Executive Report

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

Executive Committee
The agenda from the Executive Committee meeting included the following:
1. Checking in with chairs
2. November 3rd General Assembly meeting feedback
3. Agenda for November 10th
4. Agenda for November 17th
5. Agenda for November 24th
6. Upcoming surveys
7. NESCAC conference
8. Morale
9. CoCo Chair decision
10. Diversity/redundancy/inefficiency of University programming
11. Newsletter
12. Fan Vans
13. Committee Reports

Privilege and Policy
The final privilege and policy talk took place this Thursday, covering Sex, Gender, and Relationships. With about 20 in attendance, we discussed in depth some of the issues in these areas, including gendered spaces on campus and sexual assault.

Now that all five talks are finished, the notes from all five talks will be sent to relevant campus leaders and student groups to collect more input from the student body before publishing the results. Stay tuned! Thanks to everyone who came out to the talks or helped put them together.

CoCo Chair Decision
After much consultation with previous WSA members, current WSA members, Executive Committee and administrators, we have decided to keep Andrew Trexler’ 14 as interim CoCo Chair for the duration of the semester. At the final General Assembly meeting of the semester, we will hold
internal elections for a spring term CoCo Chair, who will then have December and Winter Break in order to get up to speed.

**Potential Upcoming Projects**
- Election reform
- Clarification of aid policies for Winter Session
- Winter Session co-curricular activities
- Exploration of student voice in tenure decisions
- Expansion of majors committees
- Video explaining what happens when you donate to Wesleyan
- Waive application fee for Middletown applicants
- We the People
- Open key-card access to all residences

**White Papers**

The White Papers Review Committee met this week and ran through 23 of the 62 proposals, rejecting 13 and taking 10 for further review. Our next meeting is next week where we will hopeful get through the remainder of the first round review.

**Financial Aid Fundraising**

Andrew met with Barbara-Jan Wilson, the director of University Relations, this week and received full approval for the separate, budget-expanding donation fund for financial aid. Barbara-Jan and President Roth will be bringing the idea forward to the other relevant fundraising parties and working on an implementation plan. More good news to follow soon!

**Out-of-Context Quotes of the Week (times two)**
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ‘15

EPC Updates

First Year Specific Policy Update
AAC is gathering feedback from professors and administrators on the potential and merits for specific policy proposals that affect first year’s academic life. H/t to Rebecca Hutman and Ben Marvin-Vanderyn for spearheading the research and execution of this project.

Pre-Reg Survey
The chair has been meeting with Academic Affairs on the possibility of adding an optional survey at the end of the pre-registration system next semester.

Advising Document
AAC is convening a panel of students from across the academic divisions to create a document defining the student ideal of advising. This is meant to be an aspirational rather than critical document to serve as a guide for the ongoing task of reforming Wesleyan’s advising system.

Career Center
The chair met with the new director of the Career Center, Sharon Belden-Castonguay. We discussed recent changes at the CC, the filing of staff and counselling positions, and ways the CC can better serve underclassmen. We also discussed the lack of access for alumni to CC resources and the lack of industry-specific knowledge from counselors.
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair (Interim): Andrew Trexler ‘14

OrgSync/Student Groups
We are now at 249 student groups. This remains roughly on track with last year.

Dean Antonio Farias
Dean Antonio Farias started this past Monday as Wesleyan’s new Chief Diversity Officer! Nicole Updegrove ’14 and Andrew will be meeting with him on this coming Monday to discuss his vision and direction for his Office, and to work out how students might collaborate with him to make Wesleyan as diverse, equitable, and inclusive as possible.

Spirit and Events
Since it is getting too cold for Bandfire, CoCo is instead exploring the possibility of an indoor school-spirit events. Distinct possibility of an eating contest or possibly a gallon challenge. More updates soon.

Middletown Relations Committee
The mentorship program between Wesleyan and Middletown high school athletes is going forward to the Athletics Department, and the Committee is coordinating with the Middletown Rotary Club on some potential projects. Glenn Cantave ’15 will provide a further update in-meeting.

Committee for Inclusion and Diversity
CID met for the first time last Sunday and will now be meeting weekly on Sundays at noon. The discussion last week centered on the meaning of ‘student of color’ and the work of the Student of Color intern. A more thorough update on this week’s discussion and planning efforts will be given in the meeting.

Connecticut Community
CoCo is working to compile information on various attractions and useful locations around Middletown and Connecticut (for food, supplies, day trips, etc.) to be added to the Assembly website. We are using the Vassar Student Association’s “Community” section of their website as a working model. Thanks to Syed Ali ’13 for the inspiration for this idea.

