures Strategy group as I was away, and he communicated to them that the draft changes made to the Lecture Capture System policy were not what we requested as they still leave leeway for staff to opt out of recording lectures without valid reason. They have said that they will revise it once again, and we will keep pushing until we ensure that it is clearly stated that the recordings are made compulsory, with the necessary exceptions requiring approval.

NUS Education Conference

I attended the National Union of Students' annual National Education Conference, where I had a chance to meet with student representatives from around the country, skill share on many elements of student organisations and representation through workshops and panel discussions. I am looking forward to bringing back the knowledge and skills I learnt to the UWA Student Guild in order to keep improving the student experience to make it the best it can be!

Student Choice Awards

Nominations for the Semester 1 Student Choice Awards run through Education Council have now closed, and we are in the process of creating the certificates to send to the staff who were nominated. There were an overwhelming amount of responses, and we are working with the university to ensure that teaching staff are recognised more through methods like these in order to increase staff morale and overall quality of education.

Warm regards,

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International Students Service Director
Guild Council Report
(July Report)

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INTRODUCTION

July is equally as quiet for ISS. A lot of the discussion and meetings were done online

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Discussion was done mostly online through the various communication platforms.

PROJECT UPDATE

Social

- Rottneest Trip
- Horseback-riding
- Sports Carnival

Welfare

- Study pack
- Migration seminar
- Sundowner

FINANCES

Welfare spent \$108.15 for the welfare bags in preparation for Semester 2, 2017.

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SUMMARY

Not a very exciting month in term of events for PAC (again). Been pretty slow since majority of the committee have been away on holidays. In the last week we have confirmed what we are doing for social justice week and book con. The committee is also starting to meeting up with events, marketing and any relevant parties to confirm everything for SJW. In the next 2 weeks everything should be done for SJW.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
18/7/17	Events	To discuss about the potential to hold a comedy festival at UWA
19/7/17	Events	To discuss the logistics of SJW.

PROJECT UPDATE

Social Justice Week

Timeline: All should be confirmed by week 2 Semester 2.

Objectives: To have the sleep out on oak again and guest speaker as well. Maybe also involve aspects of social justice with clothes (salvos) and food (food pantry). We will potentially have a club carnival 'social justice week edition'. We have decided not to do a panel discussion.

Partners: Yet TBC. Looking at partnering with club for sleep out, potential to have Anne Aly as a guest speaker. Also UWA alumni and Guild volunteering keen to get on board as well. Thoughts of collaborating with clubs on "science and social justice" (ChemnBio, Engineers without borders, Coders for causes).

Budget: Guest speaker and panel discussion should cost any money. Sleep out on oak estimated cost \$500.

Status: Planning stage.

UWA Comedy Festival

Timeline: Start planning with Kasey over holidays.

Objectives: To have a comedy festival at UWA with prize money provided by Liz constable

Partners: Kasey and Liam (Events), Professor Ted Snell, Pier Leach and Liz Constable.

Budget: TBA

Status: Started Meeting up and discussing ideas, about to commence planning.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Elected OCM – Chloe Hynes
- Processed Semester 1 grants
- Ran Themed Weeks: Language Week and Faith Week

DISCUSSION TOPICS

N/A

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UWA POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2017

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SUMMARY

While the university has become quieter, it has been a fairly busy month for the PSA preparing for Semester 2. I spent the week of 19/6 at the CAPA SCM on the Gold Coast. We discussed some of the key issues facing postgrads. In particular the Federal Budget was discussed, as well as the long-term strategy for sustainable postgraduate student representation.

We've done quite a bit of event planning, with a large number of events planned for semester 2. August alone is looking like it will contain 5 major events which will keep us busy, with similar numbers planned for September and October.

On the representation front, things have been fairly quiet as the university is on holidays (many of the meeting scheduled were cancelled), with some notable exceptions, which I have mentioned below.

