WesMiles is a go. After numerous meetings with UR, the financial aid office, and the director of International Student Affairs, we agreed on a process and found an alum who is willing to donate miles. Between 1-2 students will get a subsidized trip home during winter break. The application will go out this week to a targeted group of international students with need.

Big things to come in Exley for when we get back to campus after Thanksgiving. A second ATM will be installed, managed by Seasons FCU, which is the second most commonly used bank on campus. The 24 hour study space will officially be installed and opened in the Science Library extension. We will be promoting both these new student resources as their grand openings get closer.

The Student Budget Sustainability Task Force met with Roth and continued to meet with all the University Vice Presidents. Check the WSA blog for notes on what was discussed. Our all student assembly, to discuss the student body’s priorities, is scheduled for Wednesday October, 14th at 9pm.

Budget Priorities Committee - We met this week to discuss the new budget projections as a result of new tuition and financial aid assumptions. We are working to ensure that students will have a greater role in decision-making, such as in determining the merits of need money requests, new initiatives added to the budget.

Last, the President’s Challenge yielded some good responses. I will announce the winner in the meeting.
It was an exciting week for COCo! We had such a busy week that we never even got the chance to have an official COCo committee meeting this week. We welcomed Ellen Paik ‘16, who is clearly born to bleed COCo! COCo will do some reshuffling this week to accommodate Ellen, and our committee meetings are now Mondays at 8PM in the WSA Office. All members of COCo and its subcommittees worked extremely hard this week, and the Chair cannot be more thankful. There was more done this week than this report can accommodate.

Many other community-related issues were prevalent to campus discussion this week, and we thank all who were involved.

**Inclusion and Diversity**

We finally finished appointments for the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) today! We received 32 applications—an unprecedented number! Kudos to Chair Christian Hosam ‘15 for doing outreach with me to make sure we had a sizeable pool. From the more than 1% of the student body who applied, we choose six students. Congratulations to Carey Gilchrist ‘13, Aissa Gueye ‘15, Mike Greenwald ‘16, Prince Carter ‘14, Jalen Alexander ‘14, and Kelsey Henry ‘15! They join COCo members Christian Hosam ‘15 and Alton Wang ‘16.

Chief Diversity Officer Sonia Mañjon invited Dr. Shakti Butler to come speak on campus about social justice and movement building. Several WSA members had a dinner discussion with her on Thursday night. Several WSA members also attended a fairly lengthy training with her on Friday.

Friday night there was an incident in which a student was refused entry because he is a gay-identifying male. Members of the CID Appointments Committee met with him on Saturday to address the issue. The incident is going into the Campus Climate Log and we will be following up with Dean for Diversity Renée Johnson-Thornton’s Office.

The Making Excellence Inclusive (MEI) Student Subcommittee is forming currently in response to the many incidents of hate speech that we have been hearing about. Nicole Updegrove ‘14, Christian Hosam ‘15, and Syed Ali ‘13 will be serving in that capacity this year.

**Middletown Relations**

Last Sunday, the Middletown Relations Committee met with Deputy Mayor Bob and City Treasurer Q Phipps. They also started thinking about campus safety as it relates to Middletown relations, and are considering hosting an Open Forum regarding these issues. They are hoping to get students involved in city government.

On Friday, the Middletown Relations Committee met with Deputy Mayor Bob Santagello, City Treasurer Q Phipps, Mayor’s Chief of Staff Joe Samolis and Patricelli Center Director Paul Gagnon. They spoke with the committee about internship programs in town, the need to create a survey to assess student interest in what they would like to see in Middletown and what they would like to collaborate on, and the city’s desire to have students working on grant writing, event planning, and other things. They also spoke about Project Connect, a Wesleyan student group that could provide pro bono consulting services to groups in Middletown.
**Spirit and Events**
After some scares, Bandfire went off superbly on Friday! Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) members Jacob Musinsky ’15, Lydia Rex ’14, and Ellen Paik ‘16 really proved themselves. Thank you for all those helped, who performed, and who simply came to enjoy the music and s’mores! Special thanks to OEAC and Sam Usdan ‘15.

**Student Groups**
We had our first demonstration for a potential replacement for WSA Tools & Applications from CollegiateLink. COCo was joined by SBC Chair Nicole Brenner ’15 and WSA Office Administrator Lisa Hendrix, in addition to briefly by ITC Chair Grant Tanenbaum ’15 and wannabe-COCo member Chloe Murtagh ’15. A demonstration from OrgSync is on its way. More information coming soon!

