Executive Report

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

Executive Committee Meeting
The agenda from the Executive Committee meeting included the following:
1. Checking in with Chairs
2. October 27th General Assembly meeting feedback
3. Sustainability/Future of the WSA
4. Student work that replaces University administrator work
5. CoCo updates
6. November 3rd General Assembly agenda
7. Future agenda topics
8. Updates on meeting with President Roth
9. Resolution follow-up
10. Upcoming Newsletter
11. Senior Class Officers
12. The WSA Office
13. Committee Reports

Privilege and Policy Talks
The fourth Privilege and Policy talk, concerning Culture, Ethnicity, and Religion occurred last Monday with a low turnout but great discussion. Sex, Gender, and Relationships is coming up this Thursday from 7 to 9 PM. Nicole will be sending out notes from each of the talks to some of the relevant student groups and list-servs in hopes of getting the most extensive input possible. If you would like some of the notes, please let me know.

By-Laws
The constitution and by-laws are finally finished in their entirety! They shall be uploaded to the WSA website shortly. Please do read them in their entirety when you have the chance, but at the very least, read your committee’s section before your next committee meeting.

Meeting with President Roth
Andrew and Nicole met with President Roth for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday. They addressed the last two resolutions (4.35 and 5.35); members of USLAC and the WSA will
meet with John Meerts and Joyce Topshe to discuss the custodial labor resolution this week, and WesDivest will have a hard case to make to the Board of Trustees Investment Committee about divestment, but President Roth did entertain the topic. White papers are on their way in to the President’s Office, and President Roth will be creating a request for proposals (RFP) for design companies to help with the Campus Master Plan throughout the year. He encourages us all to read the previous Campus Master Plan.

**White Papers**
The three white papers mentioned last week (Espwesso expansion, WesBikes expansion, and 190 High renovation) have all been submitted after final tweaks and letters of support gathered. Thanks to everyone who gave suggestions and comments.

**Out-of-Context Administrator Quote of the Week**
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ’15

Educational Policy Committee (Note: this section of the report is confidential)
❖ EPC approved changes in the requirements to be admitted to the American Studies major.
❖ EPC approved the proposed College of East Asian Studies, it will go to the faculty for approval.
❖ EPC approved the WSA Academic Affairs Committee proposal to extend the grading mode change deadline by two weeks, it will go to the faculty for approval.
❖ Feedback AAC would like from GA: EPC has been considering multiple proposals to amend requirements to be admitted into a major. The chair and vice-chair feel that there should be more institution-wide clarity on what is appropriate for a department to request to be admitted. Please email your thoughts to gltanenbaum@wesleyan.edu or nbrenner@wesleyan.edu.

SciLi Changes
The chair is continuing to discuss with the University Librarian the feasibility of moving the remaining stacks out of the first floor of SciLi and creating more collaborative study spaces.

First Year Policies
Ben Marvin-Vanderyn ’17 and Rebecca Hutman ’17 have been liaising with the student governments of our peer schools, learning about first year specific academic regulations they have. This will be an upcoming GA agenda item.

Withdrawal Policy
Rebecca Hutman ’17 is compiling a comprehensive list of our peer institutions timelines’ for withdrawing from a course with and without a transcript notation. This research will start an AAC discussion on examining Wesleyan’s withdrawal policy and a possible EPC resolution to modify that policy.

Mid-semester Evaluations
The chair is preparing a proposal to the EPC to implement two-part mid-semester evaluations. The first part is a preliminary and non-official grade from the professor to the student and, in small courses, the option to provide some brief remarks on the student’s progress. The second part is a professor-administered teaching and course evaluation that is not held by the university or seen by any one other than the professor. The chair hopes to introduce this proposal at the November 11 EPC meeting.

Academic “Classifieds”
The chair has discussed with Academic Affairs the proposal to create a directory of professors seeking research help, department prizes, and Wesleyan grants.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair (Interim): Andrew Trexler ’14

OrgSync / Student Groups
Six new groups were approved this week. We now stand at a total of 246 student groups. CoCo is also working to organize student group category meetings to foster communication and collaboration amongst student groups.

MidWes
The Middletown Relations Committee is keeping quite busy and there a number of exciting developments. MidWes is looking at opening campus events to Middletown residents; in particular an upcoming WES-U event at Eclectic. MidWes will be sending a representative to sit on the board of the Center for Community Partnerships. The Committee is working with the Middletown Rotary Club to engage students in a number of community service programs and Rotary Club events; MidWes will be going to the Rotary Club’s board meeting on 6th November. MidWes is working with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and Freeman Athletic Center Advisory Committee to set up a mentorship program between Wesleyan and local high school student athletes. MidWes Chair Glenn Cantave ’15 is also reaching out to Invisible Men and other groups to see if they would be interested in participating in the mentorship program.

