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SUMMARY

It has been another busy month. Important points to note include kick off on planning the Student Leader Summit later this year, updates on 12 Week Semesters, and continued progress working with the Albany Students' Association.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
22/3/19	Student Services Committee	Monthly meeting
22/3/19	Food & Drink Delivery WG	Monthly meeting, kick off
22/3/19	Strategic Resources Committee (Guild)	Monthly meeting
22/3/19	Welfare Officer Interview	
22/3/19	Convocation OGM	Presented Guild President's report
25/3/19	Executive Management Committee	Monthly meeting
25/3/19	Student Assist Manager Interview	
25/3/19	Student Assist Manager Interview	
25/3/19	Freedom of Expression WG	Review of academic board feedback
26/3/19	UWA Education Executive	12 week semesters
26/3/19	Student Assist Manager Interview	
26/3/19	Student app	Consultation and demo
26/3/19	Juicebox	Website kick off meeting
27/3/19	Exec meeting	Fortnightly meeting
27/3/19	Institutional collaborative student pathways committee	Bimonthly meeting
27/3/19	Michael Iroche (NUS General Secretary)	NUS affiliation + KPIs discussion
27/3/19	Student consultative committee	Monthly meeting
27/3/19	Convocation Council	Mixer with Guild Council
27/3/19	Guild Council	Monthly meeting
28/3/19	Audit & Risk (Guild)	Quarterly meeting
28/3/19	Tony Goodman, Adhish Kastha, Chloe Keller, Danielle Wegman	OGM planning meeting
1/4/19	Student experience brand presentation	Update on new UWA brand strategy
1/4/19	Tony Goodman, Chloe Keller	Weekly meeting
1/4/19	Peter Dean	Service learning units
2/4/19	OGM	Semesterly meeting
2/4/19	Ready. Set. 2030.	UWA Vision Launch
2/4/19	WUN WG meeting	Planning mental health presentation for conference
3/4/19	Election culture WG	Regular meeting
3/4/19	Academic council	Bimonthly meeting
3/4/19	Fang Ke	UWA's Got Talent
3/4/19	Convocation Council	Monthly meeting
4/4/19	Emme Breidahl	UWA donor booklet contribution

4/4/19	Candice Brooking	Guild internships
4/4/19	WHS Committee Meeting	Bimonthly meeting
8/4/19	Education Committee	Bimonthly meeting
8/4/19	Saleem Al Odeh	Ethnocultural collective deputy convenors
8/4/19	LinkedIn Learning	Update Meeting
9/4/19	106 th Guild Council Photo	
9/4/19	Governance Committee	Monthly meeting
9/4/19	Relay for Life Big Morning Tea	
9/4/19	Robert Webster	Monthly meeting
10/4/19	Albany Students' Association	Monthly meeting
10/4/19	Executive	Fortnightly meeting
10/4/19	Ask me anything	Open Q&A with students
10/4/19	SOC Meeting	Presented on Student Leader Summit
11/4/19	Barry J Marshall Upgrade meeting	
11/4/19	Safer Communities WG	Bimonthly meeting
11/4/19	Equity & Diversity Meeting	Monthly meeting
11/4/19	Library executive	Monthly meeting
11/4/19	Young Leaders Council Committee	Planning for YLC
12/4/19	Andy Shay	UWA Security
12/4/19	Election response – relevant Guild OBs	Planning events to engage students in federal election

PROJECT UPDATE

Refectory

Fit-outs of outlets are nearing completion, with Utopia already opening. Other outlets are experiencing some delays due to additional approval requirements from the City of Perth. The vendors arriving early this semester are:

- Toshine Japanese
- Cutting Board
- Campus Kebabs
- Utopia Bubble Tea
- Chinese Canton

We are still negotiating with a potential sixth vendor.

Freedom of Expression

The formal consultation has concluded, and a report has been released with 18 recommendations. This report was well received at Academic Board, and the report will now be sent to the Senate with minor changes.

Lighting on Campus

The changes of process for capital infrastructure to be approved gives us an opportunity to push for more lighting on campus in ways that we have not done before. We are currently scoping the lighting gap through the Safer Communities Working Group, and hope to use this to lodge a business case for more lighting through the Capital Infrastructure Committee.

Student Leader Summit

Work on the upcoming Summit for Student Leaders has begun. We are currently recruiting key speakers, and scoping out potential dates, and looking to set up a subcommittee.

