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Introduction | Welcome to 2013!

The July-September period is pivotal for the Guild, being jam-packed with events and also presenting the final opportunity to implement Guild100 goals before we start preparing the new team for office.

This report is much more detailed than the last few as a direct result of feedback from the OGC’s meeting chaired by Lucas Tan in July. I hope that you will feel more informed as a result

Activities | Summary

My activities and correspondence since the July meeting included the following:

- Met with the Vice Chancellor to discuss mental health, SURF, access to raw exam marks, orientation review, Education Futures project and commercial arrangements
- Finalised the first draft of our Operational Priorities Plan. This is a very important strategic document and has been taken to Council for approval
- Visited the Albany Campus and attended social events with their student committee
- Worked on the ISC security campaign with memberships department, attended an ISC meeting and met with both the University security and the City of Subiaco regarding lighting and security. We will be giving them a night tour of the streets around campus and behind colleges
- Worked on the Guild sustainability plan with Dan Stone (G100 #56)
- Developed a partnership with ICEA to run cultural awareness training (FD #21)
- Developed an inclusive events strategy (FD #19)
- Called the first Student Services Committee meeting in years to discuss proactive plans for orientation 2014
- Worked with PSA Pres on a range of issues, in particular structural reform (FD #2)
- Chaired a Workplace Health & Safety Meeting and approved our WHS Handbook
- Planned for and attended the NUS National Day of Action on August 20th
- Spoke with Senator Scott Ludlam about the cuts to higher education
- Met with our new staff members, Steven Shaw and Tony Goodman. We are very fortunate to have both of them onboard, student reps have already been impressed
- Met with the Directors of Student Services & APS to discuss mental health at UWA
- Attended and spoke at the launch of the Guild Museum exhibition for our centenary
- Opened the Dentistry Kiosk
- Organised a Grill the Guild BBQ at Uni Hall which had strong participation thanks to the Res Club distributing their shirts at the same time 😊
- Attended a meeting of Convocation Council and spoke about Guild collaboration on education issues and University Education Futures project
- Ran a Grill the Guild BBQ at the Nedlands Campus for Education students
- Developed a proposal for a new volunteering committee of Guild Council
- Met with the Residential Students Department President and other Residents Club Presidents to discuss a proposal to improve college student advocacy and representation
- Attended a Board of Coursework Studies meeting, with the focus being on exemptions for the new MD course
- Attended the August Senate meeting and the subsequent opening of University Hall
Internal | Budget 2013 & 2014

Managing the budget deficit has been an important priority for the Finance & Planning Committee this year, and I am pleased to report that a number of staff members have worked hard to keep their areas on or below budget. Catering was given a much more ambitious target that last year in line with our new Catering Strategy. Although they had some setbacks in staying on budget earlier in the year, I am optimistic from recent numbers that this will turn around.

I am pleased to confirm that we have finally been successful in negotiating a waiver of the $1.5m fee for us to reoccupy the Guild Village South Wing. This was something that the 99th Council was very concerned about and I have worked hard since December to ensure that we achieved this.

Overall, with a strong performance in most areas and a favourable hit $550,000 thanks to negotiation with the University I believe we should now be working hard to achieve a balanced budget for the 2013 year.

The 2014 budget preparations are already beginning. The initial reports from the University suggest that we will be receiving a higher revenue from SSAF funds, however it is yet to be determined how much our revenue will increase by (which depends on both EFTSL and the percentage we negotiate with the University). Thanks to all departments for getting on to their budgets early.

Activities | Paint Party

Paint party was a resounding success- thanks to Laura and the Memberships & Events teams for doing a stellar job. I would like to see this event expanded and adapted to become an O-Week event for 2014.

Activities | Albany campus visit

Three members of Guild Exec (myself, Rob and Maddie) and the Albany GC rep (Lizzy) drove down to Albany for the 9th – 11th August. The trip was highly successful and gave us the chance to meet Albany students, discuss issues with the committee and enjoy a fun, albeit competitive game of paintball. The only costs involved for the Guild were two nights of backpackers accommodation ($232) which was covered under my Special Projects budget.

Events | National Day of Action

The National Day of Action held on August 20 was by far the best one I’ve been to in six years of Uni- thanks to Anita Creasey and Lizzy O’Shea for their hard work in making the event a success. We also found out that Triple-J Unearthed band Stillwater Giants were UWA students and really keen to do student activism!