Committee for Inclusion and Diversity
The Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (CID) will be meeting for the first time this Sunday. Update to follow soon. Thanks to Aidan Martinez ’17, Sadasia McCutchen ’17, and Keyonne Session ’17 for their representation on the committee.

Bandfire
Key Session ’17 and Lizzie Shackney ’17 are working to organize our annual Bandfire event before the snows bury us all. They will be communicating with the SALD Office this week to nail down event details.

Student Group of the Week
The student group of the week is Wes, Divest! for completing one of their organization’s goals (Resolution 5.35) before being approved in OrgSync.
Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)

Chair: Jacob Musinsky ’15, Coordinator

Outreach
This week OEAC analyzed our current outreach efforts and discussed how we can better them.

The Outreach Task Force met briefly and decided to reform their mission a little bit. The task force will now only consist of two members of CoCo, all of OEAC, and the other representatives from each committee. The task force will be responsible for doing direct outreach to student groups. Furthermore, the representatives will really get to share with each other more detail about what was discussed in each committee’s meeting that week so when doing outreach we may be comprehensive.

Our social media outlets are in full-swing, and we will be trying to advertise them more. Fred Ayres ‘17 has also been working on YouTube videos and will hopefully begin filming this week.

Canvassing has been moved to the week of November 11th. Reps will be expected to attend a short “how to” meeting before the actual canvassing efforts. OEAC will be hosting this. The Outreach Task Force, along with the Executive Committee, will be putting together a list of prompts relating to pertinent WSA issues to ask students. We will also be dropping lit under the doors of the students who are not available with the prompts and the proper contact information.

Newsletter
I met with Alton Wang ‘16 to finalize the newsletter this week so it could be sent out to the student body.

External Review
Lily Herman ‘16 is working on it!

Elections
Winter Elections will be taking place during November/December. Due to the inconvenient timing of Thanksgiving Break, petitions will go out on November 18th and will be due November 22nd. The election will then take place when we get back from Thanksgiving Break from December 2nd to December 6th. The Elections Committee will consist of Andrew Trexler ‘14, Nicki Softness ‘14, and myself.
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)

Chair: Kate Cullen ’16

Quiet Study Spaces
SAC polled most of SciLi on Tuesday night. Thanks to other WSA members who helped poll Olin on Wednesday night! We’re also sending a link out in the WSA Newsletter. Fill it out now if you haven’t already: https://wesleyan.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5zDzK8R58b7NuH1X

Undergraduate Residential Life Committee
1. Hosting Bans: This week we discussed how hosting bans could be changed so that Greek spaces are still be available to the campus community when Greek organizations are on probation. We discussed how detrimental not having those spaces available for concerts or other events is to the community. We came up with two main ideas: the first to have student groups essentially “rent” the space or second place an intermediary step in the probation process where a Greek organization can host their own events, but with specific restrictions (ie time limits, must use event staff, etc). We also discussed the challenges Wesleyan event staff and instances where hiring external event staff may be more beneficial.

2. GRS: Bruno Machiavelo ‘16 has compiled a list of GRS ideas and suggestions for us to talk about in URLC in two weeks. He’s meeting with Fran Koerting this week about them. Other SAC members are giving their input as well. We would appreciate any ideas from the assembly!

3. Program House Evaluations: Richard Fessler ’15 is brainstorming changes to the way Greek houses are evaluated, including making community standards a larger part of their evaluation.

Public Safety Review Committee
The committee met for the first time this week to set goals and talk about the purpose of the committee. Angus McLean ‘16 and Bruno Machiavelo ‘16 were in attendance. They discussed student’s rights, incident management, transparency, and clarifying the process of being written up by a Psafe officer among other issues. After consulting with Scott Backer, the committee will maintain the name but take on more of an advisory role than PSRC last year. The Director of Public Safety and a patrol officer will attend meetings from now on.

Student Judicial Process Committee
This committee also met for the first time this week. Victor Zhao ’17 and Kate Cullen ’16 were in attendance. They discussed Process Advisor Training, which will be taking place the week of 11/11, changes to the points system, and hosting bans. The committee was much more supportive of the second hosting ban option that was discussed in URLC. They saw this as being an internal shift in SJB sanctioning instead of a policy shift.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee
A few topics of note from Friday’s meeting are late night programming (ie UCAB) and replacing the Alcohol Edu program. In the spring semester, UCAB programs will still start at a later time only on Thursday nights and not include the once a month Saturday programs. Once a month there will be an open mic or music program. The other three weeks will have programs that are designed to engage participants for a long period of time (i.e., more rollerblading or laser tag!). We are looking at using “My Student Body” instead of Alcohol Edu. It’s shorter, doesn’t have cheesy videos, and gives us the option of embedding a few personalized media pieces.

Queer Task Force
Chris Caines ’16 met with Katy Thompson (Queer Resource Intern) to talk about the Task Force. She expressed concerns over creating even more queer issue advocacy groups. They agreed that it would be better to shift the role of the Queer Task Force WSA member to a liaison between WSA and existing queer advocacy groups on campus.

