Executive Report

President: Nicole Updegrove ‘14
Vice President: Andrew Trexler ‘14

Executive Committee
This week’s agenda included the following:

1. General Assembly from 11/10/13
2. Agenda for General Assembly 11/17/13
3. Agenda for General Assembly 11/24/13
4. Follow-up on custodial services
5. Perception of President Roth
6. Spring Fling update
7. Senior Class Officers update
8. Executive Committee Spring Retreat
9. Upcoming working group: Vandalism
10. End-of-semester Goals
11. Committee Reports

Follow-up on Custodial Services
During a long meeting between USLAC, John Meerts, Deb Holman, Joyce Topshe, and Nicole, the administrators present agreed to the creation of a Code Compliance Board (as called for in Resolution 4.35) to hear worker grievances, consider workloads, and make recommendations to the University about custodial services. Physical Plant has also identified 120 man-hours of unnecessary custodial work that shall be cut in order to reduce workloads. This will mean that program houses will need to perform more of their own cleaning, beginning next semester. The WSA will work on marketing and implementing this change together with Physical Plant and Residential Life.

Budget Priorities Committee
The Budget Priorities Committee (BPC) met briefly this week and discussed potential to the University’s financial Long Range Plan and proposed tuition rises for next year. We are continuing with the new policy of linking tuition to inflation.
Judicial / Honor Board Appeals Changes
Nicole lobbied for a change in the appeals process for SJB / Honor Board decisions last year, away from the current system of appealing directly to President Roth. This is now (finally) going into effect - Dean Mike will consider options when talking to the other NESCAC schools in the coming weeks. Thoughts? Talk to Nicole and Kate.

Tenure Decisions
A close reading of the Argus archives from 1988-1989 revealed that WSA members (in addition to being elected from various residences, rather than class years) had a voice in tenure decisions. Nicole will be hunting through the Argives to see how the WSA has gained or lost power over the years, and what we might look to in the future. To what degree should we have a say in all goings-on at the University? What roles do we hold that other members of the student body could benefit from holding instead?

Out-of-Context Quote of the Week
**Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)**

*Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ‘15*

**Career Center**
All AAC members are scheduling appointments to meet with either a Peer Career Advisor (PCA) or a Career Counselor at the CC to get first hand insight into the CC’s process. The chair and vice-chair will be meeting again with the director to identify areas of reform and where the CC should be focussing its efforts to best serve students. We’ve also received updates on the new WeShadow program and the CC’s weekend of service plan for Spring semester.

**Withdrawal Period**
AAC is continuing to meet with administrators and faculty to get feedback on a potential two-week extension of the no-penalty Withdrawal Period (now limited to Drop/Add).

**Grading Mode Extension**
This coming week the Chair is presenting to the faculty on an AAC proposal to extend the grading mode deadline (now limited to Drop/Add) by two weeks.

**Pre-Registration**
The chair is meeting with the registrar’s office to get an update on how pre-registration is progressing and if they’re noticing any obvious areas of reform before EPC tackles this issue this Winter.

**Honor Code**
The chair received an update this week on Honor Code violations at Wesleyan, more details to come.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair (interim): Andrew Trexer ’14

OrgSync
We now stand at 251 student groups. We are looking into a way to allow non-Wesleyan folks look at OrgSync to read about our students groups (a request of the Admission Office for prospective students).

The WesWorks Project
Many student groups, particularly in the activism and identity communities, experience a frustrating pattern of the same students going to their events. To help various groups obtain a wider and more attentive audience, we are experimenting with a new type of group summit. The experiment entails bringing together the memberships Middletown Potluck and Wes, Divest!, two groups with really no significant and obvious synergies, and having each group split in half to talk about Middletown things or divestment things (each half of each group will be discussing one or the other with half of the other group) before coming together as a whole to discuss what we learned. If successful, this will be scaled up to become a regular initiative.

Thanks to Glenn Cantave ’15, Aidan Martinez ’17, and Lizzie Shackney ’17 for taking on this project and giving it such a wonderful name.

Kate Cullen ’16 is doing a similar event with all of the diversity and identity groups this coming Tuesday, 7:30 to 9:00pm in the DFC, and you should all attend!

