President’s Report
Zach Malter ’13, WSA President

New York Times Event - The New York Times speaker event is coming soon on April 9th and 7:30 pm in the Memorial Chapel. I have been working to notify more departments and OEAC has been helping with publicity. Spread your word and attend! The title of the talk is Beyond the Gatekeepers: The State of College Access and Affordability in America.

Dance Spaces - Jacob polled arts groups and there is astronomically high demand for more dance spaces and a student recording studio. We are planning a meeting with Andy Curran, the administrative point person, and we should have more updates soon on this new priority.

Freshman Orientation - While I can take no credit for this work, I asked Elisa Cardona for an update on orientation recommendations in light of the frosh recommendations. Here it is:

1) There will be small groups (of roughly 20 led by an Orientation leader) for New Student Orientation (i.e. not just International Student Orientation), breaking up cliques and creating another community for new students.

2) Communication will be streamlined through the orientation website, facebook, and twitter. In other words everything will be posted in those three places as opposed to other pages.

3) The arrival will be in Usdan as opposed to Exley, a more central location closer to the Student Resource Pavillion in Beckham.

4) Some events will be on the Basketball court which can fit the entire class, eliminating inconsistencies in the information that is disseminated to students.

Roth Meeting -

1) Appeals - President Roth reads all the appeals thoughtfully but only grants appeals in a miniscule percentage of cases where he sees a procedural error. He does not like the idea of re-judging the case on its merits as he does not feel qualified to do so. He consults the SJB in the rare cases where he is considering granting an appeal. He does not love the idea of having Dean Mike hear appeals because people would go to President Roth anyway and the buck stops with him. He is open to new ideas for reforming the appeals process and appeals letter.
2) Hosting Ban - purely a Dean Mike issue. Said they are locating new spaces to make up for the loss of Eclectic.

3) Social Justice - President Roth has done trainings on respectful language and implicit bias. There has also been sexual harassment trainings for department heads.

All NESCAC Conference - We met today to discuss the conference. It will be on April 27-28. We will be seeking help hosting attendees.

Academic Rights - At my encouragement, Rob Rosenthal sent an e-mail to faculty reminding them that they cannot penalize students for missing make-up classes. If you hear of any unfair practices involving make-up classes, please bring that to my attention.

Student Stress - Andrew Trexler set up a meeting with me, Nicole, Dr. D’Andrea, Dean Rick, and members of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. We developed some action steps to improve resources and support systems at this time of campus grieving, including notifying faculty of ways to deal with stressed out students.
Community Outreach Committee
Syed Ali ‘13, Chair

COCO Outreach Campaign began on March 25, renewing energy on getting suggestions from the greater student body and promoting discussion. WSA members should chime in themselves and suggest their friends send in feedback as well.

190 High. Syed met with Elisa Cardona (SALD), Lisa Hendrix (WSA Office), and Alma Sanchez (UOC Intern) this week to discuss changes to the student group offices at 190 High Street. We decided to move the SART Intern into the building, making use of a currently unutilized conference room. The WSA is responsible for the upkeep of the building, and as 190 High Steward, the COCo Chair has requested renovations of $5,000 that would go to changing the lock system, repainting peeling paint, etc. I also proposed to EC a separate, small earmarked fund for the upkeep of 190 High annually. We are also evaluating a proposal from WEStudio to build a student recording studio in an empty basement room.

Student Group Leader Category Summits. Liaisons are planning more informal networking sessions for student group leaders, as recommended to us at the Student Group Leader Summit. Two have been planned so far, with more to come.

- **Identity Groups** -- Sunday, April 14th, 1:30-3:30PM -- Christian Hosam ‘15
- **Performance Groups** -- Sunday, April 14th, 2:00-3:30PM -- Jacob Musinsky ’15

CollegiateLink/OrgSync. Alton Wang ’16 is renewing efforts to set up conference calls on the budgeting/finance sections between SBC Chair Nicole Brenner ‘15, ITS’s Barbara Spaddaccini, and Lisa Hendrix.

Student Group Handbook. Ellen Paik ‘16 finished work on an updated and more concise student group handbook! Ellen is now working on disseminating it to student groups. Check it out [here](#). Alton is beginning to think creatively about how to get the Handbook on the WSA website in more manageable pieces.

Wes-to-Wes is still trying to get its campaign off the ground, but University Relations failed to set up the text-to-donate service. Other than being frustrated by a lack of cooperation from University Relations, Wes-to-Wes will be pursuing a new angle: encouraging students to engage in more efficient practices that will cut costs for the University.