Future Directions | Operational Priorities Plan

Tony Goodman, Maddie Mulholland and I have been working hard to create the first draft of the Operation Priorities Plan. In line with my future directions paper proposal, we have created this in a strategic alignment with the University’s OPP. If Council endorses the draft, we will proceed with staff & student consultation before taking the final document to council once again. I would like to achieve unanimous endorsement of the final draft.

Future Directions | College engagement
I have been working closely with the RSD and with the Presidents of each Residents’ Club to deliver a strategy for improved advocacy and representation for college students in line with my future directions proposal for “comprehensive representation”. This strategy involved three key planks

- Training, information and support for Resident Advisors, academic program coordinators and residents’ club leaders so that they understand student assist, Education Council and Guild representative structures
- A stronger framework for Guild-college engagement based on our college engagement strategy for 2013 and its success
- Better structures (including an empowered RSD and a Res Club Presidents’ forum) to improve communication of college issues to key Guild representatives

The strategy will presented to September Council for endorsement. If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact me

**Education | Bets practice campaign**

The development of our best practice campaign continues with the SLETS survey and regular communication with Deans, Boards of Studies, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) and the Vice Chancellor

**University Relations | New Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Education Futures**

With the retirement of former SDVC Bill Louden, the University is currently going through the recruitment process for a new SDVC. I have been invited to sit on the selection panel.

DVC (Education) Alec Cameron is currently the Acting Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor and has delegated some of the work on Education Futures to Helen Wildy, who is currently spearheading student consultation through Education Council and my work with her.

**University Relations | Facilities Management, toilets & mobile catering**

I will be meeting with the new Acting Facilities Management Director this week to discuss a range of matters, including a better structure (ie pods) for our mobile catering vans and the issue raised at the last council meeting on the standard of toilets in Guild Village and other locations around campus

**Member Relations | Annual Progress Report**

This is a fantastic initiative and one I would like to make a regular feature of Guild Council. Thanks to all of the officebearers who contributed and particularly Maddie Mulholland, Alex Pond and Kate Hoolahan.

**Conclusion | Guild 100 goals summary**

We are now more than 80% through our Guild 100 goals, an achievement which has been spearheaded by Maddie Mulholland in her capacity as Guild Secretary. Thanks to everyone for the hard work you have been putting in so far, it does not go unnoticed and it makes an invaluable contribution to student life. Thanks in particular to Maddie and Lizzy, who have both provided me with a lot of support over the last month.
Introduction
It’s been a busy month as my projects have really picked up in momentum!

Projects:
Activities | Parking Appeals Board
I went to the Parking Appeals Panel on Friday, 16 August at 11am. Waived quite a few fines, which is good, especially for those who were affected by the Perth railway shut down at the beginning of this semester.

Activities | Mature Age Welcome
Went to speak at the Mature Age Welcome held on Thursday, 25 July. Interacted with many mature aged students at morning tea afterwards where many approached me to talk to me about the Guild! Exciting 😊

Activities | UWA Open Day
Spoke in 3 Law seminars on behalf of the Guild (replacing Cam because he was off to Albany campus for the weekend). Very vibrant Open Day this year, with petting zoos, miniature carousels and rides for kids!

Projects | International Students Council
Meeting was held on Thursday, 8 August at 6pm at the Guild Council Meeting room. We provided Sushimaster platters and pizza for the executives of residential colleges and international clubs to mingle with each other before and after the meeting (as building strong relationships amongst everyone is so important for the longevity of the ISC in future years). Meeting went well – we recapped on security issues and CISA conference. Email shared calendar and the bimonthly newsletter through the international centre are both set up now for ISC members to use. We also started planning for the BONDAGE come-back! 😊

Projects | Mature-aged students
First meeting with MASA went very well! Recruited 4 enthusiastic mature-age students to form the committee and we are currently planning our first event for Semester 2, 2013 – the MASA Welcome Launch! Scheduled for Tuesday, 3 September from 11:45am – 2pm at Sue Boyd – If any guild councilors are free, we would love your help! 😊

Projects | International Exchange Visits to UWA
The Village 5 Students Representatives from the University Technology Petronas (UTP) in Malaysia have confirmed their exchange visit program! They will be visiting UWA on Monday, 16 September from 9:30am – 7:00pm. If any guild councilors are free on that day, I would really appreciate some volunteers to help take them around and talk to them about the Guild! 😊

Meetings | Student Services Committee Meeting
This committee has not convened for years so it was a very long and thorough meeting to plan out O’Week for next year! Very exciting plans to make each day in O’Week much more vibrant than before.