Chief Diversity Officer
Nicole Updegrove ’14 and I met with Antonio Farias, Wesleyan’s new Chief Diversity Officer, this week for an informal conversation about the state of diversity at Wesleyan and Antonio’s hope for his Office in the coming months. We have agreed to meet regularly to continue these conversations and we look forward to very successful collaboration in the future!

Committee for Inclusion and Diversity
Update will be given in the meeting.

Spirit and Events
CoCo has eschewed the idea of a Wesleyan gallon challenge and we are now aiming for a kickball tournament organized for early February.

Student Group Category Summits
Key Session ’17 organized a very successful summit for the publications student groups this weekend. Several groups will be working together to produce a collaborative annual project.
Lizzie Shackney ’17 has also organized a category summit for the activism groups, scheduled for this Tuesday. Thanks to both Key and Lizzie for their great work!

**Student Group of the Week**

The student group of the week is J Street U because they actually put all of their events on OrgSync, which is great.

**MidWes**
Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)
Chair: Jacob Musinsky ‘15, Coordinator

This week, the WSA is meeting in 41 Wyllys Room 114.

Outreach
The WSA canvassed this week! Thank you to everyone who was a part of the process. We had a great time and learned a lot about campus opinion. This year we canvassed with pre-written questions and left literature under the doors of people who were not in their dorms during canvassing hours. I think this was a very productive way of doing outreach to the majority of campus. We’ve identified nudity in the library as an additional concern to noise levels. Thanks to Lily Herman ‘16 for writing up the questions and designing the literature.

Furthermore, a modified version of last week’s newsletter was written up, submitted to the Argus, and will be printed to be hung up in bathroom stalls around campus (NEWSFLUSH). We hope this will increase the knowledge of WSA projects around campus.

Elections
Fred Ayres ‘17, Mansoor Alam ‘15, and I are serving as the Elections Committee. We met to discuss our plans for the elections. We had an informational session about the WSA today (Sunday, Nov. 17) from 1-2PM in Allbritton 311. Petitions will go out tomorrow (Monday, Nov. 18) and will be due Friday (Nov. 22). Encourage anyone you know who is interested in the WSA to run!

ITC
ITC is working on cleaning up some of the WSA’s online activities (not just our browsing history). We will be meeting with ITS this week to discuss the WSA website and OrgSync - what features might be worth implementing through our site. This discussion will include the voting website so send me your thoughts on that - ideally it would be nice if OrgSync could provide a sufficient platform for holding elections, but it doesn’t. Which is why we use a site designed in 2004. Some of you have also brought up little items on the E-Portfolio → contact a WSA rep link, changing “docs” to “drive” and so on. Continuing to work on remote ArcGIS access - looking into whether or not our license covers RDC usage.

Are we doing a good job at streamlining our online activity?
- Should we use the WSA Moodle page?

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Student Affairs Committee (SAC)
Chair: Kate Cullen ’16

RAs in WestCo
Chris Caines ’16 and Bruno Machiavelo ’16 met with Fran Koerting to discuss changing the way RAs are assigned to WestCo. They determined that a change to the current system is not feasible. In addition, residents of WestCo are no longer as concerned about this issue. However, we will continue looking into the issue to ensure that the issues we witnessed this fall do not occur again. We will discuss the issue in URLC with the Presidents of WestCo later this semester.

Hosting Bans
Dean Rick Culliton and Scott Backer are compiling a document outlining the discussions we had in SJPC and URLC about a change to the hosting ban sanction. The SJB has adopted our suggestions into their sanctioning options.

General Room Selection
We discussed changes to GRS in URLC this week. These changes include preventing juniors from splitting and merging and creating a new classification under doubles for sophomores called “clusters.” Thank you to Bruno Machiavelo ’16 for these ideas and for meeting with Fran Koerting beforehand. We also discussed housing for junior transfers. Off of this conversation, ResLife is considering forming a Task Force to look at the issue.

Free STI Testing
Victor Zhao ’16 dove deeper into his research on how other schools fund STI testing. He collected good ideas during the NESCAC Conference and called a group of other schools that weren’t in attendance. The basic conclusion was that free STI testing is a high priority at most of our other schools so the administration funds free testing for students.

Fire Safety and Facilities Fining
The Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board, led by Julio Angel ’16 met on Saturday to finalize changes to the fire safety and facilities fining system. Julio will be referring those changes to Chris Cruz.