Student Group of the Week
...is Espwesso! The Cafe held unusual hours over Homecoming/Family Weekend, opening during the day on Saturday, to great success. Hopefully this can become a regular thing in the future...

Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)
Chair: Jacob Musinsky ’15, Coordinator

General Assembly
Last week, I got some really great advice on how to ensure productivity of General Assembly. In the future, we will not be having “potential solution finding” discussions. I will also stick to strict time limits and ensure that GA has a diverse agenda. We will attempt to create questions on every agenda item that will be sent out hopefully up to two weeks before the item is going to be discussed in General Assembly. Thanks to everyone that participated in this discussion!

Newsletter
The first WSA Newsletter was a success! Next steps include posting copies of the Newsletter in bathroom stalls around campus and getting a copy into the Argus. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please let me know!

NESCAC Student Government Conference
Lily Herman ‘16 worked very hard spearheading Wesleyan’s hosting of the conference this past weekend. Everything went great. Thanks to everyone that was involved and that attended.

WSA+WSA Office Bonding
The WSA got together with the WSA Office workers for a bonding event this past Friday. Thanks everyone for coming. It was a blast!

Elections
Elections Committee now consists of Fred Ayres ‘17, Mansoor Alam ‘15, and I. We will be meeting within the next week to plan the Winter At-Large Elections for 2013. We will be having an information session followed by petitioning the week of November 18th and elections will take place the week of December 2nd. Look out for more information in the near future.

Canvassing
I emailed you all this week with the dates for canvassing. We will be meeting before the actual canvassing efforts for a short informational session and then will break out into groups to go through the dorms next Tuesday and Wednesday (November 17th and 18th). Thanks in advance to everyone for their participation. If you have anything you want to be asked during canvassing, please email it to me.

Wikipedia Page Reforms
Fred Ayres ’17 is working to make some changes to our outdated Wikipedia page. If you have any suggestions of things that should be added or removed from the page please let him know!

ITC
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)

Chair: Kate Cullen ‘16

Apologies for not being at GA, Angus McLean ‘16 and I are currently examining rocks on a geology field trip. With my committee report time, the remaining members of my committee will each talk about a project they are working on.

Recognizing that there are only four weeks left in the semester, we made a list of all the projects we hope to make progress on before Winter Break. These include:

1. RAs in WestCo: Bruno Machiavelo ‘16 and Chris Caines ‘16 are meeting with Fran about the ideas SAC came up with.

2. Hosting Bans: discussed in URLC, SJPC, and now SLC. Dean Rick and Scott Backer will summarize our discussions and together we will make recommendations to the SJB. These recommendations include placing an intermediary step before total hosting ban where a Greek organization can host events under certain parameters to practice better party planning (ie time limits, capacity limits, hiring professional event staff).

3. General Room Selection Review: Bruno Machiavelo ‘16 met with Fran Koerting this week to discuss specific ideas he has to improve GRS in anticipation of our next URLC meeting.

4. Greek Program House evaluations: Richard Fessler ‘15 is talking to Brian this week about his ideas.

5. Points System Review: Richard Fessler ’15 will be taking the lead on this project. SAC will be putting out an all-campus survey in the next few weeks to gauge student satisfaction with the points system.

6. Process Advisor Training: SJPC is working to organize process advisor training this week. We will advertise it more widely this year, update the WSA website with new process advisors, and ask for the link to the list of process advisors to be more visible in the email from the SJB.

7. Quiet Study Spaces: You can find the results of the survey here. We will work with the library staff to put up posters around the libraries with the voted on noise levels. We will also be sending a message out to the school with the results.
8. Free STI Testing: Victor Zhao ‘17 is calling our peer schools this week to see how they fund and organize free STI testing programs. He’s also brainstorming ways to use alumni donations to establish a program at Wesleyan.

9. Fire Safety and Facilities fining and appeals reforms: Julio Angel ‘16 and Nicole Updegrove ‘14 met with the facilities staff to discuss WSA’s recommendations. They were very receptive to the changes. The SAC members of the Fire Safety and Facilities Appeals Board are drafting updates to the Fire Safety and Facilities website. Julio Angel ‘16 is also looking into the possibility of placing an enrollment hold on students until they fill out a room condition report.

10. Public Safety reforms: The members of PSRC are looking into potential student to Psafe officer bonding activities.

11. Degendering bathrooms: Chris Caines ‘16 attended the open forum last Tuesday and we discussed the issue in SLC. Dean Mike showed us the options for new bathroom signs. The administration plans to expand the number of single-use gender-neutral bathrooms on campus and replace current signs to state “self-identified male” or “self-identified female” and provide the location of the nearest gender-neutral bathroom.

