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GUILD PRESIDENT
Guild Council Report
29/11/2017

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Handover

The Guild's Strategic Plan

You can find attached the Guild's three-year Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the Guild's priorities over the next three years and ensure that its operations and services match and hopefully exceed other student unions around the world.

Along with the plan, we will conduct an All Student Survey that will provide insight in to how the Guild is achieving its priorities. These results will better inform both the students representatives and Guild staff as to what areas need more focus. A summary will also be included in the Annual Report each year.

The Refectory

We have just been through a tendering process where we have selected the builder for the refurbished Refectory. Construction will begin within the next two weeks and the expected completion date is just before Semester One of 2018 commences. Over Semester One, the UWA community will also see new independent outlets move into the Refectory.

This is a huge achievement of the Guild and a year of negotiation in having the plans approved and moving ahead with construction.

Service Learning Unit

I recently had a meeting with the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) about extending the Office Bearer Serving Learning Unit to clubs and faculty societies. After discussion of how the selection and review process will work, the DVC-E has agreed to do this. Since approval, I have been working on a draft application that the DVC-E will review and provide feedback on. I am hoping to have this ready ASAP so that it can be communicated to new Club Presidents and ready for 2018.

The aim of the unit will be to reduce the course load for Club Presidents, so that they have more time to dedicate to their club. This will of course make their time at university a little less stressful, more management and all whilst providing value back to the UWA and its students. In addition, I will be looking to model this unit similar to the Murdoch Guild, where the Guild receives any revenue that the unit generates. I hope for the unit to one day be extended to Guild Volunteering, where students can get more formal recognition of the contribution to the UWA community and skills learnt.

SSAF

I am still waiting on the University to set up a meeting to discuss the distribution of SSAF for 2018. Many would be aware at the end of last year, UWA agreed to provide the Guild 50% SSAF, as opposed to 30% that was allocated from 2013-2016. This was due to a slight change in state legislation that requires the University to provide no less than 50% of received SSAF to the Guild.

After a few informal discussions, it is looking like we will also receive 50% for next year. However, the University's targets for student enrolment have not been met for this year, which resulted in a reduction of approximately \$400k in expected SSAF income for the Guild. For 2018, we will be a lot more conservative in how much SSAF we expect to receive to avoid a similar circumstance.

NUS

In a previous Guild Council meeting, we agreed to reduce the affiliation fee to the National Union of Students from \$22k to \$18k, largely due to the body consistently not meeting a specific KPI. I am happy to inform Council that our fee-waiver application has been accepted and that we have paid an affiliation fee of \$18k.

Tavern Artwork

We recently contracted Fieldy to put some life into the Guild's Tavern. She has painted Louis Armstrong playing a trumpet and Josephine Baker.

Governance Structure

I have put together a diagram of the Guild's Governance structure for inclusion in the 2017 Annual Report. I have also attached it with my report for your reference.

Annual Report

In previous years the Guild's Annual Report was completed by the last Council meeting. This meant that our financials and statistics would not be reflective of the whole year. From next year we will be required to submit our Annual Report to the University's Audit & Risk Committee. For this reason, we have decided to wait until the end of the year to collect accurate financial and statistical information to include in to the Annual Report and circulate within January of the following year. The Report will be circulated to Senate, Convocation and other key stakeholders.

ATM

A few years ago, an ATM was removed from Business School. The Guild received revenue from this ATM and requested that a new one be installed. For quite some time now we have been negotiating the location of the new ATM and after discussions with the General Manager of UWA Sports, we agreed to relocate the ATM within the Recreation Centre. However, as this discussion spanned across a few years, the previous Chief Operating Office was not aware of the history and told us that the University will instead benefit from its revenue. After of course arguing why this was not appropriate and the change in management, the new Executive Director of Corporate Services, Robert Webster has agreed to install the ATM and have the Guild benefit from its revenue.

UNIVERSITY

Reid Library

The library has been allocated some funds to invest in new furniture across Reid, Law & BJM. This will include an additional 600 new study spaces being added across the three libraries. As a result, some of the Library collection will be removed to make more space for the additional furniture.

The Partnership

On the 23rd of November the Vice Chancellor and I will be meeting to officially sign The Partnership and celebrate the official launch of the initiative. As I have mentioned in my previous reports, this document will recognise and emphasise the need for the Guild and University to work in partnership to achieve its mutual goals.

I hope that this formal document will encourage a more positive culture across both the Professional and Academic Staff. The core aim from a Guild perspective is that student representatives are meaningfully engaged and that we are able to affect real positive impact within areas of the University. At the same time, it will be important that appropriate training is provided to the representatives so that quality input is consistently provided.

WIFI Upgrades

The IT Department has announced that over the Summer Break they will be making further upgrades to WIFI. The Specific locations will be determined on the 22nd of November after reviewing the survey results from 2016. This is only a small part of University's larger endeavour to improve the IT infrastructure.

Digital Data Project

University IT alongside Student Administration have commenced work to enable the issuing of certified electronic transcripts and graduation documents. This will enable students to share their certified e-documents with prospective employers, and universities.

International Student Enrolments

Megan and I recently met with the Chief Digital and Information Officer. In this meeting we discussed a significant improvement to the International enrolment process. Previously International students would have to download the enrolment form that must be submitted via mail to the University for review. This process included weeks of uncertainty and resulted in many prospective students not enrolling at UWA. The process has now been moved entirely online with the ability for UWA to provide feedback on the application within a few days.

Maintenance Upgrades

Over the Summer Break, UWA will continue to do maintenance upgrades all around campus. This will include improve lighting, balustrades and new and/or replacement of furniture in some central facilities.

Student Load

This year the number of students enrolled at UWA has only just increased in comparison to the numbers from 2016, but have still not hit the targets for 2017. For 2018, the University will be a lot more conservative and expect at least a 4% increase in student load.

Alternative Assessment

Earlier this year, the University announced changes to the Assessment Policy. This policy detailed three different assessment types following Special Consideration – Deferred, Alternative (new) and Supplementary. Alternative Assessments would be granted to students that commenced the initial exam but was not able to complete for some reason. After receiving Special Consideration, the student would be given an Alternative Assessment where only a pass a fail mark would be awarded. This would mean that the student would get 6 credit points, but their WAM/GPA would not be affected.

After much feedback from academics, the University decided to review this policy and accept an alternative solution from Academic Board. Three solutions were provided for Academic Board to consider. The representatives from the Guild managed to convince the Board of our preferred solution which was to only have a Deferred exam that would be 25% different to the original exam. This solution minimises confusion amongst the student body and reduces the workload of staff as they do not need to produce multiple assessments.

