Committee Reports
09/23/2012

Community Outreach Committee
Syed Ali ’13, Chair

The Community Outreach Committee (COCo) met for the first time on Tuesday, and we’re hitting the ground running! We’ll be meeting every Tuesday at 4:15PM in the WSA Office conference room, Usdan 104A. In addition to discussing logistics and going over the COCo Handbook, we discussed some of our priority projects for the semester.

Student Group Recognition Meetings
COCo met with our first round of new student groups Friday afternoon. We approved:

- Wesleyan Boxing Club
- Cardinal Connect
- Half the Sky Movement - Wesleyan
- Independent Project: PDSA
- People Watching Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Student/Alumni Alliance
- Waves
- Wesleyan Undergraduate Journal for Humanities
- Wesleyan for Warren

We will likely be approving new groups on Friday afternoons.

Mandatory Financial Workshop for Student Group Leaders
COCo, SBC, SALD, and the WSA Office hosted the Mandatory Financial Workshop for student group leaders on Thursday. We had great turnout! Thanks to all who attended!

Student Group Handbook
We prepared the first draft of the Student Group Handbook this week! It debuted through distribution at our Friday Student Group Recognition Meetings. A version of the Handbook will be made available online soon.

Group Category Liaisons
Have been assigned and will be available online soon. Category liaisons will work intimately and proactively with their categories to diagnose and resolve issues, as well as facilitate collaboration.

WSA Tools & Apps
Perhaps our most immediate project will be to find a replacement for WSA Tools & Applications, the online service student group leaders use to request recognition and funds. This week, we discussed many of the issues several constituencies have expressed with it. Next week, we will be researching the alternative solutions employed by peer institutions.
Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes)
Appointments for the Middletown Relations Committee will take place next week. An email will go out on Monday asking for applications, due on Thursday. Interviews will take place Friday afternoon. If you are interested in contributing and are not on COCo, apply! Maeve Russell ‘14 and Jacob Musinsky ‘15 will be the COCo members on the committee.

Inclusion and Diversity
Sonia Mañjon has agreed to come talk to the WSA about issues of diversity and inclusion. We are also considering co-hosting a forum on socio-economic diversity, in light of student concerns regarding need-blind financial aid/admissions. Speaking to trustees, we'll also be finding avenues for engaging alumni in that conversation from the very beginning.

Academic Affairs Committee
Sam Ebb ’13, Chair

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) had its first meeting of the semester and will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 in the WSA Office. We are happy to welcome the new members to AAC: Kara Linn ’15, Jesse Ross-Silverman ’13, Alex Rachlin ’15 and Lily Herman ’16. We discussed some of the major issues that will be addressed over the course of the semester and divided up our initial projects between committee members.

Advising
AAC in conjunction with Nicole Updegrove worked to put together an advising resolution addressing major issues that students have with the current advising system and improvements that we believe should be made.

Minors
Kara, Lily and Alex are going to begin working on opening communication with all department chairs university-wide to establish which departments have interest in creating a minor and to help facilitate the creation process.

Student Forums
Alex is beginning research into the Experimental Colleges that exist at Oberlin and Tufts and what we can learn from them in terms of ways to both expand the number of student forums available at Wesleyan and to allow student forums to be graded Wesleyan classes.

Media Studies/Digital Literacy
Jesse will be looking into digital literacy on campus and how it could be expanded. His work will build on what was begun last year.

Subcommittees
EPC did not meet this week, as the faculty meeting occurred during the normal EPC meeting time. No policy issues were voted on at this time, although President Roth announced that Wesleyan has joined Coursera, an online program that offers free courses to anyone who wants to sign up.
The Library Advisory Committee will meet for the first time on October 5th with University Librarian Pat Tully.
The Student Affairs Committee (SAC) met for the first time for the 2012-2013 school year on Wednesday, 19 September 2012. I am pleased to welcome SAC veteran Scott Elias ’14, as well as new members Jake Blumenthal ’13, Ama Essuman ’15, Lily Donahue ’15, Kate Cullen ’16, and Ted Shabecoff ’16. It was a competitive election with fourteen competitors vying for six spots. SAC will take on a number of issues this year, many of which can be found in Summer Report.

Student Judicial Process Committee (SJPC)
SJPC met this week with Dean Rick Culliton, Jon Connary, and three members of the Student Judicial Board, primarily to discuss new forms of outreach and education, primarily concerning changes in policy regarding the judicial points system. Presumably, these conversations will continue long into the year.

Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board (FFSAB)
The new Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board (of which Lily Donahue ’15 will be chair) met twice this week with physical plant staff to finish the 80 pending appeals from the end of the 2011-2012 move-out. Two appeals await further information, but the rest are finished.

SAC will meet with Chris Cruz and Fran Koerting next week to hopefully finalize the implementation of the fire safety proposal written last year by Dina Moussa ’12 and Chloe Murtagh ’15.

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
SAC met this week with Joyce Walter and Tanya Purdy to discuss plans for the year in SHAC, which include increased education about services offered by Gallagher-Koster, the school’s insurance plan; changes to the Davison Health Center website; and a new initiative to increase the fiscal sustainability of the Health Center.