MEETINGS/EVENTS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
19-22/6	CAPA SCM, Gold Coast	Meeting of Postgrad Reps from across Australia
21/6	Guild Strategic Resources Committee	Unable to attend due to CAPA
21/6	Academic Board	Unable to attend due to CAPA
25/6	PSA Star Gazing	PSA Event
26/6	Guild Executive Management Committee	Regular Meeting on the General Management of the Guild
26/6	Nous Consultancy	Meeting on Education Strategy at UWA
27/6	PSA Improv Evening: Communicating your research	PSA Event
28/6	Guild Council Meeting	Regular Meeting of the Board of the UWA Student Guild
29/6	Meeting with Robert Webster	Discuss the role of the Guild in the University
29/6	Research-Led Teaching Governance Group	Initial meeting to set up the Research-Led Teaching project
4/7	PSA Improv Evening: General Skills	PSA Event
5/7	Convocation Council	Unable to attend due to a family commitment
6/7	Connect	PSA Event
11/7	PSA Improv Evening: General Skills	PSA Event
13/7	University Handbook Reference Group	Meeting on the design and information of the UWA Handbook
13/7	University Research Committee	Regular meeting on research-related issues at UWA
13/7	PSA Committee Meeting	Regular meeting to manage the PSA
14/7	Library and Guild Meeting	Regular Meeting with library staff to discuss library issues
14/7	Meeting with PSA Science Coursework Rep	Introduction to role

PROJECT UPDATE

PSA Honorarium Policy

The honorarium policy was passed at the last Guild Council Meeting and is now in effect.

Events

While June/July is typically a quieter period for us, as it is for the rest of the University we have still managed to run a number of successful events over the break. We've just completed a set of 4 Improvisation Classes, designed to help students get more comfortable in the unknown where research often takes place, while also providing a fun and social activity. Attendance was significantly lower than registrations, however after a minor adjustment in the registration process we were able to have quite strong turnouts. The classes were taught by Catherine Seed, who is a local improv artist, PhD graduate of UWA and professional science communicator.

Connect also ran strongly despite the reduced student numbers. We had about 20-30 less attendees than normal, which I feel is a strong result given we would have had very few Coursework students in attendance. This is particularly strong when you consider that the numbers we had out of semester were equivalent to a strong connect in semester last year.

Upcoming events have been planned, such that August will be a busy month for the PSA. We have a usual Connect, and a Postgrad Café, as well as our annual Scitech family evening, a tour of UWA's hidden secrets by Terry Larder and we are trying to organise a postgrad v undergrad sporting competition. We are also looking to redesign our Student Talks in Research (STiR) event to make it more accessible to the general public, with a Research in the Pub style event planned to be held in the Tavern in early September. Semester 2 will, as a whole, be a quite ambitious semester in terms of events and we're hoping to be running at least 3 major events each month.

Elections

We are still looking for some suitable candidates for the Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Research Representative and Media Officer positions on our committee. If you know someone suitable please let me know.

Masters by Research (MRes)

The Graduate Research School is moving to trial a new type of higher degree by research which is called the Masters by Research (distinct from the Masters of Philosophy, which is the current research degree at Masters level). This new program will allow students completing their honours (other than BPhil), to decide to withhold getting their honours degree in favour of completing one additional year to receive the higher level MRes. This has a number of advantages for students, firstly it allows those who want a research degree but are unwilling/unable to commit to a full PhD or MPhil to get a research degree much faster. It also allows those students who wish to go overseas to have their research training recognised whilst applying for jobs/PhDs (the Australian Honours system is quite unique). It also has benefits for the University with each completion being counted as a standard HDR completion (the same as a PhD or MPhil) which might mean the Uni receives more RTP funding (which could lead to more scholarships). In negotiations on this, I managed to secure more time for Honours students to decide which to accept their Honours or progress to the MRes. Students were initially required to remain continuously enrolled to be eligible, however the revised rules now allow for students to have a month between receiving their results and having to confirm their choice.

Scholarship Criteria

The GRS is now looking at assessing changes to the Scholarship selection criteria that were trialled for the Mid-Year RTP round. There was mixed feedback from the faculties, and a desire for more flexibility to allow faculties to direct their scholarships toward students based on slightly different priorities. The GRS is currently looking at giving faculties discretionary points in the ranking system to direct towards pre-approved faculty priorities. This could be a priority research area or certain type of student (e.g. one faculty might decide that they want to give additional points for UWA grads to allow them to progress). I have made it clear that it is necessary that these priorities must be clear and communicated in advance to students, and have received assurances that this will be done.