UWA Units

At the November Academic Board meeting, the DVC-E announced plans to reduce the number of units on offer, in order to redirect resources spent on those units towards improving the teaching quality of other units. The decision as to which units are removed will be left at the Faculty level and it will be important that the Guild play an active role in identifying those units to ensure that the overall teaching experience is improved.

STATE

State Induction

New to this year is the introduction of a state-wide induction to the student representatives of UWA, Curtin, Murdoch and ECU for 2018. A whole day will be dedicated to providing information sessions, workshops and panels to the representatives. We will have the Minister of Education and Training, the Hon. Sue Ellery providing a presentation and other special guests attending throughout the day. This will also be a great opportunity for representatives to meet their counterparts, to network and share ideas.

Young Leaders Council

I have recently sent out an email to many of the High School's within WA regarding the new initiative to set up a Young Leaders Council. I have received strong interest so far and hope that over the next two to three weeks many of the contacts will have replied with their interest to join the Council. I expect that within early 2018, the Guild will be able to bring the Council together.

NATIONAL

Higher Education Progress

On the 19th of October, the Nick Xenophon Team announce that they would not be supporting the Higher Education Supper Legislation Amendment, except for the proposals about Work Integrated Learning and HEPPP. This may mean that the Minister of Education, may now choose to pass on savings by other means that do not require legislation, that could include freezing CGS funding, or by reducing research and/or HEPPP funding.

The Bill put UWA's unique degree structure at risk, which has sparked conversations about how UWA adapts to any changes at the federal level.

2018

2017 has been a year about building relationships, defining long term strategy and reconciling outstanding issues from previous years. With a lot of change happening around the University and even within the Guild, 2018 will certainly be an eventful year. I want to stress the importance of student representatives taking an active role in the operations and services that the Guild provides and to be proactive in engaging with the University as many new initiatives begin to roll out.

I trust that the transition between the 104th Council and the 105th will be seamless with many of our projects continuing to next year for completion. It has been a pleasure serving as the 104th Guild President. The experience was extremely rewarding, and I am very pleased with where the 104th Council has taken the Guild this year. I wish the 105th and future Councils all the best in managing this organisation.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2017

- Fairer Assessment Policy.
- Online Academic Transcript.
- Further WIFI Upgrades over the Summer Break.
- Signing of The Partnership.
- Completion of Guild's Strategic Plan.
- Artwork in the Tavern.
- Office Bearer unit available to Clubs and Faculty Societies.
- New ATM to be installed within the Recreation Centre.
- New Lecture Capture Policy
- Higher Education Reform Bill blocked.
- New and better Exam Schedule to come out in 2018.
- Made Access a department of the Guild
- Panel member for Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Associate Director of Maintenance & Operations.
- Secured discounts for clubs and societies with the Mounts Bay Sailing Club.
- Recognised amongst International students as being one of the top student-run organisations in the country and #1 for social activities on campus.
- Successfully advocated for refurbishment of 1st Floor of Reid Library.
- Improved process for communication with all students.
- Launch of Guild Alumni Network.
- New Guild-run Pasta e Insalata.
- Approval of Refurbished Refectory.
- Protected Commercial operations of the Guild.
- Worked with the Future Students Department to introduce a new central phone number for UWA for absolutely any enquiry.
- Improved Special Consideration Policy
- 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 an organ donor link 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.



EVENTS & ENVIRO WEEK

Orientation Week & ODAY Succulent Stalls

This year we had a lot of hype around our succulent stalls during orientation and ODAY to get students engaged with the department and for them to take home a cute little DIY succulent.

Coffee Cup Herb Planting

We held two herb planting days this year, one of which students were encouraged to bring their used coffee cup for planting to encourage them to reuse everyday objects.

Clean Up Days

The department held two clean up days this year in conjunction with Guild Volunteering which allowed students to have their hour's transcript recognised. These events were held at Matilda Bay, and one at Fremantle Beach in conjunction with PAW and Sea Shepard.

Vegan Blind Taste Testing

During Enviro Week, in conjunction with PAW we held a blind taste test in the hopes of reducing student's perceptions around Veganism.

GUILD VOLUNTEERING

Guild Gardens

To allow more students to be involved with the department, our Guild Gardens became a fully fledged project this year with a project leader and even more student volunteers.

Coffee Grounds Composting

Will be left up to Basundhara if she would like to continue this one, but in a similar sense to the Guild Gardens project to engage more students and to improve the volume of coffee grounds that are composted and the number of collection days.

CATERING

Keep Cups

5586 disposable coffee cups were diverted from landfill (as of August 2017) amounting to almost \$2,000 in discounts passed onto students. Additionally, throughout Enviro Week the KeepCup discount was increased to 50c!

Meet-Free Discount

Enviro Week also saw discounts on our vegetarian offerings at our outlets to encourage students to be meat free. I would love to see this pushed to say every week to encourage students to practice a meat free Monday.

Biodegradable/Compostable Packaging

Biodegradable packaging was trialled at Quobba Gnarning this year, although the cost and the questionability of how "compostable" the packing is may not see the continuation of this

particular packaging. I would encourage Basundhara to look into the sustainability of this project as I know this is something she is passionate about!

POLICIES & EXTERNALS

Sustainable Meeting Guidelines

These guidelines were established this year to guide future student representatives and clubs to be more sustainable in their day-to-day operations and meetings. These are to be distributed at the beginning of each Guild year.

Friends of the Grounds

Maintaining our strong relationship, we continue to run Friends of the Ground's Facebook page and assist them in running their biannual plant sales, and encourage student engagement with Friends of the Grounds.

Conservation Council

With promotion throughout Enviro Week, the Environment Department developed a relationship with the Conservation Council to run events in partnership in the future.

Bike Share Program

A lot of consultation was done with Urbi – a bike share firm starting up in Perth – to try and get bike share implemented at UWA. Many barriers were faced with campus management, so I'm sure Basundhara will look into combating these barriers to get bike share off the ground!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

It has been a privilege to be apart of the Guild and what this great organisation has achieved this year. This year has been rewarding but challenging and I am very thankful to have had this opportunity and sitting at this council. Thank you to everyone that has helped me along the way and as with every experience we face in life, this has definitely been a huge learning experience for me! I wish all the best to the 105th Guild Council and to my successor, Basundhara, who has loads of great things planned for Enviro in 2018!

