Executive Report

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

This week, the agenda for Executive Committee included the following:
- Last week's General Assembly
- Upcoming agenda items
- Open spot on SAC
- Appeals process reform
- Ongoing USLAC Resolution work
- Trans* Judicial Issues
- Campus Affairs Presentation to the Board of Trustees

Both the USLAC discussion and the appeals process reform discussion will continue in General Assembly.

Privilege and Policy Report
The Privilege and Policy Report is finished, thanks to the help of Sam Ebb ’13, Syed Ali ’13, Eric Stephen ’13, Andrew Trexler ’14, Leonid Liu ’14, Brendan O'Donnell ’14, Benny Docter ’14, Danny Blinderman ’14, Catherine MacLean ’14, Alton Wang ’16, Kate Cullen ’16, and about 200 other students who contributed. It can be found online at <link coming soon>
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
Chair: Grant Tanenbaum ’15
Community Committee (CoCo)
Chair: Nicole Brenner ’15

Lunch with Dean Antonio
This week the chair and Vice President met with Dean Antonio. We discussed his plans for the coming semester and how to use the office to as a valuable resource.

Admissions interns
Thanks to Key Session ’17, the admissions office has changed the titles of Wesfest Intern and Student of Color Intern to Admissions Intern!

Middletown Webpage
Sadasia McCutchen ’17 has completed her research on Middletown places and activities to put up on our website and will be working with ITC to get it up in the next couple weeks!
Organization and External Affairs Committee (OEAC)
Chair: Jacob Musinsky ’15, Coordinator

This semester, OEAC hopes to work on maintaining the social aspect of the WSA. This includes social events and a sense of spirit among members and also providing a welcoming atmosphere to guests. We hope to also ensure the presence of guests at as many meetings as possible.

Social Media
As always, OEAC has been keeping up with the WSA’s social media outreach. Lily has been tweeting and will meet with CoCo soon for an update for the Tumblr.

Fred hopes to make a YouTube edition of this week’s WSA Newsletter in Allbritton with the help of other students from around campus. If you are interested in having a cameo in the newsletter, contact Fred at fayres@wesleyan.edu.

Internal Election Reform
Lily has been contacting other schools about changing our internal election process. She has already found an interesting option: no standing committees; members sign up for individual projects they want to work on. We might see a bit more of this idea in Constitutional Review.

WSA Apparel
Fred is putting together a few ideas for a t-shirt design for WSA members.

WSA History
Fred visited the archives this week to see what he could find so he could begin work on his WSA History project. He hopes to create a concrete plan so he may work on this project for the semester.

ITC
Mansoor and his committee are working on setting up a new WSA Elections site through Qualtrics. They are almost done with the implementation but still need to set it up through the single sign on page.

Furthermore, Mansoor is looking into setting up an integration between our Tumblr page and our blog, so posts from the blog could automatically be posted on the Tumblr.

Finally, the ITC is working on a various number of other projects: getting a wifi booster in Fisk, looking into the efficiency and number of computer labs and printers, etc.

Newsletter
Newsletter went out this morning. I’m currently working on a print version that I will put out into stalls throughout the week. Look out for them! If anyone would like to help place them in their dorm rooms (much appreciated), I will leave some in the WSA Office.
Student Affairs Committee (SAC)
Chair: Kate Cullen ’16

Undergraduate Residential Life Committee

RAs in Westco: URLC looked over a preliminary resolution Angus McLean ‘16 and other members of WestCo drafted to change the way RAs are placed in WestCo. The Presidents of WestCo and Angus McLean will be joining us in two weeks for the next URLC meeting. In the meantime, Fran Koerting approved the idea presented by SAC to create an official housing qualification for community based living programs, including RestCo, 200 Church, WestCo, Green Hall, Single-Sex Halls, and the new Writing Center at 156 High. Effectively this means that when RAs apply they can check which of these communities they would like to work in.

Housing Changes: On a trial run next year the Butts will be split up so Butts C is almost all freshman, Butts B is all sophomores and Butts A is mixed. Light House will be moving to 210 Cross. Music House will be taking it’s place to join Art House at 230 Washington Street. The building Music House is in currently, 316 Washington Street, is in great disrepair and will be taken offline next year. Writing House and Writing Hall are being combined in 156 High to create a new community based living program called “Writer’s Block.” Writing House’s spot at 202 Washington Street will become “Recess House,” which would be a living option available for students who want to stay at Wesleyan over all breaks. There will be twenty two spots to be filled by an application process much like the one for copenhagen. A CA will oversee the community.

