Committee Reports
09/30/2012

Community Outreach Committee
Syed Ali ‘13, Chair

The Community Outreach Committee (COCo) had another legendary caliber meeting this Tuesday. We picked subcommittee chairs this week. Congratulations to Jacob Musinsky ‘14 on becoming the founding chair of the Spirit and Events Committee (SEC)! Congratulations to Christian Hosam ‘15 for becoming the founding chair of the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID)!

WSA Tools & Applications
Our biggest, favorite project of the month! There are three main solutions we will be researching as new replacements for WSA Tools & Applications: CollegiateLink, OrgSync and Symplicity. COCo will be working in three teams of two to research them intensely this week. Next week, we will be getting price quotes and contacting peer institutions’ student governments to get feedback from them. ITC will be trying to find alternative solutions that we might have missed.

Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID)
Christian Hosam ‘15, Alton Wang ‘16, and Syed Ali ‘13 will be meeting with Sonia Mañjon, the University’s Chief Diversity Officer this week. We will be talking about the potential socioeconomic diversity forum and soliciting suggestions for the development of the subcommittee.

Also, check out coverage from The Argus on the formation of CID.

Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes)
Appointments for the Middletown Relations Committee happened this week. A call for applicants was put out on Monday, with applications due on Thursday, and interviews on Friday. Chloe Murtagh ‘15, Mari Jarris ‘14, Grant Tanenbaum ‘15, and Martin Malabanan ‘16 from the Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC) joined Maeve Russell ‘14 and Alton Wang ‘16 from COCo for these interviews. Thank you to all those who contributed to the process. The new ex-officio members of the Middletown Relations Committee are: Gabriela De Golia ‘13, Sofia Warren ‘13, Elita Irving ‘13, Patrick Masi-Phelps ‘15 and Dan Medvedev ‘16. Adam W. ‘13

PDSA/Substance-Free Events
Nicole Updegrove ‘14, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), was the first guest to a COCo committee meeting this week. Nicole talked to us about PDSA (Plan, Do, Study, Act) - the competition the WSA is putting on to encourage low-to-no substance events on Friday nights for a six-week period. COCo members have reached out individually to the group categories that they serve as liaisons to in order to promote the opportunity.

**Student Group Handbook**

We now have our first full draft of the Student Group Handbook! Please review it and let us know of your feedback if you can.

**Student Group Recognition**

We sent out an all-campus email announcing our new method of signing up for COCo approved several new student groups this week:

- Wesleyan CHSC
- Collective Motion
- Economie Dance (breakdancing!)
- Eat to Live

We are also developing subcommittee descriptions for all three subcommittees which detail their nature and objectives. No such descriptions exist, and we would like to have text for administrators and the student body to refer to.

COCo also had tons of fun this week. Not only did we take a series of beautiful committee photos (thanks go out to WSA Office Staffer and resident COCo photographer Cameron Couch ‘13), but we also enjoyed a delicious dinner at Puerto Vallarta (guest starring Grant Tanenbaum ‘15) on Friday evening.
Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
EPC approved a writing center course, discussed pre-college online course offerings that Wesleyan is considering, tentatively passed the new 5-year academic calendar two the faculty with the exception of two minor points that will be finalized and voted on at our next meeting.

Advising
AAC met with Scott Backer to discuss potential changes to the Peer Advisor system including the implementation of a monthly reporting system for RA’s to update Peer Advisors on pressing academic issues on their hall, which might otherwise go overlooked.

Minors
AAC has begun drafting emails to be sent out to the large departments (those with over 40 majors per class year), language departments and the music department. Those preliminary emails will go out next week and meetings to discuss minors will hopefully begin soon afterwards. Lily also began researching how our peer institutions structure their minors to further inform our work on the subject.

WesMaps
Jesse has begun conversations with the IT Committee on ways to improve and restructure WesMaps. He is going to work with the registrar and report back to ITC before their first meeting next week.

Honor Code
Nicole Updegrove, Zach Malter and myself met with Dean Mike Whaley and members of the honor board to discuss ways to reaffirm and strengthen the honor code. We discussed a mechanism by which students’ signatures would appear on their portfolio as a reminder of their pledge. I will meet with the honor board and a group of interested professors next week.
Student Affairs Committee
Nicole Updegrove ’14, Chair

URLC (Undergraduate Residential Life Committee)
URLC is working with the empty program house space created by the ending of Interfaith House. Several innovative ideas are being considered.

SHAC (Student Health Advisory Committee)
SHAC (represented by Kate Cullen ’16) is overseeing changes to Davison Health Center’s website, as well as increased education, and changes in our billing structure.

SJPC (Student Judicial Process Committee)
SJPC is working this semester to revise process advisor training to better inform students called in for judicial sanctions. We may also offer online, anonymous judicial advice. Contact the chair or Jake Blumenthal with ideas.

PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee)
PSAC will soon begin interviewing applicants to join PSAC.

FFSAB (Facilities and Fire Safety Appeals Board)
This week, Lily Donahue ’15 contacted all residents of the Foss dorms to alert them to a security issue with window screens - with luck, this year we'll have fewer issues of tampering.

SAC has great news to report - the major portion of the fire safety proposal written by Dina Moussa ’12 and Chloe Murtagh ’15 has been put into action. Fire safety fines are now halved to $50 each for first offenses; additional offenses will cost double for each subsequent fine. Working off fines now functions at $25 per hour. It is our hope that the additional cost for repeat offenses will help deter the behavior.

Just a heads-up - fire drills start next week, and fire inspections start a week or two afterwards.

Misc.
The low sensory stimulation room for lunches at Usdan has been moved out of the WSA office.