All the best,
Sean O'Leary
Environment Officer

Surprisingly enough, writing this report is super exciting for me as this is the first handover report ever for the Access Department. It's been a busy year for our baby department with big plans for the future. Some specific highlights for this year include;

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While Access Collective was created two years ago now, this year we became an official Guild department as well as created a full-fledged committee. We also were able to get a specific logo and our own public social media accounts. We also applied and were granted a clubroom, which functions as an autonomous space for students with disabilities or mental health conditions.

Creating Peer Chats

This year we ran the pilot program of Peer Chats. These were regular events, which were autonomous events that provided a space for those with lived experience to vent and create support networks with other students. We ran weekly events for two specific themes, Survivors of abuse and Anxiety/Depression.

Lived Experience panels

This year Access also ran multiple lived experience panel discussions. These involved multiple students talking about their lived experiences with a range of mental illnesses and accessibility issues, and were open to anyone. These were commonly ran in collaboration with the Welfare Department and will continue to run next year, potentially collaborating with the Health Promotion Unit.

Sex-Ed September

Sex-Ed September was a workshop series ran in conjunction with the Women's Department and Pride Department. It involved multiple guest speakers at four workshops that looked into parts of sexual health that is commonly missed in mainstream sexual education. Specifically, the last workshop was about Sexual Health for those with disabilities and included a workshop by the Youth Disability Advocacy Network.

Mental Health Poetry Night

Collaborated with the Public Affairs Council for Social Justice week to host a slam poetry night. This event was very well received and had a great turn out.

Male Mental Health Breakfast

This was our major event for semester two and involved a buffet breakfast and guest speakers about male mental health. The event sold out in three days and was a great success.

Auslan Workshop

Due to time constraints, we didn't have the time to run a full Auslan course but instead ran a taster class. Once again, this workshop sold out and was very successful.

Accessibility app

Coders for Causes are generously helping us in creating an app for mobile phones that is similar to the popular app, Lost on Campus but shows accessible routes such as elevators and ramps.

Student Leadership Training module

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This year has been a fundamental year for Access Department and has mostly focused on establishing a community and raising awareness through events about our Department. It's been a great year overall and I'd like to thank my committee and all the Guild Staff, especially the team at Student Assist. We've already started planning for what looks to be an incredible year ahead and I cannot wait to watch Access Department grow in the future.

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EDUCATION COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Education Council Report

November 2017

PROJECT UPDATE

I'd like to start with a huge thank you to everyone at the Guild, the Faculty Societies and the fabulous Education Council Committee for what has been a fantastic year. With the year wrapping up and handover being in progress, here are some of the achievements we have made within my portfolio this year.

Faculty Societies and "The Guild Guide for FacSocs"

This year has been a huge one for Faculty Societies, whose committees have been working hard to represent students, run great events and deliver some big results. I, along with my committee, have been working to ensure that Education Council is a forum where all FacSocs can collaborate and skill-share, which has accumulated in a "Guild Guide for FacSocs" which will be available by the end of my term for FacSocs to use in their handover and throughout their terms next year and into the future. This contains skills such as how to engage with different groups such as postgraduate and international students, how to boost their welfare and career portfolios by connecting them with Student Assist and the Careers Centre, and how to manage their committees so they work efficiently.

New Lecture Recordings Policy

This year we pushed for the university to update their Lecture Capture policy, which resulted in getting the policy amended to say that only in exceptional circumstances can a unit coordinator choose to not record their lectures, and if that is the case these circumstances must be clearly communicated to students in the unit via LMS and to the Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning in the faculty. The new Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) will continue to work with us to ensure that the implementation is across the board and that all lectures which can be, are recorded.

LMS and LCS

- Unit Guides will now be on LMS as of 2018
- New upgraded Video Management System will be replacing Echo360 in 2018, which should include downloadable lectures and closed captioning
- Worked on the pilot of the Zenith Project with the Centre of Education Futures – a learning analytics project to help students to take control of tracking their own progress within a unit

FacSoc Food Pantry Competition

Earlier this year we ran a Food Pantry Competition between Faculty Societies to boost visibility for the Student Assist Food Pantry and encourage students to donate items. It was highly successful and I know Conrad and his team are keen to continue this initiative in the future.

Assessment Policy

- Got rid of the requirement that only 50% of students within a unit can receive a D/HD grade
- Assessments are now not allowed during exam period for units that also have exams
- Worked with the Centre for Education Futures to ensure changes to the assessment policy (which has been in its implementation phase to be in full force by the start of 2018) are communicated to staff and students effectively

Special Consideration

- Turnaround time for special consideration has been reduced from 10 to 3 days
- More cultural sensitivity around the assessment of special consideration applications
- Got rid of the unfair 'alternative assessment' policy which meant that students who leave an exam due to extenuating circumstances only being able to receive an Ungraded Pass/Ungraded Fail for resitting the assessment.
- Made special consideration form an editable PDF so students don't have to go into uni to submit their application, and working on moving the entire process online

Exam Schedules and Academic Calendar

- Held a student survey on the new exam schedule format and took the results to the university in order to ensure exam timetables are accessible for all students and re-assess 8:30am and 4:30pm exams
- Advocated for students within the proposed changes to the shorten the academic calendar from 13 to 12 weeks, and will continue to provide feedback to the university to ensure this is implemented with student needs at the forefront

Representation

- Worked with the Podiatry Students' Society and HSS to ensure Podiatry students are well-represented

SURF

- Replaced by 'SURFR' which is an enhanced feedback mechanism for students, particularly with being able to access previous years' SURF results in a more accessible way
- Working to improve the questions students answer to be more reflective of their experience in the unit

Student Resilience Project

A survey has gone out to students which the School of Psychology have developed in consultation with us as well as the Office of Student Life. This is centred around student wellbeing, and results will encourage faculties to take active steps towards prioritising mental health and student resilience.

Student Choice Awards and Teaching Quality

We have run the Student Choice Awards again for each semester with a record number of student nominations for staff to receive an award. We have also begun a project with the School of Humanities to explore what further incentives we can introduce for staff to have the highest teaching quality possible.

VC's Refreshed Education Strategy

- Worked with FacSocs to provide feedback to the university on the 4 streams: Mentoring Project, Research-Led Teaching, Collegiate System and Enhanced and Integrated Orientation.