We approved a handful of new student groups this week, to bring the current count of active student groups to 243. Our student group of the week is *The Listening Club*, whose “mission is to provide a resource of communication for students on campus in multiple facets. The Listening Club can be staffed with designated "listeners" who can serve as resources of communication in person, via phone, or via text message. Anonymity is optional and up to the person who is utilizing the service.”

Ellen Paik ‘16 is also working on a project with University Relations to facilitate fundraising by student groups towards financial aid. More information on this soon.

COCo will also be undertaking various efforts to fight fragmentation on campus. If you have any ideas, please email sali@wesleyan.edu.
Faculty Meeting
The Educational Policy Committee (EPC) did not meet this week as the monthly faculty meeting occurred at the same time. The faculty passed two changes to academic regulations. First, they approved a change that will award students an academic warning if they are earning more than two but less than three credits in a semester. Previously there was no sanction associated with this status, but students who finished a semester with 2 credits or less were put directly onto strict probation. A student who is on “warning” status has no different sanctions for further academic violations (credit deficiency and grades) than a student in good standing. The second change allows for a second Wesleyan Summer Session. Faculty approved a change to allow students to take as many Wesleyan classes over the summer as they want. The previous cap was 2 credits (2.5 if a course had a lab component). There is still a cap on courses taken over the summer at non-Wesleyan institutions of 2 credits (2.5 if the course has a lab component). We also had a preliminary discussion on the new 5-year academic calendar which will likely be voted on in December.

Advising Task Force
The advising task force had its (likely) final meeting on Thursday. We finished discussions on our report, will present it to the faculty in December and we are currently beginning work on things such as pre-major/general interest list servs and WesMaps changes. Anna Van der Berg (the Registrar) is going to look into the ease with which a “what if” major certification form could be created to determine whether it would require IT support.

Minors
We have heard back from a couple more departments as a result of our first round of emails. Many have indicated that they will bring it up at their next department meeting. We are beginning to send out selected follow-up emails to departments to set up meetings and discuss student interest and the value of creating a minor for the department.

Student Forums
Alex reached out to all current student forum leaders and Jesse is reaching out to some former leaders to talk about their experience and continue to search for a department that would be willing to pilot our student forum as a senior capstone idea. Suggestions for departments are welcome.

AAC-ITC
Jesse has continued putting together a list of changes that we want for WesMaps in preparation for a meeting with IT to discuss the implementation of the changes.
First and foremost, SAC would like to welcome Bruno Machiavelo to the team; we are thrilled to have him. He will serve on the Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board as well as the Sexual Violence Advisory Committee. Second, the Chair would like to deeply thank every member of SAC for their hard work this week; we've made great strides on many projects.

Public Safety Advisory Committee
Scott Elias ('14), chair of PSAC; Zach Malter ('13); and the SAC Chair met this week with Dave Meyer, head of Public Safety, about the weekend's events. He gave a more detailed explanation of the weekend's events, emphasizing the possibility of repetition within the cast of characters, the need to restrict Wesleyan parties to Wesleyan students, and the importance of cooperating with Public Safety at these times. We plan to meet with him again this week after tonight's meeting, so please talk to Scott with any suggestions.

Additionally, Jake Blumenthal ('13) is drafting a map of blue light locations to put online, and FiFac and SAC will be conducting a lighting tour to consider areas of campus that could be lightened. SAC is also examining certain aspects of the Open Container policy, and drafting a student-led social host training / 10 Mistakes that bring Public Safety to your Party. Contact the chair with any ideas.

Student Judicial Process Committee
Process Advisor training is occurring this week and this week only on Thursday (November 1) from 7:15 to 8:45 and on Friday (November 2) from 4:00 - 5:30. Both trainings will occur in Usdan 108. You need only attend one to get trained. I highly encourage everyone in the Assembly to be trained - better understanding this process can only be beneficial.

University Residential Life Committee
URLC continues to debate the future of 230 Washington Street; hopefully we will have some answers by Tuesday.

Kate Cullen '16 has been conducting research about the judicial (or not-so-judicial) role of RAs at other schools. It has given us basis to make a pretty strong case to the administration. First, though, she drafted a survey to be sent to all Residential Life staff concerning their primary roles with students, the judicial role, and how willing students are to come to them with problems.