Expanded Public Safety Advisory Committee

Dean Mike has taken over the Public Safety Review Committee and has renamed it the Expanded Public Safety Advisory Committee. Sara Dean ’17 and our new SAC member will be serving on the committee working in specific sub-committees. WSA Member Scott Elias ’14 is also on the committee.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee

AOD met for the first time on Friday. Kate Cullen ’16 and Andrew Trexler ’14 attended. We discussed a Peer To Peer BMI Pilot Project, procedures for medical transport, and policy revisions to limit the amount of alcohol a 21+ student can possess or serve on campus. Most of our peer institutions have such a limit, many for hard alcohol but some for kegs and other types of alcohol. Administrators are now not so sure they want to replace Alcohol Edu given that the alternative is not much better.

The Wesleyan Appeals Board

President Roth has tasked the Student Affairs Office and WSA with coming up with a new system for hearing appeals at Wesleyan. Currently all appeals go solely to the President as a case file that includes the original case proceedings, recordings of testimony from both parties, the intention of the appeal and any other relevant information. He has the choice to uphold the appeal, deny it, or send it back for a rehearing. Appeals are only heard to address procedural errors in the original case or reduce the severity of a decision. The original decision cannot
be overturned. Last semester roughly forty appeals were brought to President Roth. The final
decision on Board Membership will be made by Dean Mike. SAC is working on SLC and GA to
present a set of feasible options that students like most.

**Student Judicial Policy Committee**
SJPC is currently working on Process Advisor Training, which will take place Monday February
17th 12-1pm in Usdan 110 and Thursday February 20th 3:30-4:30pm in Allbritton 311. SAC will
be helping with outreach and advertising. At it’s first meeting in two weeks, SJPC will review
the points system and talk about procedural shortcomings of the gender neutral bathrooms case.

**Other**
Chris Caines is attending a WSDR meeting this week to follow up about a Medical Leave
Advisor Program resolution. He is also meeting with the point faculty member for LaundryView
to get more information on the program. On SHAC, Victor Zhao ’17 is helping with the
Wesleyan blood drive. Feel free to ask him for more details!
Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Chair: Nicki Softness ’14

This week, the SBC had a very small, quiet week – not too many requests. Yay for the budget, since we had a lot last week!

We funded the following:

Total left in the SBC account: $310,162.97 as of February 4, 2014.
**Sustainability, Finance, and Facilities Committee (SuFFaC)**

*Chair: Justin Gitlin ’15*

**Financial Aid Committee**
After a semester of dormancy, we are proud to announce that the Financial Aid Committee will be resuming operations. Chaired by Scott Elias ’14, the committee will convene this coming Wednesday. On the agenda is an overview of changes to financial aid since the need-blind admissions change last year, an exploration of finding ways to make the process of obtaining financial aid less of a burden, and an exploration of the feasibility of instituting a first generation student mentorship program in collaboration with the Wesleyan faculty.

**Committee for Investor Responsibility**
Chair Matan Koplin-Green ’15 worked hard to refurbish the committee’s divestment document, updating misinformation as well as grammatical and structural errors. It is close to its final stages of completion. In addition, the committee is beginning the process of penning a pre-statement which would espouse the existential purpose of the committee and lay forth the plans for the coming semester. It is the committee’s hope to distribute this document to students, faculty, staff, and alumni upon completion.

**Green Fund**

**Wes to Wes**
For those unaware of the Wes to Wes project, it is a joint sustainability and financial aid project, headed by our sustainability coordinator Ellen Paik ’16, which involves the University redirecting money saved from energy saved in student residences towards the financial aid budget. Official fall semester data should be available sometime within the next two weeks. But it seems as though Wes to Wes had an extraordinarily successful beginning. Building off the success of the first semester, the committee will gear its efforts this semester towards expanding the program to encompass more buildings on campus. Additionally, the committee will be working on producing an application for the Generous U competition, hosted by Brandeis University, which will involve both a written and video component. If anybody would like to help out, please send Ellen an email.