



# UWA STUDENT GUILD EDUCATION COUNCIL

## March 2019 REPORTS

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- 1.12. **HSS** – *attached.*
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- 1.18. **WAMSS** – *attached.*
- 1.19. **BPhil**
- 1.20. **PMSS** – *attached.*



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**GUILD PRESIDENT  
EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT**  
19/2/2019

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## SUMMARY

The first few weeks have been filled with a lot of planning for the year to come, as well as some exciting steps forward for orientation, developments in the Library, the Refectory, and club funding.

## MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
19/2/19	Laurence Coleman	Freedom of Expression
19/2/19	Trish Rechichi & Christina Lua	Bimonthly meeting
19/2/19	Science Union	Camp approval
19/2/19	Guild Day	Orientation Event
19/2/19	Education Council	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	Library Executive	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	Guild Weekly Filming	
20/2/19	Guild Strategic Resources Committee	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	DVC(E)	Monthly meeting
20/2/19	SIS Orientation	Orientation Presentation
20/2/19	Student Assist, Metropolitan Suicide Prevention Agency	Suicide prevention at UWA: how can we improve?
20/2/19	Advocate	System demonstration
21/2/19	Freedom of Expression WG	Albany Consultation
21/2/19	Albany Students' Association	Face-to-face meeting
21/2/19	Veronica Dayman	Discussion of how Guild can better support Albany students
22/2/19	O-Day	Orientation Event
25/2/19	Young Lives Matter Foundation	Introductory Meeting
25/2/19	Chloe Keller, Tony Goodman	Weekly meeting
25/2/19	Utopia Opening	
25/2/19	OzTrekk Highschool Lunch	Future students engagement
25/2/19	Danielle Browne	Western Australian Digital Subscriptions
25/2/19	John Dell	International Student Engagement: FEMS
25/2/19	Election Culture Working Group	First meeting
26/2/19 – 28/2/19	Universities Australia Conference	
1/3/19	Executive	Fortnightly meeting
1/3/19	Trevor Crooke, UWA Finance	UWA Investment Portfolio Overview
1/3/19	Communications & transparency working group	Working group first meeting
4/3/19	Convocation day	Tree planting & reception
5/3/19	Warwick Calkin	Fortnightly meeting
5/3/19	Chris Massey, Tim Martin	Fortnightly meeting
5/3/19	Employability Community of Practice	First meeting
5/3/19	Club carnival	
5/3/19	Welfare Department Committee	Co-option brief
5/3/19	Bettina Arndt Protest	

5/3/19	Freedom of expression working group	Final meeting before report
5/3/19	Yellow brick row	Trinity College expo
6/3/19	Access Department AGM	
6/3/19	David Sadler, Chris Massey, Bre Shanahan	Bettina Arndt
6/3/19	Fang Ke	UWA's Got Talent
6/3/19	Peter Lennie	WUN Student Forum Planning
6/3/19	Sue Ellery	Bi-annual meeting
6/3/19	Guild Council	Monthly meeting
7/3/19	International Womens' Day Breakfast	
7/3/19	Brianne Yarran	Marndanju Week Planning
7/3/19	Jess Pether	Welfare Department
8/3/19	Dianne Hesterman	Communities of Practice
8/3/19	Tony Goodman, Jenny Ophel, Chloe Jackson	Student Assist Process
8/3/19	Raymond Da Silva Rosa	Senate strategic seminar planning
8/3/19	StudentConnect Reskin Expo	Sprint 6
8/3/19	Peter Dean	WIL
8/3/19	Notre Dame Executive	Tour of Guild
11/3/19	Senate Strategic Seminar	
12/3/19	Tony Goodman, Jenny Ophel, Chloe Jackson, Mutya MJ	Student Assist + GSC
12/3/19	Science Union	Camp approval
12/3/19	Young Leaders Council Committee	
12/3/19	Student Assist, Bre Shanahan, Lincoln Aspinall, Patricia Paguio	Domestic violence presentations trend
13/3/19	Vice-Chancellor	Quarterly meeting
13/3/19	Ron Edwards, Ron Woss	Young Lives Matter Campus Tour
13/3/19	Campus Activation Steering Group	First meeting
13/3/19	Vision 2030 Environments Workstream	
13/3/19	David Sadler, Lincoln Aspinall	Monthly meeting
13/3/19	SOC Meeting	
14/3/19	Executive	Fortnightly meeting
14/3/19	Safety on Campus Steering Group	First meeting & reformulation of group
14/3/19	Kelly Whyte	Capital Investment Committee
14/3/19	Library Executive	Monthly Meeting
14/3/19	Campus masterplan update	