Meetings | Security Meeting
Had a security social campaign meeting with Felix and Cam on Tuesday, 20 August to discuss short term and long term strategies to improve security on campus.
Meetings | Catering Meeting
Drafted a proposal for a Dietary Requirements Forum to be held in the next month or so. Catering committee was very receptive to the idea, so it should be implemented within the next month or so!

Meetings | F&P Meeting
Self-explanatory.

Meetings | Executive Meetings
Self-explanatory.

Other
- NDA – great turn out at Forrest Chase! Curtin definitely made a grand entrance...
- Guild Ball!
- AGM prep
- UWA Open Day

Conclusion

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you want to talk about plans to better students’ experiences at UWA.
Catering
- Finally finished catering policy schedule to give the CD better direction from student representatives
- Dent kiosk is finally open and is operating very successfully
- More food vans this week! (yay)
- Breakfast in Hackett is finally here, although take up has been limited in the past month
- Holding a dietary requirements panel discussion to help improve the quality of food for those with restrictions
- Perinaise continues to be very tasty in my sandwiches

Other Projects
- Working with SOC Treasurer Harrison Sweeney to deliver budget templates for clubs. These will help incoming Treasurers for 2014 to account for events in a much more effective way
- Looking into getting club statements online – not an easy task given resourcing issues in the finance department
Secretary Duties |
The secretary duties I have carried out this month are as follows:
• Followed up on business from Minutes, meetings and general activities.
• Compiled Minutes and Agendas.

Guild Executive |
The Guild Executive continues to work hard to complete the Guild 100 Goals!

Tenancy Committee |
• The third Tenancy meeting of 2013 was held during the month. The agenda included the introduction and approval of the First Aid Kits policy/agreement. There are now first aid kits available in Cameron Hall and Guild Hall for after-hours medical care. It also included in principle support for the Tenancy Space Policy, to be considered by Guild Council at the August meeting. Clubs continue to raise general maintenance issues with me.
• Maintenance works to be carried out over the next month include:
  o Addressing the hole in the UniSFA roof, with a paint job too.
  o Replacing the UCC ceiling fan.
  o Repairing the holes in the walls, and the skirting boards.
  o Plug up the hole between the Science Union floorboards and the Leisure air vent.
  o Look into the removal of the white panels on the higher windows in Cameron Hall.
  o Fix the hinges on the Cameron Hall windows.
  o Replace the broken window in the Christian Union clubroom.
  o The carpet will be replaced in the Queer Department during the study break.
• Once Guild Council approves the Tenancy Space Policy, Laura, Owen and myself can commence the clubs storage space project.

Other Projects |
• Guild Ball proceeds as planned!
• Tavern Activities – Judith and I have now met with the Tavern Manager and the Events Department and have devised a plan for the Tavern over the rest of the Semester, including events such as Hip-Hop Karaoke, movie nights and more theme days. Get excited!
• Attended the official Dentistry Kiosk opening
• Contributed to the Guild Centenary Museum exhibition opening night
• Attended a Student Services Committee meeting
• Began planning for Bondage, an International Student Council initiative, with Felix and Annie
• Facilitated the completion of the Guild’s Annual Report 2013, the first one in 10 years! Go team!
• Went to Albany to engage with the UWA Albany students! We had a “Meet ‘n’ Greet” and paintballing event. Lots of fun, and great off-campus engagement.
• Met with Jenny, our Human Resources officer, to discuss better student internship opportunities. I am very excited to be bringing you the motion pertaining to this.

Conclusion |
I hope everyone is having a good semester. Remember I am always here to help you achieve your projects!
It’s been a busy month settling back into the swing of things at uni for SOC. As mentioned at last Council, there has been a steady inflow of interested new clubs and this certainly hasn’t shown any signs of slowing down!

Club Carnival |

This year’s Club Carnival was held on Tuesday of week two and was one of the biggest Club Carnivals we have had so far!

- 53 clubs officially registered for the event, with more turning up on the day
- All tables ordered were taken (50) with clubs showing demand for more. This is the highest number of tables we have booked for Club Carnival
- Thanks to Red Bull for coming down with their tent – this was a great draw card for the event
- Thanks to NTEU for coming down and providing free fairy floss (yay) and encouraging students to enroll to vote
- Thanks to the Relay@UWA team and other helpers for running the BBQ
- Thanks to all the clubs for turning up on the day and being super organised. It was great to see such a vibrant Oak Lawn and many students signing up for clubs

New Clubs |

At this month’s SOC meeting we had 5 new clubs affiliated to the Societies Council. Those clubs are:

- Bright Lights UWA
- Indigenous Communities Education & Awareness Foundation UWA (ICEA UWA)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers UWA (IMechE UWA)
- Imagine
- Masters of Pharmacy Student Society (MOPSS)

Paint Party |

The SOC committee has been assisting the Events Team with the planning for Paint Party, as well as promoting the event to clubs and faculty societies. The event should be a fun afternoon of paint and water throwing and I look forward to discussing its success at Council.

