President’s Report
Zach Malter ’13, WSA President

Charlie, Justin, and Rebecca: welcome to the WSA! Congratulations on surviving a competitive appointments process.

Upcoming Budget Sustainability Task Force:

Task force all student meeting Tuesday the 13th - 9pm, Wednesday the 14th - 9pm. (Exley 150) Faculty panel, which I’ll be moderating, Thursday the 15th - 4:30pm. (Shanklin 107)

Andrew, Benny, and I met with Professor Skillman. Due to our suggestions, he is issuing a second memorandum to encourage “out of the box thinking” from students.

Follow-up on next week -- all the viable suggestions from the campus safety and community discussion have been delegated to various members.

I will be driving vans to the polling place on Thursday.

During the storm, WSA members helped send messages to students via the WSA website (shout-out to Grant for putting announcements on the homepage) and communicated with administrators to ensure students’ questions were being answered.

Community Committee
Syed Ali ’13, Chair

COCo braved the storm on Monday to have some hot cocoa and save the world. We thank Bruno Machiavelo ’16 of the Student Affairs Committee (SAC) for joining us. Want to talk to COCo? We’ve had a guest every week! Just let Syed know in advance if you’re interested.

COCo went through some reorganization this week to finalize the responsibilities of our slightly changed membership. Ellen Paik ’16 is now the liaison to the Inter-Greek Council (IGC), greek student groups, club sports, and activism (charitable) groups. Lydia Rex ’14 is now serving on the Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes), which former COCo member Maeve Russell ’14 will now serve as an ex-officio member on.
Middletown Relations

The Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes) continues to work on developing internships in town. What kind of businesses do you want to see in Middletown? Local government and business leaders have been engaging the Middletown Relations Committee in conversations about the development of the town and the university. The Middletown Relations Committee is also interested in hosting a forum on campus safety, as it relates to our surrounding community members.

Syed and Gabriela De Golia ’13, Chair of the MidWes, are working on facilitating more student CERT training in preparation for emergency situations such as the one Hurricane Sandy could have placed our community in.

Spirit and Events

In the wake of Bandfire, the Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) is working to create a better institutional memory from the start by documenting instructions on how to plan events such as Bandfire. The committee is also planning on doing a multicultural show involving various identity groups for the spring semester.

Appointments are now open for SEC! The SEC is looking for approximately two members from the student body at-large to help fulfill its mission. To apply, submit a 200-word statement to wsacoco@wesleyan.edu. If you have any questions on this, ask Jacob or Lydia.

Inclusion and Diversity

The Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) also braved the storm this week to have its first meeting on Monday! They began working on a WesSpeak to introduce ourselves to the campus. We talked extensively about our mission as a committee and formed ideas for events based around effective ally-ship and standards that we should all have as a community. CID will also be attending the MEI Student Subcommittee meeting on Monday, alongside the COCo Chair, SAC Chair, and the WSA President. Christian has also been reaching out to several individuals to solicit their feedback in this process.

Check out the COCo Blog Post of the Week by Alton Wang ’16, “On Diversity and Inclusion.”

Student Groups

Due to the storm, our search for a replacement for WSA Tools & Applications is suffering minor delays. Our demonstration with OrgSync has been rescheduled for this upcoming Tuesday, November 06th at 4:15PM.

Wes2Wes is the project by Ellen Paik ’16 to facilitate student group fundraising for financial aid. Ellen has been meeting with Vice President of University Relations Barbara-Jan Wilson to set up such an avenue, in addition to discussing it with the WSA’s representatives on the University Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees. Ellen wrote up a proposal for Wes2Wes--ask to view it.

In the next few weeks, student group category liaisons will be organizing meetings with all of the group leaders for their categories. All of the group leaders and the COCo liaison to that category will be meeting with that liaison to discuss relevant issues and combat fragmentation.

There are now 247 registered student groups.
Educational Policy Committee
Did not meet because of the storm.