## 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

### **Orientation**

The University has been quite receptive to our feedback on orientation, and we believe that as a whole orientation week has been very successful. Our involvement was:

- Monday: International student information session, student expo (with ISD, clubs, etc.), campus tours, welcome ceremony
- Tuesday: Faculty orientation, Guild activities on Oak Lawn, FacSoc carnival, Departments
- Wednesday: postgraduate orientations, PSA event, enrolment support
- Thursday: enrolment support
- Friday: O-DAY and enrolment support, including a chill-out zone on Oak Lawn, with food trucks, a water slide, and games

We will be collating feedback on Orientation to improve it for next semester and next year.

### **Freedom of Expression**

The formal consultation has concluded, and a report has been released with 18 recommendations. I will be releasing this report for comment from students, and I will feed this into the Working Group before the report goes to Senate.

### **Safety on Campus**

The Safety on Campus Working Group has met for the first time this year, and the Guild President will now co-chair the group. The group's Terms of Reference has been broadened to focus on all student safety issues, but will continue to have a close focus on the Recommendations of the Change the Course Report. I look forward to the next meeting of the group and to making progress on the Safety of Campus Action Plan.

### **Campus Masterplan**

The Campus Masterplan is concluding, and we are getting some more certainty on where the future is going with the delivery of reports from FreeState and Turnberry coming very soon.

### **Student Assist**

Student Assist has recently been experiencing an extremely high case load, which has meant that the staff has found it difficult to keep up with the demand. Consequently, some admin tasks have been moved to other staff, and the Food Pantry will now be managed by the GSC.

### **Communications**

The format of Guild Weekly has recently been changed to be more streamlined, and to include video content, and a wrap up of the last council. Feedback from this council is very well come, and will be tabled to the communications and transparency working group with feedback from clubs.

### **Engagement with Albany**

I was fortunate enough to be able to visit the Albany Campus this month and talk to the Student Association (a Guild Department) about how we might better support them. 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

### **Young Lives Matter**

I met with the Young Lives Matter Foundation this month. The foundation aims to conduct research at UWA to identify early warning signs of suicide in young people to address suicide, which is a big problem in WA. We are currently exploring how the Foundation's work might touch the lives of UWA students, as well as carry out important work and I recently took the patrons of the organisation on a tour of current health services at UWA.

### **Bettina Arndt**

The infamous denier of rape on university campuses Bettina Arndt is due to speak at UWA on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Bre and I worked closely together to respond to this and held a protest in solidarity with survivors. We also worked with the university to limit and mitigate harm to survivors of sexual assault and harassment at UWA.

### **Refectory Upper Floor Upgrade**

Upgrade of the May Tannock Room, Sue Boyd Room, and Acorn Café are complete. This includes new flooring, AV equipment, lighting and mirrors. This is almost completed, awaiting new lighting and painting. A new pricing plan for clubs for these venues has also been completed, making them more affordable.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Floor Guild Village Renovation**

Planning for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

A draft of this strategy has been endorsed by Equity and Diversity committee. Brianne and I hope to bring the final strategy to council after a final round of consultation with First Nations students.

### **StudentConnect Refresh Project**

StudentConnect is being redeveloped to improve the experience of students using it. Much of our feedback has already been incorporated into the project thus far. The development team have completed development and are now undertaking testing. The new platform will be launching in April.

### **Training for Guild Council**

All councillors, except one, have now completed governance training. I facilitated a session on reading financial statements for councillors last month to help them to engage with the financial reports in council.