EAN and NUS

- Attended the NUS National Education Conference and brought back valuable skills learnt from other universities' student representatives to share with the Guild and FacSocs
- Ran a campaign against the Federal Government's proposal to decrease university funding, increase student fees and decrease the HECS repayment threshold
- Held a live-streamed panel discussion on the issues with the proposed Higher Education Bill and disseminated information to students through print and social media
- Supported two National Days of Action coordinated with the National Union of Students in the Perth CBD
- Ran a campaign against cuts to penalty rates by the Fair Work Commission, and gathered hundreds of signatures on a petition against the changes
- Collaborated extensively with the Pride Department in the Yes Marriage Equality Campaign, including ensuring all students are enrolled to vote in the plebiscite.

Wishing Conrad and the entire 105th Education Council the best of luck for next year!

Lina out xx

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INTRODUCTION

This year has been a great year for the Societies Council and it has been my pleasure to be the SOC President in 2017. It has been a productive year with our Project17 Goals being achieved, although there were things we would have liked to complete project wise, we have seen growth in club engagement with Students and the Guild.

This last month we have primarily focused on Semester Grants, Handover and Club issues and Other projects. My committee have wrapped up their projects and are in the process of completing handover to the incoming executive.

ADMINISTRATION

❖ CLUB ADMIN

Active Clubs: 139 Active Clubs

Disaffiliations: 3 Clubs

Lapsed Clubs: 3 Clubs

Re-affiliations: 3 Clubs

New Club Affiliations: 17 New Clubs

ERFs: Most Club ERFs were completed

Constitutions: All constitutions were up to date as of November

Incorporation: No clubs have incorporated this year

EVENTS

❖ SOC Meetings

- **7 Meetings in 2017:** Each of the Meetings were themed to assist clubs with various information and very well attended.

❖ Club Carnivals

- Both Club Carnivals this year had great turn out, with the semester 2 club carnival blowing it out of the park in terms of student attendance and engagement with clubs.

HANDOVER

❖ SOC PRESIDENT HANDOVER

I have completed handover with the incoming SOC President Yerim Won on 6/11 & 21/11.

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Create SOC important dates ical link for Clubs.
- Presidents/VP Training Material
- Presidents/VP Training
- Updating SOC Website Page
- Introduce Club Consultation Stand for ODAY and Club Carnivals

- In Progress SOC Handover Guide
- Marketing and Branding Current Guild Services to Clubs on the website, emails and meetings
- Improve CCZ Signage and Introduce Room Reset Guide
- Club Directory
- ERFs Updated
- Get Cameron Hall Clubs to Open Club Rooms During O-WEEK
- Constitutions updated
- Presidents/VP Training
- Put Printed Handbooks in the CCZ
- Clubs Profile and Category List
- Signage for Tenancy
- Club Incorporation Guide
- Update Treasurer Handbook
- SPGs and ODAY Grants and Semester 1 & 2 Grants
- Selling Merchandise/Tickets in Second-hand bookshop
- Completed Treasurer Training
- Clubs update information on my Guild
- Club Carnival 1
- Club Carnival 2
- Campus Quest
- Secretary Training
- Looking at changing and improving SLT
- Purchasing Marques for clubs
- Club Directory
- Guide to Cameron Hall

FINANCES

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

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL EXPENSES	BUDGER	DIFFERENCE
SOC Grants	\$64,773.89	\$100,000.00	-\$35,225.11
Awards & Prizes	\$2,850.00	\$2,300.00	\$550.00
Sundry	\$2156.10	\$6,000.00	-\$3843.90
Meeting Expenses	\$1506.09	\$2,500.00	-\$993.91
Printing & Stationry	\$161.67	\$450.00	-\$288.33

I would take note that these final figures will have timing variations due to semester Grants being completed after the report. We also will have come under budget³ for most items which leaves room for improvement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Guild Council continue to fund clubs and societies at the current level in 2018.
- Development of a refined mailing list

- A New MyGuild Website

AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year would have not been possible without my iconic and exceptional team who consistently and persistently showed their passion for clubs and societies at UWA. Thank you to Brendan Ng (Vice President & Tenancy Executive Officer), Cameron Mitchell (Treasurer), Davina Daudu (Secretary), Daniel Matabishi (OCM), George Uy (OCM), Charmaine Kwok (OCM). Also I must acknowledge and thank the hard working Guild Staff and fellow student representatives who sacrifice so much time to help us achieve our goals. Finally the work we put in would not be meaningful without the clubs themselves. Thank you for #SavingCampusCulture2k17.

CONCLUSION

Next year will be full of exciting opportunities and the Societies Council should take on board these opportunities and build on existing relationships we have established. I know it will be in safe in the hands of Yerim Won and her new committee.

Thank you and congratulations on a fantastic year!
Michael Kabondo
Bye Felicia <3



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International Students Service Director Guild Council Report (End of Year Report)

1 year flew by really quickly and whilst there were ups and downs throughout this journey, it was definitely an enriching experience. It was a steep learning curve right from the very beginning, I was in an environment which is very demanding and expectations were very high. However, the pressure has helped mould me into a much stronger individual and I am very privileged to be supported by a very dedicated Guild Council. I would like to wish Anthea Liu, my successor, all the very best in her endeavours as the next ISS Director and may she carry on the good work that the past directors and I have been working on.

Finance

Expenses by Department:

- Social – 43.3%
- Welfare – 22.80%
- Marketing – 30.90%
- Others – 3%

Social

My main vision for my social team this year is to build on the success of 2016's ISS team. We carried on the 'tradition' of offering the highly-anticipated "ISS goes to Rottnest" trips in both semesters and we expanded on giving international students more opportunities to explore Perth. That was my challenge to the team – keep the Rottnest trips, but provide more outings that is unique to Western Australia.

- **International Student Expo + Speed Friending** – We collaborated with the Guild and the Orientation committee to anchor the International Student Expo, a platform for all students (domestic and international) to recognise the different avenues of support present in UWA. Students also get to see the faces behind ISS and get to know us personally. ISS was also involved in the 'Speed Friending' event where students were able to expose themselves to different people coming into UWA as first-years.
- **Summer Bash** – We had a BBQ to welcome freshers and returning international students, and we had this at City Beach. We also provided beach sport equipments such as Frisbee, DIY Volleyball nets & boundaries, soccer ball, etc.
- **Caversham Wildlife Park Trip** (Semester 1, 2017) – An extension of the Rottnest trip, we gave international students the Caversham Wildlife Park Trip because we thought it would be interesting for international students to learn about the different indigenous animals that are only native to the Australian continent.
- **Horseback Riding Trip** (Semester 2, 2017) – Similar to the Caversham Wildlife Park Trip, we wanted to give international students another opportunity to explore Perth. This trip was surprisingly well-received and there was a demand for it to be returned next year.
- **ISS Goes to Rottnest** (Semester 1 & 2, 2017) – The highly anticipated trip and the 'trademark' of ISS, we were determined to provide this trip yet again and we tried our best to lower the pricing of the tickets. I personally hope that ISS 2018 is able to provide this trip again for the international students.
- **Sporting Events** (AFL Workshop, Dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee) – My team believes that sports can be a platform for international students to meet and bond, hence we decided to create these sporting activities for international students to enjoy. For AFL, we actually collaborated with the Guild's Sports committee.