Dashboard |

The SOC committee has been going full steam ahead at our ongoing Dashboard project. We are currently finalising the content for the database and look forward to rolling out the finalised product in the coming weeks. If anyone has suggestions for documents/forms/information that would be handy for clubs please let me know!😊

Storage Policy |

Owen Myles, SOC Secretary has been working hard finalising our final draft copy of the “Tenancy Allocation Policy”, which is a combination of the already existing Clubroom
Allocation Policy and new Storage Allocation Policy. We have discussed the proposed new policy with clubs at the most recent Tenancy Committee and SOC meetings. The final draft is a result of the combining of some useful suggestions from both of these groups. I look forward to discussing this new policy at Council and to providing more storage spaces for clubs on campus.

**Lion Nathan Grants**

The SOC and PAC committees will be meeting this coming Friday to discuss and vote on three Lion Nathan Grant applications. I look forward to updating Council on this.
EDUCATION POLICY

Timetables
Education Council has received a lot of complaints from students about the way in which timetables were allocated. Most of the issues surrounded units not being on OLCR or that the student received preferences that they had not chosen. Timetables are administered by the Enrolments teams within the university and have a scheduled review for 2014 and implementation in 2015. Unfortunately, while the university acknowledges that the system needs to be upgraded to a more user friendly system they are not willing to bring forward their review. However the result of the review will likely result in a brand new system that is much more user-friendly that will allow for students to choose blocks of time they wish to study rather than choosing individual classes.

SLETS
The uptake of SLETS has been lower than expected. This has been contributed to the survey being open for a significantly smaller amount of time than previous guild surveys, promotion of a survey being lost amongst promotion of Guild initiatives and FacSoc events. In future a more consolidated push by FacSocs and the Guild will need to be done over a greater period of time.

SURF scores
Discussions between the University and the Guild regarding the release of SPOT and SURF scores to students have resulted in a compromise that the scores from the SURF question regarding student satisfaction shall be released. The timeframe with which the scores will be released and the format with which the will be presented has yet to be determined but shall be done in conjunction with the University, the NTEU and the Guild.

FINANCIALS
The Education Council Budget and EAN budget are all under budget to date. And will hopefully be kept that way until the end of the year.

FacSoc Funding

The structure and allocation of Faculty Society grants has recently not been utilised in second semester and grants have been lost due to lack of distribution. This is both unfair for FacSocs who have budgeted for receiving some financial relief from the Guild with regards to some of their events.

The proposal voted on by Education Council has funds being allocated with respect to sponsorship, Equivalent Full Time Student Load (EFTSL) of each faculty society and having $10,000 as special projects grants similar to that in 1st Semester. See below.
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This month I have been purely focusing on preparation for Fringe Festival. Chantelle and I have been really busy organizing ideas for the week and currently have a preliminary plan drawn out for the event. On the Monday there will be a scavenger hunt starting at 12 and finishing at 2 – with various stations set up and clues to find students being able to register in teams. There will also be a prize awarded for the fastest team. Monday afternoon will be Arts and Crafts in the Tav, which Chantelle is organizing. It will be a great opportunity for students to relax and make some fun things while drinking and listening to music. Tuesday is our Fun Fair Day which will be a Carnival style day set up on Oak Lawn with heaps of different and fun activities. On the Wednesday, we will potentially have an art exhibition on oak lawn, however, in the evening we will be having a Soiree style party in the Sunken Gardens and Thursday we will be finishing up the festival with a Gallery Crawl in the city.

There will be more to report on once the plans start getting locked in, but for any further questions please feel free to email me!

Thanks
Valentina
Dear friends, colleagues and interested students, I intend to use this report to update you on our various projects.

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<td>Business case to be approved by both Guild Council and Facilities Development Committee having gone through FnP. Final date for approvals should be 5th September.</td>
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<td>Carbon Neutral O-Day</td>
<td>Ongoing work - cost calculation phase. Have been working with Ben Johnston. Cost calculation is being done using Carbon Neutral Australia’s spreadsheet. (CNA are an NGO) Currently cost is unsure, but we expect having a Carbon Neutral O’day that is well promoted among clubs to stimulate environmental conversations within club committees.</td>
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<td>Vegetable Gardens (set up for 2014 approval)</td>
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<td>The Environment Department has linked the Swan Estuary Restoration Action Group to the Guild Volunteering Hub to ensure greater conservation of the Pelican Point Area.</td>
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This month has been relatively slow moving on the Women’s Department Front, as I have been getting back to full time uni after a very busy first semester. However, there has been some progress with some of the ongoing projects.

