This week, in our Nicole Speaker Series, Nicole Brenner ’15, Chair of the Student Budget Committee (SBC) dropped by to discuss the search for a replacement for WSA Tools & Apps.

**WSA Tools & Applications**
This past week we researched three potential replacements for *WSA Tools & Applications*: CollegiateLink, OrgSync and Symplicity. Our first stage of research demonstrated that OrgSync and CollegiateLink are clear leaders, and we are no longer considering Symplicity. This week, we will be getting price quotes and contacting peer institutions’ student governments to get feedback from them. OrgSync seems to be the favourite for this match.

**Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID)**
I met with Chief Diversity Officer Sonia Manjon and Dean for Diversity Renée Johnson-Thorton this week, to discuss the formation of the CID, planning the discussion for Sunday’s General Assembly meeting, and planning a larger Open Forum on diversity and inclusion issues. CID Chair Christian Hosam ’15 wrote a WESpeak/blog post to promote the committee, and we will be putting out a call for appointments during Fall Break for interviews on Friday, October 19, 2012.

**Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes)**
The Middletown Relations Committee met for the first time on Saturday! MidWes brings together a highly motivated crew with a diverse set of interests. The first meeting was great, and the committee plans on expanding upon the foundational work it did last semester. Gabriela De Golia ’13, an ex-officio member who served on the committee previously, has been appointed Chair.

**Spirit and Events Committee (SEC)**
The Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) will be having its first meeting independent of COCo on Monday, after SBC. Bandfire is being planned tentatively for Friday, October 26, 2012. For those unfamiliar: Bandfire is an event involving live student band performances, fire pits, s’mores, and more!

**Student Group Recognition**
COCo approved another slew of groups this past Friday. Our featured new student group of the week is *BELLIG*, a drag club being started by two members of the Class of 2016. We also approved:
- IIMPACT India
- Wesleyan Association of Christian Thinkers
There are now 230 approved student groups.

**Educational Policy Committee (EPC)**
We agreed to create an EPC webpage so some of the materials that we have approved/passed will be more readily available for students and faculty including but not limited to the guidelines for formatting a minor proposal. We passed a proposal for the Wesleyan Pre-College Program which will offer online courses to high school students for a four-year trial period. The program will only give a certificate of completion and will not grant university credit. We approved changes to the Summer Session that will be passed on to a faculty vote. More on that pending faculty approval.

**Library Advisory Committee**
AAC met with University Librarian Pat Tully on Friday and discussed a number of issues. We received an update on the weeding process which has currently finished its first stage of withdrawals and will be continuing with the second and third stages over the remainder of the year with a targeted end date of the end of the Spring 2013 semester. This would potentially allow the Art Library to move into Olin by the fall of 2014. The final proposals for that are currently being discussed and AAC is working to get student input on some of the details of those proposals. As the result of the findings of a library task force that was convened last year, the librarians have been considering new ways to advertise the resources that they have, get more comfortable chairs for both Olin and SciLi. Several new chairs were purchased for Olin over the summer and new chairs will be purchased shortly for SciLi. There may be future purchases depending on whether there is any money left over in the library budget at the end of the year. We were also informed that the 24-hour study space that former AAC member Austin Dong worked hard on last year is finally going to open within the next month or so (depending on the schedule of the contractor that is installing the card access system for the room and the ironing out of a few final details).

**IT-AAC**
Jesse met with the registrar and got support from their office for the course heat map. They have the data to institute it, pending a certain level of IT support. They also agreed to fix a minor issue with how student forums are currently being displayed in WesMaps (namely that they’re not showing up when you click on the link). They also agreed to help integrate major requirements more directly into WesMaps and work on the creation of a “what if” form to complement the major certification form already in existence. Finally, they agreed to support the creation of a how-to video for pre-registration.

**Minors**
Emails will begin going out to the largest departments (those with over 40 majors per year), the music department and language departments this week with the guidelines for how to format a minor proposal attached to the email.
Advising
The advising resolution was passed along to EPC, the faculty advising task force and Academic Affairs. It will come up in a later EPC discussion and the advising task force will consider its recommendations during its meeting next week.

Student Affairs Committee
Nicole Updegrove ’14, Chair

Student Health Advisory Committee
This week Kate Cullen ’16 is working to revise the sexual health section of the Davison Health Center website to make resources and information more clear. If you have any suggestions, talk to Kate.

University Residential Life Committee
Kate Cullen ’16 is conducting research about the role of RAs at our peer institutions, with particular emphasis on the judicial role they play. Later in the semester we’ll have an Assembly-wide conversation about the role and efficacy of our current RA system. URLC will be meeting this week to discuss program house shuffling.

Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board
Be aware that last Tuesday’s fire drills were rescheduled to this Monday, October 8th. Clear out of your housing in style.

National College Health Improvement Project
SAC has received nine proposals for substance-free Friday night events. This week we’ll be choosing which ones get the cut. Reserve your Friday nights in advance, because some of these proposals look awesome.

Student Judicial Process Committee
After very productive mock SJB hearings during an SAC meeting, SAC brought forward new ideas for process advisor training. Trainings will occur on November 1st and 2nd for both new and returning advisors, and will now include mock hearings and information booklets. Jake Blumenthal ’13 proposed changes to the Notification of Pending Disciplinary Action (NOPDA) letter that will be put in place as soon as IT is able. We are also working to launch a website for anonymous judicial advice and to put sample videos of mock-hearings online, so that students better know what to expect.

Public Safety Advisory Committee
PSAC will soon accept applications for ex officio members; interviews will occur on Friday, October 19th from 12-2 p.m. Scott Elias ’14, chair, is working to set up a meeting with Dave Meyer to discuss a number of projects, including the role of video cameras and the possibility of putting officer names and bios online.
Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFaC)
Andrew Trexler ’14, Chair

Dining
The Dining Committee met officially for the first time and conducted a tour of the Bon Appetit kitchens. Sam Usdan ’15 is formulating a set of proposals to enhance healthy eating options in Usdan Marketplace, which include a revamped salad bar and a healthier, more varied sandwich selection at Usdan Café, Pi Café, and WeShop. Meeting times for Dining will be every other Friday at 11:00AM.

Financial Aid
Appointments for the remaining seat on the Financial Aid Committee will be conducted next week. On the need-blind side of things, the Task Force is exploring some new budget information, researching the paths of Reed, McAllister, Brown, and now Grinnell, and working on a blog post to be put up on the Chronicle.

WesMiles
Zach Malter ’13 and Sisi Miteva ’15 have been working on a program that will allow alumni and other Wes people to donate air miles towards flights for students who would otherwise be unable to get home for breaks. Sisi has written up an application for students for Winter Break!

Transportation
The schedule for Fall Break shuttles is out, please spread the word. Check the WSA Blog for details! Sisi is now the admin for Cardinal Directions (the Assembly’s transportation website) and Kehan Zhou ‘15 will be emailing and blogging about shuttles for future breaks. Thanks to both of them!

Sustainability
The Green Fund conducted interviews to fill the committee on Friday. We look forward to great work from them this year!

FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week
The pineapple was (and is) long considered to be a good luck charm, leading many cities to put pineapples atop street lamps and buildings. Five points to whoever can photograph a Wes building with this feature.
Organization and External Affairs (OEAC)
Mari Jarris ’14, Chair

Member of the Week:

From the Chair: Jesse was tasked with having a chat with the Registrar about programming support for some changes to WesMaps. What he came away with were answers to questions about many of AAC’s key projects for the year including the course heat map, fixes to issues with how student forums are displayed in WesMaps (that I didn't even know existed), came up with some good ideas for better integrating major requirements into WesMaps and got support from the Registrar’s office for a pre-registration tutorial video. Like a boss.

WSA-Career Center meeting
Unfortunately, Persephone had to leave town unexpectedly so we are rescheduling our meeting.

Admissions Committee
I’ll be meeting with Dean Meislahn after fall break to discuss setting up the committee.

Blogging
The committee chairs were shared on a GoogleDoc with the blogging schedule. Please don’t swap weeks, if a committee is writing a blog anyway we’ll just have more blog posts.
Flyer Opt Out
ITC met with ITS and they seemed extremely open to the idea of allowing students to opt out of flyering. We’re working with auxiliary services to make this a reality for next semester.

WesMaps
Jesse Ross-Silverman ’13 (our member of the week) is leading the charge on WesMaps reforms. ITS and the CIO are both on board and excited about implementing these changes. (See AAC’s report)

Tools & Apps
Thanks to Alton Wang ’16, ITC and COCO will be scheduling demo’s with the replacement platforms for Tools & Apps.

Laundry View
ITS will be investigating whether the wiring is present in the Butterfield’s renovated laundry rooms for the service.

GRS
This coming week, ITC will be investigating reforms that can be made to GRS. We’ll be working with SAC to identify the major student and administration concerns with the system and find reasonable room for improvement and education.

Ex-Officios
ITC, along with other committees, will be announcing positions to be filled by the student body this week. Applications are due October 11, interviews will be on October 17. If you know anyone interested in an ex-officio position tell them to email wsaitc@wesleyan.edu

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

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This week the SBC allocated $9272 and we were underbudget! wahooo!!
But that number is only kinda true because we’re still allocating large budget groups like argus and WESU fm