### **World Universities Network**

In May I will be travelling to Dublin to attend a student forum with other student leaders from across the world. I am keen to learn from others about how they have approach big issues at their universities, particularly student mental health. From this I am currently planning to bring together all of the stakeholders and areas of expertise at UWA, and create real conversation about how we can improve this.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- 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

*What do you think of the weekly video updates in Guild Weekly?*

*Feedback on Orientation.*

Regards,



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## SUMMARY

The last month has been quite a whirlwind as we've breezed through a great orientation period, into Ed Week, and through the beginning of the semester. I'd like to extend my thanks to every faculty society and Guild representative that contributed to Ed Week – I am happy with the range of events that took place and believe students got a lot out of it. From the students that I spoke with, the week certainly maximised the awareness of the educational services on offer at UWA and raised the profiles of our faculty societies. Beyond this, I have spent a considerable amount of time launching the class representative system in its first semester of permanency. As part of the expansion of the program, the offer was extended to all active first year units and a range of select second/third units to take part. All successful reps have now been trained and encouraged to begin engaging within their units. I look forward to observing how the system functions in its growing capacity and ask that each faculty society supports their reps where needed.

I would like to congratulate James on his work as EAN coordinator to carry out the "students for the climate" campaign on campus. The turnout we had at the climate rally evidenced the work that was put in, and also illustrated just how many young people care about seeing change on this issue. The EAN will be adopting two new campaigns in the near future, working with UnionsWA to advocate for student working conditions, as well as administering the NUS' "A Future Worth Fighting For" campaign.

I have received quite a number of student emails asking about University policy on lecture capturing, and on exam weighting. Both are relatively straightforward, I will address this when we meet, but if every faculty society can be across these policies that would be fantastic so that you can help ease concern that has arisen. Related to lecture capturing, WAMSS have contacted me querying a number of instances where lectures have not been recorded properly in the MD. I have raised this with multiple executive and admin staff and there is a review taking place to rectify these issues. I am very keen to make sure there are no gaps between the capture policy and actual practice – if anyone has reports of capturing issues then please let me know.

## MEETINGS ATTENDED

Date	Meeting	Purpose
20/2/2019	Student Experience Committee	General Meeting
20/2/2019	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Guild President	Monthly Meeting
21/2/2019	Academic Quality and Standards Committee	General Meeting
22/2/2019	O-Day	Final day of orientation on James Oval
25/2/2019 – 2/3/2019	Ed Week	Six days of events celebrating learning on campus to connect students academically and socially
26/2/2019	Director of Student Life, Associate Director of Service and Engagement	General Meeting
4/3/2019	Convocation Day Ceremony	Tree Planting Engagement
6/3/2019	Guild Council	Monthly Meeting
7/3/2019	Student Assist	General Meeting
7/3/2019	Guild Council Chair, Societies Council President	Collaborative Reference Group Funding Policy Consultation
12/3/2019	Class Representative System Training	Induction and training for semester 1 class reps
12/3/2019	Student Assist	DV Cases Discussion
13/3/2019	WAMSS VPI, HSS Education VP	HMS Rep Coordination
13/3/2019	EAN "Students for the Climate"	Preparation and promotion for the climate strike rally
13/3/2019	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Guild President	Monthly Meeting
13/3/2019	Societies Council Meeting	General Meeting

14/3/2019	Education Council Committee	SPG Application Review
15/3/2019	CCEAN Climate Strike March	Enacting Guild Council's campaign to advocate for stronger climate policy
15/3/2019	UnionsWA	Phone meeting to discuss collaboration on a wage theft inquiry campaign
19/3/2019	Election Culture Working Group	Taskforce established to review and improve the Guild's election process
19/3/2019	Education Collective, UnionsWA	Wage theft campaign launch
19/3/2019	LinkedIn Learning Steering Group	Update Meeting
19/3/2019	BPhil Union	Consultation Meeting
19/3/2019	Education Council	General Meeting

## PROJECT UPDATE

### O-Day

The Ed Council stall was a great success. We were lucky enough to be joined by the NUS Education Officer who spent the day with us discussing important issues facing students, and explained the NUS' "A Future Worth Fighting For" campaign to be rolled out at UWA. It was great to see so many new faces joining us on campus, and the Guild's event staff were fantastic in facilitating an engaging day.