(We will be discussing the following issues in greater detail in our next committee meeting)

12. Substance free programing reform
13. New Alcohol Edu program
14. Queer Task Force
15. Sexual assault and Title IX policy
16. Dining sustainability
17. LaundryView: SAC will be sending out a survey with the winter elections.
18. Senior Housing model
19. Medical Leave Student Advisor Program: WSDR is visiting the next SAC meeting to discuss this issue with us.
20. Gender Resource Center
Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Chair: Nicki Softness ‘14

A very light week. Here’s who we funded:

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Request of the Week: **Aural Wes**

- Aural Wes is a group that maintains this incredible website dedicated to documenting and preserving the entire music scene on campus. It contains profiles on every band currently at Wesleyan, and those that have graduated. It has video, photo, sound recording galleries, a calendar of the entire music schedule, pages that explain how to book shows, blog entries, and more.
Financial Cartoon of the Week:

“I found someone to speak to our associates about inflation. His fee is $5,000... $7,500...$10,000...$12,500...”

Financial Quote of the Week (As a result of Glasbergen, I’m inflating the SBC section week by week, to make up for our lack of committees).

“All money is a matter of belief.”

Adam Smith
**Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)**

*Chair: Justin Gitlin ‘15*

**Dining Committee**
The Dining Committee met this past week and discussed the following topics:

- Text-in service at Summerfields—recently, it has come to our attention that the Zingle-run text-in options at Summerfields are not representative of the entire menu. The committee is looking to expand the text-in option to open it up to the entire menu by next semester.
- Breakfast option at Summerfields—looking into establishing at the very minimum a continental-type breakfast at Summerfields on weekends to complement the late-opening brunch at Usdan. As of now, the breakfast option at Summerfields is fairly cost-prohibitive, but Michael Strumpf will talk to Nate Peters about the possibility of making room in the budget for next year.
- Meal options at Summerfields—In response to complaints specifically about the pho at Summerfields, the chefs at Bon Appetit have reworked the recipe. In order to market this new recipe, we are thinking about setting up a chef’s table at Usdan one day to dole out samples.
- Unhealthy options at Late Night—At Late Night, there are currently healthy options offered, but none are really substantive enough for a meal (eg. fruit cups, yogurt parfaits). The committee is working to add some more substantive healthy options to the menu, which will likely take the form of salads. If you have any more suggestions, please let me know.
- Winter Session Meal Plan—the meal plan for Winter Session is pretty much set, there will be two options for meal plans, which are in the finalization process.
- 2-3 o’clock lunch at Usdan—Currently, the 2-3 o’clock lunch at Usdan is not widely used, and is costing us more than we are making. The committee talked about the possibility of disbanding this option. If you have strong feelings either way, please talk to me. (Also could free up some money in the budget for something else, like breakfast at Summerfields!)
- Lunch Lines at Usdan—With the coming winter months, the line at Usdan lunches stretching out of the building will be problematic. We are brainstorming strategies for mitigating such lines. Some strategies are to realign the shape of the line, or possibly institute some turnstiles at the entrance to maximize space and efficiency. If you have any ideas, please let me know.
- Bon Appetit Food Truck--The committee discussed the possibility of setting up a food truck run through Bon Appetit, that would operate on weekend evenings. The cart would ideally sport a menu similar to Late Night, and would take points.

**Transportation Committee**
As was mentioned last week, the Transportation Committee met and discussed the possibility of instituting free shuttles for fans to go watch the NESCAC Football Championship at Trinity. After some setbacks, with some generous funding from the Student Budget Committee, and with the help of Joe Martocci in the Transportation Department, the Committee was able to send two buses of Wesleyan students to Trinity to watch the game and support the team. I would like to give two special thank yous:
one to Sadasia McCutchen ’17 who helped organize the buses and also served as a monitor for one bus, and the other to Madison Moore ’16 who also generously donated his time to serve as a monitor for the second bus.

**Major Maintenance**
The Major Maintenance Committee met this week in the form of the annual Light Tour. In keeping with the purpose of the tour, SuFFaC went around with a few administrators to help identify areas on campus that we collectively deemed unsafe as a result of the lack of a presence of lighting. The committee generated ~70 suggestions.

**Sustainability Task Force**
Thanks to Chair Ellen Paik ’16, the task force is assembled. The members are: Bruno Machiavelo ’16, Amarachi Asonye ’16, Nadia Georgieva ’16, Aidan Martinez ’17, Jason Shatz ’14, Ben Marvin-Vanderryn ’17, Angus McLean ’16, Scott Elias ’14, and Victor Zhao ’17. The committee discussed the role and current state of sustainability on campus, as well as some possible strategies for enhancing the sustainability of campus.