Inclusion and Diversity
The Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) is beginning to work on its event for WesFest this week. Kelsey Henry ’15 is working on a different event about disability rights and mental illnesses. Christian and Glenn Cantave ‘15 are also interested in working on judicial reform and will be reaching out to SAC Chair Nicole Updegrove ‘14.

Syed sent out an all-campus email asking the student body to (1) read, discuss, and contribute to the Campus Climate Log and (2) take the campus climate survey. Please complete the survey and make use of the log. The survey will provide critical data to inform future actions and the Log can only succeed with high campus buy-in.

What do you think about the progress outlined in President Roth’s “Diversity Forum Update”? A short survey was sent out on Friday. The first 50 responses show that 58% of students are dissatisfied. Most of the feedback revealed a backlash against taking race out as a descriptor in Public Safety reports.

**Satisfaction**

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**Attitude/Action Change**

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**Portion of respondents who attened the forum:**

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Middletown Relations

A Middletown-Wesleyan Student Groups Google Group was set up by Adam Wechsler ’13 to increase communication between those groups. MidWes will also be involved in a Middletown-Wesleyan Groups Summit. Gabriela De Golia ’13 has helped establish a relationship between City Hall and the Career Center to create a City Hall Internship. City Hall is hashing out details and will be sending them over to the Career Center soon. MidWes is also helping the CFA advertise Middletown Remix. Glenn Cantave ’15 and Patrick Masi Phelps ’15 are working on student athlete programs. They have gotten in touch with the Athletics Department and are reaching out to SAAC.

A text amendment for the rezoning of Washington Street was approved, although many amendments were made. There may be another hearing coming up.

Spirit and Events

The Spirit and Events Committee (SEC) is focusing on its culture show in partnership with MidWes, CID, and Pangea. We are framing the event as a question and inviting the campus community to discuss what the concepts of culture and community mean to them. Some student groups have already signed up for the event.

SEC is also working on the Carnival next weekend. While not many student groups have signed up for it, there will be other activities. We are co-sponsoring with UCAB.

We are looking into bringing Cardinal Night on Main back, potentially for the beginning of next year. The Argus is interested in working with Middletown restaurants for increasing advertising in the paper, and reached out to COCo. We met and discussed student discounts at Main St. restaurants and potential collaboration. Glenn is taking the lead on this and contemplating bringing back Movie Night on Foss as well, also for next semester.
**Academic Affairs Committee**

Sam Ebb '13, Chair

**Educational Policy Committee (EPC)**
Continued work on the protocol for the approval of new colleges. The committee approved a wording change in the academic regulations to clarify graduation requirements. The committee also is discussing potential changes to the teaching evaluation system. Finally, after the unceremonious defeat of the committee’s calendar proposal at the last faculty meeting, the committee voted to send the current calendar to the faculty for a 5-year extension to be voted on at the faculty meeting in May.

**Minors**
Lily and Alex have a schedule set up to go around and storm the office hours of a lot of departments next week. Hopefully we’ll hear some good results from them and get some new minors. If you want to know when the meeting for the department in which you want a minor is happening, ask them.

**Advising Task Force**
Met during the week before break. Dean Brown joined the committee to discuss a pilot program where a group of incoming frosh would select all four of their courses over the summer. This would be contingent on the development of a booklet of materials about course registration and improving the clarity of the requirement information for different majors and programs that exist online. The pre-major listservs are being delayed, potentially until next year because IT is considering switching to a different listserv provider than Lyris (the one we currently use) and they don’t want to spend the time creating new listservs in that system if we are going to move away from it. I also began discussions with Karen Anderson about improving pre-registration for transfer students and will continue to look into it over the next couple of weeks.

**Summer Session**
Austin is working on a way to get a couple (likely local Middletown) high school students access to take a free summer session course through a program analogous to the existing one that allows this during the academic year. The idea would be to use this to get the Wesleyan brand out and, potentially create new revenue in the second of the two summer sessions.

**Study Spaces**
Austin is continuing to work on finding out if there are any spaces for which the hours could be expanded during reading period and finals to take the overcrowding away from Olin and Sci Li.