Welfare

My welfare team had little to work with prior to planning these events as 2016's ISS team did not provide a solid framework for my team to work with, hence a lot of the initiatives were new. Several hit-and-misses with the initiatives implemented, but the highly successful one was the Study-Pack Giveaway, especially the one in conjunction with the International Student Barometer.

- **International Student Welcome** – This was held as a 'get-to-know' ISS where international students can meet myself and my committee on a personal level, to learn about ISS and what we can do for the international student community. We 've also invited Mu Li from International Student Support to share with the students what support they can offer.
- **Study-Pack Giveaway** (Semester 1 & 2, 2017) – An initiative that was conceived this year. Welfare is largely on the basis of making international students feel welcomed and 'happy', hence we came up with the idea of providing students with a little bit of an encouragement before their mid-sems and final examinations.

Marketing

Besides the usual 'tech support' in terms of publicity for events, I've challenged my marketing team to go beyond that and they have certainly delivered with the resurgence of Lighthouse magazine in hard copy, as well as garnering more followers and media attention on the ISS social media platforms. This year, we've also come up with a new initiative, modelling after Guild Weekly, which is the International Insider. The International Insider is a bi-weekly newsletter that is sent out to international students only.

- **ISS EXCO Photoshoot** – Part of my vision for ISS 2017 is creating an identity within the international student population. To do that, I personally feel that the international students need to be aware of the different people behind the ISS committee, hence I've tasked my Marketing team to do a professional photoshoot for the entire team, where the profiles will be uploaded on the Guild's and ISS' social media platforms.
- **ISS Facebook Page** – A formal Facebook page for international students to get info from the Guild as well as ISS. Currently at 1839 likes, we took over from 1450.
- **ISS Instagram** – An informal social media outlet where all followers can find out what's happening in all our events. We currently have 92 posts, 498 followers and following 459, whereas compared to previously, we took over from 31 posts, 36 followers and following 150.
- **ISS Facebook Page (Community)** – A surprisingly new initiative that my Marketing team undertook this year. This is a platform for the ISS team to communicate more efficiently with the international student population. Currently, we have 557 members in the group and I hope more international students are able to join this group.
- **ISS Website** – We've edited the format and layout of the website from last year. This platform is still a collaborative effort between the Guild's Marketing team and ISS' Marketing team.
- **Lighthouse** (Edition 1 & 2, 2017) – The most exciting project my Marketing team has initiated this year. Credits to my first Marketing Director, Dionel Arun, for taking up the mantle of producing the first edition of Lighthouse, which was very well-received by the general student population and the Guild executives.
- **International Student Insider** – Another collaborative effort between the Guild's Marketing team and ISS' Marketing team. Again, this is modelled after Guild Weekly, and it is a bi-weekly newsletter that is sent out to international students only. I've received a lot of positive feedback about it and I hope this would continue in 2018.

Multicultural Week (MCW)

Traditionally, MCW has a very close relationship with ISS and we continued that partnership this year. It was very hands-off for me personally, with the Managing Director of MCW very much in charge of this team. ISS has provided MCW with manpower, and vice versa.

- Volunteering.
- Mid-Autumn Feast (Semester 1, 2017)
- Opening Ceremony.
- International Sports Extravaganza.
- Family Feud.
- *#CaptureMCW*.
- Spring Feast 2017:
 - over 5,000 attendees.
 - Over 40 stalls.
 - Lion Dance.
 - Life performances.
 - Silent disco.
 - Photo booth.
 - Cultural Workshops.

Overall, it has been such a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of the 104th Guild Council. My deepest appreciation goes out to all 104th Office Bearers and Ordinary Guild Councillors. A special shoutout to 104th Guild President, Nevin Jayawardena, and his unwavering support to ISS' endeavour in bettering international students' university experiences here in UWA.

Once again, I would like to wish my successor, Anthea Liu, all the very best and wish the 2018 ISS team the best of luck. I hope that the 2018 ISS team will continue to cater to the international students of UWA and may they achieve greater heights.

Sincerely,
Darryl



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SUMMARY

As this is my final report of my term, this report will follow a slightly different format to previous reports and will act as an overview of the year that was. I will focus on my 3 key priorities for 2017, representation, welfare and engagement, as well as the important areas of Events/Activities and Governance. I have also included a section called Guild Governance, which covers my activities in the separate role of Chair of Guild Council since I took up the role in the latter part of my term.

Overall this year has been both challenging and rewarding, and has required me to do things I had never expected to be doing. I am also very fortunate to be following one of the best Presidents the PSA had had in recent memory and handing over to one of the best prepared and most experienced people to enter to role of PSA President. I wish Peter the best of luck as he enters this role and throughout his year ahead.

YEAR OVERVIEW

Events

Connect

Connect is the premier event of the PSA calendar, that runs every month and is the strongest of our ongoing engagement events. This year Connect was hugely successful and surpassed all expectations and last year's attendance. Our smallest Connect in 2017 had approximately 130 attendees, whilst the largest had approximately 200. This is compared to last year where the smallest was about 70 people and the largest around 130-40 people. This is potentially attributable to a number of factors, firstly the redesigned newsletter (see below) may have made it easier to communicate the event to students. Secondly the new venue, Hackett Café, is in a more obviously location, making the event harder to forget. Thirdly, increased engagement from non-research students, particularly MPE students, meant that more students knew about the event and attended as a result. This success has, however, cased a great deal of strain on the budget and opens up large questions about how the event will need to be managed into the future. Concerns around liquor licencing and funding for the event will need to be resolved for next year if these numbers are maintained.