### Academic Policy Communication

There are a number of changes to the assessment policy in 2019 that Conrad and I have been working to implement carefully. I have been working alongside the EEU from the academic perspective to ensure teaching staff are aware of how they need to accommodate for these updates, as well as internally in the Guild to communicate these changes unambiguously to students. I am aware there are several questions about the impact of some changes so I'm happy to chat through these at ed council.

### LinkedIn Learning

This service has been launched and the EEU is making small changes during the teething stage. All students at UWA will now have access to learning modules that will upskill them and these qualifications can be badged to their profile.

### Guild Induction Resources

With the lead-in to Orientation and the start of semester, this project has been put on hold. We are waiting on the EEU to develop the content within LMS and then student leaders will have pilot access to the training.

### Class Representative System

The system has been launched for semester 1. With a large expansion of the program, I had in excess of 160 applications from students in six days, which is a great sign we are moving from strength to strength. My committee have selected the successful reps, and I delivered physical training for them in week 3.

### Student Connect Re-skin Steering Group

The university has been reworking the design and logistics of Student Connect for a much cleaner experience, I am working on the steering group to ensure student feedback is heard. The new site will be ready and launched in between semesters 1 and 2 to prevent any interference this semester.

### Evaluation Strategy Working Group

This working group is being led by David Sadler to drive positive change in relation to the evaluation of learning and teaching at UWA. This group will take a particular focus on looking to replace the SURF and SPOT tools that are currently used, with a consolidated program that better addresses the needs of staff and students.

### **Wage Theft Campaign**

Alongside UnionsWA, the EAN will be running a high visibility campaign around student rights at work. This is in response to the state government's inquiry into wage theft. All faculty societies are welcome to participate.

### **Education Collective**

As part of my goal to expand the visibility and transparency of the Education Council in 2019, I have established a collective that meets every Tuesday afternoon during common hour in the ref courtyard. This is effectively a mobile office opportunity where members of the committee and I will be able to discuss and answer any questions that students may have. I believe the ability to walk up to the Ed Council President and get a quick-fire response, in a low-barrier setting, will foster a sense of tangibility and something that students will appreciate.

### **A Future Worth Fighting For**

Guild Council has endorsed the NUS' major campaign for 2019 and this will be administered through the EAN. The "A Future Worth Fighting For" campaign has five main demands – establishing a national taskforce into sexual assault and harassment on campus, establishing real action on climate change, ending student poverty, and ensuring students have fully-funded, equitable, and accessible post-secondary education.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- Empowered WAMSS to ensure the university follows student-oriented reform during the MD2 review
- Passed 100% of proposed education policy at the NUS National Conference
- Developed and published new resources for students to aid accessible education
- Oversaw the introduction of the new Echo360 system and aided service implementation
- Secured the National Education Officer to support students at O-day
- Introduced Ed Week for the first time, celebrating learning at UWA
- Expanded the class representative system as a permanent Guild initiative
- Completed the "students for the climate" campaign alongside the Curtin Guild to advocate for stronger climate policy

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- I'm happy to take suggestions on the most effective way to communicate relatively complicated changes within the University that ensures students properly understand what's happening
- I welcome faculty society input into the merit of consolidating the education committee roles of Secretary and Secretary, into one General Secretary
- I encourage each faculty society to consider being involved in the EAN's upcoming wage theft campaign

Regards,

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## SUMMARY

*Summary of key achievements and activities for the month.*

March has signaled the beginning of semester and Ed Week! Congratulations to Lincoln for his hard work getting it up and running. Throughout the week I attended events and supported or organized parts such as sausage sizzles. As a Council, we have also been working through SPG allocations.

## MEETINGS ATTENDED

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

Date	Meeting	Purpose
3/12/2018	Handover	Handover meeting with Lincoln
18/12/2018	Education Council	Monthly Meeting
14/1/2019	Education Council Committee	Goal setting and planning
14/2/2019	FABLE Learning and Teaching Committee	FABLE updates
14/3/2019	Education Council SPG Allocation Meeting	Allocate SPG funding

## PROJECT UPDATE

### Faculty Society Handbook 2019

*A quick "how to" guide that Fac Soc's can refer to quickly throughout the year.*

At the beginning of the year, the Education Council compiles answers from the previous year's break out sessions into a guide for the incoming Council. After collecting these into a handbook, I have continued to revise and shape it.