The Bare Truth
At the time of writing I was about to go to a meeting with Alex Pond to send the magazine to the printer. The entire publication is print ready, and there will be a run of 150 sold for approx. $15 each subject to reassessment depending on printing costs. We aim to raise about $500 for the Butterfly Foundation – who have given us their blessing to go ahead. While they cannot officially “approve” a publication, of any nature, they have told me they like the idea and they are happy for us to publicize the fact that we are fundraising for them with the magazine.

The only thing left to do is for myself and the editor to go over the mock up to ensure everything is completed.

In terms of the costs, printing should cost about $2000 which will come out of the women’s department’s account, however the models and myself have anticipated that if we work hard we will be able to sell all copies and make enough of a profit to cover this cost and donate the money we have aimed for. If anyone is really keen for a copy, make sure you come and see me to save one for you. The stories are incredibly moving.

Women’s Health Poster Series
I am currently in discussions with Lauren from the Health Promotion Unit to launch a new poster series for the back of doors in all women’s bathrooms. If the costs of this project are rather large, the Health Promotion Unit may help the women’s department out with funding.

They are also assisting me by double-checking content and helping me find someone to talk to about putting up the posters. There will be four different types in the set – for Cervical Cancer, Breast Cancer, Safe Sex and Sexual Consent information. Three of the posters talk about the services the Medical Center provides for free and the other one discusses what the Sexual Assault Resource Center can do for victims.

Toilets
Maddie and myself are still working on getting toilet refurbishments done campus wide. On the sanitary dispenser front, Gary Jones from Facilities maintenance has followed this up with a colleague and discovered that the old machines we have in the guild toilets have been out of use for years, and the company has told as that they will install 6 new ones for free. I have prioritized the following toilets:
1. Arts
2. Rec Center
3. Guild
4. Business
5. Engineering
6. Maths

The toilets were chosen on the basis of having points across campus to allow widespread and easy access to sanitary facilities for women.
Potential Burlesque Events
I am currently looking into bringing back another Burlesque in the Tav event or running a free burlesque Workshop.

FacSocs Equity Meetings
Two weeks ago I called an Equity rep meeting with all of the FacSocs via education council. Only two of them sent someone, and while another two sent apologies they failed to follow up as requested. This was incredibly disappointing and as a result I have been discussing with Maddie the possibility of creating an Equity Committee or even just a more informal Equity Working Party.

Finances
There are no costs for this month to report. Pending the completion of my Guild 100 Goals, the Women’s Department may receive a $300 boost from Finance to assist with the costs of the poster series, as well as advertising potential burlesque events and The Bare Truth sales.
This month we’ve held two movie nights, a discussion night, skill share, an indoor picnic and a sausage sizzle fundraiser. We also had a meeting discussing various issues ranging from how the room looks, to policies and regulations we want to change. So far the department has become more involved, people have come back to the room to have their lunch and to socialise. It’s been really good, as the department grows stronger more and more ideas and discussions happen that push us to plan more campaigns.

We’ve decided on a few activities for our Pride week and have started putting them in motion, including a movie night, external event and some public awareness campaign.
Introduction
The purpose of this report is to provide brief information about the progress of ISS.

1. Welfare & Education Department

Health and Wellbeing Month
Date: 19 August to 13 September 2013
All events have been finalized. First event will be a Yoga class organised by UWA Sports on Tuesday 20/8/13. From a marketing standpoint, teaser posters and event page have been done. Instagram competition has been announced. Stall duty to promote the month and encourage sign-ups will be starting from 19/8/13 Monda Total of $1905 allocated for budget; so far $560 spent within budget.

*Budgeted Spending:* $1,905
*Actual Spending:* $560 as of 18 August 2013

Health and Wellbeing Month
Date: 26 August to 30 August 2013
Objectives of the week are to increase international students’ employability in Australia and to educate international students about work rights and the prerequisites for securing employment in Australia. The events have been finalized by CareerHub and can already be registered for through the Careerhub webpage. We are currently promoting the Week through various avenues (ISS Announce, G-News and ISS Facebook Page) and planning for the BBQ on Friday which will cap off the week.