Completion Scholarships

These have still not been awarded or announced for PhD students. I have received assurances from the Dean of the GRS and the Vice-Chancellor that they are budgeted for, however I will be following this up until we have a set date for applications.

Student Issues

I have been assisting with a number of student issues for both coursework and HDR students. While the details of these are obviously confidential, it is good to see students coming forward with their issues instead of leaving them to become worse. I would also like to thank student assist for their invaluable help with these cases.

Postscript

We are beginning to collect pieces for our annual publication Postscript. We are hoping to publish sometime around early October and include both feature pieces and useful information for Postgrads. 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

I am currently co-chairing a University project on the implementation/expansion of research-lead teaching at UWA. The Vice-Chancellor is being represented as the other co-chair by David Norman, the University Senior Policy Advisor. We have appointed a staff member to act as the Project Officer which means that the serious project work should kick off over the coming week. David and I have agreed to meet every week-fortnight to manage the project and ensure we get the best results for students.

Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations Special Council Meeting

The 2017 SCM for CAPA was hosted by Griffith University at their Gold Coast Campus. The Gold Coast Association of Postgraduates (GCAP) was the host organisation. The SCM consisted of 3 days, with two being dedicated to the business of running CAPA and its projects and one being a special Graduate Employability Forum.

The first day of conference was the employability forum. Unfortunately the keynote speakers had to pull out at the last moment and thus we did not get to hear from the QLD Education Minister nor the Shadow Education Minister. This was obviously disappointing, however it left additional time to discuss other employability issues.

We discussed the changing nature of expected graduate outcomes, particularly in reference to the ACOLA review of research training, and how universities were responding to those expectations. These include universities providing digital portfolios of skills learned during research degrees, to allow students to demonstrate the skills they have. At UWA this is reflective of the new Research Training Framework, which seeks to develop a better-rounded graduate. We discussed a model used by one university that made additional training (outside the PhD/MPhil) compulsory, but added time to the degree and scholarships. We also discussed the problems this model can have for external students or those who are required to do long periods of fieldwork. This discussion was particularly useful as it helped frame the changes being made at a University level in a national context. It also provided examples from other universities which will serve as an important guide in my discussions with the GRS on this.

We also heard from the experiences of recent postgrads as they entered the workforce and how their degrees did or didn't help them. One takeaway that I got from that discussion was that postgraduate students who have job-specific degrees (e.g. Physiotherapy, Dentistry) found their degrees much more directly useful in their new jobs, whereas those with more general degrees struggled to sell their experience. This highlighted to me the need for Universities to help students label and present the skills that they develop, to help them to turn degrees into jobs.

Day 2 of the conference consisted of much of the formal business of the meeting, credentialing delegates, fixing up discrepancies in the CAPA constitution and the like. We also heard reports from the Office Bearers of CAPA and there definitely seems to be a step up in activity and action this year compared to last. Day 1 also included forums for each of the regions. As the only delegate from Western Australia our forum consisted of myself and the Western Branch President. We discussed the need for greater cooperation between the 5 WA Universities in terms of postgraduate representation. It is clear from that discussion that the PSA is by far the strongest of the WA Postgraduate Associations and as a result needs to take a leading role in helping the other WA postgraduate representatives. It also suggests that UWA remains the leading voice for postgrads in Western Australia.

On day 2 we also discussed methods of reforming CAPA to provide greater financial stability to the organisation. While the ideas in the meeting should be kept there until fully developed, there were some interesting proposals

that would hopefully allow CAPA to bring in an income stream that is independent of campus affiliations whilst also maintaining its integrity to effectively advocate for postgraduate students.

On the 3rd day the discussions were far more focused on specific policy issues. We began day 3 discussing the Federal Budget and CAPA's response to it. It was decided that protest-style activism would be unlikely to work with our demographics and that an informational campaign, with additional information on who to contact, would be most appropriate. The aim of this will be to align with the higher education legislation's introduction into the Senate, where we have a chance of stopping it.