Regards,

Hannah Smith

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# PSA President

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## INTRODUCTION

The past month sees an abundance of future planning with respect to the PSA and University. In addition, the mobilisation of new initiatives such as the Teaching and Learning Club, design phase of Barry J Marshall library, and review of the next phase of the University Vision are well underway.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DATE	MEETING	PURPOSE
19/2	Guild/Future Students	To discuss external perceptions of UWA with respect to potential students and upcoming relevant initiatives.
20/2	Faculty Specific Orientations	O-Week orientations for incoming postgrads.
20/2	PSA Welcome Event	Held at UniClub following orientation sessions.
26/2-28/2	Universities Australia Conference	Culmination of Australian University executives and student association representatives. (See Report Attachment)
4/3	Convocation Day-Tree Planting	A tradition between Convocation and the Guild
6/3	Guild Council	
8/3	International Women's Day Breakfast	A panel style event to celebrate and raise awareness of contemporary equality issues and progress.
11/3	Senate Strategic Seminar	Review of University's progress with respect to Vision strategies.
14/3	Guild and Library Meeting	Discussion portal between the Guild and Library leaders.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### RESTRUCTURE

All divisions and faculty pockets are now mobilised. The feedback from the committee with regards to the efficiency of the organisation is positive. It is important to note however that focus on the fully structured events calendar for the PSA has been delayed as a result of the Restructure/Efficiency focus.

### UNICLUB COLLABORATIONS

With UniClub Connects now underway the committee moves to put more efforts into winter and final event considerations along with membership incentives. A catered writer's room is currently under negotiation.



# PSA President

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## CONNECT

The first UniClub Connect for the year in the March Connect was run with an influx of approximately 280 postgraduates. There is motivation to sustain the growth however, the PSA is being pre-emptive in considering whether or not this is a good idea with respect to Winter Connects which will likely require a venue change.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING CLUB (previously FACILITATORS CLUB)

The first trialling of this initiative will be run March 29<sup>th</sup> to the EMS faculty during the lunch break. The nature entails a panel style consisting of exceptional education providers/co-ordinators in the faculty, followed by open networking and light refreshments conducted by the Guild.

## OUTDOORS EVENT STREAM

Dates and logistics regarding potential events are being confirmed and budgeting strategies are being explored.

## DIGITAL RESEARCH PORTAL

An intriguing initiative has arisen from the Arts and Culture Network meeting which has raised the question of whether or not UWA research is receiving adequate exposure. Inspiration is being drawn from the Pursuit equivalent utilised at the University of Melbourne which is exceptional and well-received in highlighting the research projects of the University. PSA has noted to the potential content creators to push for the initiative and engage HDRs in the implementation.

## FINANCES

Budget expenditure to date is \$9,141.53. Budget has been primarily utilised for March Connect.

Regards,  
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## MARCH Report

2019 President: Katrina Revy

2019 Education VP: Bradan Sonnendecker



### Memberships

We are pleased to confirm that we have achieved over 300 financial memberships, a huge achievement which is testament to the hard work of the 2019 committee.

### AU Elections

On Thursday 14th March, we had Arts Union Elections for four fresher representatives and to fill the vacancy for an additional Senior Education Representative. With 8 first year students nominating for junior rep and 4 AU members running for Ed Senior Rep we are pleased with the interest and engagement of our members in our elections.

### Education Update

On Wednesday the 13th March we ran a collaborative educational event with Blackstone *HOW TO : AGLC4*. The event was a tremendous success with almost 100 students attending who at the conclusion of the event all felt more confident in their legal referencing skills.

### Social Update

Our collaboration of CYS with Blackstone, ECOMS and SU was a great success and was a perfect way to bring in the new academic year. Additionally our Annual Sundowner on Tuesday 5th March was a very well attended event with many first years coming along to our first social event of 2019.