Postgrad Café

This was a pet project of mine this year and was designed to act as a sort of alcohol-free Connect aimed at all students, but particularly those who are uncomfortable with the alcohol environment at a normal Connect. We ran 4 in each semester during lunch time and they were reasonably successful. We tried running one in the mid-semester study break to see if that would affect turnout (in order to see whether the event would still work in the holiday period). The event was still successful, however turnout was much reduced, and so at this stage I would recommend maintaining it as a semester-only event.

Cocktail

Our end of year Cocktail night was a fun affair. In all we had approximately 90 in attendance, slightly down on last year, but not by much. The venue was very nice, though the food was a bit pricey. We went slightly over budget, mainly due to the cost of food for the evening, but overall it was a positive event.

Others

While I won't go into detail too much about every other event we ran a range of other events throughout the yars including, a star gazing night, wine & cheese night, a quiz night, 2 tours of UWA, 4 improv classes, a Scitech family evening, Research in the Tav and a tour of Kings Park. We had hoped to run a number of other events, however time and budgetary constraints (mainly due to the growing cost of Connect) did limit our ability to run all the events we had hoped for.

Representation

University

At a University level I sat on well over a dozen committees/Boards and my faculty representatives and Vice-Presidents sat on around a dozen more. Key issues this year included the introduction of oral examinations for PhD students, the introduction of the Masters of Research (M.Res) and changes to a number of university coursework policies.

From a PSA perspective a major project in the 2nd half of the year is the development of a disability/chronic illness extension to scholarships, which we have been pushing for after feedback from postgrad students. I am happy to say that on the 22nd of November I received a commitment from the Dean of the Graduate Research School, Kate Wright, that the GRS would proceed with developing a policy/procedure to enable students who have a disability or chronic illness that severely affects their ability to complete on time an scholarship extension of up to 3 months (in line with current provisions for acute illnesses). Students will be required to undergo an assessment by UniAccess in order to apply for the extension, and the extension will be prorated for those applying part way through their degree. When introduced the scheme will apply to current and future students, though current students will only be able to access the prorated version. While it may take a few months to develop this policy/procedure document and implement it, this is a significant step forward, and may (based on information from CAPA) represent the first standardised way of extending scholarships in cases of disability/chronic illness in the country. I trust that Peter Watson will oversee the implementation of this policy.

CAPA

Nationally we have tried to increase our engagement with CAPA and local student knowledge of CAPA. We had the WA Branch President on campus for O-Day and attend one of our events. I attended both the CAPA ACM and SCM which were both very useful occasions to learn about postgrad issues and policy developments. The PSA won the rights to host the 2017 ACM at UWA in December and we are very much looking forward to sending many more delegates to that than we have been able to previously.

Welfare

The PSA's welfare initiatives this year have mainly been focused on using increased engagement with the PSA to funnel into increased engagement with welfare services. Changes to our newsletter, including a tip section that regularly featured support services, resulted in an immediate spike in the use of the food pantry and Assist services. The number of postgraduate cases in Student Assist have increased, and this is particularly important for postgraduate research students, where issues often snowball if not dealt with.

Many events run by the PSA were designed, or incorporate, some form of subtle welfare assistance. For example, Postgrad Café provides food to students who may not have money to afford lunch, while also helping postgrads build their social networks to support their mental health. The growing success of Connect (which has similar advantages) can also be seen as a win for student welfare and mental health.

In addition to this I have worked with Patrice and the rest of the Student Assist team on a number of individual cases, which I cannot comment on for confidentiality reasons, but I hope that we helped a large number of students. I am particularly proud of helping a student get a \$1000 interest free loan within 24hr which enabled the student to each over the Christmas period.

Engagement

The Post

The PSA Newsletter has previously been a fairly boring and uninspiring publication, despite the best efforts of PSA Presidents to jazz it up with fun reports. At the start of my term I worked with Chelsea from Engagement to attempt to revitalise the structure of the newsletter and make it more engaging and appealing to students. At the start of 2017 we launched a re-branded and revitalised version of the newsletter, now called *The Post*. The name was taken from the term "Postgraduate" and linked with a common newspaper naming convention. It was also designed to draw parallels with our annual publication *Postscript*. I also worked with Chelsea to try and get more offers and competitions included and this has seen strong engagement from postgrads.

Common Room

One of the biggest opportunities for the PSA opened up early in 2017, with Phillips and Father moving out of one of their spaces in the Guild Village. This freed up space for a permanent home for the PSA Lounge which had been temporarily located in Acorn Café. This opportunity allowed us to have a permanent space, that was much nicer and more functional than the old space, and also more clearly branded as a PSA/Postgrad Space. Usage of the space has been strong since it open, particularly in semester, and it has primarily been used by Masters Students who don't have a designated desk or study space. At some points the rooms has been full to capacity and it might

be worth having discussions around whether additional space is needed given the ever growing postgraduate cohort.

Governance

PSA Structure Changes

At the end of the 2016 committee's term, a new set of rules were passed to allow the PSA to properly mirror the structure of the university. Much of the beginning of this year involved recruiting postgrads to fill these new roles and determining the roles of the faculty reps under the new university structure. This has now been mostly sorted, with the faculty structures now set, though work is still needed on the faculty networks (see below).

Proposed Rule Changes

At the end of my term, I proposed to the PSA AGM a change to promote the Events Officer to an executive position on the PSA. This was done for two reasons, firstly to recognise the high work load of the position, and secondly to allow them to enter into contracts on behalf of the PSA (such as booking a venue), which is integral to their role. This change will go before the final Guild Council Meeting of the year and I hope will prove to be a positive development.

Faculty Networks

One of the biggest challenges following the University and PSA restructures has been developing a network of school/discipline level postgraduate representatives that can effectively communicate issues and information to our faculty representatives. This has had various levels of success depending on school and faculty, with Science being the most effective in setting this up (partially because Science was the least changed faculty). This is an important project and this year the faculty reps have worked hard to help set this up resulting in an increase in the number of school/discipline level representatives. However there are still many schools that are not represented, and much work is still needed to turn these representatives into a functioning and efficient method of representation and communication.