*Budgeted Spending:* $250
*Actual Spending:* TBC

Semester 2 Lighthouse Magazine
Publication has been distributed during Sem 2 Orientation. Leftover copies are available in the Guild

*Budgeted Spending:* $1,800
*Actual Spending:* awaiting for Alex

2. Social Department

ISS Badminton Competition
Date: 7 September 2013
Venue: UWA Recreation Centre
In collaboration with ISS Health and Wellbeing Month, the social department of ISS decides to organise a badminton competition during the Health and Wellbeing Month. Scope of the event is to promote a healthy message across to international students. Instead of studying or partying, students should engage in a friendly sport and have a well balance lifestyle during the course of study in UWA. We will be targeting 20 teams for mixed doubles or men’s doubles.

*Budgeted Spending:* $250
*Actual Spending:* TBC
ISS Flea Market
Date: 12 October 203
This event creates a chance for students to sell some of their stuffs. As we know graduating students accumulate a lot of stuff throughout their course of study and most of such items can’t be brought home. Therefore, ISS has decided to organize a flea market for students to sell these items. We are not only targeting the international students but also the domestic students and students from other university in WA.

*Budgeted Spending: $2,000
*Actual Spending: TBC*

3. Multicultural Week (MCW)

Date: 7-11 October 2013
· Monday October 7: Haunted Treasure Hunt
· Tuesday October 8: Opening Ceremony
· Tuesday October 8: Centenary Games
· Wednesday October 9: Quiz Night
· Thursday October 10: Spring Feast
There will be no event on Friday, October 11.

Subiaco Council Issues
After much discussion over the past 10 months between the Multicultural Week Directors, the UWA Student Guild and the City of Subiaco Council, progress has been made on getting around a serious set of regulations put in place in the City of Subiaco Food Act of 2008. The issue has to do with independent student-run food stalls needing to donate all their profits to a charitable organization. The issue can be overcome by a letter from the Guild Catering Director, granting access to registered people to cook and sell food produced in the Guild Kitchen; and a series of instructions to be presented to stallholders using the facilities about the safe transfer and storage of food products.

Funding
Funding has fallen short after receiving notice that the requested $50,000 grant from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s Diversity and Social Cohesion Program was denied. The next two key grants in line are the Vice-Chancellor Grant and the newly introduced Alumni Grant. We are yet to hear back from either of these.

Fundraising
The Krispy Kreme Fundraiser is currently due to go ahead on October 16, after Multicultural Week. The originally anticipated date was September 17, but after trying to book it almost 2 months in advance, we were told that Krispy Kreme is fully booked out until October 10. A booking has been made for October 16, and should any dates open up before that, we will take it.
4. International Students Council (ISC)

Second ISC meeting was held on 8 August 2013. Gave updates regarding the CISA Conference, Security campaign and the ISS Newsletter. In addition, ISC has decided that we shall bring BONDAGE back this semester. Annie and I will be spearheading the coordination of the event.

Two main welfare/education issues raised during ISC are: scholarships for international students and the request to have examination dates released earlier.

A motion was moved regarding the request to have examination dates released earlier: 
MOTION: That ISC urges the University to release final examination dates earlier for international students to book their flights back home.
Moved: Hubert Heng (UniHall). Seconded: Tori Hann (UWA French Club)
Motion passed unanimously.

Met up with Kelly Smith, Director of International Centre, to give update on what was discussed at the second ISC meeting and also arranged with him on how the ISS Newsletter will be distributed.

5. Any Other Business

Nil

Conclusion
Information is correct as of 26 August 13. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. That is all for now, have a good month ahead 😊

Felix Lim
ISS Director ’13
UWA Student Guild – Celebrating 100 years in 2013

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PSA Committee-

The PSA now has an Education Faculty Representative, Fiona Mayne. From what I can gather Education does not have a Faculty Society, so Fiona has been working hard to establish links with staff and work out what students need in the Faculty.

PSA Awards and Grants-
Round 2 of the PSA Awards and Grants have been submitted and assessed. This round we had 28 applications for the 4 awards.

Postscript-

Postscript is finished. There have been some final layout pages and it should be sent to the printers soon to be posted out in September.

PSA and Mature Aged Student Family Day Picnic-

Peter Derbyshire has confirmed the following for the event: Children’s Ferris Wheel, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Native Animal Petting Zoo, BBQ and Fairy Floss. It looks to be a great day- please to promote it as much as you can to student parents.

Professional Development- Media Training
We will be running this event in conjunction with Murdoch Postgraduate Student Association (MUPSA). MUPSA has agreed to contribute $3025 to have 20 spaces at the event. We are looking into the viability of holding it at the University Club.