**Advising Panels**
AAC had a discussion of what should be in the panels that are happening this upcoming Friday (April 5th). We need people. Yes, YOU! I’m looking directly at you! You can be famous and go down in Wesleyan history…think about the possibilities and come join AAC this Friday in my living room for the filming of the panel.
Student Affairs Committee
Nicole Updegrove '14, Chair

Search Committees
Medical Director and Associate Dean of Student Academic Resources...update next week, hopefully.

International Student Life
I met last week with Alice Hadler, Dean of International Students, to talk about some of the issues that department faces. She is extremely enthusiastic to work with us on a proposal for policy changes to improve the experience of international students. I've put up a call for international student stories, and am attempting to set up a meeting with the international student advisory group to come up with more ideas.

Student Judicial Process Committee
The process for SJB member selection for the 2013-2014 school year is significantly different from last year's; interviews will be significantly smaller so as to be less intimidating, and not every member will be present. The final selection, however, will be made by the full Board (those who are not writing theses) and 2 WSA members.

Jake Blumenthal '13 and I are meeting next week with the presidents of the fraternities and societies to discuss group sanctions - are they reasonable? Are they applied with enough discretion? Do they really have an impact on group behavior, or do they hurt the campus? Afterwards, we are meeting with Dean Rick, Jon Connary, and Elisa Cardona to propose any relevant policy changes. One project we hope to undertake will involve looking at the relationship between hosting bans and party shut-downs on Fountain - after all, intoxicated students do go somewhere when Eclectic is banned. We look forward to sharing the results with you.

Undergraduate Residential Life Committee
As the rising seniors have seen, GRS will not allow splitting or merging while units of the appropriate size are available. This was not what SAC was fighting for.

SAC held a successful but sparse brainstorming session with student staff this week about their job requirements, outcomes, and satisfaction. We will continue meeting with interested parties in the following week before coming up with our proposals. Thanks to Kate Cullen '16 as always for her work on this issue.

Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board
Lily Donahue '15 managed to email the campus about woodframe inspections - amazing. 10 points for bolstering the reputation of the WSA.

**Smoking**
As you may have predicted, the smoking all-campus vote did not pass. However, as intended, it was an opportunity to provoke (more or less productive) campus conversation and turn the decision-making over to them. Argus article to follow this Wednesday.

**Public Safety Review Committee**
(See Wesleying/WesACB/Roth's email)
PSRC did not meet this week. However, PSRC will meet with Margolis Healy and Associates on April 30 and May 1st to assess the Office of Public Safety. The consultants will meet with Students, Faculty, and Staff and the PSRC will serve as the liaison for this external review. Scott will be submitting a Blog Post/Email Update regarding the recent controversy around the decision to remove race from Public Safety alerts.
Budget Priorities Committee

Continuing work from our last meeting over break, the Budget Priorities Committee (BPC) has concluded its work on new money pilot requests. BPC is now engaging in discussions on how to adjust the process for the future so that the committee may more directly weigh requests against given institutional budget priorities.

Campus Climate Log Committee

The Campus Climate Log Committee (CCLC) met this week and reviewed upcoming educational efforts and new entries to the Log. Additional subjects of conversation included the Assembly all-campus email sent 24th March 2013 (“this is the kind of creative thinking that we need”), unresolved issues regarding all-campus emails about the Log, and the administration of the Campus Climate Survey. The Survey was last administered eight years ago, and members of the committee posited that it will be another eight or ten years before the Survey is again administered, remarking upon the great opportunity to effect change through participation. In light of the fact that the student body experiences nearly 100 percent turnover every four years, I have yet to obtain a satisfactory answer as to why this administration is so infrequent. I will continue pushing on this front.

Committee for Investor Responsibility

The Committee for Investor Responsibility (CIR) nailed down some important details for expanded community investment from the General Operating Account at its last meeting before break, and is waiting to hear back from the Finance Office.

CIR Chair Corey Guilmette ’13 and I have been working with the Investment Office and the President’s Office to secure regular contact between the CIR and Chief Investment Officer Anne Martin. This should be resolved shortly.

The CIR is planning an open forum regarding Wesleyan’s investments in two to four weeks. More details will be available soon.

The CIR has decided to produce a document outlining its stance on the issue of divestment from extractive non-renewable energy industries. A first draft will be produced by next week. Meanwhile, Angus McLean ’16 is heading an action-oriented student divestment group. Please contact him if you would like to lend your voice as well.