### Meetings

AU Externals & Education Meeting with Flavia - Thursday 21st February

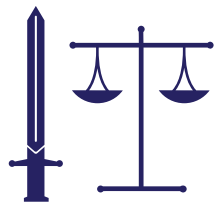
AU X ECOMS Education Meeting - Thursday 28th February

AU Executive Meeting - Monday 4th March

AU Full Committee Meeting - Monday 4th March

### AU Photo of the Month





# BLACKSTONE

## SOCIETY

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#### Monthly Education Update

##### ALSA

Blackstone is affiliated with the Australian Law Students' Association (ALSA). ALSA is the peak representative body, and host three national councils a year, bringing together representatives from Law Societies from across Australia.

Mike Myers and Caitlyn Cooke (Social Vice-President) attended the Council in Sydney last month. They discussed issues facing law students at a national level, shared ideas and learnings in running FacSocs. It was incredibly valuable in strengthening relationships with other WA Law Schools.

##### CYS

The event was enormously successful, thanks to Mike, Caitlyn, and the collaboration with other faculty societies. Thank you to everyone. We hope it was an event enjoyed by everyone.

##### ALTERNATIVE FACULTY HANDBOOK

The Education team published the 2019 Alternative Faculty Handbook (AFH) on the Blackstone website. If you are interested in having a look, the AFH can be accessed here: <http://www.blackstone.asn.au/alternative-faculty-handbook/>. This resource will aid students, in particular first year juris doctor students, in preparing for their upcoming units.

#### Issues

##### Unit Outlines

- Unit Outlines, because they are published only through LMS, are now only available if you are enrolled in a unit.
- This makes it extraordinarily difficult for students to discover more detail information about a unit or see whether the assessment schedule is suited to their skills, talents, and timetable.
- The publicly available unit outlines are from 2017 and will be increasingly further out-of-date.
- The Law Faculty is not able to remedy this because it is a University-wide policy.



## Economics and Commerce Student Society

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### 1. Monthly Update

- Education and Welfare Portfolio:
  - The Education and Welfare Portfolios worked together to create ECOMS first ever student panel for freshers. The event exceeded our expectations with around 50 firsts years coming down, filling out Fox Lecture Theater. We believe the information from the panelists was interesting, helpful and relevant to the students and overall a very beneficial event and will likely be run again in future years.
- Welfare Portfolio:
  - Welfare is organising its first fundraising/ volunteering event, Weetbix kids triathlon. A post was put on the ecoms Facebook page which received a positive response with many students registering to volunteer with ECOMS.
- Social Portfolio:
  - On Thursday the 7th of March, we held our annual ECOMS Fresher Sundowner for 2019, in collaboration with Sober?. This event was a huge success, with easily over 100 people in attendance. The event itself went superbly, with committee and freshers mingling with each other. After the event, many stayed around to continue late into the night. This was an impressive start to the year for the social portfolio, and we are looking forward to more collab events with Sober?.
- Business Portfolio:
  - On Tuesday night we hosted our annual Business portfolio Internship Panel Night. It was the first year we managed to sell it out to 150+ students and firm representatives. It was the largest run business event we've ever done, and a massive success. EY, PwC, KPMG, and Commonwealth Bank representatives were our panellists, and did a fantastic job educating students on the application process, interview tips and tricks, as well as the transition from university to professional life. The night concluded with a networking function that incorporated our largest cheese board ever (over 2.5m long), and students able to ask one on one questions with over 20 industry representatives.