SLC met this week to discuss faculty-student engagement. Some of us feel that there is room for greater engagement, and we welcome suggestions.

SAC is working with AAC and the Student Affairs offices to expand awareness of the Honor Code. See Sam Ebb ’13’s report for more information.
Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFaC)
Andrew Trexler ’14, Chair

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Dining
Dining will be convening next week for a tour of the kitchens. Benny Docter ’14 will be heading up this year’s committee, helped by Sisi Miteva ’15, Sam Usdan ’15, and Kehan Zhou ’15. Kehan will also be chairing the Red&Black/WesWings Dining Committee, along with Sam and Chase Knowles ’16. This committee will be convening in the near future as well.

Major goals for Dining in the near-future and yearlong include: a new meal plan option which would be available to juniors and seniors (with somewhere in the range of 30 to 50 meals and an accompanying quantity of points), exploring alternative opportunities for early food options on the weekends (potentially in Pi Café or Summerfields), creating an institutional memory bank for the committee to evade the usual year-to-year redundancy in conversations, exploring the option of a delivery service, improving education around various dining options and around stealing, and as always improving the various dining options available to students. We hope for a productive year!

Transportation
Shuttles are set to go for October break; an all-campus should be out shortly on this subject. The Philadelphia/D.C. shuttle for the Thanksgiving break will be continuing this year. Transportation will be exploring potential late-night changes to the Ride as well as addressing an issue in availability of student parking, in conjunction with Public Safety.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid will be under the guidance of Sisi this year, with help from Benny and Chase, while Chase will be serving as the liaison to the Work Study Board. The Committee will be sending out applications for the open seat on the Committee early this week.

In other, related news, the Student Budget Sustainability Task Force has convened once again and has successfully acquired significant budget information, which we will be poring over during the coming week. We are additionally focused this week on peer-school research.

Socio-economic Diversity
We have agreed to partner with United for Undergraduate Socioeconomic Diversity (U/FUSED), joining in a loose affiliation of schools (including Williams, Middlebury, and several other peer schools) promoting socioeconomic diversity on our campus. U/FUSED has already begun to provide us resources and research on the subject (with particular respect to need-blind policies) and has reached out to several of their contacts with expertise in this subject seeking advice on our particular issues. We are hopeful that this partnership will both support our efforts on the need-blind issue and help enhance socioeconomic diversity at Wesleyan over the long-term. Thanks goes to Chase Sackett, the U/FUSED Director of Affiliate Development, for reaching out to us.

A special thanks also goes to Chase (Knowles) for representing FiFaC at the GET UP presentation (helped organized by our very own Scott Elias ’14) because I could not attend, and will be sharing his new knowledge with the committee at our meeting on Tuesday.

FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week
Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
Member Highlight: Mansoor Alam ‘15

From the Chair: “In the past two weeks, he has taken the initiative to complete two research projects. After our first meeting, Mansoor met with Long Lane Farm so that the SBC could make an accurate allocation based on what supplies were and were not necessary. This past week, Mansoor met with WESU to do the same. Thanks to Mansoor, the SBC was able to make accurate allocations to over $30,000 of requests. I would like to dedicate this song to Mansoor as a thank you for his work....Mansoor...he’s killin’ it”

New York Times Readership Program
Two staff from the NYTimes Readership program visited this week to have fundraising meetings with the Administration. Updates to follow soon.

Minutes
We have a new policy regarding minute taking during General Assembly meetings. When we announce the agenda we will ask for a volunteer so you can take minutes on the issues/meeting of your choice (that way you can make sure you’re free to talk during issues that are particularly important to you). If there are no volunteers, Chloe will randomly choose someone for that meeting. Please email her to volunteer: cmurtagh@wesleyan.edu.

Career Center Advisory Committee (CCAC)
The Career Center Advisory Committee will meet for the first time this Tuesday.

Admissions Committee
In response to the proposed changes in admissions policies, the WSA will be meeting with the Office of Admissions to discuss the policies, implementation, and give general feedback on the admissions process. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this committee.
**WSA Tools & Apps**
In an epic partnership, ITC and COCo are continuing to work closely to find an alternative to Tools & Apps. Alton Wang `16 will be liaising between COCo and ITC. ITC will be presenting alternative platforms to ITS during their joint meeting this coming week.

**WesMaps**
Jesse Ross-Silverman `13 will be taking the lead on a project to modernize and reform WesMaps. He will be meeting with the registrar and taking his recommendations to ITS. ITC would appreciate any recommendations from the assembly: wsaitc@wesleyan.edu.

**Flyer Opt Out**
Wayne Ng `16 will be talking to ITS this week about adding an opt out button so students can choose whether or not they want to receive flyers to the E-Portfolio.

**Laundry View**
ITC is working on expanding laundry view to dorms without it (Hewitt, Nicolson) and fixing it in locations that have changed (Butterfield). The committee will also be putting up informational posters in laundry rooms to increase awareness. Use the service at: laundryview.com/wesleyan

**Power Cords**
ITC will be working with members of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC!) to offer laptop chargers that you can check out at SciLi and Olin. The committee is also looking into a shortage of places to plug in in some reading rooms.

**ITC-ITS**
The committee will be formally meeting the first time this week. See ITC’s committee report last week for a sampling of what we’ll be discussing.
This week the SBC funded the following groups:

Total SBC Allocations: $12708 (not including Spring Fling Committee)

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Working on changing Club Sports funding procedures. Arya is working on a template for semester budget requests. This would put more responsibility on the teams to decide which tournaments are important to them and will also alleviate stress from the SBC when the club sports regulations change in the next couple years.