We also discussed the huge issue of sexual assault on campus. While I won't go into this in great detail here, the crux of the discussion was around how CAPA and its affiliates could work to encourage universities to provide a safer and more respectful environment for their staff, students and visitors.

We also discussed future research projects that we could like CAPA to work on to provide us with information that we could use to instigate change on our campuses. I asked for a research project on postgraduate mental health, as there is a great deal of evidence that postgraduate suffer from increased occurrences of mental health issues than the general population.

Finally, scattered throughout days 2 and 3 were the autonomous caucuses. I attended a pro-caucus on Indigenous representation and on Women's issues, but was not able to attend the remainder of the caucuses (LBGTIQ, international, disability) for obvious reasons.

In addition to the official conference, I attended a number of official and unofficial events in the evenings on conference days. The discussions had at these events was very informative, while it also helped to build social relationships between myself and postgraduate reps from other universities. One idea that was raised during one of these discussions was having a system for hiring formalwear for interviews for free or extremely cheaply. The aim of this is to help low SES students be competitive in going for jobs. I believe this is an idea that the UWA Student Guild should adopt and I hope to take a proposal to SRC later in the year to fund this here.

Overall, this conference was very useful in both providing me with information, context and ideas, as well as allowing UWA to help shape the national discussion on issues such as the federal budget. I, along with a number of campuses, pushed heavily for a more informational campaign based on facts and figures that could be used to help postgrads understand the budget. While this may seem a minor point, this will help shape the national response of postgraduate students to the budget as it reaches the Senate and will influence the success of the CAPA campaign.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 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 ideas for content in this year's edition of Postscript, I'd love to hear them!*

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26/07/2017

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SUMMARY

This month I have mainly been working on incorporating the information I gained from a workshop at EdCon regarding Partnerships and Strategy into our own Partnership document. I have also been compiling notes taken from EdCon workshops into a package that can be sent to clubs, FacSocs and the general student body.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
11/07/17	Guild Executive meeting	Monthly meeting- discussed current and future projects.
11/07/17	Guild Ball working group meeting	Decided on a theme! TBA
17/07/17	Guild Ball working group meeting	Had a tour of Winthrop Hall (venue) and discussed decorations for the ball.
20/07/17	Referendum Committee meeting	Discussed the issue of the conflict between the Guild regulations and the NUS regulations regarding disaffiliation.
20/07/17	Student Services Committee meeting	Monthly meeting

PROJECT UPDATE

Partnership Agreement

This month I have mainly been working on incorporating the information I gained from a workshop at EdCon regarding Partnerships and Strategy into our own Partnership document. This edited version includes more action points that the formal partnership agreement hopes to facilitate and will hopefully be approved by the university and then finally circulated to Council for approval by the August meeting.

Education Conference

I attended the NUS Education Conference from the 4th of July to the 7th of July at the University of Queensland. This was my first experience at an NUS run conference and I found a lot of the content to be quite valuable, even though there were a few issues with the behaviour of some attendees. The Monday involved registration and the conference ran over the following three days. There were many useful workshops that myself, Lina, Megan and Nevin collectively attended. The workshops that I found the most insightful are as follows:

- **International Student Engagement-** with the increasingly populated demographic of international students on Australian campuses, this workshop covered the ways in which we can change our events, marketing and campaigns in a way that could engage these students, taking into consideration the various issues that they face such as workplace exploitation, language barriers and cultural differences.
- **Engaging the Disengaged-** A workshop that gave tips on how to engage students who are currently quite detached from the Guild, particularly in campaigns and initiatives that the Guild runs and could directly impact those students.
- **Intersectional Activism-** acknowledging that students come from a variety of backgrounds (gender, socioeconomic, sexuality, race, disabilities etc.) that could limit their ability to participate in campaigns and protests. This workshop discussed how student activists could better improve campaigns so that people of all cross-sections are catered for e.g. creating access plans for students with disabilities.
- **Trauma informed university sexual violence and misconduct policy-** Discussed the importance of making our university sexual assault policy trauma informed so that survivors would not have to face recurring harm when reporting. This was particularly insightful as it focussed on the principles of trauma informed care, what it looked like, and the challenges associated with it.