Minors
Outreach continued and committee members are working to set up meetings with department chairs. If you are interested in having a minor in a certain department (and have connections to professors in that department that share your views) come talk to us!

Honor Code
Nicole, Zach and I met with Dean Mike Whaley and members of the honor board to discuss the honor code including ways to make students more involved. We discussed changes such as adding a thumbnail image of signed honor code cards to the e-portfolio and making students electronically re-sign the code every year. If you have any further suggestions regarding the honor code, please come speak to Nicole, Zach or myself.

Peer Advisors
Kara and Lily are beginning research on Peer Advisors at peer institutions. We will be working to find ways to make our peer advising system more effective and increase student use of the Peer Advisor program.

Academic Regulations
In advance of finals, AAC is all working through the academic regulations, so everyone on the committee can serve as resources on the topic. We’re also looking for anything that we think should be changed, so changes and concerns can be brought to the Educational Policy Committee before that period. Anyone who wants to learn more for their own knowledge can find them [here](#).

AAC-IT
AAC will be meeting with Grant on Monday to finalize our list of ideas for a discussion with IT on Wednesday.
Student Affairs Committee
Nicole Updegrove ’14, Chair

Public Safety Advisory Committee
Scott Elias ’14 is talking to Public Safety about changing the format of alerts and their
descriptions of assailants to contain better descriptions or no description at all. Bruno
Machiavelo ’16 is surveying other schools to learn more. We may also implement a system
of emergency texting after incidents, with longer messages via email later that contain more
information. Additionally, PSAC will work with FiFac on a lighting tour. In the meantime, SAC
is working on a map of the blue lights on campus; this will be done soon.

Student Judicial Process Committee
Process Advisor training occurred on Thursday 11.1.12 and Friday 11.2.12. WSA members
attended in high numbers; all students who attended will be added to the Process Advisor list
online and to a process advisor list-serv for disseminating questions and advice. Thanks to
everyone who came; special thanks to Jake Blumenthal ’13 for his help in running the meetings.

SAC also worked with special help from Jake Blumenthal ’13 to publish a list of tips for how to
keep parties P-Safe-free – and, thus, safer. This list will be disseminated via the WSA blog and
Wesleying.

University Residential Life Committee
Kate Cullen ’16 worked to create three surveys about the roles, efficacy, and approachability
of ResLife staff; these surveys will be sent to residents, RAs (and HMs and CAs), and ACs,
respectively. Many thanks to Kate.

Lily Donahue ’15 is surveying other schools to learn about their systems of room selection. We
hope to work with Wayne Ng ’16, Fran Koerting, and ITS to improve the GRS technology this
year.

National College Health Improvement Project
This week SAC funded substance-free “Bar Night” in Usdan as hosted by WSDR. Attendance
was pretty high and many reported strong interest in the event.

SAC-COCo Flirtation
Some SAC-COCo liaisonship / joint dinners are in the works to discuss fragmentation and unity
on campus across various lines. Thanks to Kate Cullen ’16 and Bruno Machiavelo ’16 for their
particular work on this.

Ted Shabecoff ’16 worked the past two weeks to consult chaplains and students about the role of
religion and religious acceptance on campus. We’ll hear about it in GA on Sunday 11.4.12.
Dining
A new meal plan exclusively for juniors and seniors with fifty meals and accompanying points has been tentatively agreed upon for implementation next year. Look for a confirmation soon. The committee met this week and focused primarily on vestiges of the bottled-water ban as well as expanding weekend dining options (particularly with regard to available proteins). The committee will be meeting again next week to explore the possibility of a new program of reusable cups (coffee cups, etc) similar to Eco-To-Go. On average, Wesleyan goes through an excess of 1000 paper cups across campus per day, so this could have a great impact on campus sustainability.