National College Health Improvement Project (NCHIP)
NCHIP, a 32-college project dedicated to the reduction of high-risk drinking rates, met this week to discuss various projects being put in place this year. SAC will be hosting a project to fund student groups in running Friday night substance-free events open to the campus. The SBC is funding $1800 for the six events; Student Activities and Leadership Development (SALD) may help in contributing food and event staff. Proposals are due on September 28th (so tell your student groups), and events begin October 12th. Special thanks to OEAC (especially Chloe Murtagh ’15) and COCo for spreading the word.
Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFac)
Andrew Trexler '14, Chair

Overview
The Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFaC) focused primarily on organizing our various sub-committees. All of the allocations for the committees should be up on the FiFaC page of the WSA website shortly. There have, however, been three important developments in promoting socio-economic diversity, in major maintenance, and in promoting sustainability.

Socio-Economic Diversity
Chase Sackett, the head of Affiliate Development at United for Undergraduate Socio-economic Diversity (U/FUSED) has reached out to us with respect to the need-blind issue. U/FUSED will hopefully be able to provide us with additional resources to promote socio-economic diversity on campus. We will be meeting with Chase next week to discuss partnership, so stay tuned.

Major Maintenance
Roseann has provided us with the full details of Major Maintenance planning for the next few years. We will begin examining the document and developing priorities and suggestions to promote the repair of buildings most vital to students and student life on campus. Please email atrexler@wesleyan.edu if you know of any particular buildings vital to student life that are in dire need of repair.

Sustainability
FiFaC has hired a consulting group (for free!) to do analysis on the prospect of a Green Revolving Fund for Wesleyan. The purpose of a Green Revolving Fund is to fund green-conscious construction and reconstruction of campus buildings, the savings from which would primarily go back into the Fund for new green projects. The Sustainability Task Force will be collaborating with this consulting group to hopefully shape this concept into a reality.
FiFaC may also be incorporating an outstanding project on a mailbox flyer opt-out program in order to bypass some issues with Information Technology Services. Stay tuned.

Organization and External Affairs (OEAC)
Mari Jarris '14, Chair

OEAC’s first committee meeting was successful on many levels. Not only did we assign projects to every member, but we also ate brownies (as seen below) and planned a classy dinner for next week.

Social Media
Wayne is now our new Tweeter, see what he’s tweeting at @WSAnews!
Chloe is managing the Facebook and has vowed to get more likes than we have Twitter followers.

Blog
Martin is the point person for the blog and will be blogging every week as well as making sure that each committee blogs on a rotating weekly basis. You’ll be shared on a Google Doc with your committee assignment.

Publicity
OEAC has already begun publicizing events for the WSA—contact us if you need to publicize something. Check out Chloe’s Need Blind edition newsletter this week and look forward to seeing Chloe and Martin collaborate on future newsletters.

WSA Directory
Chloe started a WSA directory on Google Docs for all assembly members. Please fill out your information if you haven’t already

Information Technology (ITC)
Grant Tanenbaum ’15, Chair

Overview
The Information Technology Committee (ITC) met for the first time on Thursday the 20th. I’m pleased to have Alton Wang ’16 of COCo, Jesse Ross-Silverman ’13 of AAC, and Wayne Ng ’16 of OEAC joining me on the committee. We discussed the mission of ITC, their role in strengthening the committee, and what goals they want to pursue.

Chief Information Officer
Syed Ali ’13, Zach Malter ’13, and I met with Wesleyan’s newly appointed Chief Information Officer David Baird. He’ll be stopping by the General Assembly to introduce himself and share some of his objectives. He also reinstated a WSA presence on the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC) which will be filled by ITC.

WSA-ITS Committee
The WSA-ITS Committee did not meet this week, however I met with Karen Warren of ITS to discuss the priorities of the committee for the semester. High on the list are:

● Internet connectivity issues in the woodframe houses
- Placing printers in dorm lounges
- Upgrading the entire on-campus printing system during Winter break
- Addressing problems with WSA Tools & Apps

WSA Archives
ITC set up the WSA archives on Google Docs, in which all documents and records from your committee should be stored in the respective folder. Please make sure to store documents consistently to ensure that information is passed on. All members will be gaining access tonight.

WSA Website
Please be sure to update your committee pages with new member information and photos. If you need any help navigating WordPress please email gltanenbaum@wesleyan.edu.

ITC Fun Fact of the week
The letter combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways, which can be heard in this sentence: A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccupped.

Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Nicole Brenner ’15, Chair

This week the SBC funded the following groups!

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For a total of $44186! Really big number but given that we met with 33 groups and had over $55000 worth of requests not so bad. Also included many of the larger budget groups.
Spring Fling committee
Interviews were held on Tuesday. Dylan Bostick ‘13 and Will Feinstein ‘13 selected Jacob Musinsky ‘15, Sam Walker ‘13, Eric Lopez ‘15 and Nicholas Msall ‘15 to join their committee. The other members of the committee are Jake Ewald ‘14, Sira Fati ‘15, Penina Kessler ‘15, Brewster Lee ‘13, and Rachie Weisberg ‘15.

Concert Committee
To see what the concert committee funded, check out http://www.auralwes.org/calendar/