Guild Governance

While I only came into the role of Chair of Guild Council & Governance Committee in October, there was much to be done and I have attempted to complete as much as possible to minimise delays that naturally occur when the position changes over to the 105th Guild Council. I held 2 meetings of the Governance Committee, which passed the following policies, reports and rules, for approval by Guild Council:

- Changes to the Guild Standing Orders
- New Residential Students' Department Rules
- Guild Discipline Policy
- PSA Rule Changes
- National Union of Students KPI Report
- Amendments to the NUS KPI Policy
- Guild Photography Policy
- Guild Policy Book
- Club Collaborative Zone Locker Policy
- Changes to the Clubroom Tenancy Agreement
- Tenancy Use and Access Policy
- Changes to the Tenancy Allocation Policy

All of these will be presented to the final Guild Council meeting for approval.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017

- Secured a guarantee from the GRS to implement a disability/chronic illness extension to RTP & UPA Scholarships under the reasonable adjustment clause of the UWA Disability Policy
- Negotiated changes to the principles for PhD Oral Examinations that provide flexibility for International students and those with special needs
- Plans being developed for additional postgraduate library space
- Additional library hours over summer for postgrads who do not follow standard semesters

- Broke our own record for Connect Attendance for the 3rd time this year
- Negotiated changes to the new MRes rules to give Honours students more time to decide on whether to take the pathway
- 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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Role of the Vice-Presidents

The VP positions need to be utilised more effectively than they have in previous years. Previously the VPs have kind of filled the role of doing the meetings the President doesn't want to do or can't do. Therefore their role has been rather vague and underutilised. We also have an issue where our Faculty Representatives are under supported and the flow of information between faculty reps and the rest of the PSA is fairly poor.

Therefore I recommend that the role of the VPs be changed to place them as direct managers of the relevant faculty reps. In this role they would support the faculty reps and hold meetings with them to discuss research or coursework issues. They could also assist with setting up representatives in schools and committees of the school representatives across faculties.

Event Planning & Coordination

The events portfolio is vital to a successful year in the PSA, yet we currently rely on a single individual who has other commitments and pressures placed upon them. This means that a single bad month for that person can cripple the connectedness of the PSA and force events to be moved or cancelled. Therefore I recommend that you create a supporting sub-committee to focus on events and provide more support to the events officer. This should hopefully help you to keep up with the increasing demand events are placing on your time and should hopefully also add some redundancy into the system to allow for a back week/month from the events officer.

Grants and Awards

The PSA has traditionally awarded up to \$2500 in grants to groups hoping to run events or other projects that benefit the postgrad community. For the last couple of years these have been applied for as needed which has seen two major issues, (1) there is no defined period, so advertising for it is poor, leading to a low number of applications, and (2) the lack of defined application period means the awards committee needs to meet after each request, which is often very difficult to arrange, leading to applications not being properly processed. To solve these issues, I recommend that these grants be processed in line with the travel awards. This will create a more central time to advertise these and will also solve the issue of getting the committee to meet to discuss them.

Guild Regulations

The Guild regulation project has significantly stalled following the resignation of the previous chair of Guild Council. The work done on this project is important to the continual evolution of the Guild and its ability to meet the demands of the future. While I was unable to pick this project up in time, the next Guild Council need to act on it as soon as possible and push for this project to be completed before the end of Semester 1 2018, otherwise it is likely that this project will continue to be held up and unable to be finished.

Club, Society & Department Elections

Over my time involved with the Guild I have seen a number of issues surrounding elections that could have easily been solved by having a well-trained and accountable returning officer in charge of the election process. The problem we currently have is that there is no method of training or accountability for volunteer returning officers, nor is there a method for club, societies or departments to connect with a well-trained RO. Therefore, I recommend that the Guild implement a register of endorsed ROs that have undergone training in how to effectively run an election and count ballots. Ideally this would need to be managed under either the sub-councils or the Governance Committee. The Guild could also provide RO training to those not on this register who are helping out at one or more club elections. I believe this might solve some of the reoccurring issues that occur during club and department election season and would recommend it to anyone willing to take the project on.

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SECRETARY
GUILD COUNCIL REPORT
23/11/2017

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SUMMARY

This year as Guild Secretary has been an eventful one, with the Guild undergoing a number of strategic changes and improvements such as the Partnership and the student co-leads in the Refreshed Education Strategy. As a member of the executive, my role involved managing the outward facing aspects of the Guild, and this was done through my role as Chair of the Student Services Committee and being responsible for the coordination of a number of different events throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with the 104th Guild Council and I wish everyone the best in their future endeavours.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
16/11/17	Student Services Committee	Final Meeting

2017 PROJECT SUMMARY

Administrative

- Compiling agendas, reports, resolutions and minutes for the monthly Council meetings.
- When organising the meetings, I found that the most efficient way was to create a recurring email invitation for the last Wednesday of every month, so that everyone has the dates from the beginning of the year.
- Mailing list- sometimes there may be people you should include in your emails who aren't necessarily on the mailing list. This year, I needed to individually include Pelican and the Access Chair as they weren't on the pre-written mailing list. I would recommend that the 2018 Guild Secretary go through everyone they need to include in emails and review the mailing list to see that they are on it so that they do not miss any correspondence.
- Make agendas, resolutions, reports and minutes publicly available on the website by emailing them to Chelsea after each meeting. I would recommend emailing the agenda to Chelsea before each meeting. Another recommendation is to ask that reports be submitted in PDF form, as that makes it much easier for them to be compiled into one singular document which is the format this is required in order for them to be posted on the website.
- Following up on business from previous minutes, meetings and general activities of the Guild.
- Following up with Office Bearers and Committee Chairs to see if they require any assistance in meeting their policy objectives (for OB's).
- Organise an Ordinary General Meeting every semester- this was not done this year so it's vital that is done in 2018.

Guild Executive

- Approved loans and grants for students, and overdrafts for faculty societies and clubs.
- Sitting on the Workplace Health & Safety Committee and the Executive Management Committee.
- Each member of the executive was given the role of Student Co-lead for one of the four projects in the University's Refreshed Education Strategy. I was the Co-lead for the Mentoring Project, which I have elaborated on below.
- Helped at various events including Graduation Ceremonies and O-Week activities.

Guild Committee Minutes

- These need to be passed my Council every month AFTER they have been passed by EMC. Sometimes, EMC may meet after Council, in which case the approval of committee minutes will need to be moved to the Council after.

Ordinary Committee Member (OCM) Positions on Guild Committee

- Facilitated the election of Ordinary Committee Members onto Guild Committees.
- The nomination process was open for two weeks as per the Guild Regulations, and received a significant number of applicants and provided many students with advice and information regarding what is involved with Guild Committees.

Committees

Strategic Resources Committee

- This committee accepts a number of significant capital expenditure projects throughout the year, as well as other strategic changes implemented into the Guild.

Tenancy Committee

- I represented the Guild Executive on this committee. One of the major things done this year was the room re-allocation, which was done relatively smoothly and successfully.