Financial Aid
The Financial Aid Committee met twice this week, once to discuss efficiencies in allocation of scholarships to student, and once to brainstorm ways to improve outreach and education about financial aid.

Light Tour
The Light Tour will commence MONDAY at 6:15pm, leaving from the Usdan Courtyard. We will be going around campus to assess outdoor lighting for sustainability, visibility, and safety. Thanks to everyone who has already expressed interest in coming; for anyone else interested just shoot me an email. If you have any suggestions for our route, please email by noon on Monday.

Parking
Director of Public Safety Dave Meyer has tentatively agreed to issue a limited number of special Lot L stickers (the lot by Butterfield A) for next semester to students living in the Butterfields that have a demonstrated need to use a vehicle on a semi-daily basis. If you know anyone who might have need of such a sticker, please have them email me and I will connect them with Dave.

FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week
The sheep population of New Zealand outnumbers the human population of New Zealand by a factor of twenty. New Zealand does in fact have a sheep port, but does not have a complete sheepopoly.
Kate Cullen, a mere freshman, has worked week after week to initiate a movement to change the judicial power of RAs. After many hours of research into the roles of RAs at other schools, she wrote surveys for RAs (and HMs, and CAs), for residents, and for Area Coordinators. These surveys will be distributed next week. Kate has also worked on making the Davison Health Center website more user-friendly, and is initiating efforts to remove the videos from Alcohol Edu, among many other projects. I’d like to commemorate her hard work with [this song](#).

**WSA-Admissions Committee:**
We’re pleased to announce the new members of the WSA-Admissions Committee: Christian, Scott, Nicole U, Lily H., and Grant! We’re meeting next week to discuss our goals for the committee and the agenda for our first meeting.

**Outdoor Classroom:**
Chloe, Wayne, Martin, and I will be meeting with Arya next week to get the rundown on the last attempt to establish an outdoor classroom (Thanks, Arya!).

**Newsletter**
Check out Chloe’s awesome newsletter. Also like/follow the WSA Facebook and Twitter if you haven’t already!
WSA Party
Unfortunately, we had to cancel the WSA party due to the unavailability of a location, but we’ll have another party soon.

Technology (ITC)
Grant Tanenbaum ‘15, Chair

Ex-Officios We’re welcoming four new members to ITC: Alex Cantrell, Erik Islo, Julian Applebaum, and Denise Francisco. We were happy to get over a dozen applicants and the Chair looks forward to being able to take on more projects. Huge thanks to Coordinator Chloe for her work on the appointments committee. I encourage members to introduce yourselves as they will be working closely with WSA’ers on projects.

Tools & Apps Continuing the coordination between CoCo and the SBC, we will be demoing OrgSync - the second possible replacement to Tools & Apps - on Tuesday 11/6 at 4:15pm in Usdan 136. This will be on our agenda during the ITC-ITS meeting on Wednesday 11/7.

GRS Wayne Ng ‘16 is continuing to lead the SAC-ITC efforts to revamp the GRS interface. We’ll be bringing a list of possible reforms to the ITC-ITS meeting on 11/7 to discuss feasibility and future steps. The chair welcomes any suggestions for improvements to GRS wsaitc@wesleyan.edu.

WesMaps Things. Are. Happening. Jesse Ross Silverman ‘13 is continuing his domination of this project, we’ll be bringing it to ITS. AAC-ITC is also meeting this Monday. We’ll also be looking for more input after this round of course selection is over.

Logo Contest ITC and OEAC are going to be sponsoring a campus wide challenge to design a logo for the assembly. Tell your friends and watch their inboxes.

Website ITC is looking into making the WSA’s website more useful as a resource for students, rather than just an outreach arm of the assembly. The Chair welcomes any input on this long-term project wsaitc@wesleyan.edu.
The SBC did not meet this week formally BUT we did have a super awesome informal dinner where we quickly became the best friends that anyone has ever had. BIG THINGS ARE COMING, LOOK OUT WORLD!