EdCon Workshop Notes Package

There were a number of workshops that we found to be particularly helpful in improving our quality as student representatives, and we thought a package of notes from those workshops would be quite useful to other student leaders and even just the student body in general. I'm currently in the process of editing and compiling those notes together and hope to send them to Elise by Friday the 28th of July.

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SUMMARY

My committee has been established and are making head way on Semester 2. I have been focusing on early semester events when engagement levels are high. We are looking at pushing towards a student base who are less likely to know about the offers of sport at UWA.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
[11/07/2017]	Ball Meeting	Plan Guild Ball

PROJECT UPDATE

AFL Workshop

Running a workshop with ISS, but all are welcome. We will teach participants the basic skills of AFL as well as rules. Event Date: 1 August

Soccer Match vs Notre Dame Med

A few FacSocs will be competing in friendly matches with the Notre Dame Med Students on the 5th of August.

Interfaculty Sports 2018

Jacob Fowler and I are in talks with Pia about how we can shape the 2018 competition and improve student engagement

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

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

DISCUSSION TOPICS

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SUMMARY

- **Guild Website.** Myself and Luke Andrews have created an action plan for the Guild Website including a timeline and a list of the key stakeholders involved. We have also created a Template document that will be sent out to all departments to receive feedback on the current website as & what they would like to see for the new website. This document has been reviewed by the executive and has been sent to Kelvin for further improvement. We have also created another document to place all the information we receive from departments in a clear and coherent way.
- **Created Guild Policy for the Suit Hire.** This is a very exciting new initiative created by our very own Welfare Officer Tyson! The Guild will loan business outfits/suits to students who may need them for interviews or formal occasions. We hope to implement this as soon as possible so I have created a Policy for students to read and sign when they rent an outfit.
- **Archive Review.** Found content to decorate the Tavern with – these pictures will be sent to be blown up and framed.
- **Mid- Year Budget Review.** Approached all departments to review budgets and adjusted the budget accordingly. Special mention to Owen for providing very detailed review!
- **Collegiate Program Officer Selection Process.** We have found two participants to be interviewed for the position. Resumes have been reviewed and interview will proceed this week.
- **Reviewed the Pasta Menu.** The refectory will soon have a Guild Pasta Bar (which I am very excited about). Nevin and I have reviewed the menu along with other students & examined other Pasta Bar menus.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
26/06/17	Executive Committee Meeting	Regular Meeting
26/06/17	Website and App Development Discussion	Meeting with Luke Andrews to discuss the direction of the Guild App and Website.
27/06/17	Website Standing Committee Meeting	Meeting to discuss potential
27/06/17	Executive Meeting	Fortnightly meeting
28/06/17	Guild Council Meeting	Monthly Meeting
29/06/17	Archives Meeting	Search through the Archives for Tavern related photos/ meeting minutes.
29/06/17	Website Meeting	Meeting with Luke Andrews to create the Guild Website Document.
1/07/17	Collegiate Project Meeting	Meeting with a potential project officer to discuss what the expectations would be of the role.
11/07	Executive meeting	Fortnightly meeting
11/07/17	Mid-Year Budget Review	Review 2017 budget
15/07/17	Student Services Meeting	Monthly Meeting
15/07/17	Interview Project Officer with Chris Massey	Interviewing our first candidate for the position

PROJECT UPDATE

Pasta Menu Review

Meeting with Andrew this Friday to review the suggestions and see which are feasible.

Guild Website

As previously mentioned, Luke Andrews and I have created two documents – one to be sent out and completed by all Guild Departments and another more detailed one that we will be able to give to the developers. Once Kelvin has given the go-ahead with the first document, we will have meetings with every department to further discuss what they hope to have on the new website.

Guild App.

I have put this project on hold until the basic layout of the Guild Website has been established.

Archive Review.

As previously mentioned, we have gathered a few photos from the archive to be blown up and framed. I expect these to be up by the end of August

Review of Second Semester Food Vans

We are planning to change the food vans that we currently have on ca

Collegiate Program.

Further research has been done universities who currently have a similar structure to the one we hope to implement. An example of one is the University Uppsala in Sweden which has an amazing system of “Nations”. Chris Massey and I are also in the process of selecting a Full- Time Business Officer for the project.