Additionally, thanks to Wayne Ng ('16) for working on the IT side of GRS; we are hopeful that many great changes are to come. Lily Donahue ('15) is conducting research about the systems other schools use.
**Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board**
Appeals will probably begin this week, bring on the photos of absurd fire safety violations. For the record, Lily did learn this week that lava lamps are indeed allowed, so you may all disco-ify your dorm room without fear.

**Queer Task Force**
Ted Shabecoff ’16 is currently working on getting more faculty involved into the queer scene on campus, hoping especially to stimulate more intellectual discussion about the topic. He also brought to SAC questions about safe housing for queer freshmen, which we will address in URLC.

**Student Health Advisory Committee**
This week, a group of concerned students met with Scott Backer (Associate Dean of Student Academic Resources) and Jennifer D'Andrea (Director of CAPS) about the medical leave policy. This meeting functioned primarily for students to have questions answered, but the administrators did agree to (a) examine concerns about loss of university health insurance while on medical leave, (b) consider revising the visitation policy, and (c) make more resources available in the ePortfolio. We expect this conversation to continue throughout this year, so please contact the Chair with any input or concerns.

**National College Health Improvement Project**
This week SAC (with substantial (some might say total) financial contribution from SBC and SALD) funded a WesBAM! event with yoga and music in Exley lounge. Attendance was low, but those who attended enjoyed the event. This week, we are funding a sober bar night (including water pong and karaoke) hosted by WSDR.

Finally, Ted is working on the role and safety of religion on campus, so please talk to him with any input.
Finance and Facilities Committee
Andrew Trexler, Chair

Budget Priorities Committee
Met this week for a mostly informational meeting and discussed changes to the long range plan for the University’s finances. We have successfully scheduled a second meeting prior to the Board of Trustees meeting in November to actually discuss what the priorities of the budget should be, which will take place one week from Wednesday.

Transportation
Shuttles: Thanksgiving is coming up soon so if you have a friend who needs a ride to New York or Boston and has not purchased their bus ticket yet, direct them to the Box Office. Additionally, if you think they would make a good bus monitor please let me know. The same goes for those that have already purchased their ticket.

Parking: I’m meeting with Dave Meyer of Public Safety this week to discuss the future of the Butt A parking lot now that there are no classrooms in the Butts. He didn’t immediately reject the idea of student parking there in our email exchange, so that’s a good sign.

Major Maintenance
Everyone can view the up-to-date projected plan for upcoming major maintenance here: http://www.wesleyan.edu/pplant/majormaint.html. Please take a look and send me any suggestions you have regarding re-organization and planning. There will be an open forum for suggestions Thursday morning 9-10am in Usdan 108; anyone with suggestions is welcome to come and speak.

Promoting Dialogue
I am currently in talks with President Roth over the planning of a new discussion and forum regarding one aspect of the University’s grand strategy. Expect an email on this subject in the very near future.

FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week
60,000 Americans injure themselves every year on beds and chairs.
Organization and External Affairs (OEAC)

Mari Jarris ‘14, Chair

Member(s) of the Week: Jacob and Lydia (COCo)

From the Chair:
Jacob and Lydia, along with the rest of the members of COCo, deserve some recognition for putting on Bandfire this week! Our freshly minted Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) Chair hosted his first event ever--a large one at that--and succeeded! Lydia also took on many of the challenges of planning, such as acquiring many of the supplies--like wood that would actually consent to burning. Putting on a large event is difficult, and they demonstrated leadership and the ability to cope with stress. Rock on, Lycob!

WSA-Career Center Committee
Grant, Nicole U., Zach and I met with Dean of Admissions, Nancy Meislahn, on Friday. We discussed the mission, structure, and future of committee. The primary goals of the committee are to inform student members of the current admissions practices, provide student input as the changes to the need-blind policy are implemented, and give general feedback on the admissions process as a whole. We are planning on meeting regularly for the rest of the year and institutionalizing the committee in the spring by writing it into the bylaws. Some of you already contacted me about serving on this committee, but I’d like to ask anyone who’s interested to send me a short statement (a couple of sentences) about why you are interested and what you can contribute to the committee so we can ensure that diverse perspectives are represented. Please send me your statement by 7pm on Wednesday.

Blog
Check out Martin’s latest blog on overcoming homesickness!

Outdoor Classrooms
Chloe, Martin and I are beginning a project to establish an outdoor classroom. More details to follow soon.

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

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SBC allocations totaled 46,381. Larger budget allocations include Sailing Team and Ski Team.

Appointment interviews happened in part on Friday. We will be interviewing the rest of the candidates on Tuesday. YEA