### 2. Current Issues

Nil

### 3. Questions

Nil



## HSS Ed Council Report

19th March 2019

President: Christopher-John Daudu

Education VP: Phoebe Sun

### Monthly Update:

- HSS has had a busy month, same as everyone else!
- O Day
  - Was a great success for HSS, having around 300 sign ups. CJ (President) secured HSS a sponsorship from ROK Kombucha where they gave us over \$1000 of free products and merchandise, which along with the free StudentVIP merch drew people to our stall. We also believe that speaking at the Faculty Orientation greatly aided people in understanding what a Facsoc did and the role HSS plays in their university experience, as a lot of Health and Medical Science students went directly to the HSS stall intending to sign up.
- Club Carnival on 5/03.
- Fresher Elections 6/03.
  - We elected 4 Fresher Reps, and also reps/officers for Postgrad, Microbiology and Immunology, International Students, Marketing + PR, and Sports (Female). We are excited for all new committee members to start in their new roles and have no doubt they will fit with and contribute to the HSS Committee.
- Education: Have been trying to get into contact with class reps and encourage them to report back to our Major Reps. Also had a meeting with Lianne Leung (WAMSS Internals VP), and Lincoln Aspinall (Ed Council President), to sort out overlapping representation in 3rd year Medsci/1st year MD.
  - Ed Week: Our two Ed Week activities, the Sundowner 26/02 and the Twister Tournament on 28/02 in collaboration with WAMSS both went smoothly.
- Sports: Effort has been made to encourage HSS members to participate in Interfac. Unfortunately due to clashes with lectures/labs/etc. attendance has not been as high as we have hoped.
- Planned events:
  - PROSH- PROSHtagion
  - Quiz Night-in Hackett, date TBA
  - Researcher's Night- Weds 17th April. Planning is well under way with venue and speakers booked.

- o Study Nights- for all HMS students (though everyone is welcome to come), Mondays 5-7PM from Week 5 in Arts Lecture Room 5, there will be free pizza afterwards.

**Meetings:**

- Exec Meeting: 18/02
- Committee Meetings: 13/03, 27/03

**Issues:**

- An issue that was recently raised during a meeting with HMS Reps and the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences is that non-assured Medical Sciences students who then obtain a place through GAMSAT in the postgraduate MD course will not be able to skip MD1 as they had previously assumed.
  - o This is due to the federal cap on the MD2 places.



## Music Student's Society

### Education Report March 2019

#### Report

The committee has started the year well with a successful o-week, a fresher orientation for ed week, and the launch of a new concert series. New engagement has been very successful, and we are working well towards our goal of appealing to a wider cohort of musicians.

O-week saw a very promising number of new sign-ups, with a large portion of them non-music majors. We found often students asking how they could be involved in the community, looking for ensembles and events that they could be active in. As a result of this, the committee is looking for ways to engage these members more than we have in the past.

Our ed week event was enjoyable and engaged freshers well and allowed us to interact in person with the new cohort. This year's cohort is much larger than previous years, and again encourages us to create more events that are friendly for those freshers who will still be under 18 this semester. We also held a fresher election, and have elected two fresher representatives, who have already been welcomed to the committee, and are helping us cater to the cohort.

Current events that the committee is working on include seminars about mental health, performance psychology, and physical health. These are all welfare and education initiatives aimed at students currently studying music. We are also working towards a quiz night that will have a wider audience appeal than previous years.

#### Issues

Our current Vice President has stepped down to OCM, and the committee is currently searching for a replacement. This portfolio is new to the committee structure, so we are currently able to share the role around, but we are hoping to have a new Vice President soon.

The MSS Facebook page has a link to a google form for students to raise anonymous education issues. So far, a this has already been used a few times, and the committee has been able to resolve these problems with the appropriate lecturer. This system seems to be effective.

## **UWA SCIENCE UNION EDUCATION REPORT ED COUNCIL 19/2/19**



### Monthly Update

Science Union has had a busy few weeks of semester. By the time this meeting takes place, our First Year Camp would have taken place, in which we sold double the amount of tickets than last year. Orientation and Ed week was successful, having taken part in a panel discussion with Faculty of Science, Guild day, O-DAY and running our “Science Degrees for Dummies” panel discussion.

### Questions

No questions at this time.

## MARCH REPORT 2019

### Monthly Update:

Open day was very successful, with approximately 25 more registrations compared to last year. Club carnival was less successful, potentially due to the number of sign-up opportunities in the previous weeks. Overall, first interactions with new members were positive, with a mix of undergrad and postgrad members joining for 2019.

SNAGS held a welcome sundowner on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Due to weather interference, the sundowner venue was moved to the common room, which allowed for new members to see the space for the first time. The event had lower numbers than anticipated, likely due to the wet weather. Visitors from a Japanese agricultural university joined the celebration, which allowed for members to connect with students on an international scale. All feedback received from this event appeared positive, from both staff and members that attended.