PSA Constitution and Election Regulations-
The PSA Constitution has gone through some changes to better incorporate the PSA into the Guild. In conjunction with this the PSA has developed Election Regulations.

Guild –
The PSA Faculty Representatives attended Guild Education Council. They found it an enlightening meeting. Fiona Mayne (Education Faculty Representative) found it particularly useful in getting to know how to better represent Education Faculty Students.

Orientations-
I spoke at the UWA Open Day to potential Postgraduate Students.
I talked at the Coursework Orientation on the 23rd of July

University-
I attended the Graduate Research School Board Meeting.
I met with Mary Davis (Head Librarian).
I will be attending the Vice-Chancellors Sustainable Development Committee Meeting (22nd August)

Had regular meeting with Alan Dench (Dean of Research) and Grady Venville (Dean of Coursework)

I attended the Senate External Environment Committee

I will be attending Senate (Monday the 26th of August)

**Scholars Centre**
The planned changes to the Scholars Centre and the Libraries consultation and subsequent communication of these changes has upset a lot of postgraduates.

As of the end of this year the Library will no longer be offering dedicated desks or carrels to Honours or Postgraduate students. The library has currently not taken into consideration what will happen to the 40+ students who have been given dedicated desks when this occurs.

Up to 80% of these students are from the Faculty of Arts. The library did not inform the Graduate Research School of the Faculty of Arts of these changes.

The Faculty of Arts currently has a waiting list of students wanting desks, and therefore cannot accommodate the Scholars Centre ‘refugees’.

I have informed the Dean of Research about these changes and he has since been in contact with the Library and the Faculty of Arts to try and mediate this issue. The Library has refused to change their plans, while the Faculty of Arts has declared that it is not their problem which is in direct contradiction of GRS Guidelines which state that "All full-time HDR candidates should be provided with/offered shared office accommodation that includes a sole-use desk, lockable filing cabinet and bookshelf facilities."

I have since requested that Alan Dench (Dean of Research) set up a meeting with the Dean of Arts, Library, himself and the PSA.

I have also raised this issue at the Graduate Research School Board Meeting where I was disappointed to find that none of the board were aware of these changes.

**Other**
The PSA held their second Bunnings BBQ raising $370.10

**Finance**

Expenses:
- PSA Connect- $800.00
- PSA Awards and Grants-4x $850= $3400.00
- Family Day Picnic- Petting Zoo $950.75
- Ferris Wheel $880.00
- Bouncy Castle $330.00

**TOTAL** $6360.75
I’ve been super busy the last couple of weeks setting up Relay for Life, happening in less than a fortnight. Hope to see everyone down, having raised a ton of money!!

**Guild 100 Goal Progress**

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<td>46 Distribute mental health grants</td>
<td>Done.</td>
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<td>47 Run mental health first aid workshops for faculty societies</td>
<td>Done.</td>
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<td>49 Provide online access to services offered by student assist officers</td>
<td>Initial form online, further development underway.</td>
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<td>50 Run soup kitchens, student breakfasts and a welfare week</td>
<td>Done – but will run more.</td>
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<td>51 Run a petting zoo and stress management workshops during exam periods</td>
<td>Done.</td>
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<td>52 Create a Wiki version of the student survival handbook with more content</td>
<td>Design complete, waiting on ICT time.</td>
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**This Month**

- Reach Health Check and Ear Science check van confirmed for 12 Sept – “Health Check Day”. We will run a BBQ as well.
- Met with Jon Laughrane Re: exam stress self-help course. We’ll be expanding this promotion to feature study stress in general building up to exam stress campaigns before mid-semesters and end of year exams.
- First successful trial application for the EWB computer program. Joint program with EWB / Welfare and Student Assist to provide a free computer for students in financial difficulty to work from home. The EWB side of things is now sponsored by Rio Tinto (more targeted at refugees, we’re an offshoot of this), which allows us to access a number of computers completely for free.
- Planning a financial services poster campaign to feature the above, and info about loans and textbook grants.
- Worked with Josh, Alex P and Owen to finalise the Alcohol in Moderation plan for the Guild, that is now a subsection of the Inclusive Events Strategy we’re aiming to pass at this meeting. Thanks to Owen in particular for pulling it all together and to Josh for his hard work getting Hello Sunday Morning on board.
- Posters for the alcohol in moderation campaign are all but finalized, awaiting approval and funding from HSM.
- Having troubles getting Yoga back up and running due to lack of responsiveness from our instructor, so may be looking for a new instructor for next week, but self defence is up and running.
- Currently working on a website survey, aimed at improving our web presence. This is in conjunction with meetings with Tony and Alex P. Aiming to reach out to all departments and OBs, as well as relevant staff members in the next fortnight or so and capture all our needs.
Coming up this semester