Wesleyan Students for Disability Rights
WSDR joined us for our committee meeting to have a formal discussion about a group of issues we’ve been in communication about this semester. These include medical leave policies, forming a medical leave student advisor program, and altering our portrayal of mental illnesses in our psychology and
neurology curriculum to be more sensitive. It was a great conversation and we really appreciate them coming in to speak with us!
I was so proud of my committee this week. I had a thesis presentation on Monday, so I had to miss the first two hours or so of SBC. They handled it beautifully, although this moment momentarily happened in their leadership forray:

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Spring Fling
Thanks to our special representative to the Spring Fling Committee, Pat Keogh, we are receiving now updates about the status of Spring Fling. According to SF leadership, they are focusing on the main act and are close to making some important decisions this week. What those are, we do not know, but we put our utmost trust in these members. Go music!

Request of the Week:
Pinoy Late Night. All proceeds went to the disaster relief!

Canvassing:
Thanks to all my committee members who went canvassing and told me they had a fantastic time. Outreach is the best!

Fun fact of the week: Matan’s DJ name is Betty.

Best night of the week: Friday, because we had an SBC POTLUCK DINNER!

Menu:
Spaghetti with turkey sauce
Garlic bread
Salad
Cookie dough (and a few cookies)
Great beverages

And now… for a one time only, EXCLUSIVE literary presentation by the best behaved members of SBC.
Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)

Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15

SuFFaC this week did not have a very busy week in terms of formal meetings or work. Rather, the committee took the opportunity to hack away at a few projects we have or are in the process of getting in the works. Additionally, the Financial Aid Committee as well as the Freeman Athletic Committee are in the process of setting up meetings.

Transportation Committee

∙ Implementing the new GPS Tracking system for The Ride—the new GPS tracking system provided by a company called Saucon is set to arrive in the next couple of weeks, which means it should be fully up and running by the time the spring semester commences. The new technology will improve the safety and convenience of the campus by providing a smart phone app that will locate The Ride to within 3 seconds of precision. Martin Malabanan ’16 will be working with Joe Martocci to ensure the widespread knowledge of this system, and to develop a roll-out plan.
∙ Shuttle to Price Chopper—Mary Diaz ’14 is in talks with Joe Martocci to implement a free shuttle for students to Price Chopper. Right now, we are in the process of gauging interest and finding a time to optimize effectiveness. The plan is the get the program started on a trial basis.
∙ Thanksgiving/Winter Break shuttle schedules—The committee is working to inform constituents of the shuttle options offered by the school.

Dining Committee

The Dining Committee is set to meet on Tuesday of this week. Much of the discussion will revolve around following up with some tasks from our last meeting. The rough agenda for that meeting is as follows:
∙ Chef’s Table at Usdan—In light of the revamped Summerfields menu, and the negative publicity surrounding it, Colin O’Keeffe ’17 is working with Michael Strumpf and Michelle Myers-Brown to set up a chef’s table at Usdan in order to get the word out that the menu has been improved and to take direct suggestions on how to improve it further.
∙ Text-in menus at Late Night and Summerfields—The committee will continue its work with getting the Summerfields text in menu to fully reflect the Summerfields menu. Additionally, the committee has received word that the Late Night text in option is malfunctioning, this is something we will address.
∙ FAD free tuna—The committee is committed to environmentally friendly farming and hunting practices and is thus, at the behest of a constituent, looking into pursuing tuna that is more eco-friendly.

Sustainability

∙ Stickers on paper towel dispensers—As discussed in previous weeks, Martin has gathered information on stickers designed to reduce the usage of paper towels. He has been working with ResLife to install these stickers around campus.
· Clean energy generators on machines in Freeman—Mary has mocked up an analysis of the costs and benefits of the generators and is working with Colin and Ellen Paik ’16 to prepare a presentation for the Green Fund, the Freeman Athletic Committee, and the WSA projects budget.
· Stickers on electric doors and elevators—As has been discussed in previous reports, the doors and elevators waste a disproportionate amount of energy. Nadia Georgieva ’16 is working on a campaign to prevent the unnecessary usage of these. This past week, she met with the people who handle disability on campus in order to ensure that the signs against using these doors and elevators does not impede the usage by people who need these resources.