Discipline Committee

- The Guild Secretary is the Executive Officer for this committee and is expected to circulate relevant documentation for discipline cases.

Student Services Committee

- The visibility of Student Assist has constantly been improving and more people are seeking assistance from Student Assist which is great.
- There have been over 1000 events run by clubs this year!
- The Food Pantry Initiative is growing, with the help of Education Council and donations from the FacSocs.
- Events:

My role involved organising student focus groups for events throughout the year, and the SSC also collaborated with event planning. These events were:

- **End of Semester Week 1-** Following on from recommendations from last year's SSC, we decided to try do an alternative event for end of semester. Instead of a show, we did a whole week of events, including a Harry Potter Movie Night (run by the Harry Potter Appreciation Society) at the beginning of the week and a revival of 'Element' which was run through the collaboration of numerous other clubs. Overall this week was successful .
- **Cruikshank-Routley Memorial Ball-** The theme this year was "Hairspray"! I put together a group of students to help with deciding the theme and another group of volunteers to help make table decorations. Thanks to these volunteers, we got table decorations done within one day! Kasey and Liam were absolutely incredible in taking control of the event when I was getting a bit busy with assignments and the night would have been nowhere near as good without their incredible work! Another thank you to Fernanda for organising the Service Staff and to Hayden for the delicious food! I received so much great feedback from the night and I really enjoyed being a part of the organising process.
- **Oktoberfest-** This was a fantastic event and there was a great turnout thanks to the work of the Events staff and the Tavern staff.
- **St Patricks Day-** This was held in Semester One and there was such a large number of students there! It was even better when Nevin shaved his head on the day in the Taver

HANDOVER CHECKLIST

Checklist for Handover

- Guild Council Minutes- process.
- Guild Council Agenda Pack –process.
- Secretary Duties under the Guild Regulations, Standing Orders and Policy Book.
- Templates for Guild Council & Guild Committees.
- Ordinary Committee Member Applications.
- Archiving with Melissa Hetherington
- Executive Expectations –executive meetings, division and management of major projects.
- Grants/loans –process.
- WHS, EMC, SRC (Strategic Direction Committees) –explanation, expectations.
- Chairing Student Services Committee
- Guild Annual Report –process and documents.
- Event Managers; EOSS 1&2, Oktoberfest, St Patrick’s Day Planning. Committees –process.
- Guild Committee Minutes circulation and approval –process.
- OB Meeting –direction/process/requirements.

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SPORT
GUILD COUNCIL REPORT
25/10/2017

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EVENTS

ISS AFL Workshop

New initiative I ran this year. Was extremely successful and was well received by participants. Workshops teaching international students how to play Australian sports are a great way to partner with ISS during the year, especially during O-Week/first weeks. It would be a huge help to partner with UWA Sports on this one and make it bigger.

Women's AFL

I was pushing for this when I was UEC sports rep and was extremely happy to run this one at interfaculty sport. Promo was extremely good for this, Guild Engagement is very helpful. It was important to get the Women's Dept on board, big ups to Hannah for getting the word out. Ran normally like a usually interfaculty sport week.

INTERFACULTY SPORT

Interfaculty Sport

This year we had the most ever unique participants in Interfaculty Sport. Numbers were about the same as usual. The competition was taken out by WAMSS, beating PESA by 5 points. Sausage Sizzles were the highlight of Interfaculty Sport in semester 2, with Tong-master Jacob Fowler displaying his culinary skills to the participants.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Formed a Committee
- Interfaculty Sport Semester 1
- Interfaculty Sport Semester 2
- Women's AFL
- ISS AFL Workshop

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Big shout out to my committee of Jacob, Suchi and Jack, thank you for making semester 2 an extremely enjoyable experience. Thanks to Nevin and the rest of council on achieving a lot of extremely important milestones and creating a bright future for the Guild. To the Guild staff, thanks for dealing with my questions and making my life easier. Final thank you to Justin Workman for helping me out a lot this year!

I have no doubt that Molly go above and beyond on what I have achieved this year, and I can't wait to see what the Guild Sports Representative position can achieve in the future.

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Regards,
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INTRODUCTION

In our final month of our term the Welfare Department was finished in kicking goals as we were successful in obtaining a \$500 dollar grant from the Florent lions 'In my Community Initiative'. Further, as we wind down and hand over the reins to the 2018 team we have reflected on 2017.

PROJECT UPDATE

Florent Lions 'In my Community initiative'

The welfare department and Student Assist team put in a joint submission into the 'in my community initiative' which had a \$500 dollar grant for the successful recipient. I am pleased to announce that our application was successful amongst a competitive pool. The money will be spent on the food pantry and restocking it with essential food items. This grant will approximately provide resources to 150 students in need so I am grateful for the Florent Lions Club contribution.

ALVA Folio Week

Continuing on from last semester the welfare Department provided a free lunch to ALVA students during their Folio week. I understand that it is a busy time for them so any measure to ensure their wellbeing is being looked after through that period of time.

Welfare Big Breakfast

On the 31st of October the Welfare Department held a big breakfast for students. The aim was to promote the Guild services available to them whether it was financial, academic or wellbeing. In particular, the student assist team and the work they do on a daily basis. Further, we wanted to raise awareness about student poverty as 1 in 4 students skip a meal/s to get by. The welfare department served over 200 students with pancakes, fruit, eggs, bacon, toast and smash avocado. The students enjoyed the food and appreciated the initiative.

Cookbook

As our timeline has lapsed, we have decided to leave the project for Pheobe Ho to complete. Majority of the book has been done just a few more components need to be added and there will be a cook book for students.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

I have enjoyed my term as welfare officer for 2017. I could not have done it without my department members; Conrad Hogg, Curtis White, Monique Najar, Lincoln Aspinall, Briana Fiore and Jacob Fowler. They have all gone above and beyond their roles in assisting me this year and I am very grateful for their support. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Student Assist team who have ensured that the Guild services are running smoothly and that all students have the ability to access them no matter what the circumstances.

In my term I have tried to reenergise the Welfare Department by implementing new initiatives which complement the existing ones in place. To achieve this I have reached out to FacSocs, Clubs and other Guild Departments to assist us and provide them with an opportunity to have an active role in the welfare space. Majority of these

groups have fantastic welfare portfolios already led by other student leaders who continue to keep student welfare at the forefront of conversations.

I wish Pheobe Ho and her department the best of luck for 2017 and I cannot wait to see what they can deliver.

Until next time,

Regards,
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