Federal Election

The Prime Minister announced that the Federal Election will be held on the 18th May. We have begun an Enrol to Vote campaign to ensure that students' voices are heard in the election. Following this, the Guild will release some materials and possibly run events to facilitate students informing themselves about the different parties.

12 Week Semesters

The report has been tabled to the University's Education Executive. These are the six key recommendations, and the University's response to them so far.

1. Reinstate 13-week semesters.

The university said that this is near impossible, citing that immense difficulty having academics teaching over summer school, and 26 normal semester weeks. We also appreciate that changing the timetable again would cause further disruption.

2. Explore the introduction of an additional study-free week.

The feasibility of this is being investigated by the university. The main concern is the possible impact on staff and students taking winter study abroad programs. If possible, we hope to pursue adding an extra study free week into each semester.

3. Invest into support services.

This was noted – the university's wellbeing services are being reviewed later this year, and we will work with the university to formulate a mental health strategy.

4. Ensure that each unit's content is appropriate for the teaching period.

This intersects with a live academic conversation about the amount of content taught in a unit vs. the learning outcomes and competencies themselves being important. Support will be offered to unit coordinators to structure their unit's content within the 12-week period. The university is also going to take a more in-depth review of content in disciplines where this appears to be the biggest problem.

5. Ensure that assessments in majors and courses are appropriately aligned.

This paper has initiated a review of the timing of assessments. Faculties are being directed to review the timing of assessments in units that are usually taken concurrently in majors and courses, with the view to arrange them more favourably for students. If you have a lot of assessments occurring right at the same time, please let us know so we can help you to try and get them moved.

6. Ensure that future changes that impact the student experience are effectively communicated to all current students.

The University acknowledged the shortfalls in the communication. In the future big changes like this will be communicated in depth by the university.

Student App

The development of the 'Involvio' app is in progress, and a student reference group has been established. We are hoping to have this as closely functionally aligned with the Guild website as possible. The launch date is currently envisaged to be before semester 1.

Communications

The format of Guild Weekly has recently been changed to be more streamlined, and to include video content. There have also been continuous improvements to communications with the recent successful ask me anything session on Instagram, the 'meeting your reps' series of posts, and wrap-ups from Guild Council.

Engagement with Albany

We have had our first joint executive meeting with the Albany Students' Association, and we are making significant progress towards our goals. We have also ironed out issues that existed with accessing finances last year. These are some key initiatives for council to be aware of:

- Discounts
- More contact with OBs to replicate events and initiatives on the Albany Campus where appropriate
- Explore volunteering opportunities in Albany
- Explore starting clubs at Albany
- Digitise student leadership training for student leaders in Albany
- Simplify finance processes
- Work with UWA Sport to provide more sporting opportunities for these students

1st Floor Guild Village Renovation

Planning for the 1st floor of the West Wing of Guild Village is underway. Later this year, STA will move part of their operations downstairs, making room for a new space for Student Assist. Architecture firm Hames Sharley have been commissioned to design the downstairs portion of this, and have started works.

Indigenous Strategy

The Indigenous Strategy has been endorsed by Guild Council, and we are now preparing to formally launch the strategy. The first strategy committee meeting will be held soon to make sure we are moving on track for the plan.

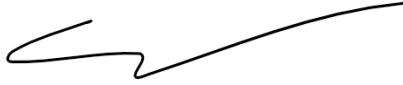
ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Student reference group for student app established
- Enrol to vote campaign launched
- Enrol to vote stations in UWA Libraries
- 12 Week paper received by university with commitment towards the recommendations
- Indigenous strategy endorsed by Guild Council
- Successful PROSH
- Improved business model in student assist
- Opened Utopia in the Ref!
- Early contact with Albany Students Association to plan for 2019.
- Extensive consultation on the Freedom of Expression at Universities with the Freedom of Expression Working Group in Perth and Albany.
- Engaging Orientation program for new students.
- FacSoc engagement in Faculty sessions in Orientation.
- Established the Election Culture Working Group to improve electoral processes.
- Order textbook extracts online through OneSearch.
- Extended time to lodge a stage 1 review
- Biggest Student Expo at Orientation to date
- Financial training for Guild Councillors
- New Lecture Capture System delivered
- Updated policy on club/society stalls outside of Guild Village
- Expanded Guild student leadership unit to presidents of eligible clubs
- Secured an exemption for payroll tax, saving the Guild approximately \$250,000 every year.
- Distributed an additional \$30,000 to clubs and societies in partnership with BHP and UWA.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Feedback on Ask Me Anything session is welcome.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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