President’s Report
Zach Malter ’13, WSA President

This was another happening week for the assembly. Most notably, the Spring Student Group Fair occurred on Friday, and the turnout was high despite the impending storm! Thank you to Jacob, Jason, Alton, Christian, and Syed for your help with the event. I also sent out a brochure with the participating student groups if you weren’t able to make it.

The Career Center Director Search is fully underway and myself, Mari, Grant, Chloe, and Jason attended the first interview. Mari and I also met with administrators to ensure that student input would be taken into account during the process and that the student Career Center Committee would help set the direction for the new director.

Trexler, Jesse, Grant, and I had an interesting meeting regarding making the Board of Trustees more in tune with student concerns, one of Jesse’s projects. We discussed a number of next steps including:

- Having the WSA General Assembly discuss salient board issues before the board meeting
- Releasing non-confidential board documents, resolutions, and/or topics to the community
- Working to get a student representative on the governance committee
- Making sure votes are taken
- Pursue in future meetings the idea of student agenda items or resolutions

We will also continue conducting research on peer institutions with more robust student Board representation such as Swarthmore, known for its Student Trustees.

Sam, Sisi, and I had a great meeting about WesMiles after a successful first run of the program (see the Argus). Sam is doing research into the ins and outs of AMEX miles while Sisi is researching well-off international alumni in the hopes of finding a donor for summer break. In future semesters, this program and its alumni communication will not run out of University Relations, and we are working to find a new department to house it under.
Community Outreach Committee
Syed Ali ’13, Chair

COCo finally has a weekly meeting time! We’ll be meeting Mondays at 9PM in Usdan 104D--feel free to join us anytime! Thank you to Zachary Malter ’13 for visiting us this week to talk about the Student Group Fair and staying for the rest of the meeting.

Student Group Leader Summit. COCo’s main focus this week was to debrief from the very successful Summit on February 2nd. We are following up with student group leaders, thanking them for their participation and encourage them to provide us with further feedback. We will be working to address concerns about calendars, online resources, recruitment, connecting to Middletown, etc.

- Ellen Paik ‘16 is working to revise and improve the Student Group Handbook. Please send her any suggestions that you might have. We’ll be sending a revised version of the handbook to the entire campus community soon.
- Alton Wang ‘16 is talking to ITC about streamlining and improving online resources for student groups, including but not limited to Gmail accounts @wesleyan.edu, Lyris listservs, and WordPress websites.

Student Group Leaders Facebook Group was created Monday night in response to suggestions at the Student Group Leader Summit. Group leaders are encouraged to share information, resources, and opportunities for collaboration. Everyone can join and all are encouraged to. Check it out at https://www.facebook.com/groups/studentgroups/.

2nd Annual Spring Student Group Fair was a success! Thank you to everyone who trekked through the snow to make it there--we had surprising but reassuringly high attendance for an event during a record-setting nor’easter. Thank you to Zachary Malter ’13, who was responsible for almost all aspects of the event. Thank you to Jacob Musinsky ’14, Alton Wang ‘16, Christian Hosam ‘14, and Glenn Cantave ‘15 for your efforts staffing or planning for the fair. And a shout-out to Martin Malabanan ‘16 for the great banner.

Group Registration. We currently have 274 active registered student groups. We received over a dozen requests for new student groups this week, which we will be going through as we can meet with leaders.

CollegiateLink. COCO is continuing to reach out for feedback on CollegiateLink. Nicki Softness ’14 from the SBC has reached out to peer institutions for their feedback, especially concerning the financial side of things. ITC Chair Grant Tanenbaum ‘15 is talking to ITS Vice President David Baird regarding funding. We are also continuing to compile information to share with CampusLabs on our current system.

Also, Christian wrote a blog post this week on allyship and Jacob wrote a blog post this week reflecting on the Student Group Leader Summit. Check ‘em out!

Inclusion and Diversity
The Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) introduced it’s allyship campaign this week! Alton Wang ’16, Mike Greenwald ’16 and Christian Hosam ’15 overcame the struggle of the SALD button-maker to have the hot commodities ready for Friday’s Student Group Fair. A follow-up post about ally-ship is forthcoming. In addition, we’re putting the final touches on the
faculty panel that is scheduled for February 19th at 7PM in the DFC around that very topic. The CID is meeting weekly on Wednesdays in Usdan 136.

Middletown Relations
The Middletown Relations Committee (MidWes) had its first meeting earlier today! As it welcomes Glenn Cantave ‘15, MidWes will be meeting Sundays at 5PM in 41 Wyllys Room 111. The committee will be focusing on working with John Meerts, local internships, and social justice related to town this semester.