Suit Hire.

Policy has been created and a budget has been allocated for the purchase of the business outfits! I expect that these will be purchased in the next two weeks!

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 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.

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24/04/2017

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INTRODUCTION

I am currently in Canberra attending NOWSA so there is not much to update on. We are in the process of planning and preparing for Orientation and National Student Volunteer Week, which are coming up very soon. In other news, Tax Help has launched and is now taking appointments! Guild Volunteering will also be taking part in Life Hacks Week.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
26-Jun-2017	VACE Committee Meeting	Monthly meeting of the VACE Committee
12-Jul-2017	NSVW Steering Committee Meeting	Meet with Steering Committee and commence planning for National Student Volunteer Week

PROJECT UPDATE

Orientation

Guild Volunteering will be present at various lunches and orientation events throughout Orientation Week this semester, as well as taking part in the Campus Quest. We are also planning to have a pop-up volunteering session at the Sundowner event but that will depend on whether not-for-profit organisations will have activities available.

National Student Volunteer Week

On the weekend before National Student Volunteer Week officially begins, we will be taking part in Inter-University Tree Planting on the 12th of August with other tertiary institutions in Western Australia. For NSVW itself, so far we are hoping to do a Micro Volunteering and Microblitz collaboration on Monday; a Community of Practice Seminar/Roundtable Discussion for various volunteering-focused clubs to get together and share their experiences on Tuesday and a day trip on Wednesday. However, these are all yet to be confirmed. We are also planning to hold a volunteer recognition event on Thursday, where our inaugural Volunteer Awards will be presented.

FINANCES

N/A

DISCUSSION TOPICS

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

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INTRODUCTION

Hi, there's not much to report at all about WASAC or what we've been doing seeing as there are only four committee members in Perth at the moment and those of us that are here have all been busy with travels and personal/work commitments.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Meeting Types (Guild Committee, University Meeting, etc). List meetings attended and dates of meetings. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the meeting.

Date	Meeting	Purpose
18/07/2017	WASAC Committee Meeting	General meeting

PROJECT UPDATE

Project Title

Discuss each project. Relevant things to include are: timeline, budget, project partners, project objectives, project status etc.

N/A

FINANCES

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

Line Item	Description	YTD Budget	Actual
N/A	N/A		
	TOTAL		

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Questions, topics of discussion and other points of information which you would like to receive feedback from council during question time about. These should be related to your portfolio and your projects – discussion topics that concern the wider operations of the Guild should be put onto the Agenda as General Business.

Regards,
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WASAC Chairperson



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PROJECT UPDATE

Lighting on Campus

I compiled the data from the survey and will be presenting it to the university on my return from NOWSA. I have also created some materials for a social media campaign about lighting on campus on the basis of the survey results.

Sexual Assault & Harassment Policy

The AHRC report is coming out the week after council so we are preparing for the release. While we are still working with the university on an overall safety on campus policy encompassing all forms of sexual harassment, bullying, racial harassment etc, in the past few weeks I have been collaborating with the universities policy department to update the current sexual harassment policy to be more relevant to students and more transparent in regards to the processes involved and I am hopeful this will be completed very soon which is exciting news!

Sexual Health on Campus

Posters have been created and will be going up next semester once students are back on campus.

Bathroom Audit

Volunteers have been recruited and we've started collecting data.

Women's Room Refurbishment

Members of my committee have been working very hard on updating the women's room to make it a bit more inviting and I think it's looking really good.

Damsel

We're currently recruiting editors for our print edition which will be created & published in semester 2 so if you know any creative or eloquent women or non-binary friends send them our way.

Women's Mentoring

Currently planning the breakfast/event for mentor and mentees to meet. Will open mentee registrations once semester 2 starts back.

Ask for Angela

Hayden informs me that campus management has finally installed the poster frames in the bathrooms so the posters should be going up in the next week!

Self-Defence

Our provider last semester was very popular and got lots of great feedback so we have signed them again to provide free self-defence classes for semester 2.

FINANCES

Line Item	Description	Spend
305117	NOWSA	\$336.36
TOTAL		

If you have any questions feel free to email me!

Regards,

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