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**ACCESS DEPARTMENT
GUILD COUNCIL REPORT**
24/01/2022

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SUMMARY

We have been working on forming our committee; liaising with organisations about holding Auslan classes; organising Guild on the Green and O-Day. We are keeping up to date with current issues on campus, such as inquiring about the delay in announcing a COVID-19 plan by the university, anticipating the return of international students and the future of online study, and how this impacts the Access Community.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
30/11/2021	<i>The Living Room Quarterly Meeting</i>	<p><i>One of the many purposes of that meeting was to be introduced to the new department representatives and the new Living Room Coordinators.</i></p> <p><i>We discussed potentially adding more people to the Living Room Student Reference Group; opening hours of the living room over the shutdown period; distributing the Quiet Spaces Resource (having them in the Access Room). We concluded with focus areas for each department and recommendations. Access inquired about text to speech availability in The Living Room resources and recommended image descriptions be added to images of social media posts.</i></p>
08/12/2021	<i>Student Wellbeing Monthly Meeting</i>	<p><i>Introductions to the group; discussed goals for this year and any concerns that have arisen thus far; and asking for clarifying the anti-smoking policy on campus</i></p>
24/01/2021	<i>UniAccess Meeting with the Access Dep.</i>	<p><i>This meeting was an introductory meeting to get to know Liz Sullivan and Hayley Hutchison, who are the managers of UniAccess. We discussed the delay in the university releasing its COVID-19 plan for Semester 1 2022 and how it will affect students with disabilities; we requested the statistics of students with disabilities on campus which will be sent out to us. We had an open conversation about the amount of activism UniAccess can be involved in to support the Access Department campaigns. UniAccess was very clear in stating that they are not allowed to be part of campaigns or support campaigns, aside from general events. Part of the agenda was to also ensure students with disabilities know about the Access Department and UAAP before the exam period. We aim to achieve this through</i></p>

		<p><i>an introductory email to all students with disabilities via UniAccess.</i></p> <p><i>We also inquired about Library Sensory Room funds and if more sensory rooms will be built in libraries. UniAccess explained that it was only a one-time grant for the Reid Library Sensory Room. We ended with discussing over how the Guild can include a loud or quiet sensory rooms.</i></p>
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PROJECT UPDATE

O-Week

We have planned what we are doing for our stall for Guild on the Green and O-Day, as well as having organised our stall. We have also contacted Youth Focus and Headspace about merchandise and promotional material for the stall

Committee Applications

Committee applications were posted on the 1st of January, and we have since extended the deadline. OCM and International Representative positions will be posted during O-Week.

Affiliation with the WA for Human Rights Act

The WA for a Human Rights Act (WA4HRA) is made up of organisations and individuals campaigning to ensure that the human rights of Western Australians are protected by law including discrimination against those with disabilities. The Access Department and WA4HRA are in communication to be affiliated and start student campaigns together – this affiliation, however, must still be approved by Guild Council. We are aiming to present this at the February Guild Council meeting.

FINANCES

N/A

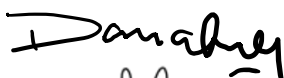
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Purchased T-shirts for the Access Department Committee
- Organised and revamped the Access Department Room for student use
- Conducted a Student Leadership Training Session for Club + Facsoc executives regarding Event Inclusivity and Accessibility

DISCUSSION POINTS

N/A

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