Today, we talked to Middletown Potluck, a new student group

Spirit and Events
The Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) has not met yet.
Academic Affairs Committee
Sam Ebb '13, Chair

Educational Policy Committee (EPC)
Approved the Medieval studies minor and began a discussion of what constitutes a college at Wesleyan.

Advising Panels
Academic Affairs is going to work with the committee to create the Youtube-style videos of panels on what makes good advising. A meeting is being arranged for next week with all of the relevant parties.

Minors
An all campus email is going out on Sunday evening with a petition for people who want specific minors. This petition will then be jointly brought to departments by AAC and the students who expressed interest in the minor.

Academic Advising
The Advising Task Force presented its report to the faculty at Tuesday’s meeting and was met with general approval. The committee will meet one more time to discuss next steps in two weeks.

Student Forums
Alex is reaching out to professors who are currently advising student forums to gauge potential interest in a graded student forum as a senior capstone option. Based on these responses and the student and faculty input from last semester, he is setting up a meeting with Provost Rosenthal to discuss next steps.

Peer Advising
Lily is setting up meetings with Dean Brown and Scott Backer and the Peer Advisors for the upcoming week to discuss new ideas and ways to improve the program including the implementation of an online chat option similar to the one employed by the reference librarians.

Study Spaces
Austin has set up a meeting with Pat Tully to discuss the advertisement of alternative study spaces especially during finals as well as potentially making those study spaces available for longer hours during the finals period. He is also planning on discussing the initial numbers that show the amount of use that the new 24-hour study space is seeing.

Summer Session
Austin is meeting with Sheryl Culotta to discuss the summer session and the potential for bringing in high achieving high-school students to both boost revenue and knowledge of Wesleyan across the country.

AAC-ITC
Dave Baird and the ITAAC committee got a demonstration for Thinkmap. Jesse will continue to monitor developments as they occur. Additionally, the registrars office has informed the committee that how-to videos on pre-registration are in the works.
Student Affairs Committee
Nicole Updegrove ’14, Chair

Student Life Committee
This week in SLC, members discussed with administrators Wesleyan’s planned move to third-party billing, a plan which will automatically bill student insurance (currently, DHC bills only Gallagher-Koster) for any services rendered at Davison Health Center. This should reduce student health cost at DHC to zero dollars and increase revenue generated at DHC by over $100,000. SLC student members approved the plan.

SLC also discussed the survey of students who stayed on-campus over break, which sought to discover services that ought to be employed in future years. It was found that, of the 173 students who took the survey:

- 141 think food service availability should be improved
- 91 think facilities hours (libraries, Usdan, Freeman) should be increased
- 79 students were on-campus when the University was considered to be officially closed, and thus was understaffed
- 88 students would feel safer with campus better-lit, and 55 students would feel safer with Public Safety patrolling residences
- 75 students did not have access to a car on-campus.
- 79 students would definitely purchase a meal plan over break; 64 are unsure.
- 78 students would most prefer WeShop, 59 would prefer Usdan
- 80 students would want to eat 11-14 of their meals on campus.
- 151 students would shop at WeShop over break with points if possible.
- 93 students would use DHC if available over break.
- 50 students would definitely take advantage of advertised volunteering opportunities.
- 26 students would have liked to go home with a faculty member on the day of a holiday.

We’ll be meeting to discuss next steps. Contact SAC members if you have opinions about campus over break.

Student Health Advisory Committee
Kate Cullen ‘16 compiled the answers from last General Assembly’s thoughts on student health to bring to Joyce Walter. They will be discussed at the next SHAC meeting.

SAC met with several students to discuss the idea of medical leave process advisors to help ease the process of taking a leave. Updates to follow.

Student Judicial Process Committee
SJPC has confirmed with Dean Mike and Dean Rick that we may re-examine the Code of Non-Academic Conduct, looking in particular at regulations that have caused controversy on the
Student Judicial Board. To that end, SAC members Jason Shatz ‘14 and Lily Donahue ‘15 have been collecting information on the history of disruptions for an upcoming discussion.

Public Safety Advisory Committee
Dean Rick Culliton is establishing a Public Safety Review Board / “Super-Committee” to examine some of the issues within Public Safety, particularly those related to diversity. This committee is intended to last for only the semester, though a more permanent solution may be created in the future. Scott Elias ‘14 brought up the concern that PSAC has identified non-diversity-related issues that also deserve attention. Dean Rick is now considering “diversifying” the committee, including adding an SJB member, a SART team member, and more female students.