STI Testing
Victor Zhao ’17 did great research this week to see if our peer schools offer free STI testing. Williams, Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby have free testing for students. Tufts is the only other college that has the same set-up as us. Victor is also going to suggest to SHAC that they update the DHC website to give more information about testing in the Middletown area.

Fire Safety and Facilities
Julio Angel ‘16 and Nicole Updegrove ‘14 met with the facilities staff on Wednesday to talk about reforms to the fining and appealing system.

Dining Committee
Angus McLean ’16 is working on a few sustainable and socially aware initiatives. These include composting, putting up a sign in Usdan with the carbon footprint of different types of foods, and urging Bon Appetite to buy sustainable seafood.

Other Things
Bruno Machiavelo ’17 and Nicole Brenner ’15 are meeting with Elisa Cardona and Dean Mike to talk about the future of Cardinal Connect. Bruno is still plugging away at Alternative Spring Break. Julio Angel ’16 is meeting with Alyssa Warren about sexual assault issues.
Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Chair: Nicki Softness ‘14

Here are the groups we funded:

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We had a VERY long meeting this Monday, as we were essentially covering two weeks worth of requests (thanks to fall break). Amazing job to my committee, who lasted through a four and a half hour long meeting, and brought very tasty snacks.

Request of the week: **Avenue Q Puppet Collective!**

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**Glasbergen Cartoon of the Week:** This is a place for budget, finance, and investment humor from the greatest cartoonist of all time. This cartoon is to evidence the fantastic group dynamic that promulgates throughout our SBC meetings - the steaminess is
palpable. And we have many oreos. Thus, see below.

Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)

Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15

Transportation Committee:

- Shuttle to Price Chopper—the committee met and discussed the possibility of arranging a van for students to take to Price Chopper. The implementation of such a van is predicated on student interest. A van was put in place this summer, and did not attract enough students to warrant a full implementation. We hope to remedy this and garner enough student interest to continue this van.

- Fan buses to Trinity—With the football victory against Williams this weekend, the team set up an epic showdown with Trinity next week. The winner of the game will take home the NESCAC title—which would be the first title for Wesleyan since ‘Nam. Hearing

“It's a steamy novel about an accountant — Fifty Shades of Red.”
student interest, the committee explored the possibility of arranging transportation to take students to Trinity to watch the potentially historic game. The committee will send out a survey to gauge student interest in attending the game and hopes to garner enough to warrant the vans.

- Transportation for Thanksgiving and Winter Break—With Fall break behind us, Winter break and Thanksgiving break are just around the corner. As such, the committee is working to disseminate the transportation information for shuttles traveling to Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and New York. The committee will be working with the WSA blog, the WSA newsletter, all-school e-mail, The Argus and Wesleying to get the shuttle information to the students. One change is this year, due to a lack of interest from previous years, there will be no return shuttle from Boston—instead students will have to take a train to New Haven and catch the shuttle back to Middletown from there.

- GPS Tracker—As has been discussed earlier, The Ride is in the process of updating their GPS tracker system. The new system, from Saucon, should be up and running by the end of the semester.

**Dining Committee:**
The Dining Committee had to push back its meeting from last week to this coming Tuesday due to some scheduling conflicts. The agenda remains the same as last week, if you have anything you would like to add, or any food suggestions, please just let me know.

**Sustainability Task Force:**
The Sustainability Task Force is looking to get underway. If you are on the Assembly and interested in school sustainability efforts, please talk to Ellen Paik.

**Usdan Tenants:**
The committee met this week and discussed the following:

- Coats for Connecticut—A bin in Usdan to collect Winter clothing for people in need in Connecticut. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me.
- WSA Office—The inner conference room of the WSA office will get a new coating of paint ASAP.
- School Spirit—In an effort to raise school spirit and connectivity in Usdan, the school has decided to put up a Wesleyan decal above the marketplace. If you have any comments, or any ideas for furthering the school spirit in Usdan, please let me know.
- Break Shuttles—Working between the box office and the Transportation Committee to arrange the transportation for the upcoming breaks. More information can be found under the Transportation Committee section of this report.
- Spending Limits on IT Store—In reference to the resolution we passed on spending limits earlier this fall, we have met with the IT store to discuss ramifications of the implemented policy. So far, the IT store reports a small dip in revenue.
• Bathroom gendering—The workers at Usdan are becoming increasingly frustrated with the tearing down of the bathroom signs in Usdan. This is something they recommend the WSA think about. I don’t know if this is a place for a resolution, but it may at least be worthy of discussion.

**Major Maintenance:**
The annual light tour is upon us once again. On Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m., we will start the tour outside of the Public Safety offices. The light tour is a great way to evaluate the safety of our campus and determine areas that need improvement. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. The tour is open to any and all who wish to partake.