Dining

The Dining Committee has met twice since the last report, once before break and once after, and there have been a number of exciting developments. First and foremost, I am quite pleased to announce that there will officially (officially!) be a new meal plan for juniors and seniors next year, consisting of 50 meals and 1225 points. We hope that this will provide a happy medium between all-points plans and the 105 block plan.
Usdan Marketplace is now conducting post-consumer composting, producing 15 buckets worth of compost on Monday of this week alone. When returning your dishes to the dish-room on the second floor (but not the dish carts), please leave any uneaten food on your plate so that it may be composted inside the dish room.

The surcharge ($1) previously applied to use of the Kosher station during Passover has been experimentally removed. The surcharge was put in place in an effort to ensure that enough food was available for those attempting to remain kosher during Passover. At the Sam Usdan ’15’s and the committee’s request, Bon Appetit was willing to remove the surcharge and will be monitoring the usage in an effort to avoid running out of kosher food.

There have been some additional minor dining changes. Burgers at Summerfields now include a choice of cheese and two toppings without the customary additional charge when purchased as a bundled meal. Fruit will now be more regularly available at the Marketplace during dinner, as will barbeque sauce. Please send any other minor dining suggestions or requests to me as soon as possible so that they may be implemented by semester’s end.

The Summerfields weekend breakfast pilot for next fall has been raised with the Finance Office, and the Winter Break dining plan has been bumped to the Student Life Committee to decide preferences. More updates on these two enterprises soon.

For those here over the summer, the summer meal plan options are now open for purchase on the website. Please visit wesleyan.edu/dining for more details.

First Generation

Chase Knowles ’16 and Sisi Miteva ’15 are working with the Questbridge scholars to construct a pamphlet describing services available to first generation college students at Wesleyan. This pamphlet will be available in the Admissions Office and given to the appropriate students when they arrive for Orientation.

Facilities

To relieve a shortage of practice space for dance groups on campus, I have contacted Usdan Director Michelle Myers-Brown about installing a mirror behind the already-present curtain in the Theater room of Fayerweather. Barring an objection from the Theater or Dance departments and contingent on the identification of funding, this project will go forward. Thanks to Cynthia Tong ’14 for bringing this opportunity to my attention.

Before break, the Sustainability group got together to discuss energy losses due to overheating in student residences. Although opening a window is fastest solution to a warm room, this causes energy to be lost as the system attempts to reheat the room. We are looking into ways to encourage students call Physical Plant to inform them of the problem in addition or in place of opening a window or door.

Green Fund

The Green Fund has convinced the students of Long Lane Farm to opt for state-sponsored removal of contaminated soil (this option being quicker and cheaper than the others), which has allowed the Green Fund to fund a new greenhouse and other materials for the farm. Thanks to Adam Brudnick ’13 for his work on this.

Working in collaboration with Alan Rubacha and myself, the Green Fund is looking to fund a half-dozen or so new electric vehicle charging stations in three locations around campus (expansion at Freeman Athletic Center, new installation in Lot C by Allbritton and Lot E by
Admissions). Final details on company, model, and cost are yet to be determined.

Green Revolving Fund

Following a productive meeting with Barbara-Jan Wilson of University Relations, I am cautiously optimistic that a Green Revolving Fund may be in place by the end of the semester. The currently planned model is focused on filling the gap between the Comprehensive Energy Reduction Fund (run by Peter Staye of Facilities), which funds projects with paybacks generally less than eight years, and the Green Fund, which funds any Wesleyan-relevant green project (including advocacy) without any particular need for payback of any kind. This new fund would be managed by a committee that includes students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and would fund projects that are more long-term investments and help bring Wesleyan towards its stated goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. This fund would operate using approximately $0.5 million to $1 million dollars.

To avoid endowment cannibalism and to alleviate our current financial predicaments, two mechanisms would be put in place to support the endowment (and the financial aid budget specifically). Alumni wishing to donate to the Green Revolving Fund would be unable to do so without also contributing to the endowment (or to the financial aid budget), at ratios to be determined. Secondly, some percentage (also to be determined) of the savings generated by the Revolving Fund would go to the endowment (or to the financial aid budget) while the rest would revolve in the Fund.

We are currently updating our potential kick-off donors and will be bringing the full proposal to the Finance Office directly soon.

Lighting

I am pleased to announce that a new Blue Light phone will be installed outside Olin Library over the summer, to complement the blue lights already outside Weshop, Exley, and Shanklin.

Student Budget Sustainability Task Force

Over break, I have assembled a preliminary draft of the Task Force’s final recommendations. This will be discussed and debated by the full Task Force over the coming weeks before our final presentation of the recommendations to the community.