Associate Dean of Student Academic Resources Search
With more than 90 applications for the position to replace Dean Sarah Lazare, the search committee has narrowed options down to 8 for phone interviews. Of these 8, 3-4 will be brought to campus to meet with a student group, a group of faculty, and an administrator group. We’ll keep you updated.

International Student Affairs
Bruno Machiavelo ‘16 has done excellent research on the staffing of international student offices at our peer schools. This week we will seek to collect more student input about how the office could be improved.
Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFaC)
Andrew Trexler ’14, Chair

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Budget Priorities Committee
The Budget Priorities Committee (BPC) met to discuss budget information for next year. The discussion focused largely on unfinished business from previously discussed topics, deciding to continue conversations regarding Wesleyan’s aid model. The Committee is considering regularizing the attendance of the Director of Admissions and the Director of Financial Aid at one meeting per semester.

Committee for Investor Responsibility
Unbeknownst to the Committee for Investor Responsibility (CIR), the United States Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) did, in fact, rule on the exclusion of our shareholder proposal on 18th January 2013. The ruling fortunately did not rule on the substantive grounds of Rockwood’s request, ruling purely on the technical matter; the CIR does not therefore have a precedent set against it. The Committee has engaged with Rockwood to inform them that we plan to file again later this year and have begun a dialogue with them in the meantime about the substantive matters in our proposal.

Green Revolving Fund
The Finance and Facilities Committee (FiFaC) heard a presentation from Adam Brudnick ’13 and the Wesleyan Consulting Group (WCG) on the viability of a Green Revolving Fund. FiFaC is reviewing the proposed structure and purviews and will work with WCG to further optimize our possibilities. FiFaC will then bring firm proposals to the administration, hopefully within two weeks’ time.

Open Discussion with Michael Roth
At the coming meeting of the Board of Trustees, the group will be discussing an open question regarding the value of faculty research. This week, that question will be sent to all students, asking for thoughtful responses and input on the question; the WSA and President Roth will co-host an open discussion on the subject on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting. This will occur on 28th February 2013 in PAC001.

This is a new form of engagement for students to interact with the President and take active participation in guiding the future direction of Wesleyan. We hope that many students choose to participate. Look for an email soon!

Sustainability
Sam Usdan ’15 is continuing to work with several administrators on the possibility of more solar panels (see last week’s report for details). I am continuing to work with several administrators to install an additional (we apparently have one attached to the solar panels in the Freeman parking lot) electric vehicle charging station, hopefully on/near Washington Street, for purposes of public use. The cost will not be cheap and will not have a substantial payback, but
that’s what the Green Fund is for, after all.

*Faculty Engagement*

This topic will be discussed at the WSA General Assembly on 10th February 2013 in Usdan Room 108.

*FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week*

The world record for a bicycle going downhill on a volcano is **107 miles per hour**.
WSA-Admissions Committee
The members of the WSA-Admissions Committee met last week to discuss future agenda items. At our next meeting Dean of Admission Nancy Meislahn will give a brief presentation on the admissions process and then we hope to discuss how to target students based on different kinds of diversity (political, geographic within states, etc.) and utilizing student staff for recruitment at local high schools.

WSA-Career Center Committee
Thank you to Jason, Grant, Chloe, and Zach for attending the first student forum for the Career Center finalists. The second forum originally scheduled for this Monday is postponed due to the weather. At the end of the process, the WSA will submit our thoughts on the candidates to University Relations.

Outreach and Publicity
This week OEAC advertised the spring Student Activities Fair. We also completed a new OEAC Publicity and Outreach Request Form for committees to fill out if they need an event advertised.

Technology (ITC)
Grant Tanenbaum ’15, Chair

Writing Workshop
Erik Islo ’15 is working with the Writing Workshop to establish online resources for students to receive help with their writing.

Academic Calendar
Denise Francisco ’16 is looking into the feasibility of a comprehensive online calendar that will automatically load your professor’s and dean’s office hours and your class schedule.

ATAC (Academic Technology Advisory Committee)
1. ATAC discussed a potential redesign of in-classroom technology, focusing on an improved podium design.
2. ATAC is also working with different department heads in the CFA and the Sciences to create a comprehensive equipment rental and check out system.
3. ATAC is also working to unify and publicize Wesleyan’s online storage options. The Chair is seeking input for what students would like to see in Wesleyan’s Dropbox style service.
This week the SBC allocated $24930.

We will be sending an email a very interesting proposal for an Award Show on campus that was presented to the SBC on Monday. We’d like to hear your thoughts on this proposal due to it’s high cost and to see how people feel about the nature of the event.