- More free food. Soup kitchens, breakfasts, BBQs etc.
- More animals. Working with UWA PAW for an even bigger petting zoo.
- Another exam stress campaign around mid-semester and end of semester exams.
- Another Reach Health Check day, hopefully integrated with an Oral Health Day collaborating with UDSS.
- ICT projects including the Guild Wiki and Student Assist Officer forms will be completed.

Money

- Budget is now contained in this Google Doc, constantly updated:
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AlGttypklz34dG5CY1BfWFp0cFltcJ
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Areas of improvement for Inter-fac Sport for the rest of the year:
- Fixtures
- Promotional activity (however UWA Sports now has posters for us to put up)
- Communication between UWA Sports and the Sport reps/myself.
- Information and rules for each sport so sport reps know what to do

These are frustrating issues that all the sport reps and myself are trying to work on. Most of the issues are preventable and hopefully can be fixed for next year.

In saying that, Interfac participation continues to increase, the sport reps are all doing an amazing job in a difficult role and the committee structure is very effective.

The meeting with Bruce about volunteer initiatives never happened. I am unsure whether Aden has followed up on this.

I am continually working on documents for the next Sport Rep and committee. I am still working on defining the role of Sport Rep which is proving difficult; I will have it completed for changeover.

Upcoming Inter-fac Sports and Events:
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frizbee
- Athletics and Novelty games
  - Planning to have more of a fun day rather than serious athletics
  - Will have games like leader ball, tunnel ball, tug-of-war
- Basketball and Wind up
  - Will try and make our last event really big with music, food, drinks, presentations and a social atmosphere.
  - We will run a BBQ with drinks and food

UWA Sports Clubs
There are a number of issues that are of concern regarding the relationship between UWA Sports and Clubs. We are trying to resolve this issue.

Intercollege Sport
Inter-college sport is going well, still looking at funding opportunities for next year
Summary of Recent Activity:

I attended a UWA Sports Board Meeting on 1 August where the cost of ground hire at UWA Sports Park was discussed with a plan for managing that made. This involved reviewing the price charged by similar facilities around the area. I attended a meeting between the clubs based at Sports Park and UWA (Sports and Facilities Management) on 13 August. Ground hire and the new security plans (to be implemented late this year and early next year) were discussed. Clubs held some significant concerns in both areas, but hopefully this is something we can now work to improve for the future.

The proposed Petanque club will be meeting with the Sports Council Management committee and representatives of UWA Sports to review their constitution before a 6-month trial period is implemented. This affiliation will begin at either this upcoming Sports Council meeting (5 September) or the next.

Meetings between each individual club, Sports Council Management and UWA Sports took place over several weeks. The Management committee will be meeting soon to discuss some of the concerns raised by the clubs.

Richard O'Halloran
2013 UWA Sports Council President
Toga Tav Show (Previous Event)
- Toga Theme posed no issues for the event, everybody had a great time
- Less college merchandise promoted more intercollege mingling
- Packed out the Tavern to capacity (500) before 10pm

Hippies & Hipsters Party
- Big success - sold out event (500+ tickets)
- No issues, will look to do something similar in future

NAAUC Conference Scholarships
- RSD Conference delegates Sam McKeon and Glenn Ang reported back to RSD Committee and Guild Executive
- Found experience very valuable, particularly for addressing issues that arise with the rapid expansion of colleges at UWA, and also with formalizing the relationship between RSD & the Guild
- Sam McKeon to work with Guild in making RSD an official Guild Department as stated in the regulations

Education
- Cameron Barnes has drafted a comprehensive Education Plan to be approved by RSD
- Will discuss at next meeting (Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August) and put plan into action as appropriate

RSD Charity Cocktail Evening
- New event being planned for September 13\textsuperscript{th} at The Byrneleigh
- Seeking prominent guest speaker

Upcoming Events
- Planning underway for Inter-College Debating, Arts Night & Games Night
- These events are primarily held to promote socialization between colleges in a non-competitive environment

Finance – No Guild Funding Spent in July
- Jane Bromley (Treasurer) will contact Cam Barnes to receive rest of Guild funding to be used on Arts Night, Games Night, Debating and our other cultural not-for-profit event

Kind regards

Simon Thuijs
RSD President