Sustainability

A mobile water-dispensing station has been designed and two prototypes are currently being built. These will be used for all sorts of outdoor events to relieve the need for bottled water, and will almost definitely be ready in time for Joss Whedon’s lecture this year’s Commencement.

Bill Nelligan has finally been able to arrange a trash audit, which will be conducted in two mystery buildings in coming weeks. Stay tuned.

Please give any and all spent print cartridges to Bill Nelligan so that they may be recycled (and we get paid for them). There is a collection bucket in the lobby of Exley Science Center.

Transportation
Mary Diaz ’14 has been working with Joe Martocci from Transportation Services to arrange for weekly shuttles to Price Chopper and the rest of the Washington corridor, hopefully for Friday afternoons. We expect updates soon.

The new Transportation subcommittee of SAGES and FiFaC has met at long last! Our first meeting was very productive in reviewing past initiatives and settling major goals for the remainder of the year. The two most prominent projects for the coming months will be presenting a policy banning University-sponsored air travel within a certain radius of campus and the promotion of ride-sharing amongst Wesleyan commuters.

FiFaC Frivolous Fact of the Week

The mass of Jupiter is enough to considerably alter the center of mass of our solar system. The immense size of our star, Sol, however, is so great that this slightly-off-center center of mass is still within the heliosphere of our system’s most massive body. (Your mom.)
Member of the Week: Lily Donahue

Lily Donahue ’15 chairs the Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board, one of the more contentious subcommittees in that it often faces the hard task of telling students "no." Not only has she headed the committee with grace and high levels of organizations this year, but she has also managed to give the campus warning about many rounds of inspections, at times through clandestine meetings that cannot be explained by any clause within the by-laws! Additionally, Lily is working on facility fine reform and serves on the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Outreach
OEAC is advertising for the New York Times Speaker Jacques Steinberg, who will be giving a talk titled, “Beyond the Gatekeepers: The State of College Access and Affordability in America,” on April 9th at 7:30 PM in Memorial Chapel. We hope to see you all there!

WSA-Admissions Committee
The WSA-Admissions Committee is scheduling our next meeting, when we will discuss removing the financial aid applicant box from applications reviewed by admissions officers, how to target students based on different types of diversity (political, geographic, etc.) and utilizing student staff for recruitment over breaks. During a meeting with Roth this week, he suggested that we host a forum to discuss admissions priorities in the fall. Please let us know if there are any other issues you would like us to bring up.

Constitutional Review
Last week OEAC discussed reorganizing the SBC and FiFac to create more equal subcommittee distribution. We also discussed the possibility of more formal collaboration
between SBC and COCo or creating positions on FiFac subcommittees for SBC members. This week OEAC will begin meeting with individual committees to review their sections of the bylaws. Please make sure to review your section (and the entirety of the bylaws, if possible) before your assigned meeting time. You are also welcome to attend any of the other committee’s meetings. Thank you to Trexler and Zach for joining us for constitutional review!

Technology (ITC)
Grant Tanenbaum ‘15, Chair

Collegiate Link
This week we’re finalizing our relationship with Collegiate Link, working out technical details with ITS, and cementing our budget to ensure that students won’t pay any money for this new service.

Writing Center
We’re meeting this week with Anne Greene to talk about how to implement online writing help for the entire Wesleyan community.

WesMaps
We are prodding ITS to speed up the implementation of WesMaps reforms.

Equipment Loans
We’re working with a lot of University departments (CFA, Exley, ITS, LRC) to set up a single place where all students can check out equipment to use for individual projects.

Digital Media Workshop
I’ll have an update for all of you this week about the Digital Media Workshop that President Roth discussed at our last meeting with him.

Non-ITC Item:
I’ll be sitting on the Class of 2015 Dean search committee, 2015-ers should let me know what their priorities are for a new Dean and things I should keep in mind through the process.
This week the SBC allocated $20,119 to Student Groups on Campus

Request of the Week: Waves Magazine is releasing their second publication this semester. In efforts to reduce costs and increase initial awareness, their first issue was published in online form only. They are now pursuing a print option for their second issue, but the first was incredibly impressive. You can check it out here! [http://weswavesmagazine.com/](http://weswavesmagazine.com/)

190 High - SBC funded a recording studio for student groups on campus that will be located in 190 High. Getting a tour of the facility this week to see what repairs would be necessary to properly update the building.