SNAGS has been in contact with representatives from Curtin University and Murdoch University in hopes of improving relations between universities. Several combined events have been proposed to allow students to meet other university students, but official dates and events are TBD.

### Current Issues:

Current topics/issues that have come up in committee meetings that we hope to address this year:

- Breaking the stereotype that the club is only for agriculture. This applies to students at the university and other clubs within the university who may not be aware of our full coverage.
- Making events inclusive for everyone. The idea of a women's career breakfast was discussed; however we feel this develops a segregation so have decided to create an industry breakfast that will be open to everyone. This will help improve numbers at the event and lower the risk of exclusion for others wanting to attend.
- Improving cross-university interactions. This will hopefully be improved in tandem with Curtin and Murdoch, allowing students to get a greater networking opportunity and meet other people with similar interests.

### Questions:

No questions at this time.



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## UNIVERSITY ENGINEERS' CLUB 2019

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Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Nicola Haste – Vice President, Education

### Monthly Update

Since the last meeting UEC has run 3 events; Sundowner, Graduate Networking Breakfast, and Making the Most of First Year. Sundowner was very successful with many new students coming down to the foreshore. Graduate Networking Breakfast was also successful and sold out, our Careers VP, Josephine is seeking feedback from companies on the event. Making the Most of First Year struggled a bit in terms of numbers despite being pushed by all clubs involved so may need to be reviewed next year.

Tickets have just gone up for our annual Ball in the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, to be held at Pan Pacific Hotel.

UEC is due to have an election in week 4 to elect our two fresher representatives.

### Meetings

*Exec Meetings- 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019*

*All committee- 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019*

*Ed sub-committee- 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019*



## THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY

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### WAMSS Report for Education Council

For 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*This meeting is set to be on WAMSS's birthday! Happy 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday, WAMSS!*

#### Education

- Our students are going well across cohorts.
  - MD1s have had their first couple of weeks of classes with MMS2 and MMS3
  - MD2s just reached halfway of their Clinical Preparation Block
  - MD3s about to finish their first rotation
  - MD4s going well in general
- A huge thank you to Lincoln for helping us follow up on the lecture recording issues our MD2s have been experiencing.
- Course restructure and effect on non-pathway students – letter in progress
- Meeting with Phoebe and Lincoln about how HSS and WAMSS can work together in the future. I think there is a lot of work to be done this year in establishing communication pathways, both between student reps and with the Faculties. I feel lucky to be working with such enthusiastic people!
- Touched base with Ruohan (UDSS) and Teh Jun (PMSS), hopefully we can meet and talk about how we can work together this year soon too.

#### Non-education

- Boat Party – difficulties. Verbal update at meeting.
- AMSA Council this weekend
- Now in full swing of WAMSS events, with four events next week, three the week after and it continues...!





## Podiatric Medicine Students Society (PMSS)

### Education Council February Report

19/03/2019

#### Monthly updates:

PMSS monthly meeting was carried out on 11/3/2019 (Monday).

- Ed week: SIGN was a success – received good feedback from members and they are keen to attend similar events in the future.
- Parking is still an ongoing issue – explained to committee that Guild is trying their best to get student bay parking implemented at pod campus
- Possibly implement uniforms for podiatry students to wear on placement
- Current Head of school resigning end of this month and new head of school commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April

#### Issues:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year rep raise concern from cohort – upcoming exam at inconvenient time (9<sup>th</sup> April) – 5 lectures before the exam  
→ Would prefer to have exam in morning and lectures pushed to afternoon just so they won't fall behind from skipping lectures



# Monthly UDSS Ed Council Report

19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

President: Ruohan Zhang

Education Reps: Simran Bhalla, Adam Kadri

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## Monthly Update

- Organised first 'Journal Club — Spacing Out!' With our Research Rep. It will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Attended DMD Sub-committee Meeting with unit coordinators. We asked for all lecture slides to be available before the lecture begins and unit outlines to be updated.
- Met with DMD2 year reps to organise a Loupes night

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## Meetings

- DMD Sub-committee Meeting (with unit coordinators, clinical instructors, dental school staff): 25<sup>th</sup> March